



Our Savior's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 2025

NEWSLETTER

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WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday at 9:30 am

Wednesday at 6:00 pm

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As we approach All Saint's Day on Sunday, November 2nd, we are reminded of the sacred tradition observed by various denominations, such as the Roman Catholic Church, the Methodist Church, and the Lutheran Church. This day serves as a time to honor and remember those who have departed from this world in the past year offering gratitude for the lives they lived.

In the midst of our collective remembrance, we also acknowledge the individual journeys of grief that each of you may be navigating. Grief is a complex and deeply personal experience, with no prescribed roadmap for its navigation. It ebbs and flows like the currents of the ocean, sometimes gentle and at other times tumultuous, catching us off guard with its intensity.

Throughout the pages of the Bible, we encounter stories of individuals who grappled with profound grief. From Job, who endured unimaginable loss and suffering, to David, who mourned the death of his beloved son Absalom, these figures exemplify the depth of sorrow of the human spirit in the face of grief.

Just as these biblical figures found solace and strength in their faith, may you also find comfort in the knowledge that you are not alone in your grief. Whether you find yourself navigating the daily routines with ease or struggling with unexpected triggers that evoke memories of your loved one, know that your emotions are valued and deserving of compassion.

In my own journey with loss I return often to "The Cure for Sorrow: A Book of Blessings for Times of Grief" by Jan Richardson. This book is a compass for emotions in grief. This month I offer you her poem "Blessing for the Brokenhearted". May you find peace in the love that was and in the memory that remains.

As we come together to honor All Saint's Sunday, may we create space of love and support for one another, holding space for both our individual grief and our collective remembrance.

In Christ,
Pr. Kira

Blessing for the Brokenhearted

*Let us agree
for now
that we will not say
the breaking
makes us stronger
or that it is better
to have this pain
than to have done
without this love.*

*Let us promise
we will not
tell ourselves
time will heal
the wound,
when every day
our waking
opens it anew.*

*Perhaps for now
it can be enough
to simply marvel
at the mystery
of how a heart
so broken
can go on beating,
as if it were made
for precisely this –*

*as if it knows
the only cure for love
is more of it,*

*as if it sees
the heart's sole
remedy
for breaking
is to love still,*

*as if it trusts
that its own
persistent pulse
is the rhythm
of a blessing
we cannot
begin to fathom
but will save us
nonetheless.*

Jan Richardson

Gangsters & Angels

For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Romans 3:10-23, NRSV

I recently had the joy of going to see Mumford & Sons live at the Grand Casino Arena (formerly Xcel Energy Center). The English folk rock band has been a favorite of mine for many years, so most of their setlist that night was very familiar to me. But at the end of their encore, they played a brand new, unreleased song that Marcus Mumford introduced as, "A Conversation With My Son: Gangsters & Angels." It was stunning. The song imagines the singer's child asking a question about why the world is the way it is, and the response is, "This is a sad, sad world with a knife at its throat / We're all tumblers and beggars / C'mon, I will show you gangsters and angels / ...We'd rather be ruined than changed and die in our dread." It's a bleak description of the world and of human nature, but the verse ends, "But love your crooked neighbor with your crooked heart / Reach across again / Here's where heaven starts / I end where you begin / With my hand over your heart."

On October 26, we celebrated Reformation Sunday. The most important theological insight to come out of the Reformation is that we are made right with God by God's grace through faith, and not through our own good works. As St. Paul says, "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," AND, we are also "justified by his grace as a gift." This led Martin Luther to say that each one of us is both "sinner and saint." We cannot separate sinners into one box and saints into another because each baptized Christian is BOTH - 100% sanctified by God AND 100% a sinner in need of God's grace. The math doesn't change in this lifetime, no matter how good and holy you manage to live. Our spiritual journey is one of daily baptism – of dying to our old, sinful selves and rising to new life in Christ, and this is what frees you to "love your crooked neighbor with your crooked heart."

