

OCTOBER

newsletter

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A Prayer for Autumn Days

By Joyce Rupp

God of the seasons, there is a time for everything; there is a time for dying and a time for rising. We need courage to enter into the transformation process.

God of autumn, the trees are saying goodbye to their green, letting go of what has been. We, too, have our moments of surrender, with all their insecurity and risk. Help us to let go when we need to do so.

God of fallen leaves lying in colored patterns on the ground, our lives have their own patterns. As we see the patterns of our own growth, may we learn from them.

God of misty days and harvest moon nights, there is always the dimension of mystery and wonder in our lives. We always need to recognize your power-filled presence. May we gain strength from this.

God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain, many gifts of growth lie within the season of our surrender. We must wait for harvest in faith and hope. Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings.

God of geese going south for another season, your wisdom enables us to know what needs to be left behind and what needs to be carried into the future. We yearn for insight and vision.

God of flowers touched with frost and windows wearing white designs, may your love keep our hearts from growing cold in the empty seasons.

God of life, you believe in us, you enrich us, you entrust us with the freedom to choose life.

For all this, we are grateful.
Amen.

Prayer taken from *May I Have This Dance?* published by Ave Maria Press.



OUR LORD'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Coming Together ✠ Growing in Faith ✠
✠ Serving the Lord ✠

THE SPIRIT OF OUR LORD'S NEWS

60th Anniversary Year!

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October 3 & 4 19th Weekend after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Phillipians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

October 10 & 11 20th Weekend after Pentecost

Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Phillipians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:15-22

October 17 & 18 21st Weekend after Pentecost

Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

October 24 & 25 Reformation Weekend

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36



Listen to services using your phone or tablet!
Scan the QR code or download AudioFetch on Google Play or iTunes.

**Saturdays at 5 pm
Sundays at 9 am**

**Saturday and Sunday services
will be livestreamed.**

OCTOBER GIVING EMPHASIS



Our Lord's S.O.S. Fund

The S.O.S. Soup Kitchen opened its doors on June 7, 2012. Ten local churches and several community organizations came together to form the Soup Kitchen Coalition and now serves over 200 patrons each week.

S.O.S. Soup Kitchen is a strictly feeding ministry, open to anyone in need of a warm meal and friendship. There are no qualifying factors or strings attached.



OLLC provides the food and prepares and serves meals for S.O.S. on average of once each month. Monetary donations for OLLC S.O.S. can be made to OLLC via ACH bank transfer, by check (please note "SOS" in the memo line), or by using your smart phone and following the QR code which takes you to the OLLC giving page, select "Monthly Giving Emphasis" to make a donation that will be used to support OLLC S.O.S.



Thank you for your generosity and support!

MID YEAR SOLAR REPORT

The solar panels were installed in December of 2024. Laura has been able to go back through our Ameren bills to provide the following information on the savings resulting from the panels to compare 2024 the last full year without solar panels, 2025 the first full year with solar panels.

	Worship Center	Life Center	Total
2024	\$6,450	\$5,263	\$11,713
2025	\$1,637	\$1,910	\$3,457
Savings	\$4,813	\$3,353	\$8,166

So far in 2026, the expense for electricity has remained similar to the expenses in 2025. If you have any questions, please talk to Laura Schoenecker at church or email her at lswanso@siue.edu.

CALL PROCESS UPDATE

The Call Committee has met with several gifted and faithful candidates, and we have been encouraged by the depth of experience, faith, and commitment each has demonstrated. While we are grateful for those we have interviewed, we continue to prayerfully seek the individual whose gifts and calling are the best fit for Our Lord's Lutheran Church and the ministry to which God is calling us.

Throughout this process, the Ministry Site Profile (MSP), completed by the Discovery and Invite Team in May, has remained a central guide. It reflects who we are as a congregation—our strengths and values, the challenges and opportunities before us, and our hopes for the future. We are committed to discerning a pastor whose gifts, experience, faith, and vision align with the ministry and mission described in our MSP.

