

Sunday, October 11, 2026

***"...she ... put in
everything -
all she had..."***

Mark 12:44



***Christ's Lutheran Church
Murrysville, Pennsylvania***

"A Place to Believe, Belong, and Become"



Christ's Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and welcoming Christian community committed to encouraging faith-filled living, deepening friendships, and life-changing discipleship.

ARE YOU VISITING? START HERE!

Welcome! If you are new to worship in a Lutheran church, this introduction will help guide you through our service. Here are some things to know!

There is a quiet space in the back of the sanctuary if you or your child needs less sensory input or a chance to stretch and move. There are also blue cloth bags with fidget toys and other activities in that space. Please return the bags and their contents (minus any artwork your child creates).

Restrooms (with diaper decks) and a nursery are down the hall on the right. The nursery is unstaffed but has a TV displaying the worship service.

General info:

- The prayers, responses, and service music are printed in this bulletin. Just follow along!
- Words for the longer songs (hymns) are in the red pew books. The hymn numbers are in the bulletin and look like this ELW #.
- All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward for Holy Communion. Children who haven't received Holy Communion may also come forward for a blessing. Please take an empty cup for wine or grape juice on your way forward. We serve both wheat and gluten-free wafers. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer, please let the Pastor know.
- Our Sunday morning service is livestreamed on YouTube. Your image may appear. Can't make it to worship? Find us here: <https://www.youtube.com/@christslutheranchurchmurry443>
- We do receive an offering or donation as part of the service. There is a QR code in the bulletin or an envelope in the pew.

CHRIST'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

(Please silence your electronic devices)

PRELUDE

Instrumental

*Please use this time to silently prepare
your hearts and minds for worship*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF CONCERNS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(please stand)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

P: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, [God] who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please take a moment in silence for confession.

C: God of Grace,

You invite us to dream big. But instead, we remain small. We hold back because of fear. We think that we are not qualified or that we don't have enough to give. We worry about what the future holds instead of imagining a new day. We don't dream of a world of abundance, but rather we fight over what we have. Show us the way. Teach us to dream.

Humbly, we pray.

P: Now hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. Yet, Christ died for us. Christ rose for us. Christ remains in power for us. Christ prays for you and for me. In Christ we are a new creation. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

P: Let us now share the peace of Christ with one another.

The peace of Christ be with you always,

C: And also with you.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Lord of Light"

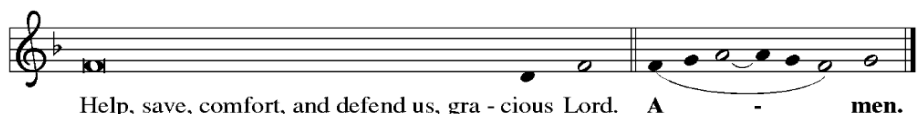
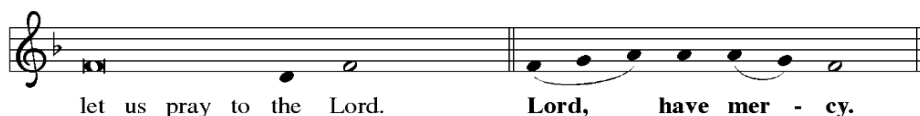
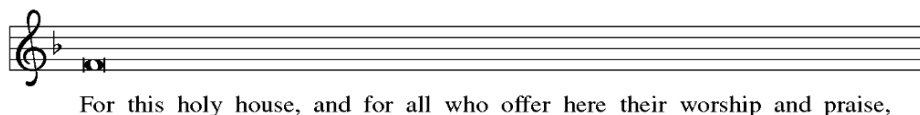
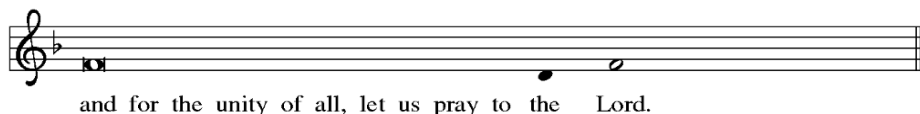
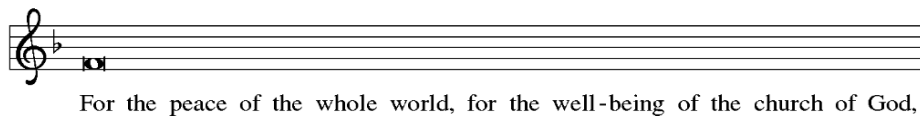
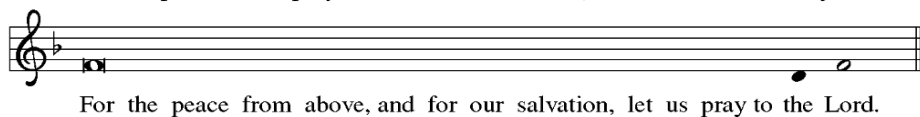
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GREETING

P:  The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Holy God, our lives ebb and flow while you remain constant. Sometimes we feel like we have it all. Sometimes we fear there will not be enough. Give us faith beyond our will. Grant us grace that calls us closer to you in every season of life. We pray this in Jesus' mighty name.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: PSALM 90:1-8, 16-17 *(please be seated)*

A: Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

**C: Before the mountains were brought forth
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

A: You turn us back to dust
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

**C: For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past
or like a watch in the night.**

A: You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;

**C: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.**

A: For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

**C: You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

A: Let your work be manifest to your servants
and your glorious power to their children.

