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The Mysterious Work of God

Pastor Gimbel and I may have graduated from Concordia Seminary, but that hardly means we're done studying God's Word, growing in our faith, and learning how to care for your souls here at Holy Cross. One opportunity to further our pastoral education is the annual Theological Symposium hosted by the Seminary in September—think of it as a conference for church workers with a different topic each year. This year's Symposium was entitled "I Will Uphold You (Isaiah 41:10); Ministry in Mental Health." Pastor Gimbel and I got a lot out of this Symposium, and I thought I would share a portion of my takeaways with you.

First, here is a German word you should know: *Anfechtung* ("ahn-fekt-oong"). It is a word that appears frequently in Martin Luther's writings, a word that was ever on his mind as a theologian. He observed that the Christian life is not easy for anyone. Just because a person is baptized and forgiven of all of their sins does not eliminate the experience of sin itself in this still-broken world. During his life, Luther endured all kinds of hardships and afflictions, trials and temptations, spiritual attacks and earthly suffering. It is these difficult things to bear that Luther called *Anfechtung*, and every Christian has them. So, before you read on, stop and consider this question: What kind of *Anfechtung* do you experience?

Next, one of the critical things this Symposium addressed is that mental illnesses (such as anxiety, depression, trauma, disorders, addictions, etc.) are a part of *Anfechtung* for many people, perhaps many more than we realize. Statistically, 1 in 5 adults in the United States experience mental illness. The reality is that we live shoulder to shoulder with people who are in extraordinary personal need…and most of the time we have no idea. Sadly, there is a stigma of weakness that is attached to mental health, and so many keep their struggles to themselves. There is also no quick fix to mental illness; it does not always go away. Such is the nature of *Anfechtung*.

Now, without diagnosing him too precisely, did you know that Luther struggled with many symptoms of our modern-day concept of depression? It's true! And he was very open about it, often describing how the devil assaulted his heart, crushed him with guilt, and brought him to despair. But later on in his life, Luther discovered something beautiful: What the devil intended for *destruction*, God intended for *construction*. We humans are fragile and damaged creatures, but as Jesus once assured the apostle Paul, "My power is made perfect IN weakness" (2 Cor. 12:9, emphasis mine). Luther realized that Jesus refused to let him go, broken as he was, and that God actually used his *Anfechtung* to empower him to see Christ more clearly, to cling to Him more tightly, to believe in forgiveness more fiercely, and to shine the love of Jesus more brightly.

My brothers and sisters, mental illness should not surprise us, nor should it fill us with fear and shame. If mental illness is part of your *Anfechtung*, know that you are not the only one, and that it is not a failure of your faith in Christ. Rather, it is part of the mysterious work of God conforming you into Christ. Faith is no achievement, but an utter dependence on God and His promises…and God uses our wounds to force us closer to the wounds of Jesus, the only real hiding place from despair.

One last thing. Pastor Gimbel and I are here for you. We can't "fix" you, and we can't tell you why you suffer in the ways that you do. But we can walk beside you, no matter what you're going through, and we can point you to Christ through it. Our doors are open to you, always!

~Pastor Jason

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
the new creation has come.
The old is gone, the new is here."
2 Corinthians 5:17

Dani Richardson
Preschool Director & Lead Teacher
Cynthia White, Assistant Director

PRESCHOOL

IMPORTANT NOTICE:
PRESCHOOL ROOMS 4-5, 7, 11-12
ARE PEANUT- & NUT-FREE 24/7
DUE TO A SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTION.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

The preschoolers had an exciting October. We studied community helpers, fire safety, farms, and pumpkins. The preschool had a field trip to Daniel's Farm. The 3s and 4s classes learned about fire safety from Fire Department 2665. We concluded October with Preschoolers singing at the 3PM service on Oct. 10 and parents leading a Disney party. *(See pictures below of our activities)*

During chapel time we learned how God keeps His promises. Our Bible verse for October was Deuteronomy 6:5—"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." Our preschoolers are excited to sing for their parents at our upcoming Christmas program "Light One Candle" on Dec. 6 at 3PM.

Three-year-old-s visit with fire fighters





Four-year-old's visit with the big ladder truck.