As an ELCA congregation, we also carry out this call process in accordance with the policies and principles of our church, as reflected in our Bylaws. This means that we will prayerfully and fairly consider all eligible pastoral candidates without regard to sexual orientation, while giving thoughtful consideration to each candidate's qualifications, gifts, experience, faith, and ability to serve the ministry needs of Our Lord's.

We recognize that calling a pastor is a significant decision for our entire congregation. It is not simply about filling a position—it is about discerning who will join us in proclaiming the Gospel, serving our neighbors, strengthening our congregation and community, and faithfully stepping into the future God has prepared for us. We ask for your continued prayers, patience, trust, and support as the Call Committee continues its work.

Please keep the Call Committee, the candidates as they discern their own calls, our Synod leadership, and the future ministry of Our Lord's Lutheran Church in your prayers. Above all, let us trust that God is present in every step of this journey and will guide us as we discern the pastor who is right for our congregation.

We believe the pastor we call will be an important partner in helping us grow into the best expression of who we are as a congregation and in reflecting God's love, grace, and compassion to one another and to our community.

Together, we look forward with faith and confidence to the next chapter in the life and ministry of Our Lord's Lutheran Church.

WITH GREAT APPRECIATION

Our family would like to thank each of you for all the love and support we have received at the loss of Tom. We can't begin to name you all. The kitchen crew was phenomenal. We couldn't have had better attention if we were at a 5 star restaurant. My house looks like a Hallmark store with all the cards I received, and SOS was blessed with many donations in Tom's memory. Unfortunately, if you donated to them through any other way than at the funeral home, I am unable to acknowledge you with a Thank You card. There was no way to track individuals who gave directly to SOS with their pay system. Just know that your donations are appreciated. Our Lord's is truly a family.

We love you all. Lori, Alison, Cal

"REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM" WORSHIP LEADER TRAINING - AUGUST 15

7 OLLC members met with Pastor Amy for discussion and training on leading a "Dwelling in the Word" lay-led worship service. Our Lord's, as well as many other congregations, are faced with the challenge of relying on supply pastors to lead worship, this training provided an alternative service to consider for the future.



SYNOD DAY - AUGUST 29

On August 29, Our Lord's hosted the West Central Conference Synod Day; attendance at the day long event exceed 105. It was a day of worship, learning, fellowship, and relationship-building for all generations. The event was a wonderful reflection of the warmth and hospitality of Our Lord's.



Thank you to everyone who helped make the Synod Day at OLLC such a success! So many people contributed to making our church a welcoming place for our Synod guests. Your efforts were noticed and appreciated by everyone in attendance.

FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION BREAKFAST - SEPTEMBER 12



The 4th Annual First Responder Appreciation Breakfast was held on Saturday, September 12. We had 13 first responders and their family members representing Maryville PD, Maryville FD, Glen Carbon FD, and St. Louis University Hospital enjoy a hearty breakfast in the fellowship hall. A total of 14 volunteers from Our Lord's were present to serve, deliver, and clean up. Ryleigh Farar, Thrivent Representative volunteered to help where needed.

In addition to the people served at Our Lord's a total of 75 breakfasts were delivered to Madison County Sheriff's Department, Edwardsville FD, Edwardsville PD, Glen Carbon FD, Glen Carbon PD, Maryville PD, Collinsville FD, and Collinsville PD.

Many thanks for all those who volunteered prepping food, serving, delivering meals, and clean up. Thank you also to the ladies from Morning Glories for their assistance putting together the Appreciation Bags and to all those who contributed items needed for the bags. Additional thanks to Rhonda Comrie and Karen Tilashalski for donating Thrivent gift cards to help with food and supply purchases to make the Appreciation Breakfast a success.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!



A message from Madison County Sheriff's Department....

On behalf of the Madison County Sheriff's Office, we truly appreciate your congregation's continued support and recognition of first responders in our community.