I think we struggle to see the "both/and" nature of people. This has always been the case, but it seems particularly acute in our culture today. There is a collective impulse to condemn and "cancel" those we deem sinners and to sanctify those with whom we agree. We try to define people based on the worst things they've ever said or done, while minimizing the abuse of others and failing to hold them accountable. Often, it's our tribal and political biases that determine which of these two ditches we fall into.

As Lutherans, I encourage us to proudly live into our "both/and" identity in a world that wants to define us in "either/or" categories. We are both Gangsters & Angels, Sinners & Saints. We all have crooked hearts, and yet they are hearts that can love even the most crooked of our neighbors – not because of anything we've done, but because of what Christ has done for us.

So dear beloved sinner, love your crooked neighbor with your crooked heart, and trust in God's mercy. There is no gangster or angel God cannot reach with his love. Thanks be to God.

Your fellow sinner in need of God's grace,

Pr. Drew

November's Noisy Offering

The November noisy offering will go to support the Faribault CAC food shelf. In this season of harvest and Thanksgiving feasts, we extend our generosity to those experiencing food insecurity.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS AT OSLC



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Dwelling in the Word

Tuesdays | 9:30-10:30 AM | The Narthex

Join your pastors **every Tuesday morning from 9:30-10:30 in the Narthex** for a Bible study called *Dwelling in the Word*. Each week, we will read scripture for the coming Sunday. Then we will engage in conversations around three key questions: What does the text say? What does the text mean? And, most importantly, What is God saying to me through this text?

Dwelling in the Word for all individuals! Whether you can attend every week or sporadically, whether you have a deep understanding of scripture or just starting to dig deeper. It's a great opportunity to connect with other members of our community, our Pastors, and grow in your faith through shared exploration of scripture. Come as you are, bring your questions and insights, and let's journey together through the pages of the Bible. We look forward to welcoming you with open arms and open hearts.

SAFETY *Team* Info Meeting

**Monday November 17
6 PM | Fellowship Hall**



We're creating a Safety Team to help ensure Our Savior's remains a caring, secure, and welcoming place for all. If you have a calm presence, medical or security experience, or simply a heart for helping others, please join us.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS AT OSLC



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All Saint's Day

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH
& SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND**



On the Festival of All Saints, we remember with thanksgiving those who lived and died in faith. They are a sign of our hope and an image of the glory we shall inherit. But even more, they are among the communion of Saints who are with us today as we thank and praise our God who brings life from death.

*We remember those members and friends who have died this past year:
Marlene Balken, Laura Boudreau, Norma Byron, Steven Deike,
George Fritz, Glenn Holman, Helen Koch, John Lundell,
Betty McDonald, Doris Mestad, Mona Moreau, and Joanne Thompson.*



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FIRST ENGLISH
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Christ
Lutheran Church
Faribault, Minnesota

Community Thanksgiving Worship service

Sunday, November 23
6PM | Our Savior's Lutheran Church

*Join in the choir! Let Pastor Kira know if you are interested in singing that evening in a choir with the three churches. **Pie to follow afterwards with fellowship.***

Come for worship, stay for the fellowship!

Book Studies

Beloved Community BOOK STUDY

November 5, 12, & 19 Fireside Room | 6:30 PM

(during Wednesday Night Programming)



"Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People."

Join Pr. Drew and other curious adults in this five-part book study of Rev. Nadia-Bolz Weber's *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People*. In this unconventional collection of stories, Pr. Nadia shows us how God's radical grace can appear in surprising places, and in people you might not expect, all to create a more inclusive and loving church. *Accidental Saints* has been described as "wickedly funny and painfully vulnerable, theologically nuanced and lyrically sonorous" (The Christian Century). Fair warning: this book contains raw and candid language, often employing curse words for emphasis. **Sign up using the QR code or by calling Wendy in the office. Please order your own copy of the book in your preferred format (hard copy, digital, or audio).**



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A book club for women
looking to connect
outside of church!

Join Us!

Our next gathering is on
Monday, November 10th, 7-8pm
at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

We'll be discussing
"Nothing is Wasted"
by Davey Blackburn

Let's dive deep into faith together.
Interested? Send me a text (507)412-1060
or email pastorkira@oursaviorsfbo.org
to start this journey with us!