Three-Year-olds

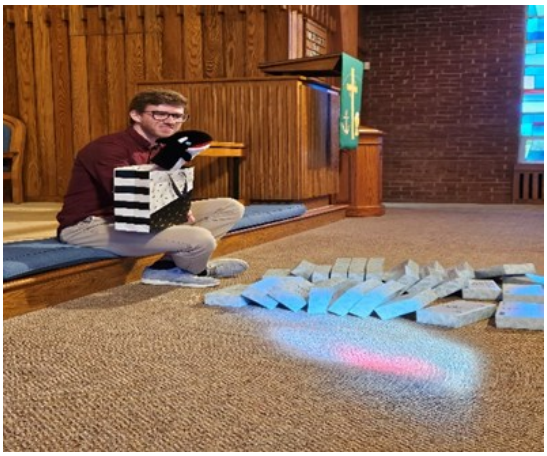




Four-year-olds

Preschool Fall Program





Fours Chapel Time with Pastor Kohm

More about Preschool on page 7

Monthly Music Minute for November 2026

A series in which the music director shares some thoughts about the music coming up in church this month

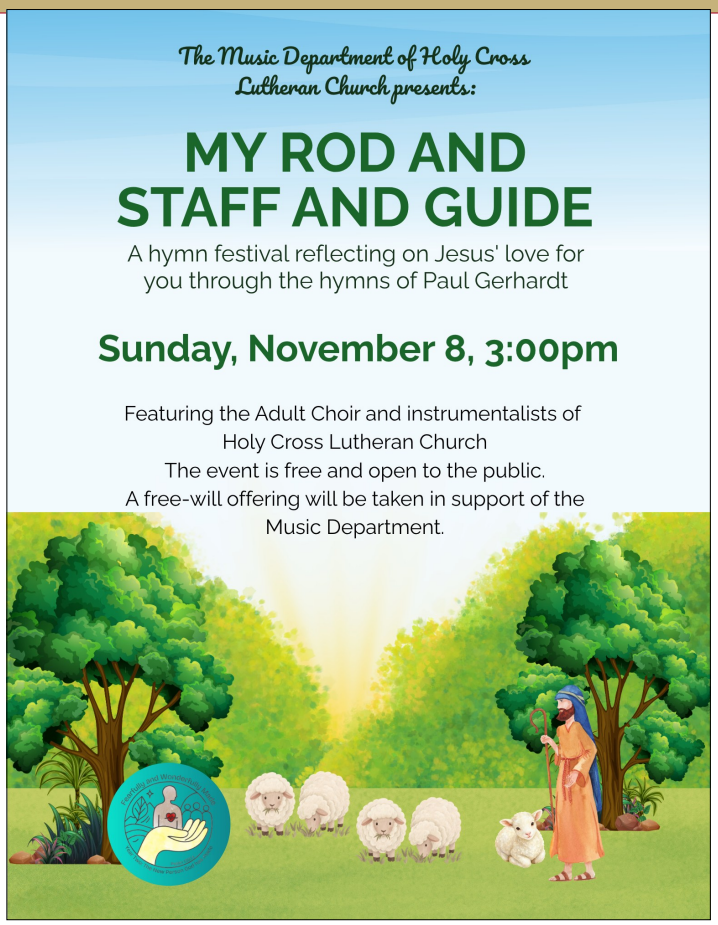
A little over a year ago, I wrote an article about perhaps the most important Lutheran hymn writer, a pastor named Paul Gerhardt. While Luther championed singing by the congregation and Bach led the evolution of church music into what it is today, it was Gerhardt that really captured the hearts of the people through his incredibly personal hymn texts.

Paul Gerhardt If you don't recognize his name, you'll certainly recognize his hymns. After all, what Good Friday service is complete without "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"? How much more is an Easter service elevated with the singing of the joyful, dance-like, "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"? And what better hymn to sing your child to sleep than "Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow"? That's not even mentioning some of his other masterpieces, like "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth," "Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising," "O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee," and the incredibly underrated Christmas prayer, "O Jesus, Christ, Thy Manger Is."