Our jail staff and telecommunicators are on duty that morning and unable to leave their posts, so we would like to take you up on the offer for meal delivery. We are requesting 20 meals total for our corrections staff and dispatchers.

DEDICATION OF HANDMADE ITEMS FOR AFRICAN VISION OF HOPE - SEPTEMBER 25/26



Each month OLLC crafters meet to sew quilts and to make and assemble feminine hygiene kits for children of AVoH schools and safe homes. On September 25/26 we blessed 6 quilts and 200 hygiene kits that will be sent to children of Zambia through African Vision of Hope. To date the crafters have handmade 21 quilts and created and assembled 410 hygiene kits. Please keep the children of Zambia in your prayers and extend blessings to everyone supporting their education.

SERVING OUR LORD'S



Mark you calendars, OLLC serves SOS
October 13, November 10, December 8

Assistance with preparation and serving the meal will be needed. Signup sheets will be available in the narthex several weeks prior to each OLLC serving date.

Donations to support OLLC S.O.S. can be given via check, cash, or note "S.O.S." in the memo line. If you have any questions contact Julie Preston.

Worker Bees will meet Saturday, October 3.

Breakfast @ 7:00 am, Red Apple Restaurant
Church @ 8:00 am

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



OLLC MUSIC!

Chancel Choir & **Handbell** CHOIR

Chancel Choir, Thursdays, 5:00 pm

Chancel Choir members needed!

Handbell Choir, Thursday, 6:00 pm

Contact Addie Mays for additional information at
love2haveu@ourlords.org

Praise BAND

REHEARSALS: Saturdays 3:30 pm
PERFORMANCES: Saturdays 5:00 pm

Contact Olivia Cross for additional information.
oecross@gmail.com



OLLC FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SERENDIPITY BOOK CLUB

Next Book Club meeting will be **October 19th at 11:30 am.**
We will be discussing "Numbering All The Bones" by Ann Rinaldi. New members are always welcome!

OUR LORD'S CRAFTERS

Crafters will meet **October 28th, noon-3:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Kathy Nehrt with questions.

OLLC LATE BOO MERS

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

Annual **BOO**mers Halloween Party @ the Fremder's
Friday, October 23 @ 7:00 PM

*The ghosts are stirring, the witches are brewing.
It's time to get your costume on and come party!*

Bring an appetizer to share & your own drinks.



3:00 PM-5:00 PM

Congregation Game Afternoon
Fellowship Hall

October 11 - November 8 - December 13

Bring your favorite game, bring a friend, and bring a snack to share!

PRE-SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS & ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Pre-K & Kindergartners and the Grades 1-5 children meet in the Life Center on Sundays at 10:15 am!

OUR LORD'S YOUTH GROUP

Discussion of meetings and activities for grades 6 through 12 is underway. Stay tuned for updates.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The class is finalizing our meeting time for the 2026-2027 school year. We will be continuing with the *Faith Incubator* confirmation materials. Look for more information next month. Any questions, contact Debby Gunderson.

FEEDING THE SOUL

Meets on **Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall at 3:00 pm.** We are discussing "As You Go" by Dr. John Claypool. All are welcome!

MORNING GLORIES BIBLE STUDY

Meet the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

All women are invited to join the Morning Glories Bible study.

This fall we are studying the book of Matthew: "**Max Lucado Life Lessons from Matthew**".

Matthew accepted Christ's invitation to follow him and never turned back. He spent the rest of his life convincing folks that this carpenter was the King. The relationship Jesus had with Matthew can serve to convince us that if Jesus had a place for Matthew, a tax collector, he just might have a place for us. Discover the life lessons from Matthew's gospel and how Jesus' relationship with a tax collector can inspire us to follow him too!

QUESTIONS BIBLE STUDY

Mondays at 10:00 am; OLLC Life Center; sessions begin September 14

Death, Dying, and the Afterlife: Lessons from World Cultures

After thousands of years of pondering it, we still find death one of life's most perplexing mysteries. Many cultures have view death as a window into the true meaning of life.

