



# October newsletter

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October is a great month to focus on food. Now that the heat of summer is past, all kinds of possibilities emerge as we prepare and share food within our households and in the community. Inside this newsletter, starting on page 2, you will find an article about the Spirit of Sharing (SoS) Soup Kitchen written by Gail Jorgenson. On page 3 the Mind the Gap article mentions the hot meals prepared monthly by our members. Page 5 gives this month's details about SoS and indicates the date and time of the Worker Bee's breakfast. I think you get my point. Food is woven into the life of this congregation – in our serving, in our giving, in our fellowship, and in our worshipping.

Did you know that October 16 has been celebrated as World Food Day since 1979? This year, on the eve of the big day, a special online event will be held to celebrate 50 years of ELCA World Hunger. You may recall that we participated in this 50 th anniversary by designating our special Lenten giving to ELCA World Hunger. Generosity abounded as you contributed \$2,521 to the work being done to reduce hunger. Now, I invite you to hear firsthand stories from ELCA World Hunger partners. Tune in on Zoom at 7 pm (Central time) on October 15 to hear from Tapestry Farms, a Midwestern urban farm system in the Quad Cities of Iowa and Illinois. Also speaking that evening will be Educación Popular en Salud (EPES), a community health organization in Chile founded over 40 years ago. Both near and far, your dollars are at work to reduce hunger. There are plenty of reasons to be excited as we work toward a just world where all are fed. Please go to ELCA World Hunger's website to register, receive reminders, event information, World Food Day resources and the event recording. [ELCA.org/WH50](http://ELCA.org/WH50)

*--Pastor Darla Ann*

## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know **Collinsville Faith in Action** offers assistance for individuals 60 or older. Assistance with grocery shopping, companionship, respite for the family, minor home repairs, seasonal yard maintenance, social outings with other care receivers, Medicare enrollment assistance, Benefits Access (license plate discount and bus passes), and information about other possible benefits are available to residents of: Collinsville, Maryville, Caseyville, & Fairmont City. Residents in Troy & Granite City can receive assistance to/from medical appointments. Call 618-344-8080 for more information.

Did you know **Faith in Action- Edwardsville Glen/Carbon** offers many services to support the independence & well being of seniors age 60 and above within the Unit #7 School District. Assistance includes: running errands, shopping for groceries, providing companionship, giving rides to medical appointments, & providing respite care/relief for family caregivers. Contact 618-692-0480 for additional information.

Did you know the **Maryville Alliance** offers assistance to Maryville residents or those attending Maryville churches with utilities, rent, medical supplies or other critical needs; assistance with food insecurities; and transient assistance. Contact 618-345-9693 for additional information.



**OUR LORD'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## THE SPIRIT OF OUR LORD'S NEWS

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"Called to share Christ's Love with all."

**October 5 & 6**

20th Sunday after Pentecost  
Genesis 2:18-24  
Mark 10:2-16  
"Accepted and Valued"

**October 19 & 20**

22nd Weekend after Pentecost  
Isaiah 53:4-12  
Mark 10:35-45  
"Seats of Honor"  
**Baptisms**

**October 12 & 13**

21st Weekend after Pentecost  
Psalm 90:12-17  
Mark 10:17-31  
"Out of Love"

**October 26 & 27**

Reformation Weekend  
Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Romans 3:19-28  
John 8:31-36  
"Gift and Relief"

Saturdays at 5 pm  
Sundays at 9 am  
2nd Sunday at 10:45 am

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

**Listen to services using your phone or tablet!**

Scan the QR code or download AudioFetch on Google Play or iTunes.



**OCTOBER GIVING EMPHASIS - OLLC SOS**



It's fall and all the joy that comes with the season is unfolding. Back to school activities, football, bonfires, chili cook-offs, comfort food, and fall baking. The season is my favorite because so much of what I do involves people and food -- baking apple pies, cooking pumpkin everything, making soup and more soup, and slowing down to enjoy the company of family and friends. Thanksgiving and Christmas are on the horizon and it's more time spent with family and friends.

However, it is also a time when many in our community are focusing their energy on buying school supplies and new school clothes, school physicals, playing higher energy bills, and preparing grocery budgets that in the face of increasingly higher food cost. The average cost of ground beef is up almost 12% compared with Jan 2023, eggs are up 20% compared with summer 2023, and bread up almost 8% from 2023. These are just a few examples of the additional costs families nationwide are experiencing.