Gerhardt wrote over a hundred hymns, and they are beloved by many denominations - the Reformed hymnal includes 8 of his hymns, the Congregationalist and Episcopal hymnals 5 each, the Methodist hymnal 4. Our hymnal includes a whopping 16 of his hymns!

Part of what makes Paul Gerhardt's hymns so special, I think, is that they are so personal. As I mentioned earlier, in the early days of the Reformation, hymns primarily served as teaching tools that were largely intellectual. While teaching about the faith is a good and wonderful thing, as the Reformation progressed, Gerhardt realized there was a need for something else as we sing our praises - there was a need for an emotional connection, a sense of relationship with God. If Luther was the hymn writer of the mind, Gerhardt was the hymn writer of the heart.

You'll recall that our church's theme this year is "The New Person God Has Made," based on 2 Corinthians 5:17. The focus of this is who God made you through Jesus Christ. I thought it would be appropriate then, that our hymn



Special Music Dates for Your Calendar

Hymn Festival
Sunday, November 8, 3PM

Family Christmas Service
Saturday, December 5, 3PM

Preschool Christmas Service
Sunday, December 6, 3PM

Gateway Ringers' Handbell Concert
Sunday, December 13, 4PM

Service of Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 20, 3PM

festival this year (on **November 8 at 3PM** - mark your calendars!), would explore the life and hymns of Paul Gerhardt; for there's something so intimate, so personal, so rich about the way in which Gerhardt writes. His texts bring such comfort to those who sing them. They remind us

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Meet Your Elder:
Ed Belter

A series in which members of the Board of Elders introduce themselves and share some thoughts



Greetings to my Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am Ed Belter, one of your Holy Cross Elders. I was born December 24, 1954 in Knoxville, TN where my father was stationed while serving in the Air Force. My family moved to Troy, MO in January 1955. I attended Sacred Heart Catholic School from First through Eighth grade; I then went to Troy Buchanan High School. Next I went to the University of Missouri, Columbia (Go! Mizzou) where I met my future wife, Karen Hollrah, in the Spring semester of my freshman year on a blind date. We were married 4 ½ years later, after we both finished our educations. Our wedding was held at Immanuel Lutheran, St. Charles. Karen's family is multi-generational Lutherans. We have been married 48 years.

Our first home was an apartment in Maplewood, MO where we lived for 1 year. That year I worked full- time at St. Mary's Hospital in Clayton and part-time at St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Charles. We then bought a house in St. Charles and I began working full-time for St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Charles. I spent the next 43 years of my working career at St. Joseph's and retired January 1, 2020. We lived in St. Charles for over 8 years and both of our children, Brian and Elizabeth were born at St. Joseph's Hospital. During this period we attended both Catholic and Lutheran church services.

In 1987 we built a home in Foristell and started attending church at Immanuel Lutheran in Wentzville. Both of our children were confirmed there. When Brian started confirmation classes, I decided I wanted to learn more about Lutheran theology so I attended adult confirmation classes with Rev. Lloyd Hackbarth. After much soul searching and with guidance from the Holy Spirit I became a confirmed Lutheran in 1992. We transferred our membership to Holy Cross in the Spring of 2010.

At the Heit's Point Servant Event in 2021 our son, Brian, became interested in a young woman in our congregation, Trudy Aston. They were married in 2023 and Brian immediately became a father and Karen and I became grandparents to Oria and Aleeah. Oria attends Lutheran High School and plays on the softball team. Aleeah attends Fort Zumwalt North Middle School and is heavily involved in gymnastic competitions. Being a grandparent is truly a blessing from God. I also feel very blessed that my wife, children and the entire family are active members of Holy Cross

After 38 years living in Foristell, we recently moved to O'Fallon to be closer to family, friends and church, as well as, to decrease the work involved in owning a large home on acreage.

I like almost everything related to the outdoors, I enjoy hiking, camping, hunting and fishing. I am an avid reader and watch lots of local sports (Go! Cardinals, Chiefs and Blues)

During my many years in health care I have witnessed numerous positive outcomes which were truly due to God's healing hand. I have heard often during times of crisis from both doctors and support staff that God was there with them. It is only through God's grace that we are saved both body and soul.