These 24 lectures looking at this often feared subject are an uplifting, meaningful, and multidisciplinary exploration of life's only certainty. Bringing together theology, philosophy, biology, anthropology, literature, psychology, sociology, and other fields, they are a brilliant compendium of how human beings have struggled to come to terms with mortality. You'll encounter everything from ancient burial practices, traditional views of the afterlife, and the five stages of grief to the question of killing during wartime, the phenomenon of near-death experiences, and even 21st-century theories about transcending death itself.

With personal and cultural enlightenment as the overarching goal, Professor Berkson provides you with eye-opening answers to several major questions surrounding death, including: How do we think about death? How do religions approach death? When (if ever) is it justified to take a life? You'll also hear a chorus of voices from multiple disciplines, cultures, and ages as they offer sometimes shocking and sometimes refreshing perspectives on death. These voices include the Buddha, St. Paul, Albert Camus, Dylan Thomas, and Elizabeth Kübler-Ross.

"Many religious traditions teach that a form of regular death reflection can deepen one's appreciation for life," Professor Berkson notes. "And in some traditions, it can actually lead to spiritual transformation or awakening. As the poet Rainer Maria Rilke wrote, 'Whoever rightly understands and celebrates death at the same time magnifies life.'"

LOOKING AHEAD

NOVEMBER

- November 1 - All Saints Day
- November 11 - Veterans Day
- November 21/22 - OLLC Fall Bake Sale (Tentative)
- November 22 - Christ the King Day
- November 26 - Thanksgiving
- November 29 - Advent 1

November Giving Emphasis:
Lutheran Campus Ministries

DECEMBER

- December 2, 11, & 18 - Advent "Dwelling in the Word" Services
- December 7 - Greening of the Church
- December 12 - Children's Christmas Program
- December 24 - Christmas Eve
- December 25 - Christmas Day

December Giving Emphasis:
OLLC Christmas Baskets (tentative)

JANUARY

- January 1 - New Year's Day
- January 6 - Epiphany
- January 18 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 30/31 - OLLC Annual Meeting

January Giving Emphasis:
TBD



“Reach Higher” Campaign for Campus Ministry

At this past June’s Synod Assembly, the voting members unanimously approved the establishment of a Campus Ministry Endowment Fund together with a three-year capital campaign to fund the endowment. Now is the time!

We invite both communities of disciples and individual disciples to make either a one-time or three-year pledge (2027-2029) to help our campus ministries both thrive and grow. We invite pledges of gifts to be made between now and the weekend of November 21-22, when we will celebrate our synod’s generosity on Commitment Weekend.

- Read and share the [“Reach Higher!” campaign booklet](#).
- Completed [pledge cards](#) can be returned to your congregation on or before Commitment Weekend or sent directly to the synod office (524 S 5th St, Springfield, IL 62701).
- Pledges can also be made online at [CSIS-ELCA.org/cmpledge](https://csis-elca.org/cmpledge).
- Download [Bishop Greg’s video introduction](#) to the campaign to share with your community of disciples (made for launch weekend on Sept. 12-13 but usable any time).

Please read through all of the linked materials carefully. If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact Bishop Busboom at greg.busboom@csis-elca.org or through the synod office at [217-753-7915](tel:217-753-7915).

The time is now to REACH HIGHER for campus ministry across our synod! Thank you for your prayerful consideration as we work together to generously share the gifts God has given us for the mission and ministry of Christ in the world!

C/SIS Youth Retreat in Carlinville

Registration is open for the synod's 2026 Youth Retreat, Nov. 20-22 at Lake Williamson Christian Center in Carlinville. The retreat is open to youth in 6th grade through high school. Communities of disciples are responsible for chaperoning their youth. Registrations are due October 1.

