

Flock Talk

ST. PAUL'S Lutheran Church Newsletter

Hillsboro, IL | November 2025

*Called to Hope
among the Saints*

**THROUGH FAITH
IN THE LORD JESUS**

Ephesians 1:15-19

NEWS *Highlights:*

- + Pastor's Message: *The Same Christ*
- + All Saints *Celebration and Remembrance*
- + Harvest Home *Service and Dinner*
- + Fun-raisers: *Portrait Session* and *Turkey Trot*
- + God's Work. Our Hands.: *Quilts and Kits*

hearts + doors *wide open* to Make Disciples and Bless Our Community



A MESSAGE *from the Pastor*

The Same Christ

Dear Change and Chaos Inflicted Individuals,

I grew up in the 80s and 90s as a kid and teen. Yep, I belong to the "latchkey" or "MTV" generation.

Back then I heard about the Cold War but life was great. I got to do cool things like play with my parents' C-64 computer. Every year my family went on sunny vacations in Southern Europe where I learned to windsurf. And pop music was *cool* (and still is).

When the Berlin Wall fell* - and the border where an aunt and uncle lived in view of Eastern Germany - I thought we'd made it. We finally had peace between East and West. Never mind problems elsewhere. And soon my bubble burst when brutal civil war broke out in Yugoslavia, a country I knew from vacationing.

I don't know about you and your life experience, but it sure can seem like we're all on a roller coaster. And I feel like the ride is getting wilder and may soon derail the way things are going in our world today.

Some say it's not all that bad, as it is made to sound. Some remind us that there have always been ups and downs. (Never mind all the suffering along the way.) And some just ignore bad news and try to enjoy the ride. But what's a faithful Christian response to such concerns as about the environment, democracy, poverty, secularization, or *[name your own]*?

This space is too short and perhaps not the right place to provide a full and adequate answer. Lutherans generally seek a balance between realism and hopefulness. We are called by Christ to care for the world God made and entrusted to our safekeeping, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. And what I try to remind myself for encouragement to keep up the good, hard work is our Lord's promise I quoted last month:

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever!" (Hebrews 13:8 CEB)

While it's important to know the past, there is little point in worrying about the future. Yes, we need to make sure there will be a future after us, but Christ needs you and me and our faithful action TODAY! Let's make it count. Shall we?

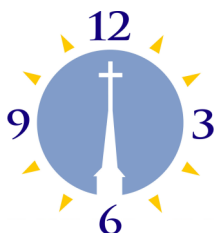
+ **All Saints Day** is not just a day to remember the dead or admire special examples of faith, but it is for Lutherans a celebration and encouragement, because we are all saved by Christ to live as God's chosen servants - with a baptismal call (every Christian's vocation/job) to bring God's kingdom of love, justice, and peace.



Yours hanging on to hope, because Christ is forever the same,
Pastor *Stefan*

* November 9, 1989, the same day that is also remembered as "*Kristallnacht*" (or Night of Broken Glass) when in 1938 Germans torched over 1400 synagogues and ransacked Jewish businesses as part of the Nazi's dictatorship, total war, and Holocaust tragedy.

DON'T FORGET: *Time Change*



Even though many of our devices change the time automatically when Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 2 (at 2:00am to be precise), this is your reminder to "fall back" an hour so you aren't at church too early. ;-) This is also a good time to check batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.



SERVING THIS MONTH

COUNTER – Charles Moody

ALTAR GUILD

2 – Carolyn Meier
9 – Ken & Marcia Sandlin
16 – Carol Booher
23 – Sharol Hayes
30 – Sharol Hayes

LECTOR

2 – Charles Moody
9 – Carol Booher
16 – Diane Singler
23 – Sandra Moody
30 – Anita Swick

VIDEO & AUDIO

2 – August Plunkett
9 – Merle Imler
16 – *TBD*
23 – August Plunkett
30 – Merle Imler

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

2 – Donna Wille
9 – *TBD*
16 – Karen Hamilton
23 – John Gibb
30 – Mike Plunkett

USHERS

2 – Heather & Mike Plunkett
9 – John Gibb and Bill Hamilton
16 – Carolyn & Earl Meier
23 – Greg & Sharon Schoen
30 – Gail & Ken Schaal

ALTAR FLOWERS

2 – Carol Calvert
9 – Sharol Hayes
16 – Janet Ward
23 – Pam Schaefer
30 – Elizabeth Dowalder



November WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

This month is a kind of transition between seasons. Fall seems to have arrived in our hemisphere. And in a few weeks the church will begin a new church year. With Reformation and All Saints, we get a welcome change in the ordinary season after Pentecost, and will celebrate Thanksgiving and Christ the King. Then, the cycle will start over again.

