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Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.

All are welome! We gather to sing aloud and strong.

Not enslaved, but set free!

From now on, all will be one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

ELW #453, verse 4

Baptism is the rite of the church that officially brings us into the community of faith. In this community, we learn the stories of people who have lived their faith and the stories of people who are loving God and neighbors today. Baptismal waters are storied waters. During the month of November, you are going to hear two kinds of generosity stories. Actually, I should say three kinds: stories about the ministry your regular offerings have supported, stories telling how your special offerings have made a difference, and stories from the Bible.

Guest speakers from Camp Wartburg (November 4 & 5), the Spirit of Sharing Soup Kitchen (November 11 & 12), and Caseyville Elementary School (November 18 & 19) will bring both thanks and stories. They know how our offerings were used to love our neighbor – the young neighbor, the hungry neighbor, the needy neighbor.

God's love has been shared by this congregation throughout the year. It is a love that first came down to us. God made the first move. We are first receivers! Our stewardship began with God moving down to us in love. In joy, we moved in toward God and toward others who were also open to receiving God's love. We found a place for us at Our Lord's. We learned to share our resources with one another because God called us to love. And then we looked outward, saw needs, formed partnerships, and gave of our money and time. That's what stewardship is about. Through our stewardship we love God and love our neighbors. So come and hear the stories, come and celebrate what God has done. November is a time of giving thanks. And we have a lot to be thankful for!

Pastor Darla Ann



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NOVEMBER SERVICES

November 4 & 5 "From Every Time and Place"

All Saint's Weekend Revelation 7:9-17, Matthew 5:1-12 Baptism, First Communion, Remembrance of the Faithful Departed

November 11 & 12 "Stewards of Congregational Community"

1 Chronicles 29:1-9 Malachi 3:10 Luke 2:21-24 2nd Sunday 2nd Service

November 18 &19 "Stewards of God's Abundance"

Deuteronomy 14:22-29 1 Kings 17:8-16 Mark 6:30-44 Dedication of Giving Estimates for 2024

November 25 & 26 "Thanksgiving & Grace"

Christ the King Weekend Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Not all scriptures listed will be used for Saturday worship.

Saturday & Sunday hospitality continues! Sunday worship using ELW Setting: 3 Saturday Service | 5:00 PM Sunday Service | 9:00 AM (10:45 am on the 2nd Sunday of the month)

5:00 pm and 9:00 am services will be livestreamed.

NOVEMBER GIVING EMPHASIS: I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

Your Giving Emphasis Team has chosen November as a month of hearing stories and giving thanks for the stewardship of this congregation.

- Robert Polansky, the Executive Director of Camp Wartburg, will speak to the congregation on November 4 & 5.
- Dena Bieser, from the board of S.O.S., is coming to all three worship services on November
 11 & 12. S.O S. has a special treat for every worshiper including children on November 4 & 5.
- Then on November 18 & 19, Susan Rimar from Caseyville Schools has a message for us.







You, the people of Our Lord's Lutheran, have reached out beyond the walls of this congregation.

In doing so, you have made a difference.

2024: A NEW ERA OF GIVING

It is time to embrace new possibilities at Our Lord's. We must focus on youth, outreach, and supporting relationships within our congregation as we move into 2024.

How will you support the congregation as we begin a new era of giving? How can your commitments to OLLC help serve the congregation best in 2024?

In the coming days, you will receive in the mail a 2024 commitment packet.

Please take time to compete your financial commitment and commitment of service at Our Lord's.

Dedication of Commitments is November 18 & 19. If you attend worship in-building you may submit your commitments during the service. Otherwise, commitment cards may be mailed or hand delivered to the church office. If you have questions or concerns about how your Council is utilizing the many gifts you provide to Our Lord's Lutheran, please feel free to contact any of us.

As you prayerfully consider your commitment for 2024, trust in God and allow him to guide you in your giving. God can do great things; he can touch one life, and through that life touch millions. Give generously as God's grace is generously given to us.

THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS: CHILDREN'S EVENT

Saturday, November 4, 1 - 3 pm. Children ages 3-11

Planned events include: making bread sculptures, taking a faith walk through different rooms or stations that tell the stories of key events from Genesis to Revelation, craft projects, and storytelling.