For more information, please contact Deacon Jason Fisher at jason.fisher@csis-elca.org or Raylee Brown at raylee.brown@felcpeoria.org.

COLLINSVILLE FAITH IN ACTION



Collinsville Faith in Action is seeking volunteers to complete minor home repairs for seniors in our community. As “neighbors helping neighbors,” home repairs allow our elders to remain in their own homes safely. Volunteers make their own schedules, can work on teams or as individuals, and can provide practical support while living out their faith. Supplies are paid for by CFiA. If you can help, please contact Karen at 618-344-8080 or complete a Volunteer Application at our website: [Faith in Action \(fiacollinsville.org\)](http://fiacollinsville.org).

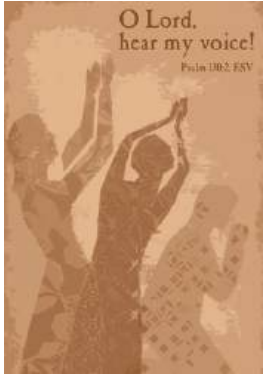
Medicare’s Annual Open Enrollment begins in October, and Collinsville Faith in Action offers free Medicare consultations from a trained Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) specialist. Call Justin at CFiA to schedule your Medicare consultation before his appointments are filled. Justin is the Answers on Aging resource for you, and he is at Friedens United Church of Christ in Troy and the Caseyville Public Library each month to offer his expertise. He is also at the CFiA office for appointments Monday through Friday, 9A-5P. Contact Justin now to learn about changes to your Medicare plan by calling 618-344-7788 or emailing aoa@fiacollinsville.org.

Back by popular demand! Collinsville Faith in Action is again hosting the AARP Safe Driving Course. Completion of this popular 2-morning class not only makes you a better driver, but it lowers your auto insurance premiums. Register online at the AARP website or call CFiA to register: 618-344-8080. The class will be held from 9A-1P on Tuesday, October 27 and Wednesday, October 28. Participants must attend both classes to be eligible for discounted auto insurance.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Everyone listed here is important to a person of the congregation. Please include them in your praying throughout the week so that they know and feel God's power and presence. We will usually keep names on this list for three to four weeks. Please let us know if an individual should be removed before then or if there is a change in their condition that requires ongoing prayer. Member names may be listed for much longer periods of time

CONGREGATION MEMBERS



Linda Spencer	Sara Davidson
Brian Kassing	Jim Trucano
Don Klingsick	Ethan Baczewski
Rod Orr	Nona Echevarria
Joyce Tatjenhorst	Irene Vanhooser
Dave Chaffee	Dave Gocken
Mike Williams	Sue Homes
Emily Callahan	Carole Callahan
JoAnn Hartke	Julie Gruber
Nicole Williams	Paul Schwartzkopf
Keith Jensen	Don Schlönat
Jackie Schlönat	Cindy Pugh

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Shelley Bruntjen	Tyler Murphy
Ken Bunetic	Anthony Picarello
Bob Dunn	Kevin Wyvell
Nancy Easton	Harry & Donna Schleckle
Tate Buckhaus	Rich & Niecy Essington
Dan & Martha	Judy & Sonny Past
Jim & Mary Barker	Anthony Haslit
Elaine Kendall	Pastor Sharon
Brie Jenkins	Dominic Bossetto
Pearl	Nel Kennedy
Michelle Simms	Wayne Morgan
Glen Roth	John Jorgenson
JoAnne Johnson	Gary Koch
Joan Truckenbrod	Larry T
Terri	Bill Hardy
Donna & Harry Schlechte	Mary K
Ray & Robin Gagnon	Camden Geiler
William Larson	James Cummings
Stephanie Bridenbaugh	Catherine Green
David Hammonds	

PRAY FOR THOSE THAT HAVE DIED & FAMILIES THAT ARE GRIEVING

Family & friends of Pastor Tommy Beaver (brother-in-law of Loretta Williams).
Family & friends of Carla Barrett (sister of Robin Wellener).