- + November 2: On *All Saints Sunday*, we celebrate the good news that we are all saints because we are saved by Christ. We will also remember those saints from St. Paul's who joined the saints in God's eternal kingdom.
- + Tuesday, November 11: Pastor Stefan will lead a *Veterans Day* service at Tremont Ridge assisted living home at 5:15pm.
 - This is also a day the church commemorates *St. Martin of Tours*, a Roman soldier turned Christian turned bishop (3rd century) who is known for his charity. Martin Luther recommended to move gift-giving to this day so that the focus of Christmas would be solely on Christ instead. It hasn't worked out yet, but ask Pastor Stefan about German traditions. :-)
- + November 23: Not on secular calendars but a very important festival for Christians is *Christ the King*. It is a relatively new (1925) celebration that reminds us of our Lord's eternal reign and promise to come again to complete God's kingdom on earth. We will also celebrate God's many blessings and remember our calling to be a blessing to our community (and beyond) during our *Harvest Home* service.
- + November 30: On the *First Sunday of Advent*, and for three more Sundays, we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth, his return at the end of time, and his presence in our hearts.



BEYOND OUR WALLS for November

Through "Beyond Our Walls" we contribute each month to support ministries in our local and global community. As we share our gifts with those beyond our walls, we are reminded of the many ways that God touches our lives each day. Please give generously in the big jug or during worship. Thank you for extending the reach of St. Paul's mission.

In November, we will support the [Greater Hillsboro Ministerial Fellowship](#). This group of local clergy provides many opportunities for area churches to cooperate with one another for ministry, including ecumenical worship services, outreach events, and coordinating assistance for those in need right here in our community. Thank you for your generosity.



FUN-RAISER: *Mini Christmas Photo Shoot*

St. Paul's is hosting a Mini Christmas Photo Shoot on Saturday, November 8 from 9am-2pm. Whether you're looking for a family portrait, a cozy couple's shot, or a solo moment, professional photographers from our church will make your holiday cards or memories shine. Sign up [online](#), or check with Angela Kaculi. This one of the fun ways a group of missional disciples at St. Paul's is planning to help support our congregation's activities.



Harvest of Hope **TRIVIA NIGHT**

The Harvest of Hope community food pantry has been hit especially hard recently with people in need of food. You can help them prepare for the holidays, winter season, and uncertainty about SNAP by attending this year's second Trivia Fundraiser at 6-9pm on Saturday, November 15 at the Presbyterian Church. There will also be lots of games, prizes, concessions, and a silent auction. Get a team of eight and reserve a table for only \$100 by calling Shawn Huber at 217-556-5166 or online [here](#).



Christmas Program **PRACTICE**

Our annual Children's Christmas Program will take place Sunday, December 14. Practices will take place during Sunday School at 9:15am on November 16 & 23, December 7 & 14. Please be sure your child makes it to practices if you would like them to be in the program. We would love to have all preschool-6th grade students join us this year!



SIGN UP FOR *Christmas Poinsettias*

The church office is now taking orders for poinsettias to adorn the sanctuary of St. Paul's for Christmas. The plants will be ordered through Sertoma this year and will be \$13 each. A sign-up sheet can be found on the west entryway counter at church. Orders and payments are due by Sunday, November 23. Please remember to mark your payment clearly in the memo line of your check. Thank you.



Annual **THANKSGIVING POTLUCK**

The annual congregational Thanksgiving meal will be held on Sunday, November 23. Following our worship, we will gather in the fellowship hall for our traditional Thanksgiving "Carry-In" Dinner. Drinks will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring other food to share. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to let us know what you plan to bring.



FUN-RAISER: *Turkey Trot 5K*

Gobble Gobble! Join us on Thursday, November 27 at 8am for our first annual **Turkey Trot 5K** Fun Run & 2-Mile Walk! Find more information and register [online](#), or ask Angela Kaculi for details and how to participate.