Please inform Pastor Kratzer if your children or grandchildren plan to attend to assure that sufficient baking supplies can be purchased.

Helping tell the stories this year will be the students in the current Confirmation Class.

OLLC CYCLISTS RIDE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR AFRICAN VISION OF HOPE

Dave Gocken & Rod Orr are riding the Katy Trail (240 miles) to raise funds for African Vision of Hope. The ride is scheduled to begin Nov. 5, weather permitting. Please support Rod & Dave and make a donation. 100% of donations will be sent to AVoH. Contributions can be made as a lump sum or by mile. Please make checks payable to Our Lord's and identify "Katy Trail Ride" in the memo line of your contribution. Or you can go to the church Facebook Page and donate through the Facebook Fundraiser.



Dave & Rod have no monetary goal in mind, they believe in the cause and want to raise awareness for African Vision of Hope.

e. Rod & Dave, your actions are inspiring! **OLLC Commons Area**

Thanksgiving Bake Sale

NOVEMBER 18 & 19 following worship services

The OLLC Bake Sale is Back!

Bakers are needed! If you would like to supply baked goods, please complete the signup sheet in the narthex. All baked goods for the sale need to be at the church on the morning of Nov. 18.

Items should be packaged and ready for sale.

Proceeds from the bake sale will go to the OLLC Kitchen Fund and defray costs for fellowship supplies.

Questions? Call Cindy Pugh (618-334-1046) or Karen Cummings-Larson (314-306-5987)

SERVING OUR LORDS

SUNDAY SINGERS AND RINGERS NEEDED!

If you love music and would like to spend your Thursday evenings laughing, learning, and making a joyful noise, you are welcome! Please contact Cady Thomas Potts at 417-268-8777 or cady.thomas@ourlords.org for more information.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 6 pm; Handbell Choir Rehearsal at 7pm

OLLC PRAISE BAND

Saturdays 3:30 pm (practice); 5:00 pm (performance) To join, contact lemuelsmith@ourlords.org

SOS Spirit of Sharing Soup Kitchen - November 9

The OLLC Greenery Sale will not be held this year. It was determined that Our Lord's would take a break from this fundraising event.

WORKER BEES



The Worker Bees will next meet on Saturday, **November 4. at 7:00 am**. If you plan on attending, please confirm by email or text to Chuck Pugh.

Mower/Trimmer Schedule

Date:Mower:Trimmer:Nov. 2-4Toni DiBartolloRod OrrNov. 9-11Chuck PughTom MessinaNov. 16-18Steve HoelscherNov 23-25Jim SpencerTom Steinman

If you're interested in becoming a mower or trimmer, please contact the church office!

EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PRE-SCHOOL - Grade 5 SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays in the Life Center at 10:15 am!

CONFIRMATION CLASS Sundays at 10:15 am Meets weekly. 2nd Sunday of the month in Sanctuary. All other weeks in the Life Center Conference Room.

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Meets weekly in the Worship Center Youth Room. Sundays at 10:15 am

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 10:15 am

Luther: Gospel, Law, and Reformation

QUESTIONS BIBLE STUDY Mondays at 10:00 am Luther: Gospel, Law, & Reformation

FEEDING THE SOUL

"Finding God in the faith of others."

Wednesdays at 3:00 pm Chapel of the Pines
(weather permitting) or LC Conference Room

MORNING GLORIES BIBLE STUDY

November Bible Study - Holy places

Meets the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month.

OUR LORD'S YOUTH GROUP

OLY will meet on Sunday, November 12 from Noon to 1 pm in the Youth Room. We will share pizza, nail down some details for the National Youth Gathering in July of 2024, and complete the planning for the December Christmas Party.

TUESDAY TEA

Time: 3:00 PM Central Time - every week on Tuesday. All are welcome to join us for conversation.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86839398550? pwd=cTZUVi8ycjNJS296ZnZ4U3ErTGtwQT09 Meeting ID: 868 3939 8550 Passcode: 511171

CRAFTS & LAUGHS

Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30 pm

Several Christmas/Winter projects will be offered -- lighted gnomes & votive holders. (no experience necessary!). Contact Cindy Pugh (618-334-1046) by November 12 if you plan to attend. Cost of this session is \$10.