As an Elder, I feel exceedingly blessed to read and proclaim God's Word during worship services and to assist with the distribution of the Lord's Supper. Attending worship services and bible studies are the highlights of my week. I have made many friends at Holy Cross and I have, hopefully, increased my knowledge and faith in God's Word.

I feel that I am a member of both the family of Holy Cross and the larger family of those redeemed and saved by our Lord Jesus Christ.



At the October Ladies Guild meeting, the Holy Cross quilting group presented 33 bed size quilts and eight lap quilts to Sharon Christopher from Solace Hospice Center. The quilts will be given as gifts to residents of the hospice center. Members of the quilting group are shown in the photo.





TENTH ANNUAL

Craft Expo

Sponsored by Grace Evening Guild

November 7, 2026

9:00 – 3:00

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LWML
Lutheran Women *in Mission*

All women of Holy Cross are invited to attend meetings of either or both Guilds. Join us as we "serve the Lord with gladness" by raising funds for missions at home and around the world.

Holy Cross has two LWML groups:
Holy Cross Ladies Guild meets **Fri., Nov. 13, 10AM.**
Grace Evening Guild meets **Tues., Nov. 10, 6PM.**



Holy Cross Ladies Guild members recently enjoyed a lunch outing. 26 members attended and enjoyed delicious food, fun, and fellowship!

—from page 3, Monthly Music Minute

not just of *who* we are, but *whose* we are. Our hymn festival, entitled "My Rod and Staff and Guide," will culminate with one of his most personal hymns of all, "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me."

This is a hymn that fills a particular niche in our catalog — a hymn for those who are suffering, for those who need comfort. After all, what can be more comforting than Jesus' love that has no bounds? The first two verses talk about Jesus' love, a love that is relentless and uncompromising. The third, verse, then, is our response, as we are drawn to Jesus' love, particularly when we are hopeless:

This love unwearied I pursue
And dauntlessly to Thee aspire.
Oh, may Thy love my hope renew,
Burn in my soul like heavenly fire!
And day and night, be all my care
To guard this sacred treasure there.

What a statement, that we wish to guard and keep Christ's love in us above all else. It is the final verse, though, that I find particularly comforting, as we put Jesus' love in perspective, talking about what it means in all of our sufferings, even to the end of our lives:

In suffering be Thy love my peace,
In weakness be Thy love my power;
And when the storms of life shall cease,
O Jesus, in that final hour,
Be Thou my rod and staff and guide,
And draw me safely to Thy side!

Though I may suffer, Jesus' love gives me peace. Though I am weak, Jesus' love makes me strong. And though I will one day pass away, it is Christ's love and His love alone that will draw me to Him. It is my Good Shepherd who is my rod and staff, who will guide me to be with Him, so that I may one day dwell in His house forever. I hope you can join us in singing these great hymns of faith on November 8! - *David Gilson*

This article is adapted from the July 2025 edition



The *New Member Luncheon* will be held **Sun., Nov. 15**, starting at noon. The Evangelism Board will purchase the meat, and congregation members are asked to bring side dishes, salads, and desserts. New members— just come and eat! Grace Evening Guild will serve in the kitchen.

Names ending in A-L should bring:
Side dish and salad

Names ending in M-Z should bring:
Side dish and dessert

Holy Cross Voters' Assembly

Sunday, Nov. 22, 2026
after the 10:45AM worship service
In the gym (around noon0

All Holy Cross Voting Members are encouraged to attend.

Attendance counts!
Contact Council Secretary Barb Grosch
(councilsecretary@hcross.com or 314.368.8142)
if you are unable to attend to get an excused absence.

Please sign in when entering the meeting.
Only a physical signature records attendance.

New Members to Holy Cross:
Contact your Elder or the church office about becoming a Voting Member of Holy Cross.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY LUNCH:
Chicken is on the menu, and members attending the meeting are asked to bring side dishes.