+ We are also in need of volunteers for that morning. Please contact Angela Kaculi if you would like to help out.



O give *thanks* to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast *love* endures forever.





Community **THANKSGIVING DINNER**

The churches of the Greater Hillsboro Ministerial Fellowship are providing the 34th annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner from 11am-1pm on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, at the Event Center of Montgomery County. Everyone who would enjoy celebrating with others is welcome at this free meal!

- + St. Paul's will once again provide green beans for the meal. Church members will cook bacon and onions ahead of time for the green beans. Volunteers will also be needed to set up, serve, and/or clean up between 8am and 1:30pm. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help.



Serve Refreshments during **HILLSBORO CHRISTMAS EVENT**

Please sign up on the bulletin board to pass out complimentary cocoa and cookies to people who will come through our church for shopping and activities during the annual Small Town Christmas event on Saturday, November 29.



Monday and Email **BIBLE STUDY**

Beloved and Obscure Passages - Part 2: The New Testament

Revisit significant stories or learn something new about key concepts in the New Testament at 4:30pm on Mondays, November 3, 10, and 17. You can attend any week, and no experience is necessary. Pastor Stefan keeps things casual, and yet we can also go deep in our conversations. *This month's topics include:* Jesus' Execution, his Appearance after being resurrected, the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and the Conversion of S/Paul.

- + Pastor Stefan sends emailed copies of handouts to the whole congregation so anyone is able to use them for personal study if unable to attend in person.

Coming in December: Special sessions from BibleProject.com about angels, demons, and other spiritual beings (like seraphim) in God's heavenly council.

A Prayer for **ELECTION DAY**



Everlasting God, source of all liberty,
before whom every earthly ruler must bow and bend the knee,
we lay our nation before you as we prepare for an election.
Breathe upon us your Spirit of wisdom and discernment.
Grant all who seek public office the mind of Christ,
who came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life for the freedom of the oppressed.
Hold before us those who face uncertain futures,
or who have no voice in our political process.
Uphold and safeguard poll workers and election officials in their work.
Spare us from the crushing weight of cynicism.
Give us grace to speak courageously, but with love,
without which our words are noise and we are nothing.
Gather us together under the cross,
where, in all of our difference, we can stand as one people,
redeemed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

- + *Resource:* Check out the ELCA's social message on "Government and Civic Engagement in the United States: Discipleship in a Democracy" at elca.org.



December & January **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

The next newsletter will cover both full months of December and January. All articles will be due in the office by Friday, November 14. Please be sure to submit any information that should be included in the newsletter to the office on time. Thank you.



MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels **MINISTRY**

Thank you to all those who help to deliver Meals on Wheels each month. We can always use more volunteers in this ministry. St. Paul's next scheduled weeks will be November 17-21 and December 29-Jan 2 (with no deliveries New Year's Eve or New Year's Day). Please contact Carolyn Meier if you would like more information or to volunteer. All help is appreciated.



CHURCH *Office Hours*

Regular office hours continue, with Administrative Assistant Marina Mondragon in the office on Mondays through Thursdays from 8:00-11:30am. The office is closed on Fridays.

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the church office will be closed on Wednesday-Friday, November 26-28. Marina will also be out of the office on November 5 and 11, and December 1.



Search for **DIRECTOR OF CHOIRS**

With the resignation of Liz Allen, we are exploring the search of a new director for our vocal and bell choirs. Please pray for the Spirit to guide us during this transition, for volunteer leaders stepping up to lead, for all choir members, and for hiring decisions.

Despite our choir director's departure, both choirs are wishing to continue practices and performances to enhance our worship. All are welcome to enjoy making music to praise God. If you are interested in singing, let Carolyn Meier know. If you would like to ring bells, contact Briana Gibb.



OFFERING 301

Did you know... that your offerings are vital to St. Paul's basic operations but also a host of important activities beyond our wide open doors?

Our congregation is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (elca.org). With other Lutherans we have covenanted to share a portion of our resources for shared ministries we could not carry out on our own, such as for example: *seminaries for pastors and other future leaders, campus ministries, social services, response to disasters and development projects, global mission, and much more.*

Our church shares a small fraction (less than a tithe) of our general funds with our Central/Southern Illinois Synod for the work we share in our geographical area. From there, about half of our mission support monies are passed on to the ELCA churchwide organization for national and global projects and needs.