20,104 served BY THE END OF 2024



Our Collinsville community is not exempt to these increases and as a result the Spirit of Sharing Soup Kitchen has seen an increase in patrons. We had seen an increase over the last several years going from 10,309 in 2022 to 16,560 in 2023. This year our patrons have continued to grow and as of Aug 2024 we have served 13,403 and predict we could see as many as 20,104 by the end of 2024. OLLC averages approximately 190 patrons each month at an approximate cost of \$3.40 each. We have been very blessed this year with large donations of ground beef, lowering our average cost to approximately \$2.50 per meal.

**13.5% of US households EXPERIENCED FOOD INSECURITY**

The giving emphasis for the month of October will be support for the OLLC SOS Soup Kitchen. Throughout the month we plan to provide additional information on the mission, the costs, the opportunities for volunteers and donations. This mission supports our local community and spans all ages from infant to elder. In 2023, 13.5% of US households experienced food insecurity, that equates to approximately 18 million households. It is note worthy that that number represents households and not individuals. In 2023 Collinsville's poverty rate was 12.9%, suggesting we are close to the national average.



**190 patrons  
SERVED EACH MONTH**



Perhaps it is impossible to know each of our patron's "situation" and perhaps impossible to eliminate food insecurity in the US completely, but why shouldn't we assume we can wipe out food insecurity in our community. We are God's hands, we are blessed with his unfailing love, and we have unlimited opportunities to serve our God and his people. The SoS Soup Kitchen is asking for your prayerful consideration during this focus period, to consider what is POSSIBLE with your support.

**Funds given to SoS during October will go to the OLLC SoS designated fund. These funds are used to purchase groceries for the meals prepared and served by OLLC at SoS Soup Kitchen.**

## FIRST RESPONDERS BREAKFAST - ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS

September 14 was the 2nd year Our Lord's Lutheran hosted the First Responder's Breakfast. A hearty breakfast was prepared and served to 75+ first responders from the area. Fire fighters, EMTs, police officers, dispatchers, emergency room workers, hospital workers and their families were invited. Several off-duty personnel shared the meal in the church building. For those not able to be with us due to work schedules, delivery service was offered. First responders from Collinsville, Edwardsville, Glen Carbon, Maryville, and Troy participated.



The breakfast may have been spearheaded by Our Lord's members, but the community was involved. Donations from Thrivent, Silly Grandma's Sweet Creations (Troy, IL), Bobby's Frozen Custard (Maryville, IL), Dunkin Donuts (Troy, IL), McDonald's (Alton, Bethalto, Edwardsville, Godfrey, & Hamel, IL), and A Sign Shoppe (Caseyville, IL) contributed to making the breakfast a community success.

*First Responders are dedicated and willing to serve the community. They are truly the unsung heroes of our community.*



## MIND THE GAP

**Our congregation members continue to be generous in their varied ways of supporting Mind The Gap.**

The following list includes some continuing needs and a few new requests:

- Hand towels and wash cloths
- Small jars of peanut or other nut butters
- Socks - athletic white for men/your choice for women
- Underwear s/m/l for both men and women
- Small flashlights and batteries
- Winter gloves
- Sweatshirts with hoods
- Insulated shirts or pants for cold weather
- Warm blankets and sleeping bags
- Chemical hand or toe warmer packs
- Large backpacks

New & gently used items are accepted. Place all donations in the "Mind The Gap" bin in the narthex.

A small, but devoted team of volunteers have been taking turns providing hot meals to serve 60 persons on the second Tuesday of each month as well as the few times the regular MTG cook is unavailable. If you would like to make a meal for MTG, please contact Carol Gocken (618)531-7824.

**NOTE:** You and your group could volunteer to work together to provide a meal on a "one time, no strings attached" basis. Food costs may be submitted for reimbursement.



# ELMWOOD PROJECT

## Thank you to everyone who has donated to the bingo prize collection for Elmwood.

The Activity Director continues to highlight hygiene related gifts in small or regular sizes for both men and women and especially small bottles fragrance for both Gals and Guys. The Bingo schedule is:

- First, second, and third Mondays of each month at 2pm
- Every Wednesday at 2pm
- E/O Saturday morning at 10:30am

The residents enjoy having visitors play bingo along with them so please feel welcome to join them.