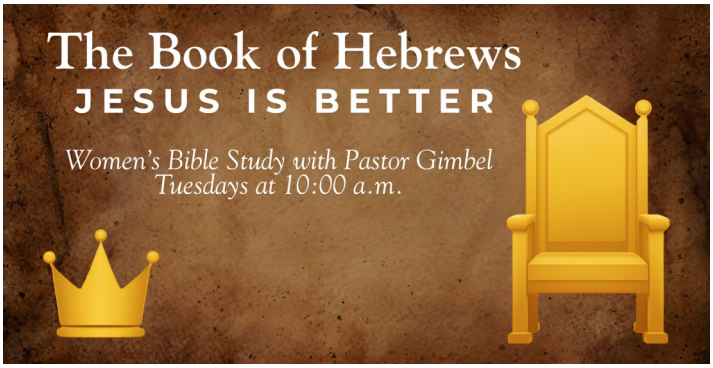
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From the Church Council: Individuals with food allergies, celiac disease, or other dietary restrictions are encouraged to notify Holy Cross Lutheran Church in advance. We will make reasonable efforts to accommodate disclosed needs; however, we cannot guarantee that food served will be free from allergens or cross-contact. Attendees should use their own judgment when choosing whether to consume food provided.

Signs will be posted in the gym and Welcome Center about the food served at Holy Cross in regards to allergens. If you bring a dish that is sugar-free or gluten-free, contains nuts or shellfish, or any other allergen, we will ask that you list it on a card and have it near your dish on the serving table.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR CHURCH LEADERSHIP
Nominations are now open for positions in this November's Voters Assembly elections. We invite you to consider serving as a Board Coordinator or as a member of the Executive Committee. Executive Committee positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Board Coordinator positions include Congregational Life, Facilities, Preschool, and Service. A full description of all positions is available in the new Bylaws, which you can pick up from the center table in the Welcome Center. Please submit nominations to president@hcross.com or vicepresident@hcross.com.



Hope Seeds

Hope Seeds will meet Nov. 5

Join the group in the gym at 9AM to pack seeds for missions.

Sponsored by Holy Cross Stewardship Board.

20s/30s/40s Bible Study

Thursdays at 6:30PM

Young Adults enjoy Bible study, fellowship





Please mark your calendars for Preschool Christmas Program Dec. 6 at 3PM in the sanctuary.



This year the program is titled "Light One Candle."



Help us decorate the church for Christmas Nov. 28 AT 9AM Bring the family!

Advent begins Nov. 29!

Kids in Christ (KIC) enjoyed some fellowship at Swing-A-Round Fun Town. Nine youth and four chaperones spent the day playing games and riding fun rides.



Volunteer Spotlight

Since joining Holy Cross Lutheran, I've had wonderful opportunities to jump into our youth activities—from leading the Imagination Station at VBS and baking for the Father's Day Bake Sale, to subbing for Midweek classes and helping with our Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) on Wednesday nights.

To be honest, I am definitely not a teacher, and my high schooler was less than thrilled about her mom tagging along after her confirmation! But the church had a need I was happy to fill. Today, she loves that I'm there, looks forward to Wednesday night festivities, and has made incredible friends. Even my 17-month -old has formed a sweet bond with a fellow LYF leader, and my oldest has grown so close with our preschool director!

Through these simple acts of service, our entire family's relationship with Holy Cross has grown tremendously. I encourage you to try volunteering with our youth at least once—not just because it's genuinely fun, but because it truly bridges the gap between generations here in our church family. – *Shana Elick*

















Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Wednesday
November 11, 2026
6:30AM
Sign up in the Welcome Center the Sunday beforehand

Enjoy Fellowship & Food!

We celebrated **OCTOBER BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS** with *(from left)* Maxine Salarano, Drake Nagle, Cathy Poindexter, Donald Duncan, Elsie Claxton, Miriam Gimbel, Holden Gimbel, Karen Copper, Ian Laufer, and Glenda Kramer.

Members spent time in fellowship and devotion. Please update your baptism date and be on the lookout for your invitation soon.