Thank you for sharing a portion of your possessions through cash or checks in a worship offering plate, by mail or electronically through bank transfer, or online at wideopen.church. Our little flock has a big reach, touching lives near and far!

+ **Note:** The Mission Support we share with synod and ELCA is separate and different from the special *Beyond Our Walls* donations our congregation makes from member gifts and endowment fund earnings to support local or global organizations and causes each month.



PARISH NURSE *Ministry*

Blood Pressure Checks and Wellness Information

Lew McDonald takes blood pressures and provides information at church before and after worship, usually on the first Sunday of each month. Be sure to check in with Lew on November 2, and thank him for his ministry. This month, Lew shares an article from Kate Bowler and Jessica Ritchie.

Blessing for Aging Gracefully

Blessed are you who have reached a new age - even if it doesn't seem to fit. It may feel too big. Too reductive. Too limiting. It may be marked by a life you barely recognize.

The kids who have all moved out or settled somewhere far away. The work that no longer sets the daily hum. The life partner who is gone, and friends you've outlived. The body that doesn't allow for the hobby you love anymore. The monthly check that doesn't provide the flexibility you'd hoped for.

Wasn't I young just a second ago? Will I ever recognize the person staring back in the mirror? What's left to do that really counts? How do I know if I am, or ever was... enough?

Blessed are you who have lost so much. You whose body hurts, and you who aren't who you used to be. You who no longer have the identity markers that once defined you so clearly. You who attend more funerals than weddings these days. You who hold your new grandbabies and have held your dying parents' hands.

God, give us eyes to notice the ways life can still be beautiful and rich and full in the midst of so much that has been lost. Remind us that you are not done with us yet. For the God who spoke us into being calls us even now. Not to an ideal or a role, but to a moment. This one.

In a world that equates age with liability, it's time for a reminder that you are a gift.

You give advice. You hold on to family recipes. You remember that thing that happened and, honestly, we shouldn't have forgotten. You think our kids are beautiful and our bad partners should be soundly dumped. You kept the photo album. You hold our stories. Thank you.

Even when the world isn't playing attention, may you get a glimmer of a reminder that these little things add up to something that is and always will be beautiful.

Source: Bowler K., Ritchie, J. (2023). *The Lives we Actually Have—100 Blessings for Imperfect Days*. New York, NY: Convergent Books, a division of Penguin Random House LLC.



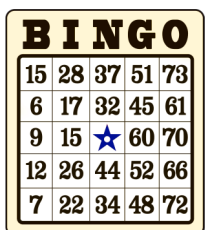
Serve in **WORSHIP**

Schedules for those serving in worship are being prepared for 2026. Anyone already serving in Altar Guild, Communion Assistant, Lector, Usher, and/or Video & Audio roles should let the office know as soon as possible know if they are not planning to serve in 2026. If you would like to serve and are not already doing so, please also let the office know. We are especially looking for additional volunteers to help our Video/Audio crew stream and record worship.



Accepting **DONATIONS**

Anyone wishing to help out with the Angel Tree or Coats for Kids programs for our local community can give monetary donations to Paula Keeper, who will be shopping for items for these Hillsboro organizations.



Bingo **OUTREACH**

St. Paul's members are reaching out to residents in our local care facilities through games like bingo and other activities. The next outreach dates have not yet been determined. Please watch for details in announcements and sign up on the bulletin board or contact Mary Martin if you are able to help out. Thank you!



GOD'S WORK *with Our Hands*

by Our "Sewing & Fellowship" (and Much More) Group

During worship on October 19, St. Paul's dedicated 13 quilts, 200 school kits, and 200 hygiene kits made by members of our congregation over the last year. Together with thousands more from churches across the country, they will be distributed by *Lutheran World Relief* in the USA and around the world where people are in need of shelter, comfort, and basic supplies. Money was also donated and collected this month, to cover the cost of shipping tons of packages by LWR.org. Last year, the organization carried out 56 disaster, development, and advocacy projects in 45 countries to save and improve lives with our acts of love and signs of hope.