Magazines related to cars, basketball/ baseball/etc sports, Hollywood stars (ie US, People, Billboard, Entertainment Weekly, Star), Readers Digest are also welcomed.

**All contributions can be placed in the "Elmwood Project" bin in the narthex.**



## Worship Services for Elmwood Residents

Pastor will be providing Elmwood residents with a short worship service (30 min. or less) on site on Tuesday mornings. The service format will be flexible enough to accommodate a lay-led service. OLLC members who are interested in being a part of the services or willing to fill in on occasion, contact Pastor Darla Ann.

## SOS COORDINATOR NEEDED

### Are you being called to be a part of SoS?

Prayerfully consider leading or co-leading this ministry.



The position will require the coordinator(s) to:

- 1) announce the serving schedule to the church membership (monthly requirement 15-20 minutes)
- 2) solicit volunteers for meal preparation and serving (monthly - sign up sheet is placed in the Narthex and if there are not enough volunteers you need to call possible congregational members and SoS coalition volunteers) - required time varies could be up to 2-3 hours
- 3) set the menu (monthly or bi-monthly done at Coalition meeting)
- 4) obtain the supplies needed for the meal (normally shopping can be completed at Gordon Food Service and Sam's Club - required time normally runs 3 hours)
- 5) lead the preparation and serving of the meal (monthly - normally arrive early to bring in supplies and prepare the kitchen for the volunteers - then stay until completion of serving - required time between 4-6 hours).

OLLC normally serves on the second Tuesday or the second Thursday. While not every month, we do serve 8-10 times a year. There is a Coalition Member meeting every two months, which takes about an hour in the evening if you join by Zoom or 1 hour and drive time if you are physically in the meeting room. For the interim Gail will take the meetings as the new coordinator(s) get their bearings working the serving effort.

**The S.O.S. mission needs your prayerful consideration to meet this vacancy in our mission outreach efforts.**

Please feel free to contact Gail Jorgenson or Pastor Darla Ann if you have questions regarding this request.

## MUSIC AT OUR LORD'S

### Chance Choir

REHEARSALS: Thursdays 6-7 pm  
PERFORMANCES: 1-2 Sundays a month



Contact Cady Thomas Potts for additional information. [cadythomas@ourlords.org](mailto:cadythomas@ourlords.org)

Full rehearsal & performance schedule

### Handbell CHOIR

REHEARSALS: Thursdays 7-8 pm  
PERFORMANCES: 1-2 Sundays a month



Contact Cady Thomas Potts for additional information. [cadythomas@ourlords.org](mailto:cadythomas@ourlords.org)

Full rehearsal & performance schedule

### Praise BAND

REHEARSALS:  
Saturdays 3:30 pm  
PERFORMANCES:  
Saturdays 5 pm

Contact Olivia Cross for additional information. [oecross@gmail.com](mailto:oecross@gmail.com)

**October 10**

**Assistance with preparation and serving the meal is needed.** Sign up on the signup sheet in the narthex.



In effort to minimize cost, food for S.O.S. will be purchased through a local wholesaler. Rather than donating specific items, we are asking anyone interested in supporting this ministry to provide cash contributions. Donations can be given via check, cash, or through Vanco online giving. Please

note "S.o.S." in the memo line. Contact Gail Jorgenson or the church office with questions.

**Worker Bees:  
Saturday, October 5**

**breakfast at 7:00 am  
Church 8:00 am**

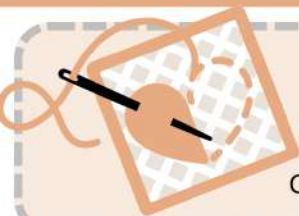
If you plan on attending, please confirm by email or text to Chuck Pugh.



**OLLC FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**OUR LORD'S CRAFTERS**

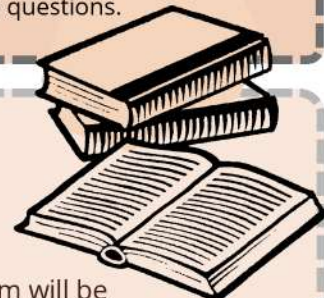
**Crafters will meet October 30** in Fellowship Hall from 12 pm - 3 pm. Contact Kathy Nehrt with any questions!