Financial Update

Fast Figures 2025 Financials Finalized through September 2025

	Actual	Ministry	Difference
September Reciepts	\$ 60,621	\$ 60,000	\$ 621
September Expenses	\$ (52,889)	\$ (60,571)	\$ 7,682
Receipts Over Expenses	\$ 7,732	\$ (571)	\$ 8,303
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YTD Receipts	\$ 476,918	\$ 440,204	\$ 36,714
YTD Expenses	\$ (475,024)	\$ (547,425)	\$ 72,401
Receipts Over Expenses	\$ 1,894	\$ (107,221)	\$ 109,115

Balance Sheet Recap	Actual	Beginning	Change
Total cash on hand as of 09-30-2025	\$ 257,078.00	\$ 260,471.12	\$ (3,393.12)
Total cash Designated for specific purposes (restricted accounts)	\$ 177,614.96	\$ 182,901.73	\$ (5,286.77)
Leaving a cash balance for General Operating expenses of	\$ 79,463.04	\$ 77,569.39	\$ 1,893.65

September is finalized.
Giving compared to plan is up 1.04% or \$621
Expenses are down compared to plan <-12.68%> or <-\$7,682>

Year to Date:
Giving compared to plan is up +8.34% or \$36,714
Expenses are down compared to plan <-13.23%> or <-\$72,400>

Total Cash in General Operating Account is \$79,463.04 this is the cash we have access to for any reason/need. Goal is to have two months of expense in reserve. We are at about 1 1/2 months at this time.

Thank you to those of you who attended the recent State of the Church discussions. We value all of the feedback and are working to consolidate it!

Thank you for your support of the Ministry here at Our Saviors!

3rd QUARTER STATEMENTS

We are in the final quarter of the year! In order to save money OSLC will be emailing our quarterly statements directly to its giving members. You will receive a paper statement after year end. **If you have not received your 3rd quarter statement, please reach out to Wendy in the church office.**



**GENEROUS HEARTS
GENEROUS HANDS
GENEROUS GOD**
Beloved Community

2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Pledge Sunday
November 9, 2025

Our goal is to increase our participating households in the stewardship campaign.
Together, let's respond to God's abundance with generosity that strengthens our church and our shared mission.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS AT OSLC



Lamplighters

Adult Christians Lighting the Way

Join us at our next Meeting

**Tuesday, November 4, 2025
at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall**



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Pub Theology

**Thursday, November 13
7 p.m. | Ten Thousand Drops**

Join us for conversation on issues relating to faith and life!

Come have something to drink,
and stay for a good conversation!

Everyone over 21 is WELCOME!

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS AT OSLC

*It's beginning to look
a lot like Christmas!*

Join us as we decorate the church for Advent and Christmas.

Monday, November 24th from 6-8pm | Put up trees in sanctuary.

Tuesday, November 25th from 1-4pm and

Wednesday, November 26th from 9am -12pm.

We will be decorating in the church, the narthex and all purpose room as in the past.

Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex starting Sunday, November 9th

Thanks for helping to make OSLC a welcoming place for Advent and Christmas!



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Christmas Poinsettia Orders

Share the Beauty of Christmas in Memory or Honor of Loved Ones

This Christmas, we invite you to help fill our worship space with the warmth and beauty of poinsettias as we celebrate the birth of Christ. Each plant you purchase may be given in memory or in honor of someone special—a way to remember those we miss, or to give thanks for those who bless our lives today.

Your gift not only helps create a joyful and welcoming space for our Christmas Eve worship, but also shares love in another way: for each poinsettia ordered, Sertoma will donate \$5 to Ruth's House.

Cost: \$22 per plant | **Order Deadline:** Sunday, November 23
Order by filling out the order form in the bulletins or you can stop by the church office.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



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Growing in Faith & Fellowship Together Event

G.I.F.F.T. *Advent Event*

**Sunday, November 30 at 10:45 AM in the Chapel &
Wednesday, December 3 at 5 PM in the Chapel**

Prepare for the countdown to Christmas!