Free Lunches from **LADLES OF LOVE**

Each Wednesday from 11am-12noon, St. Paul's serves a free meal to the community, including a main dish, a side dish, and a dessert. Please sign up in the kitchen to help prepare food, serve the meal, and clean up, or check with Paula Keeper for more information about volunteering. Thank you!

+ No meal will be served on Wednesday, November 26 due to Thanksgiving the next day.



Dwell in the **WORD**

Text for Sep 1-Nov 29:
Colossians 1:3-14

Take the time to allow God's Word to form and shape your faith and living through the practice of Dwelling in the Word. Read the text slowly out loud two to three times and reflect for yourself, or better with others, on these three questions:

- 1.) What do you notice?
- 2.) What are you curious about?
- 3.) What is the Spirit nudging you to do?



RESOURCES for Your Daily Discipleship

If you missed Reformation Sunday worship and Pastor Stefan's email, you can pick up Baptismal Renewal Resources on the side table under the south window in the back of our church worship area:

- + an article about *Faithful Change* in, for, and through the church;
- + a card for remembering and fulfilling our *Baptism Promises*;
- + and *Daily Meditations* on God's gifts for everyday faith.



Community Café **AT ST. PAUL'S**

The Community Café at St. Paul's is a place to relax and connect with free coffee and other refreshments, and a dose of God's love. Open (most) Thursdays, 9-11am. We invite everyone to check it out.

+ Visit from Pastor Kristen Schmid on November 13. Closed on November 27 (Thanksgiving Day).



Coffee + Faith

Men's **COFFEE & FAITH**

The men's Coffee & Faith group meets on 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 9am, usually at Black Rabbit. Let Charles Moody know if you would like reminders for upcoming meeting dates and location.



Women's **SEWING & FELLOWSHIP**

The women's Sewing & Fellowship group welcomes everyone on most Monday mornings at 9am in the bell choir room at church. We make quilts for Lutheran World Relief, and take on a variety of other projects.



Remember Our **SPECIAL CARE MEMBERS**

Members who aren't able to join us at church for worship or have special circumstances always appreciate it when we remember them in our prayers or show other signs of care like a visit, call, or card. Please reach out and share needs or updates with Pastor Stefan.

- Helen Brinkman
- Lyn Lingle
- Delores Plunkett
- Judie Donham
- Ken Meade
- Wayne Rhoades
- Sue Duzan
- Bob Mulch, Sr.
- Doris Enochs
- Pat Osborn



Fall **CHURCH WORK PROJECTS**

There's always something that needs doing around church, just like at our homes when something breaks, or hasn't been cleaned thoroughly, or could use improvement. Could you please help us tackle some special projects this fall?

A list of projects has been posted on the "Service Opportunities" bulletin board. Simply pick one (or more) and check them off to let others know they're done. If you notice something and can take care of it, we appreciate it - or let the office know if we need to add to the list. These are some examples:

- Clean up landscaping, trim bushes, and edge.
- Remove broken concrete from parking area outside northeast back door.
- Seal caulk around circle drive entrance doors, and then clean them.
- Build a ramp for the shed.
- Finish fixing the old basement floor, drywall, and painting.
- Finish organizing library books and updating the catalogue.
- Inventory and archive and possibly scan or photograph historical documents, photos, and memorabilia.
- Vacuum carpets in emergency exit areas.
- Clean light fixtures in the circle drive entry area.

Thanks for helping to keep our church looking nice and in good order for ministries!



Plans for Monthly **LAY WORSHIP AT TREMONT**

Our church has been asked to provide worship one week per month for residents of Hillsboro Health Assisted Living at Tremont Ridge. Other clergy and lay leaders cover other weeks already. A leader would be needed to welcome residents, hand out bulletins, and play the video live or from a recording. If you are interested in helping with this outreach, please let either Pastor Stefan or Mike Plunkett know.