**CRAFTS & LAUGHS**

**Next meeting will be October 8th (fall craft) followed by November 12 (winter/christmas craft).**

Contact Cindy Pugh (618-334-1046) with questions. Let Cindy know your plans to attend.



**TUESDAY TEA - October 8**

**Time:** 3:00 PM Central Time - 2nd Tuesday of each month. All are welcome to join us!

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



**SERENDIPITY BOOK CLUB**

**Book Club will meet October 21 at 11:30 am**

We will discuss *Necessary Trouble* by Drew Gilpin Faust.

Bringing your lunch is optional. Zoom will be available on request. New members ALWAYS welcome!

**"Herding Alphas"**

**A new OLLC ministry for families with children of the alpha generation!** (children born 2010 through 2025)

Even as the kids become teenagers, this group of parents will still be herding Alphas. All families with children of the Alpha generation are invited to attend.

Sunday, October 27, 12 noon at DeMange Farm in St Jacob

Saturday, November 9, 1 pm - 5 pm at Atomic Pinball Arcade in Wood River

January 19, time TBD (WC-FH) Board Games and food

For additional information contact the church office.



**HERDING ALPHAS**

**EDUCATION AT OUR LORD'S**

**PRE-SCHOOL - FIRST GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sundays in the Life Center in Room 4 at 10:15 am!

**ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sundays in the Life Center in Room 2 at 10:15 am!

**CONFIRMATION CLASS - grade 6-8** Sundays at 10:15 am

Our seven students successfully launched the start of the confirmation class year. On October 13th they will help lead the 2nd Sunday, 2nd Service at 10:45 am. Then on October 19th the first service project of the year will be to set up the activity booth for children at the Maryville Fall Festival.

Class sessions will cover the legacy of Martin Luther and the ways in which the Apostle Paul was an inspiration to Luther.



**HIGH SCHOOL CLASS**

Sundays at 10:15 am

Meets weekly in the Worship Center Youth Room except on the 2nd Sunday of the month when they teach or assist with classes for younger children in the Life Center.

**OUR LORD'S YOUTH GROUP**

OLY will meet on Sunday, October 20 at 11:15 to shop for ingredients for making baked goods for desserts for the December SoS Soup Kitchen.

## EDUCATION AT OUR LORD'S

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** *Sundays at 10:15 am -- Conference Room (WC)*  
**QUESTIONS BIBLE STUDY** *Mondays at 10:00 am -- Conference Room (LC)*

**"The Historical Jesus"** a 24 part lecture DVD series  
by Prof. Bart Ehrman

Everyone who has even the faintest knowledge of Jesus has an opinion about him, and these opinions vary widely--not only among lay people but even among historical scholars who have given their lives to the task of reconstructing what Jesus was really like, what he really said and did. This course is designed to explain why it has proved so difficult to know about the man behind the myth and to see what kinds of conclusions modern scholars have drawn about him. The course will be taught from a strictly historical perspective; no particular theological beliefs will be either affirmed or denied.

### MORNING GLORIES BIBLE STUDY

*2nd & 4th Thursday @ 10:00 am in the Commons (WC)*

**Fall Session: "Receiving grace: A study of Ephesians" by Rev. Heidi Haverkamp**

October discussion -  
*Grace-filled living—ancient and new*  
*What did the writer of Ephesians imagine grace would look like in Christian life and relationships? How can we live from grace in our own time, reading this letter through our cultural lenses and experiences?*

### FEEDING THE SOUL

**Wednesdays at 3:00 pm** LC Conference Room

In October we begin the discussion of  
*Making Sense of the Cross* by David J. Lose

**New members are always welcome!**

## FAIR TRADE - UPDATE



Fair Trade Supporters,

A NEW SEASON is coming up fast. New Catalogs are coming out soon. The Website already has the NEW items to view and purchase. PLEASE shop the Shop. There some beautiful item on the shelves right now. Help me make room for some NEW stuff.