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Join us throughout the Advent season as we prepare for the greatest gift of all.

All are welcome

Advent Services: Save the Dates

November 30: Advent begins

December 7 & 10: Children's Program

December 21: Blue Christmas 6PM Service

December 24: Christmas Eve

3 PM (Contemporary), 5 PM (Traditional) and
9:30 PM (Candlelight) Services



For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord

YOUTH MINISTRY



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Confirmation

Mini Service Trip

February 13-15, 2026 | St. Peter, MN

Confirmation students are invited to our third annual confirmation mini service trip! This year we will be traveling to St. Peter, MN and staying on Gustavus' campus! Please come to an **informational session on Wednesday, November 12, 7:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Room to learn more or reach out to Grace, grace@oursaviorsfbo.org.



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Join Us!

Confirmation Students Leading Worship!

Wednesday, November 12 | 6:00 PM

All are invited to support the 8th grade class as they lead the worship service in word, song and prayer. All are welcome!

YOUTH MINISTRY



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Escapology!

A Team Building Outing for 9th-12th Graders

November 15

12:45 PM | Burnsville, MN

Put the puzzle pieces together and escape the room together!
Come for some team building and bring a few dollars for an ice cream stop on the way home! Contact Grace with questions.



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9th-12th Graders

Youth Thanksgiving

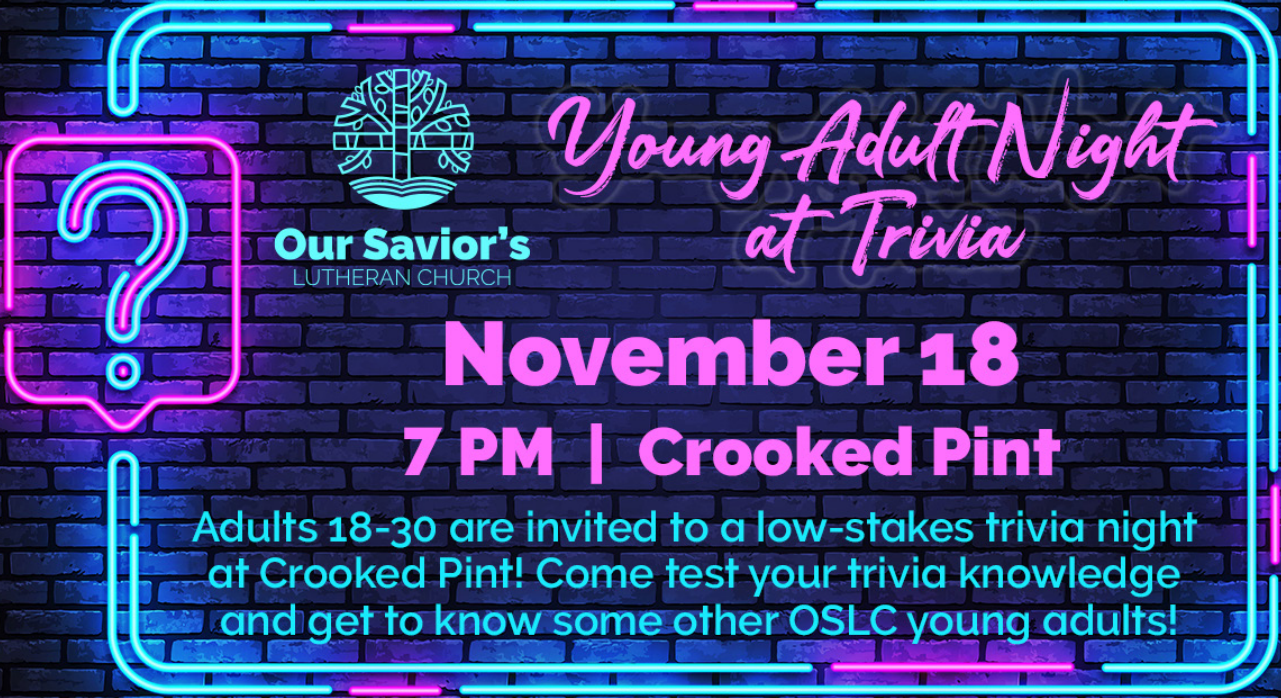
DESSERT EDITION

November 19 | 8 PM | Youth Room

Bring a friend and your favorite dessert!