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Lance Cpl. Clayton Campbell	Staff Sgt. Skipper Smith	Erica Webb, US Private E-3	Amador Ochoa
Major James Carmichael	Sgt. Matthew Spencer (Ret.)	SrA Paul Kampwerth	Capt. Blake Crosby
Airborne Ranger Keegan Crosby	MSgt. Stephan Spencer	John Meyer	Josh Pace
Staff Sgt. Tyson Crosby	Zach Huff	Zachary Neubauer	Scott Prengel
SPC Bill Homes	Jake Randall		

CELEBRATIONS THIS MONTH

October Birthdays

October Anniversaries

Kraig Gunderson	David White	Heather Barnett	Scott & Norma Klingsick
Alivia Kirk	Jodie Nehrt	Hailey McGuire-Bardmass	Kraig & Debby Gunderson
Leah Wyvell	Lisa White	Kathie Brady	Jeff & Carol Helf
Debby Meadows	Andrew Nehrt	Jacob Callahan	Steve & Kathy Hoelscher
Angela Lange	David Schroeder	Lori Fremder	Caleb & Alison Hancock
Lili Michheimer	Christopher Short	Jackie Schlönat	Dave & Debbie Geiler
Emily Callahan Thompson	Garrett Short	Kyler Drew Orr	Joe & Georgeann Smithies
Linda Harriss	Karen Tilashalski	Isabella Redenius	David & Ashley Hammonds
Piper Lily Helms	Kylie Jo Fremder		Alex & Nicole Williams
Susan Homes	Laura Richter Foppe		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 3-4 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

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 -- <http://www.elca.org/>
Central Southern Illinois Synod -- <http://www.csis-elca.org/>

OLLC STAFF

Sarah Woods

Administrative Assistant

Addie Mays

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

Gail Jorgensen President

Dr. Emily Truckenbrod

Vice President

Dr. Terry Ackerman

Secretary

Dr. Laura Schoenecker

Treasurer

KaLonny Short

Member At-Large

A Season of Service and Hospitality

There has been so much happening at Our Lord's, and it is truly a blessing to see so many people giving their time, talents, and energy to serve others and share God's love. The willingness of our members to step forward and work together is one of the things that makes our congregation special.

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who helped make the West Central Conference - Synod Days such a success! The event was a wonderful reflection of the warmth and hospitality of Our Lord's. From the planning and preparation to the many behind-the-scenes details, so many people contributed to making our church a welcoming place for our Synod guests. Your efforts were noticed and appreciated.

We also had the opportunity to show our appreciation to those who serve our community every day through our First Responders Breakfast. Firefighters, police officers, EMTs, and frontline hospital staff from our community were invited to join us for food, fellowship, and a well-deserved thank-you. A special thanks goes to the team who worked Friday and Saturday to prepare everything and make the breakfast possible. It was a wonderful way for Our Lord's to say, in a small but meaningful way, "Thank you for all that you do for our community."

Our SoS Soup Kitchen Team continues to put faith into action by providing an important service to those in need. In September alone, the team prepared meals for more than 200 patrons. As we move into the colder months, rising food costs and the additional expenses that come with the beginning of another school year can place even greater demands on the families and individuals we serve. The need for this ministry will continue, and we are grateful for everyone who supports it through donations, volunteering, and other contributions.

Events like these remind us that ministry happens in many different ways. Whether welcoming our Synod partners, preparing a meal for our community's first responders, or providing food for those who need a helping hand, each act of service is an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ.

Thank you to everyone who continues to step up, pitch in, and share their gifts. It is a blessing to see Our Lord's living out its mission through the time, talents, generosity, and caring hearts of so many.

God's peace - Gail

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Summary taken from report provided by OLLC Treasurer Laura Schoenecker
If you have any questions, please contact Laura at lswanso@siue.edu.