**Thank you so much for your support in our Fair Trade Ministry.** Mike



## 3RD ANNUAL PET EXPO

The Pet Expo will be moving to **April 12, 2025.**

If you are interested in assisting with the Pet Expo, contact the church office.

*We look forward to another successful event in the spring!*



## CENTRAL-SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD UPDATE



### First Friday Prayer Group

Where and how is the Spirit moving? One way to find out is to gather together regularly for what Luther calls "The Mutual Conversation and Consolation of the Saints."

You are invited into a time of prayer on Zoom from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. on the first Friday of every month. We will share what the Holy Spirit has laid on our hearts and then lift up those concerns and hopes to God in prayer.

This spiritual practice allows us to see Christ and be Christ for one another as the Holy Spirit builds up our communities of faith across the Central Southern Illinois Synod. Come join us as we share our hopes and concerns with God and one another for the sake of our shared life together.

Sign up at [CSIS-ELCA.org/firstfriday](https://CSIS-ELCA.org/firstfriday) to receive the Zoom link.

### Save the dates: Understanding the Hebrew Bible

The winter Adult Faith Formation class, "Understanding the Hebrew Bible," will be held on January 18 and 25, February 8 and 22, and March 8 and 22. Learn about the connection between Israel's story and Israel's theology as recorded in the Hebrew Bible ("Old Testament"), with an eye toward interpreting both Hebrew and Christian scriptures and theology today. The class will be taught by the Rev. Dr. Fred Niedner, senior research professor at Valparaiso University's School of Theology.

# a home for everyone

**"musical reflections on the season of winter"**

presented by Our Lord's Lutheran Church



hot beverages and baked snacks  
served beforehand

**who:**

Olivia Cross  
Cady Thomas Potts  
Benji Maynard  
Brian Gunderson

**when/where:**

3 pm  
Sunday, November 24  
150 Wilma Dr. Maryville,  
IL 62062



this concert will take place  
*indoors* in Our Lord's fellowship hall

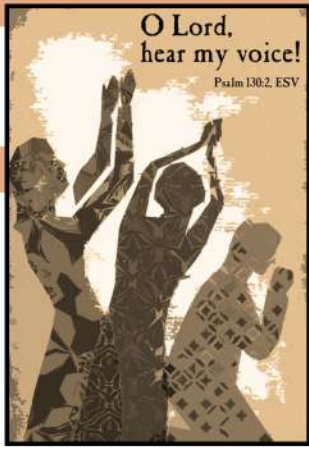
**general admission: \$5**  
**kids under 12: free**

**all proceeds go to: [mindthegapstl.org](http://mindthegapstl.org)**

*all are welcome!*

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Everyone listed here is important to a person of the congregation. Please include them in your praying so that they know and feel God's power and presence.



### CONGREGATION MEMBERS

Leonard Stensland  
 Joyce Tatjenhorst  
 Mike Williams  
 Emily Callahan  
 Dave Chaffee  
 JoAnn Hartke  
 April Clark  
 Shellie Lackey  
 Keith Jensen  
 Greg Perkins  
 Linda Spencer  
 Annie Jackson  
 Brian Gunderson  
 David Gocken

Don Klingsick  
 Dan Homes  
 John Nehrt  
 Rod Orr  
 Don Simonson Sr.  
 Nicole Williams  
 Brian Kassing  
 Irene VanHooser

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

Jamie Moravec	Ozzie
Ken Bunetic	Joyce
Brock & Barbara Vinson	Grace
Tommy Banks	Tim Garber
Wesley Collier	Rose K.
Russell Doebler	Lynn & Jim
Emily, Riley, Christy, & Justine	Jim R.
Carl Bruntjen	Nicci Essington
Shelley Bruntjen	Cathie Trickey
Darwin Reding	Dale & Carole
Michael Echevarria	March Banks
Annie Jackson	Kitty Jo Edgar

### PRAY FOR THOSE THAT HAVE DIED & FAMILIES THAT ARE GRIEVING

Jane Cook and family (friend of Loretta Williams)

### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

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

Staff Sgt. Skipper Smith  
 Sgt. Matthew Spencer (Ret.)  
 Staff Sgt. Stephan Spencer  
 Zach Huff  
 Jake Randall

Erica Webb, US Private E-3  
 SrA Paul Kampwerth  
 John Meyer  
 Zachary Neubauer