Holy Cross Lutheran Church Calendar of Events ~ November 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 ALL SAINTS DAY 8AM to Noon Costume Fitting for Family Christmas8 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour + Ushers' Training 10:45AM Holy Communion 1:30PM Board of Elders	**2** Preschool Fall Break 9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing 6:30PM Handbell Choir	**3 Election Day** Preschool Closed 6AM to 7PM Election in Gym 6:30PM Missions & Stewardship	**4** 9AM Preschool Chapel 9:30AM Adult Bible Class 6PM Beginning Bell Choir + Children's Choir 6:30PM Confirmation + Midweek PreK to 5th 6:45PM Adult Choir	**5** **8AM News & Notes Deadline** 9AM HOPE Seeds (gym) 6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Class 4:30PM to 8:30PM **Preschool Fundraiser: Applebee's Dine & Donate**	**6** Noon: Craft Expo Setup 3-7PM Vendor Setup	**7** 7AM TO 3PM Craft Expo – Grace Guild (gym) 9AM Celebration of Lights in Zumwalt Park 3PM Holy Communion
8 8AM Holy Communion + Baptism 9:30AM Education Hour 9:30AM Baptism Birthday Celebration 10:45AM Holy Communion 3PM Hymn Festival	**9** 9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing 6PM Exec Board Meeting 6:30PM Handbell Choir 6:30PM Technology Bd 7:30PM Council Meeting	**10** 9AM Preschool Chapel 9AM Quilting 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting 1:30PM Preschool Board 6PM Grace Evening Guild 6:30PM Adult Bible Class	**11** 6:30PM Men's Breakfast & Bible 9AM Preschool Chapel 9:30AM Adult Bible Class 6PM Beginning Bell Choir + Children's Choir 6:30PM Confirmation + Midweek PreK to 5th 6:45PM Adult Choir	**12** **8AM News & Notes Deadline** 6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Class	**13** **DECEMBER KOINONIA DEALINE** 10AM Ladies Guild	**14** 3PM Holy Communion
15 **LHS SUNDAY** 8AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Church Family Sunday School 10:45AM Holy Communion **Noon: New Member Luncheon & Potluck**	**16** 9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing	**17** 9AM Preschool Chapel 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Boards of Education & Youth	**18** 9AM Preschool Chapel 9:30AM Adult Bible Class 6PM Beginning Bell Choir + Children's Choir 6:30PM Confirmation + Midweek PreK to 5th 6:45PM Adult Choir	**19** **8AM News & Notes Deadline** 6:30PM 20s&30s&40s Bible Class	**20** **Koinonia Mailing**	**21** 9AM TO 3PM— Church Work Day/ Sanctuary Cleaning 3PM Holy Communion
22 8 AM Holy Communion 9:30AM Education Hour + Midweek Teacher Training 10:45AM Holy Communion **Noon: Voters' Assembly & Potluck**	**23** 9:30 AM TOPS 10AM PS Feast 4s 10AM Preschool Class Feast 11AM Line Dancing 6:30PM Handbell Choir	**24** 8AM **NEWS&NOTES DEADLINE** 9AM Preschool Chapel 9AM Quilting 10AM Preschool Class Feast 10AM Women's Bible Study 12:30PM Staff Meeting 4PM Jingle Bell Run-FZN uses parking lot for park run	**25** Preschool Closed 7PM Holy Communion	**26** **THANKSGIVING DAY** **OFFICES CLOSED**	**27** **OFFICES CLOSED**	**28** 9AM Christmas Decorating 3PM Worship Service
29 Advent I 8 AM Worship Service 9:30AM Education Hour 10:45AM Worship Service	**30** 9:30 AM TOPS 11AM Line Dancing 6:30PM Handbell Choir	**1 DECEMBER**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**

November 2026 Celebrations

The LORD will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

November Birthdays

1: John Estill, Michelle Kincaid
2: Kayleigh Hardebeck, Pat Schindler
3: Brian Belter, Matthew Claxton, Harry Gasaway, Jan Hummel, Mike Kahler, Kevin Martens, Nathan Temple
4: Madeline Alton, Karen Purl, Kent Haffer, Doris Hewkin, Laura Irvin, Rob Paoletti
5: Jenny Conrad, Peter Laufer, Danielle Mizel
6: **Andy Gimbel**, Lydia Smith, Bill Price
7: Emily Kahler
8. Mickey Cannon, Russ Zilka
9: Carol Crafton, Craig DeMent, Daniel Hevey, Bob Knehans, John Poindexter
10: Shirley Amos, Eva Dafler, Jan Flentke
11: Lincoln Chinnici, Alyssa Parks
12: Paul Frerichs
13: Grace Randazzo (90), Bernice Sutliff (90)
15: Lisa Aston, Braylyn Stephens, Roger Trost
16: Karen Heckman, Austin James, Riley May, Matthew McKinney, Alex Morrison, Aria Petzoldt, Gary Schuler, Skylar Spearman
19: Cadence Reed
20: Doris Coots, Camden Kreyling
21: Michael Buhlinger
23: Sandra Kohrs, Rick Wisa, Beverly Wade
24: Peggy Jean Kuerschner
25: Jacob Reed
27: Renea Erickson, Drew Linn
29: Jacob Cooper, Deb Heim, Cindi Weber, Joy Wisa
30: Dan Spearman, Joyce Trost