Thank you, dear people of God, and friends in Christ at St. Paul's, for your appreciation of my ministry as pastor and for your love in sharing our Lord's work. I was touched once again by so many kind words in cards or spoken. I really enjoyed sharing a brunch for fellowship celebration. Cindy and I look forward to picking a delicious package of holiday appetizers or treats from the generous gift certificate I received. I thank God for you and your faith, and pray that we will be blessed with years of fruitful and fun service together.
Yours sincerely grateful and joyful, *Pastor Stefan*



We sincerely thank Liz Allen for her ministry on the staff of our congregation as Choir Director, her service on St. Paul's church council in the Worship & Music position, her leadership and help with our online video outreach, coordinating and volunteering for serving in worship, and many other gifts she shared over the years as part of altar guild, communion assistant, lector, and much more beyond worship. We will miss her presence as a sister in Christ and her dedication of talents at St. Paul's, and wish her God's blessing to be a blessing wherever the Spirit and life will lead her.

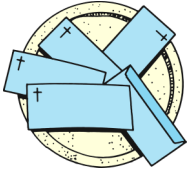
THANK YOU for Your Gifts

Everything we have comes from an abundant God, and our church is blessed by generous people like you within or outside of our church at St. Paul's. *Your offerings make St. Paul's ministries possible, and support God's mission to make disciples and bless our community.*



Operating Income Jan-Sep 2025: \$142,909 Budgeted Expenses Jan-Sep 2025: \$144,549
 Operating Expenses Jan-Sep 2025: \$146,860 General Fund Bank Balance 9/30/25: \$ 2,002
 Year-to-Date Deficit Sep 2025: \$(3,950) Building Fund Bank Balance 9/30/25: \$ 26,784

There are several options for how you can support St. Paul's ministries and mission partnerships:



- + **Give** an offering when attending church services.
- + **Mail** checks to P.O. Box 266.
- + Set up automatic transfers through your **bank**.
- + Give **online** using Tithe.ly on our website at www.wideopen.church.

Upcoming special offering envelopes include one for *Thanksgiving* and one for *Advent*.

 NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS						
2 Paul Houser	3	4	5 Lori Evans, Dagny Thornton	6	7	1/8
9 Kristina Lingle	10 Christopher Storm, Lindsey Storm	11 Andrew Brinkman	12	13	14 Cindy Duncil, Brian Hess, Mark Rudis	15
16	17 Sean Priewe	18 Eleanor Shroyer	19	20 Bob Pollard, Tim Storm	21 Kristy Parr, Brandon Wille	22 Melissa Wood
23/30 Pam Schaefer	24 Amy Taylor	25	26	27 Sean Hess	28	29 Joshua Duzan, Crystal Gunn

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November 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:15am Sunday School 10:15am Worship	27 9am Sewing and Fellowship	28 7pm Council Meeting	29 11am-Noon Ladies of Love	30 9-11am Community Café 2nd Anniversary! 4pm Confirmation	31 Nov 1	
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MEALS ON WHEELS — NOVEMBER 17-21						
23 9:15am Christmas Program Practice 10:15am Harvest Home Worship 11:15am Potluck Thanksgiving Meal POINSETTIA ORDER DEADLINE	24 9am Sewing and Fellowship	25	26	27 8am Turkey Trot 5K (Central Park Trail) 11am-1pm Hillsboro Community Free Thanksgiving Meal	28	29 9am-1pm Imagine Hillsboro Small Town Christmas Event
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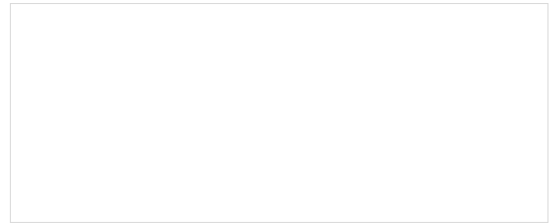
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Worship: Sunday services with Communion at 10:15am (9:30am Jun-Aug), also live and recorded online
Christian Education: Children's Sunday School classes at 9:15 am, Confirmation meetings at 4pm on scheduled Thursdays, and Monday Bible Study at 4:30pm

Ladles of Love Free Lunches: Wednesdays, 11am-Noon | **Community Café:** Most Thursdays, 9-11am

Church Office Hours: Mondays through Thursdays from 8:00-11:30am

 **NOVEMBER**
2025

In All Our Ups and Downs **CHRIST REMAINS THE SAME**

Christ is king. But not like earthy rulers. He is the Lord of all creation, and he reigns with love eternally.

- + Trust that God's love in Jesus never changes for all people and our world. Remember that God's power comes through weakness – even death. In suffering, take comfort that our Savior is coming to make all things perfect.