Amador Ochoa  
 Capt. Blake Crosby  
 Josh Pace  
 Scott Prengel

## CELEBRATIONS THIS MONTH

### October Birthdays

Kraig Gunderson	David White	Heather Renee Hill Barnett
Alivia Kirk	Jodie Nehrt	Hailey McGuire-Bardmass
Leah Wyvell	Lisa White	Kathie Brady
Debby Meadows	Andrew Nehrt	Jacob Callahan
Angela Lange	David Schroeder	Lori Fremder
Lili Micnheimer	Christopher Short	Jackie Schlonat
Emily Callahan Thompson	Garrett Short	Kyler Orr
Linda Harriss	Karen Tilashalski	Isabella Redenius
Piper Lily Helms	Kylie Fremder	
Susan Homes	Laura Foppe	

### October Anniversaries

Scott & Norma Klingsick  
 Kraig & Debby Gunderson  
 Jeff & Carol Helf  
 Steve & Kathy Hoelscher  
 Caleb & Alison Hancock  
 Dave & Debbie Geiler  
 Joe & Georgeann Smithies  
 David & Ashley Hammonds  
 Alex & Nicole Williams  
 Dave & Kay Chaffee

## 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 includes 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/Resources/Prayer-Ventures](http://www.elca.org/Resources/Prayer-Ventures)

### 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.

### OTHER INFORMATION

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America -- <https://www.elca.org/>  
 Central Southern Illinois Synod -- <https://www.csis-elca.org/>



# LOOKING AHEAD

## NOVEMBER

- November 1 - All Saints Day
- November 2 - Children's Event: "The Communion of Saints"
- November 3 - Daylight Saving Time ends
- November 5 - Election Day
- November 11 - Veterans Day
- November 23 & 24 - OLLC Fall Bake Sale, Christ the King Weekend
- November 24 - "A Home for Everyone" Concert
- November 28 - Thanksgiving
- Nov 30 & Dec 1 - First Weekend of Advent

**Giving Emphasis:**  
**"Stories of Ministries"**

## DECEMBER

- December 1- First Sunday of Advent
- December 4, 11, & 18 - Holden Evening Prayer
- December 7 - Greening the Church
- December 22 & 29 - Education Classes on break
- December 24 - Christmas Eve
- December 25 - Christmas Day - Christmas w/ Our Neighbors
- December 31 - New Year's Eve

**Giving Emphasis:**  
**Christmas with Our Neighbors**

## JANUARY

- January 1- New Year's Day
- January 3 - Team Reports Due for annual report
- January 6 - Epiphany - Invite Pastor to bless your home
- January 18 & 19 - begin Souper Bowl of Caring emphasis
- January 20 - Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday
- January 25 - OLLC Annual Meeting

**Giving Emphasis:**  
**Souper Bowl of Caring**

## OLLC MINISTRY TEAM

### OLLC STAFF

**The Rev. Dr. Darla Ann Kratzer,**  
Pastor

**Cynthia Haggitt,**  
Administrative Assistant

**Cady Thomas Potts,**  
Director of Worship Music for  
Sundays & Special Services

**Olivia Cross,**  
Leader of Non-Traditional  
Worship Music

**Dr. Rhonda Comrie,**  
Organist

**Benjamin Maynard,**  
Worship Tech  
Livestreaming Specialist  
ProPresenter Slide Designer

### CHURCH COUNCIL

**Dr. Karen Cummings-Larson,**  
President

**Dr. Emily Truckenbrod,**  
Vice President

**Jeanette Goetter,**  
Secretary

**Dr. Laura Schoenecker,**  
Treasurer

**Linda Hester,**  
Member At-Large

**The Rev. Dr. Darla Ann R. Kratzer,**  
Pastor

### MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM

**Cindy Pugh:** Fellowship

**Ed Foppe:** IT

**Carol Orr:** Service

**Dr. Rhonda Comrie:** Worship  
*Education Team Leader position  
is currently vacant*

**Sunday School:**  
Lisa White

**Fair Trade Store:**  
Mike Williams  
vablu2@aol.com

**Newsletter Editor:**  
K. Cummings-Larson

**Facebook:**  
Maureen "Mo" Johnson

## COUNCIL BRIEFS

During my teaching career I found it was important to LISTEN to what my students did not say as well as what they said. It was during the quiet times, during the silences that I learned the most about my students. The other day I came across the following message from a colleague:

*A farmer lost his watch in the barn. The watch had great sentimental value, so he searched for it to no avail. He heard some kids playing outside, and explained to them about his watch, and asked if they would help him find it. They all searched but could not find the watch. The farmer thanked them for their help and sent them off. As they were leaving, one little boy asked if he could try again. The farmer decided to give him another chance, and the boy returned to the barn. About half an hour later, the boy walked out of the barn with the watch. The farmer was amazed, and asked how he could find it when so many had been looking and failed? The boy replied, "I didn't do anything...I just sat in the silence and listened. Eventually, I heard the ticking of the watch, and followed the sound." Sometimes, if you just sit quietly, we will hear the "ticking" of our Savior's promptings, leading us to the truth and helping us on our way.*

It is often in the silence that we learn the most.

At the September council meeting \$700 of local benevolence was allocated (\$400 to CFIA and \$300 to SIUE Cougar Cupboard), we discussed giving trends for Current Benevolence and for Designated Giving (1/1/24 thru 8/31/24), council allocated \$500 toward the Life Center Landscaping Eagle Scout Project, discussed the September and November OLLC Concerts organized by Olivia Cross, and initiated development of a nominating committee and a contract review committee. Pastor shared the plans to financially support all OLLC youth grades 6-12 for the synod youth gathering in Carlinville in November. It is great to see an increase in the numbers of youth at Our Lord's and witness their involvement in church activities.

Look around, pay careful attention to the silence. LISTEN to what is being said as well as what is not said. Take time to stop, sit in silence, and hear what we are being called to do.

BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD" (Ps 46:10)

Yours in Christ, *Karen Cummings-Larson*

*If you would like to become involved in the leadership at OLLC, please contact Pastor Darla Ann or a council member.*

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Provided by OLLC Treasurer Laura Schoenecker  
If you have any questions, please contact Laura at lswanso@siue.edu.

### General Benevolence Income

August 2024..... \$19,569

### General Benevolence Expenses

August 2024..... \$21,996

Cash - Unrestricted ..... \$14,548

Cash - Designated ..... \$90,726

**Total Cash ..... \$105,274**

### During August:

- The balance of the Monthly Emphasis Fund at the end of August 2024 was \$749.03. The following were included in the total: Lutheran Campus Ministry (\$25), School Supplies (\$424) and African Vision of Hope (\$300).
- **\$37,656** was given to "Here Comes the Sun" Solar Project Fund
- **\$1,761** will be sent to Synod for Synodical Mission Support (9% of Benevolence Giving for month).

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

To give, simply scan this QR code with your smart phone. The QR code takes you directly to the OLLC giving page. On the giving page you have the opportunity to identify if your contribution is for Benevolence (church expenditures) or for one of the designated funds. Of course, cash or checks are always welcomed. No matter which method you choose when giving to OLLC, all donations received will help us sustain our ministries throughout the year.