Food, Fellowship & Fun!

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS AT OSLC



*Young Adult Night
at Trivia*

November 18
7 PM | Crooked Pint

Adults 18-30 are invited to a low-stakes trivia night at Crooked Pint! Come test your trivia knowledge and get to know some other OSLC young adults!



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Sunday, November 16, 2025
Fellowship Hall | 11:00 am

Entry Fee:
A Plate of your favorite dessert and a non-perishable food item for the CAC Food Shelf.
Minimum of 1 plate per player.

Prizes: A delicious plate of treats!

We'll play until we run out of prizes

Bingo

SERMON TEXT & VOLUNTEERS

November

"God Speaks to Elijah"

Sunday, November 2

1 Kings 19:1-18

"Amos: Justice Rolls Down"

Sunday, November 9

Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

"Isiah: A Child Is Born"

Sunday, November 16

Isaiah 9:1-7

"Jeremiah's Letter to Exiles"

Sunday, November 23

Jeremiah 29:1,4-14

"Daniel: The Fiery Furnace"

Sunday, November 30

Daniel 3:1,8-30

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Ends November 2!

DON'T FORGET TO SET
YOUR CLOCKS BACK
AN HOUR OR YOU'LL
MISS WORSHIP.



NOVEMBER USHERS

HERB HICKEY ©

EVON ASK

DEAN MANZ

HARRY & SHARON DELL

MARK HELGESON

BRUCE & JAN BOUDREAU

TEAM 2 NOVEMBER 23, 6:00 PM THANKSGIVING SERVICE

COMMUNION

PREP

SERVERS

NOVEMBER 2

Mary Osborne

Ruth Hickey

Dan & Karen Rasmussen

Edie Mattson

Paula Schauer

Linda Mueller

NOVEMBER 16

Ruth Olson

Dennis & Rita Wunderlich

Fred & Barb Grote

Ruth Hickey

Edie Mattson

NOVEMBER 23 (CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY)

PREP

SERVERS

Ruth Olson

Evon Ask

Paula Schauer

Angel Yackel

Barb Condit

Jill Finstuen

Ardys Johnson

SCRIPTURE READERS

NOVEMBER 2

SCOTT KOESELL

NOVEMBER 9

DONN JOHNSON

NOVEMBER 16

EVON ASK

NOVEMBER 23

EDIE MATTSON

NOVEMBER 30

LINDA MUELLER

SOUND & TECH TEAM

NOVEMBER 2

Sound: Owen Harrison

Livestream: Brendan Cox

Media Shout & Lights: Grace Harrison

NOVEMBER 9

Sound: Amy Cox

Livestream: Brendan Cox

Media Shout & Lights: Tim Cox

NOVEMBER 16

Sound: Jordyn Finstuen

Livestream: Brendan Co

Media Shout & Lights: Jarid Finstuen

NOVEMBER 23

Sound: Allen Salveson

Livestream: Brendan Cox

Media Shout & Lights: Linda Hanegraff

November 23 6:00 pm Thanksgiving Service Volunteers Needed

NOVEMBER 30

Sound: Owen Harrison

Livestream: Brendan Cox

Media Shout & Lights: Grace Harrison

Baptisms & Sympathies



Blessings on your Baptism

Gabriel Charles Blakesley

son of Erin Olson and Tyler Blakesley
baptized on October 19, 2025

Cameron Thomas Blakesley

son of Erin Olson and Tyler Blakesley
baptized on October 19, 2025

faith grows here

With Deepest Sympathy

Our Sympathy to Those Who Mourn:
For the family of Doris Mestad

Jan & Bruce Boudreau

in the death of Jan's mother, Joanne Thompson

Paula Moreau, Becky and Jason Krogh and family & Shelly and Jerry Kolling and family

in the death of Paula, Becky, and Shelly's mother, Mona Moreau

Clem Moreau

in the death of his wife, Mona

May God's grace and love surround you during this difficult time.