**C: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!**

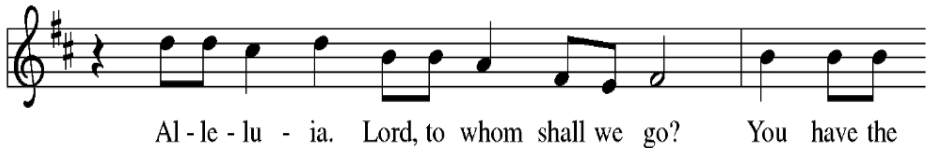
SECOND READING: LEVITICUS 19:9-10, 25:8-12

"When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God.

“You shall count off seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the period of seven weeks of years gives forty-nine years. Then you shall have the trumpet sounded loud; on the tenth day of the seventh month—on the Day of Atonement—you shall have the trumpet sounded throughout all your land. And you shall hallow the fiftieth year, and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family. That fiftieth year shall be a Jubilee for you: you shall not sow or reap the aftergrowth or harvest the unpruned vines. For it is a Jubilee; it shall be holy to you: you shall eat only what the field itself produces.

IMAGINATION TIME with Pastor Sue

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please stand)*



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 12:38-44

As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them

have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE *(please be seated)*

Pastor Sue Washburn

HYMN OF THE DAY *(please stand)*

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

ELW #685

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ Creed

We say together what Christians have believed for centuries.

A: Please join me in affirming our faith together

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day, he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(please stand)*

P: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence

P: Holy God, we remember your promise of a great feast for all people. Today we celebrate those in our congregation whose long lives are full of wisdom with our own feast. We ask a

special blessing upon our older, wiser Lutherans. Give them the gifts of faith, health, and strength. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Sustainer of faith, we pray for Christ's Lutheran Church as it discerns your call for future ministries. Be working in the heart and mind of the next pastor as you prepare them to lead this congregation. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We thank you for all that you have given to us. May we lead lives of generosity and love, sustaining the church and community with your care. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We remember your promise to swallow up death forever. We give thanks for those who have gone before us. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord you are the great physician, the wise doctor and the healer of all.

Today we pray for:

Greg & Donna B., Debbie C., Randy Clouser, Joel Erwin, David Favero, Chuck G., Marlene Gerdes, Joseph Grabowski, Sr., Tammy Hay, Peggy Henry, James Holt III, Marlene Karl, Phil Ann Karl, Holly Kirsch, Lisa Lehman, Tom M., John Magnus, Bela Molnar, Derwood Montgomery, Bob Nozzolillo, John Obidowski, Michael O'Donnell, Jeff Pope, Betty Reagan, Michael S., Paul Rizzo, Sandi Shaffer & Kate Hall, Mary Jane Snyder, Ron Spagna, Marianne Trainor, Terri Veltre and Sue Werner



And for our church members and friends:

Beth Hanson
Joann Hauger
Jim & Peggy Henry
Santini, Phyllis, Scythe & Atreyo Ho



P: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

OFFERING *(please be seated)*

P: Our offering is an act of ministry and worship as well as a response to God's grace. We recognize all that God has given to us and with thanksgiving we return those gifts to the LORD.

You can place your offering in the offering plate that is passed at this time in our service,

You can scan this QR code to our online giving page,



You can use our app to send your offering,

or mail your offering to the church:

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THE OFFERTORY

Instrumental

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *(please stand)*



The musical score is written on six staves of music. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours, we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an of-fer-ing. we are an of-fer-ing." The music is in a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. It features various note values including eighth, quarter, and half notes, as well as rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) on the first, third, and sixth staves. The piece concludes with a double bar line on the sixth staff.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours, we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you,
we are an of-fer-ing. we are an of-fer-ing.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: God of Grace, receive these gifts. Some are large and some are small. We bring them to you to use according to your will. We give out of what we have and for every person who cannot afford an offering. We give to help those who make agonizing choices between putting food on the table and buying medicine for illnesses and shoes for children. We pray that you would use these gifts for your good. Right what is wrong. Balance systems of injustice. Use these gifts to build a better world that we can imagine but only you can bring forth. In hope we pray,

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Let us pray, Lord come to the table week after week because we are forgetful and fearful people.