# OCTOBER 2024 CALENDAR

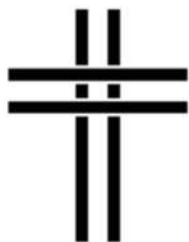
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>OCTOBER GIVING EMPHASIS</b> 		<b>1</b> <b>Pastor at Fall Theological Conference</b>  <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service at Elmwood <b>7:00 PM</b> NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room <b>7:00 PM</b> NA Recovery - LC Basement	<b>2</b> <b>Pastor at Fall Theological Conference</b>	<b>3</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal - WC <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal - WC	<b>4</b> <b>Pastor's Sabbath</b>	<b>5</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Worker Bees breakfast <b>8:00 AM</b> Worker Bees @ OLLC <b>3:30 PM</b> Praise Band Practice <b>5:00 PM</b> Worship: Praise Service <b>6:15 PM</b> Hospitality
<b>6</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:15 AM</b> Hospitality <b>10:15 AM</b> Pre-K, Elementary, & Confirmation <b>10:15 AM</b> High School Class - Youth Room <b>10:15 AM</b> Adult Bible Study - WC Conf Room	<b>7</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Questions Bible Study - LC Conference Room	<b>8</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service at Elmwood <b>3:00 PM</b> Tuesday Tea-Zoom <b>4:30 PM</b> First Communion Class <b>6:30 PM</b> Crafts & Laughs - WC <b>7:00 PM</b> NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room <b>7:00 PM</b> NA Recovery - LC Basement	<b>9</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Feeding the Soul - LC Conference Room <b>7:00 PM</b> Lakeview Garden Club Meeting - WC	<b>10</b> <b>OLLC serves SoS</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Morning Glories <b>6:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal - WC <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal - WC	<b>11</b> <b>Pastor's Sabbath</b>	<b>12</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Praise Band Practice <b>5:00 PM</b> Worship: Praise Service <b>6:15 PM</b> Hospitality
<b>13</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:15 AM</b> Hospitality (Coffee, Teas, & Treats) <b>10:15 AM</b> Pre-K, Elementary, & Confirmation <b>10:15 AM</b> High School Class - Youth Room <b>10:15 AM</b> Adult Bible Study - WC Conf Room <b>10:45 AM</b> Worship	<b>14</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Questions Bible Study - LC Conference Room <b>6:00 PM</b> Girl Scouts - LC <b>6:30 PM</b> Ministry Support Team - ZOOM	<b>15</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service at Elmwood <b>4:30 PM</b> First Communion Class <b>6:30 PM</b> Membership Inquiry Class <b>7:00 PM</b> NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room <b>7:00 PM</b> NA Recovery - LC Basement	<b>16</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> Feeding the Soul - LC Conference Room <b>6:30 PM</b> Identity & Action Team - LC Conference Room	<b>17</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal - WC <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal - WC	<b>18</b> <b>Pastor's Sabbath</b>	<b>19</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> La Leche League - WC <b>10:00 AM</b> -Confirmation class set up for Maryville Fall Festival - Drost Park <b>11:00 AM</b> - Maryville Fall Festival - Drost Park <b>3:30 PM</b> Praise Band Practice <b>5:00 PM</b> Worship: Praise Service <b>6:15 PM</b> Hospitality
<b>20</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship w/ BAPTISMS <b>10:15 AM</b> Hospitality (Coffee, Teas, & Treats) <b>10:15 AM</b> Pre-K, Elementary, & Confirmation <b>10:15 AM</b> High School Class - Youth Room <b>10:15 AM</b> Adult Bible Study - WC Conf Room	<b>21</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Questions Bible Study - LC Conference Room <b>11:30 AM</b> Serendipity Book Club <b>6:30 PM</b> Church Council	<b>22</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service at Elmwood <b>4:30 PM</b> First Communion Class <b>7:00 PM</b> NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room <b>7:00 PM</b> NA Recovery - LC Basement	<b>23</b> <b>All Day</b> - Regional Garden Club Event - FH <b>3:00 PM</b> Feeding the Soul - LC	<b>24</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Morning Glories <b>6:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal - WC <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal - WC	<b>25</b> <b>Pastor's Sabbath</b>	<b>26</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Praise Band Practice <b>5:00 PM</b> Worship: Praise Service <b>6:15 PM</b> Hospitality
<b>27</b> <b>First Communion Reformation Sunday</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:15 AM</b> Hospitality (Coffee, Teas, & Treats) <b>10:15 AM</b> Pre-K, Elementary, & Confirmation <b>10:15 AM</b> High School Class - Youth Room <b>10:15 AM</b> Adult Bible Study - WC Conf Room <b>12:00 PM</b> Herding Alphas - DeMange Farm in St Jacob	<b>28</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Questions Bible Study - LC Conference Room <b>6:00 PM</b> Girl Scouts - LC	<b>29</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service at Elmwood <b>7:00 PM</b> NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room <b>7:00 PM</b> NA Recovery - LC Basement	<b>30</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Our Lord's Crafters - WC <b>3:00 PM</b> Feeding the Soul - LC	<b>31</b> <b>Reformation Day</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal - WC <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal - WC  <b>Halloween</b>	<b>2024</b> <b>A New Era of Giving</b>	

**"BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD" (Ps 46:10)**

**Sometimes, if you just sit quietly, we will hear the "ticking" of our Savior's prompts, leading us to the truth and helping us on our way.**

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