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
						1 10:30 am - 3:00 pm Private Family Event (Fellowship Hall)
2 All Saints Day Daylight Saving Time Ends 9:30 am Worship / Comm. 11:30 am - 4:00 pm Private Family Event (Fellow Hall)	3 3:30 – 5:00 pm Ruth's House Meeting (Noah) 5:30 pm Property Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Grief Support	4 9:30 am Grief Support "Newly Bereaved" 9:30 – 10:30 am Dwelling in the Word 1:00 pm Lamplighters 2:30 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Personnel Meeting	5 7:00 am 3 Big Question Book Study / Jr & Sr High School (Oasis) 8:00 am – 3:00 pm LSS Training Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm WOW Service 6:30 pm Christian Education 6:30 pm Beloved Community Book Study 8:00 pm High School Youth	6 8:00 am – 3:00 pm LSS Training Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 8:30 am Henry's Handy Helpers 9:00 am Dynamic Dusters	7 9:30 am Friday Morning Women's Bible Study	8 High School Outing
9 Stewardship Pledge Sunday 9:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am Gather Table Meeting	10 6:30 pm Grief Support 7:00 – 8:00 pm Faithful Pages (Noah's Ark Room)	11 9:30 am Grief Support "Newly Bereaved" 9:30 – 10:30 am Dwelling in the Word 2:30 pm Staff Meeting	12 7:00 am 3 Big Question Book Study / Jr & Sr High School (Oasis) 7:00 – 8:30 am Ruth's House Meeting (Noah's Ark Rm) 6:00 pm WOW Service / Comm. 6:30 pm Christian Education 6:30 pm Beloved Community Book Study 7:30 pm Mini Service Trip (Confirmation) Info Meeting 8:00 pm High School Youth	13 8:30 am Henry's Handy Helpers 9:00 am Dynamic Dusters 9:00 am Quilters 9:30 am Cannon River Conference 7:00 pm Pub Theology (10,000 Drops)	14 9:30 am Friday Morning Women's Bible Study	15 Private Family Event (Fellowship Hall)
16 9:30 am Worship / Comm 10:45 am Finance Meeting 11:00 am Bingo (Fellowship Hall)	17 8:30 am FARE Meeting 6:00 pm Safety Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 pm Grief Support	18 9:30 am Grief Support "Newly Bereaved" 9:30 – 10:30 am Dwelling in the Word 11:30 am FACMA Meeting 2:30 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Executive Council 6:30 pm Church Council	19 Christ the King Wednesday 7:00 am 3 Big Question Book Study / Jr & Sr High School (Oasis) 7:00 – 9:00 am Ruth's House Meeting (Noah's Ark Rm) 6:00 pm WOW Service / Comm. 6:30 pm Christian Education 6:30 pm Beloved Community Book Study 8:00 pm HS Youthful Thanksgiving	20 8:30 am Henry's Handy Helpers 9:00 am Faith Circle 10:30 am Dynamic Dusters	21 9:30 am Friday Morning Women's Bible Study	22
23 Christ the King Sun. 9:30 am Worship /Comm. 9:30 am Temple Talk 6:00 pm Thanksgiving Service at Our Savior's / Pie & Coffee follower service provided by Christ Lutheran	24 6:30 pm Grief Support 6:00 – 8:00 pm Setting up Christmas Trees	25 9:30 am Grief Support "Newly Bereaved" 9:30 – 10:30 am Dwelling in the Word 1:00 pm Mill City Service 1:00 – 4:00 pm Christmas Decorating 2:30 pm Staff Meeting	26 No Wednesday Night Activities 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Christmas Decorating	27 Thanksgiving Office Closed 	28 Office Closed	29
30 1st Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am GIFT Advent Event						



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Calling All Members!



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Beloved Community

Stewardship Kickoff
Sunday, October 26

Pledge Sunday
Sunday, November 9

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