November Wedding Anniversaries

3: Rich & Pat Schindler (64)
5: Sherry & Robert Piazza (38)
6: Terry & Sue McCann (61)
7: Rob & Dee Paoletti (40)
9: Tim & Rachel Laufer (7)
Mick & Nancy Thoene (41)
11: Bryan & Kaitlyn Meyer (3)
12: Mark & Kathy Losch (32)
13: Rachel & Tom Bauer (34)
17: Paul & Jen Brown (17)
Steven & Pamela Schweitzer (48)
18: William & Alice Wichern (65)
20: Scott & Susan Bollinger (33)
22: Terry & Carleen Hardy (57)
Don & Nancy Tabor (38)
23: Veigh & Tricia Hogan (24)
25: Colin & Paige Hart (5)
27: Chris & Karen Gaglio (34)
28: Dave & Deb Heim (11)

November Baptism Anniversaries

1: Michelle Bettdur, John Estill, Linda Ledford, Brian Storm, David Sutliff, Don Wischmeyer
2: Elaine Alton, Dominic Chinnici, Clayton Jones, DJ Spearman, Alex Wiese
3: Maxine Salarano
4: Shawn Duncan, Kent Haffer, Austin James, Shirley Mercurio
5: Frederick Wiese III
6: Mark Barz, Clint Morrison, Ben Piazza
7: Savannah Berjer, Margie Biegener, Jeanette Stewart, Lucas Van Wave
8: Alexis Taylor
9: Mickey Cannon, Alexander Eaton, Jean Holthe
11: Dianne Anderson, Nathan Temple
13: Amanda Saale, Mary Sawall
14: Owen Gooding, Raymond Karl II, Peter Laufer, Albert Marhanka, Darren Marhanka
20: Grant Allsberry, Jacob Hardenbeck, Homer Langley, Kevin Rheinecker
23: Rick Wisa
24: Mark Hoemann, Ren Koepke, Warner Macke, Drew Miget, Sharon Wachter
25: Madeline Alton, Andrew Gimbel
26: Claire Ulrich
27: Joan Darling, Jesse Estill
28: Grant Jennings
29: Grace Randazzo
30: Carla Cooper, Karen Purl, Rachel Tichich

ALL SAINTS DAY — 2026

WINNIE THORNTON
JIM KRAMER
JANICE FRED
JOE SNYDER
CATHERINE LONEY
TEEGAN CANNON
DANIEL RATTNER
JERRY BRADLEY
PAUL BERTRAM
GERALDINE BECKMANN
ELAINE HOWARD
RUTH SEVICK
DENNIS HELMS
SHIRLEY DAY
HOLLY KAMER
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Sunday School for ages 3 through High School —Sundays, 9:30AM and **Little Lambs** (under 3s with a parent)

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class: 9:30AM in the GYM

BASICS: For those who want to join the Lutheran Church
Contact the Church Office for the next class
New Member Orientation (formerly Transfer for Lutherans)
Sunday, Oct. 25, 9:30-10:30AM, Room 1&2

Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 10AM, RMS 1&2

Adult Bible Class: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 6:30PM

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study: October 13, 2026

Adult Bible Class: Wednesdays at 9:30 AM, GYM

Confirmation (grades 6-8); MidWeek Classes (grades PreK-5)
— see Wednesday schedule

High School Wednesdays, *see calendar*

20s & 30s & 40s Bible Study: Thursdays, 6:30PM, Rm 1&2