SERENDIPITY BOOK CLUB

We will next meet on
November 20th at 11:30 am.
We will discuss Famous in a Small Town
by Viola Shipman.
Bringing your lunch is optional.
Zoom will be available on request.
New members ALWAYS welcome!

OUR LORD'S CRAFTERS

We will next meet on November 29th in the Worship Center Fellowship Hall from 12 pm - 3 pm. Please contact Kathy Nehrt with any questions!



COUNCIL BRIEFS

Erick and I just returned from a trip to Portugal & Spain. During our journey were fortunate to visit many cathedrals; the highlight of our trip was seeing La Sagrada Familia Cathedral by Antoni Gaudi in Barcelona. We found the architecture of each building unique and the interior spaces spectacular. Yet nothing compared to the beauty we saw in the Douro Valley of Portugal. Traveling through the valley we found the time to slow down and admire God's agricultural masterpiece! The mountainsides looked like a patchwork quilt of green, yellow, orange and red. The terraced stone walls and vineyards had exploded in autumn colors.

Fall is a time of change and we are often captivated by the beauty in the changes of the landscape. We may look forward to autumn and the changes it offers but in our personal lives, we are resistant to change. While some changes invite new beginnings or a fresh new experience, other changes bring challenges, even sadness.

During the October council meeting possible and planned changes at OLLC were discussed -- new LED lighting in the sanctuary, landscaping changes to church grounds, a new assistive hearing device for the sanctuary, and our new Administrative Assistant, Cynthia Haggitt. The changes at OLLC have been good!

May this autumn reveal God's beauty as you embrace change in your life.

Yours in Christ, Karen Cummings-Larson

If you would like to discuss becoming involved in the leadership at OLLC, (serving on church council or as part of the ministry support team) please contact
Pastor Daria Ann or a council member.

If you are interested in attending a meeting, contact the church office for access information. You may read the previous month's minutes here: timyuri.com/4/mv76k2

FINANCIAL NEWS

Cash Assets of the Congregation

Balances in Selected Designated Funds

as of September 30, 2023

Building and Gr	ounds \$4,839
Fair Trade	\$592
Funeral Lunched	ons \$2,502
IT	\$1,047
Kitchen Team	\$604
Musical Perform	nance (\$550)
Pet Expo	\$32
Our Lord's Yout	h \$13,845
Thiel Estate Beq	uest \$21,493
Memorial	\$8,623
Elmwood Project	t \$220
Mind the Gap	\$598
People in A Pick	le \$1,331
SOS Soup Kitche	en \$1,733
Monthly Empha	LYON STATE

Thank you for sharing your financial resources with this congregation in support of the mission we share.

Note: payments labeled "Cooling Our Lord's," "Restoring Our Lord's," or "VIF/Boom, Mortgage, etc." will be deposited into "Building and Grounds," as the aforementioned funds are no longer active.

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(financial figures are taken from the October 2023 Treasurer Report given to the OLLC Council by Treasurer Max Eakin)



PRAYER CONCERNS

CONGREGATION MEMBERS

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Kathy Hoelscher
Dan Homes
Kim Payne
Linda Spencer
Brian Kassing
Nancy Lutz
Don Simonson Sr.
Don Klingsick
John Nehrt

Chuck Jorgenson
Gary Sides
Ian Comrie
Sonja Cheatham
Laura Schoenecker
Vicki Lottes
Dean Lackey
Kathie Brady
Peggy Pick-Sutton

THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

The family of Bonnie Eberle,
the family of Sandra Ingram (sister of Mike Williams),
the family of Robert Schieber,
the family of Tony Potts (Uncle of Cady Thomas Potts),
the family of John Charles Baker (brother of Vicki Lottes),
the family of Melva Reid (Aunt & Godmother of
Karen Tilashalski).

KC Mary & David Findley Carol Gendron Diane Daubs Rosy Park Fran Baker-Black Wally Doss Yvonne Tritt David Lee Sandra Ingram Ruth B. Aryan & Trinity Spurgeon Greg Beaver Tammy Green Donna F. Kathy Jamie

Nancy B.