It is part of our human nature;

That is why we long for this space at the table week after week

So that the bread and the cup may remind us of who we are and whose we are.

Remind us again, dear Jesus, of your great love.

Whisper to our hearts how our lives begin and end with you.

Tell our hearts of your great love for this world shown in life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Remind us of these things, so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we may praise your name and join the unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us now pray together as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

Thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: When we gather around this table,

we release the worldly stories that only those with status or wealth deserve to be fed.

When we gather around this table, we can reimagine what could be -- what a world could look like when all belong.

We gather around this table as an act of restoration, as an act of resistance, as an act of faith in God.

So, come.

Come with your dreams and your memories.

Come with your full authentic self -- the self that is full of hurt and hope, pain and joy.

Come with your questions, your wonderings, and your prayers.

Come—not because you have to, but because here you can taste God's grace.

Come because this is a moment of restoration,
a moment where everything is holy.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the gift of Holy Communion. You may come forward and take an empty cup for wine or a filled cup of grape juice to the altar. If you are unable to come forward, please let us know and we will come to you. When Communion is finished, please stand.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

COMMUNION RESPONSE



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Holy God, as we leave this table, may we remember that you have met us here. Help us remember that with you, all are invited. With you, there is a seat for everyone. With you, there is enough to go around. With you, we can build tables like this in the world. We need more tables like this in the world. Gratefully we pray.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

ELW #689

THE DISMISSAL

A: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Instrumental

Pastor
Pastor Emeritus
Organist
Pianist
Parish Administrator

Rev. Sue Washburn
Rev. Steven J. Myers
Joshua Beck
Nancy Finke Sheehan
Laura Vincenti

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Pastor Sue's "Drop-In Wednesdays" Community Outreach

In **OCTOBER**, Pastor Sue's community hours will be at Dunkin on Rt. 286. Stop by and bring friends to meet and talk with Pastor Sue.

*October Drop-Ins
Wednesdays: 10 am-12 pm
on the 7th, 21st & 28th
(no Community Drop In on
Wednesday, October 14th)
Dunkin, Holiday Park
1803 Golden Mile Highway
(Route 286)*

Pastor Sue's Open Office Hours at the Church

***Fridays from
10 am to 12 pm***

*Please feel free to stop by
to talk about what's
on your mind.*

You can also schedule private time with Pastor Sue by using this link to her calendar, where you can set up a specific time and location:

<https://calendar.app.google/HfC4jyoazNMnGwnW6>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Celebrating The Festival of All Saints Oct 31 & Nov 1

To order white carnations in memory of loved ones for the Festival of All Saints on November 1st & 2nd, please take an order envelope from the table in the Entryway. Each carnation is \$1.50 and may be taken home after the Sunday service on November 1st.

Deadline for orders is Sunday, October 24th. Place your order envelope in the offering plates or drop off at the church office.

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**HONORING ALL WHO SERVED**

Are you a veteran? We will be honoring the members and friends of our church who have served our nation (during a time of peace or war) during our worship services on Saturday, November and Sunday, November . If you served our nation in the armed forces, please sign the sheet in the Entryway and share your branch of military service.

Thank you for your service to our country.

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Following Jesus means ***dedicating ourselves to helping others***. Jesus



reminds us to care for those in need with these words, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." (Matthew 25).

This fall and winter we hope that you will participate in one or more of Christ Lutheran's ministry outreach programs that seek to fulfill Christ's call.

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Thursday, October 15th, at 9:30 am to pack box lunches and deliver them to those on our caring list. Thank you to the volunteers that make this mission possible by preparing lunches, special treats, and delivering them. If you know of someone who would like to be included on our caring list, or if you would like to become part of Caring Hearts and Hands, please contact the church office.



Through our congregational survey, we've been working to collect information from our members about what their priorities are in a new pastor, and to gauge your opinions on what CLC does well and where we can improve.

You should have received your copy of the survey by now. If you haven't, please contact the office, or scan the code on the right to access the survey online.

Paper copies are available in the

Entryway for those who prefer them. A secure collection box for completed surveys is in the Entryway as well, if you would rather drop your survey at the church instead of mailing it.

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED SURVEY BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup>**. Your responses will be received with great appreciation.

Christ's Lutheran Church

Survey

Sept. 27-October 11

What traits do you want in the new pastor?  
What do we do well? What can we do better?  
Your opinion counts!

On paper in the  
welcome center

On  
your  
phone

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BLESSED ARE THE OWLS

We're proud to be celebrating this elite group of Christ's Lutheran members age 80 and older at our OWLS Recognition Luncheon on Sunday.

And, we're especially honored to be commemorating CLC's HOOT OWLS, those who have reached the milestone of age 90!

Proverbs 16:31 says "**Gray hair is a crown of splendor**"; it is attained in the way of righteousness." Let those who are sporting hair of gray continue to generously share their experiences and wisdom to help make all our paths easier.

Please remember to keep the OWLS, HOOT OWLS and all older adults in your prayers for their continued health, strength and faith.

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**If you put out one of our Craft Fair signs on your street or in the community, THANK YOU! Could you please pick up the sign you placed and return it, with the metal stand, to the church. We'll cover and reuse them.**

Men’s Breakfast

Saturday, October 10th

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP TO START YOUR DAY

Men, join us on the second Saturday of each month at 8:30 am in CLC’s downstairs fellowship hall when we serve up a traditional breakfast and spend time in fellowship.

*No RSVP, you’re welcome anytime.*

Pianos, Pipes, Peals & Premiers    Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm

First Evangelical Lutheran Church Greensburg, PA. CLC pianist Nancy Finke Sheehan & CLC organist Josh Bech are performing. The free concert includes additional musicians and singers and features the premier of two pieces.

One of the pieces being premiered is in honor of Gwen Irwin’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday! Gwen is the mother of CLC member Kris Meade.

CLC’s Youth  
Group meets  
the first Sunday  
of the month at  
6 PM

ALL TEENS ARE  
WELCOME TO OUR  
UPCOMING EVENT:  
A BONFIRE AT THE  
FIRE PIT ON  
SUNDAY, NOV. 1ST



Election Day Bake Sale

Election Day is **Tuesday, November 3<sup>RD</sup>** and we need lots of goodies to make our annual bake sale a success. Sign up in the Entryway to bring goodies and/or to help the day of the sale.

Contact Cindy Shaner at [cindyshaner2@gmail.com](mailto:cindyshaner2@gmail.com) or 724-335-0801 with questions.

Cindy will be in the lower kitchen on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1-3 to accept your bake goods.



**Christ's Little Pantry**

TAKE WHAT YOU NEED. LEAVE WHAT YOU CAN.

**OUR LITTLE PANTRY HELPS SUPPORT NEIGHBORS FACING FOOD INSECURITY. IT'S OPEN 24/7 AND FREE FOR ANYONE TO USE. TAKE WHAT YOU NEED, AND IF YOU'RE ABLE, LEAVE ITEMS TO HELP OTHERS.**

→ SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE PANTRY'S CURRENT NEEDS.



## Ladies' Brunch Saturday, Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 11 am

Ladies of the church - Please join us as we celebrate the sisterhood of the women of Christ's Lutheran.

Any tasty treat you'd like to share is appreciated but not required.

- ~ Register via the calendars on our website or app
- ~ Or sign-up on the sheet in the entryway

## Puzzlers:

Join us on the 4th Saturday of the month for puzzling fellowship. We'll gather at 1:00 pm, after the Ladies' Brunch. Or, puzzle on your own, the current puzzle is on a table in the lower fellowship hall.



**Our church office is open:**

**Monday, Tuesday      Thursday, Friday**  
9:00 am-12:00 pm, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

Oct 11<sup>th</sup> - Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

*Keep our Ministry and Community in Your Prayers Each Day This Week*

## Little Pantry Weekend

### Sunday 10/11

***The older adult members of our church, for sharing their wisdom and experience***

9:00 am

Kids' Sunday School, Bible Study for Adults

9:00 am

Parent/Caregiver Small Group Class

**11:00 am**

**OWLS Luncheon**

10:00 am

Sunday Worship

7:30 pm

Narcotics Anonymous

### Monday 10/12

***Those struggling with addictions and depression***

8:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous

### Tuesday 10/13

***The ministry of Girl Scouts***

9:00 am

Stitched With Love

10:00 am

Congregational Life Team Meeting

11:00 am

Outreach Team Meeting

6:00 pm

Girl Scouts

6:30 pm

Worship & Music Committee Meeting

### Wednesday 10/14

***Bishop Melissa Stoller, bishop of our Synod***

### Thursday 10/15

***The volunteers of Caring Hearts & Hands and those who are served by this ministry***

9:30 am

Caring Hearts & Hands

6:30 pm

Council Meeting

### Friday 10/16

***All pet parents***

10:00 am

Pastor Sue's Drop-In Office Hours

3:30 pm & 5:00 pm

K9 Ministry - Scent Training for Dogs

### Saturday 10/17

***Those who are disabled***

6:00 pm

Saturday Worship

### Sunday 10/18

***Bible study teachers***

9:00 am

Kids' Sunday School, Bible Study for Adults

9:00 am

Parent/Caregiver Small Group Class

10:00 am

Sunday Worship

7:30 pm

Narcotics Anonymous