Barb Carver

Janet Borowitz
Sheryl McBride
Jamie Moravec
Bill Orr
Dale & Carole
Larry Estal
Dean
Julie
Baker
Sharon
Debbie



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Lance Cpl. Clayton Campbell
Major James Carmichael
Capt. Blake Crosby
Airborne Ranger Keegan Crosby
Staff Sgt. Tyson Crosby
SPC Bill Homes

Zach Huff SrA Paul Kampwerth John Meyer Zachary Neubauer Amador Ochoa Josh Pace Scott Prengel
Jake Randall
Staff Sgt. Skipper Smith
Sgt. Matthew Spencer (Ret.)
Staff Sgt. Stephan Spencer
Erica Webb, US Private E-3

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

November Anniversaries

Kevin & Beth Giese
Jeff & Donna Beauchamp
Nathan & Maureen Johnson
Chad* & Caitlyn Baczewski
Joe* & Denise Cigliana
Justin & Kirby Orr
Darrell & Roberta Wibben
Rod & Carol Orr
Jeff & Hilda Scheiter

november Birthdays

Zachary Tiemann
Christopher Diggs
Dan Homes
Sara Davidson
Shelly Trucano
Alex Williams
Tom Messina
Keegan Charles Pugh
Kolby Matthew Pugh
Don Baden
Lydia Maye Blind
Lisa Goodwin
John Puricelli

Jeanette Goetter
Robert Schorr
Susan Peterson
Jim Schickel
Susan Rimar
Megan Sallee
Elizabeth Beauchamp
Paul Kampwerth
Don Klingsick
Carol Orr
Clayton Robert Helms
Caryl Kassing
Briley Bruninga

REMINDERS

PRAYER LIST - Please let the office know if you would like to add a new person, remove a current person, or change the status of anyone on our prayer list. OLLC practice include removing individuals from the prayer lists after 8 weeks unless an update is received

PRAYER VENTURES - Two pages of monthly prayer support for ELCA ministries are available at: www.elca.org/prayerventures

WHEN YOU HAVE CHANGES - Please let the church office know of changes to e-mail address, mail/resident addresses, telephone numbers, job, college, graduations etc.

CENTRAL SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD (CSIS) WEBSITE: www.csis-elca.org ELCA WEBSITE: www.elca.org If you would like to receive text message updates regarding outdoor services, special events, and emergency notifications such as cancellations, you can sign up for Remind. Simply follow the instructions below to be added to our list.

To sign up for updates regarding Saturday services, text @ollcsat to 81010.

To sign up for updates regarding Sunday services, text @ollcsun to 81010.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - Reminder: Newsletter Deadline (to submit articles for December's Newsletter): Wednesday, November 15, 2023.

LOOKING AHEAD

DECEMBER

- · First Weekend of Advent, Dec. 1-2
- Children's Christmas Pageant, Saturday, Dec. 9, 5 pm service
- SOS Soup Kitchen, Dec. 12
- Fair Trade Christmas Store, Dec. 9 & 10, 16 & 17
- Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 9 am, 4 pm, 7:30 pm
- · Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 9 am
- New Year's Eve, Dec. 31

Giving Emphasis: Christmas With Our Neighbors

JANUARY

- · New Year's Day, Jan. 1
- · OLLC Annual Meeting, Jan. 28

Giving Emphasis: Souper Bowl of Caring

FEBRUARY

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14
 Giving Emphasis: Lenten Offering, ELCA Hunger

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

OLLC STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Darla Ann Kratzer, Pastor
Cynthia Haggitt, Administrative Assistant
Cady Thomas Potts, Director of Worship Music for
Sundays and Special Services
Lemuel Smith, Director of Non-Traditional
Worship Music

Dr. Rhonda Comrie, Organist Matt Gross, Streaming Tech Benjamin Maynard, Worship Tech

CHURCH COUNCIL

Dr. Karen Cummings-Larson, President
Dr. Emily Truckenbrod, Vice President
Dr. Laura Schoenecker, Secretary
Dr. Max Eakin, Treasurer
Linda Hester, At Large
The Rev. Dr. Darla Ann R. Kratzer, Pastor

MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM

Kathy Nehrt (Education)
Cindy Pugh (Fellowship)
Ed Foppe (IT)
Carol Orr (Service)

Rhonda Comrie (Worship)

Vacant, Ministry Support Team Coordinator(s)

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Administrative Assistant love2haveu@ourlords.org

> Sunday School Lisa White

Fair Trade Store Mike Williams vablu2@aol.com







Faith Hall at St. John UCC 307 W Clay St | Collinsville, IL

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Saturday

December 2, 2023

10:00 am - 5:30 pm

Sunday

December 3, 2023

10:30 am - 2:00 pm

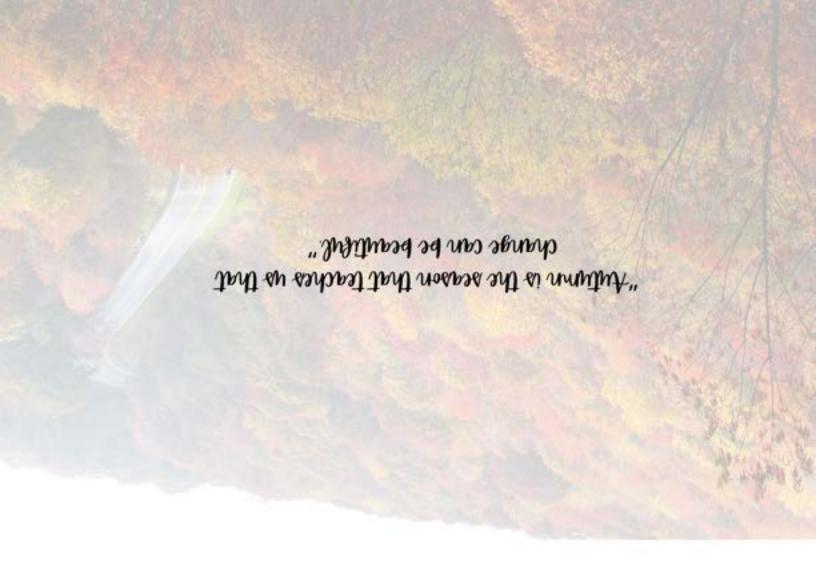
VENDORS WANTED

\$25 per 8' table (chairs provided)
\$50 for 10' x 10' booth (1 table & chairs provided if needed)
limited electrical available with booth only

To register please contact the church office at 618-344-2526 or office@stjohnucc-collinsville.org



NOVEMBER 2023 CALENDAR									
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT			
November Giving Emphasis:	I Zove to	tell the ry.	First Day of American Indian Heritage Month All Saints Day 3:00 PM Feeding The Soul	2 5:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - WC 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal - WC	3 Pastor's Sabbath 3:30 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas -WC	7:00 AM Worker Bees 1:00 PM Children's Event (WC) 3:30 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In- Building Praise Service			
5 Daylight Savings Time Ends All Saints Sunday 9:00 AM Worship: In- Building Traditional Service 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:15 AM Confirmation 10:15 AM PreK- Elementary Sunday School Classes 10:15 AM High School Sunday School Class	6 10:00 AM Questions Bible Study 11:00 AM Sunday Music Planning Meeting 3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas -WC	7 Election Day 3:00 PM Tuesday Tea- Zoom 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM NA Recovery - LC Basement	8 3:00 PM Feeding The Soul 7:00 PM Lakeview Garden Club Meeting - WC	9 10:00 AM Morning Glories 5:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - WC 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal - WC	10 Veteran's Day (substitute) Pastor's Sabbath 3:30 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas -WC	11 Veteran's Day 3:30 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In- Building Praise Service			
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26 Christ the King Sunday 9:00 AM Worship: In- Building Traditional Service Sunday School Thanksgiving Break	3:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC	28 3:00 PM Tuesday Tea - Zoom 4:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas -WC 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM NA Recovery - LC Basement	112:00 PM Our Lord's Crafters - WC 3:00 PM Feeding The Soul	5:00 PM Music Lessons, C. Thomas - WC 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - WC 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal - WC					



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