General Benevolence Income

August 2026..... \$24,302

YTD \$179,994 (budgeted \$210,998

-\$31,004 (significantly lower than projected)

General Benevolence Expenses

August 2026 \$10,881

YTD \$135,314 (budgeted \$201,066

-\$65,752 (significantly lower than projected)

During August:

- General Fund Balance: \$90,902 (The General Fund is used for paying budgeted expenses. Its balance is affected by Current Benevolence Income and Expenses.)
- Both Current Benevolence and Current Benevolence Expenses are significantly below budget. The reduced expenses are primarily because we are not currently paying salary and benefits for a full-time pastor.
- General Benevolence Income in August was \$24,302, \$2,187 will be sent to C/SIS for Synod Benevolence (9% of GB Giving). Local Benevolence for August is \$243, the year-to-date total for Local Benevolence is \$1,790.

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.



MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM

Kathy Nehrt: Education

Cindy Pugh: Fellowship

Mo Johnson: IT

Deb Ackerman: Service

Vacant: Worship

Sunday School:

Lisa White

Fair Trade Store:

Mike Williams
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Newsletter Editor:

K. Cummings-Larson

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Maureen "Mo" Johnson



OCTOBER 2026 CALENDAR

SUN

MON

TUES

WED

THUR

FRI

SAT



October Giving Emphasis:
Our Lord's S.o.S. fund

1

5:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

2

5:30 PM - 9:15 PM Robotics & Engineering Club - Lego Robotics- LC Basement

3

7:00 AM Worker Bees Breakfast @ Red Apple
8:00 AM Worker Bees at OLLC
3:30 PM Praise Band Practice
5:00 PM Worship: Praise Service
6:15 PM Hospitality

4

9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Hospitality
10:15 AM Pre-K, & Elementary
12:00 pm - Robotics & Engineering Club - Lego Robotics- LC Basement
3:30 PM - Confirmation

5

10:00 AM Questions Bible Study
6:30 PM - Ministry Support Team Meeting - ZOOM

6

7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room
7:00 PM NA Recovery - LC Basement

7

3:00 PM Feeding the Soul - WC Conference Room

8

10:00 AM Morning Glories - FH
5:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

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3:00 PM OLLC Game Day

12

10:00 AM Questions Bible Study
6:00 PM Girl Scouts - LC

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OLLC Serves S.O.S.

7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room
7:00 PM NA Recovery - LC Basement

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3:00 PM Feeding the Soul - WC FH
7:00 PM Lakeview Garden Club Meeting

15

5:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

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September Newsletter Deadline

5:30 PM - 9:15 PM Robotics & Engineering Club - Lego Robotics- LC Basement

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10:00 AM La Leche League - WC
3:30 PM Praise Band Practice
5:00 PM Worship: Praise Service
6:00 PM Robotics & Engineering - Lego Robotics - LC Basement
6:15 PM Hospitality

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9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Hospitality
10:15 AM Pre-K, & Elementary
3:30 PM Confirmation

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10:00 AM Questions Bible Study
11:30 AM Serendipity Book Club - LC
Conference Room
6:30 PM Church Council - LC
Conference Room

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7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room
7:00 PM NA Recovery - LC Basement

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10:00 AM Majhong with Boomer Ladies & More - WC Commons
3:00 PM Feeding the Soul - WC FH

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10:00 AM Morning Glories - FH
5:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

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5:30 PM - 9:15 PM Robotics & Engineering Club - Lego Robotics- LC Basement
7:00 PM OLLC Late BOOMers event @ the Fremder's

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3:30 PM Praise Band Practice
5:00 PM Worship: Praise Service
6:15 PM Hospitality

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9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Hospitality
10:15 AM Pre-K, & Elementary

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10:00 AM Questions Bible Study
6:00 PM Girl Scouts - LC

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7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room
7:00 PM NA Recovery - LC Basement

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10:30 AM - Newsletter Assembly - LC
Conference Room
12:00 PM OLLC Crafters - FH
3:00 PM Feeding the Soul - WC FH

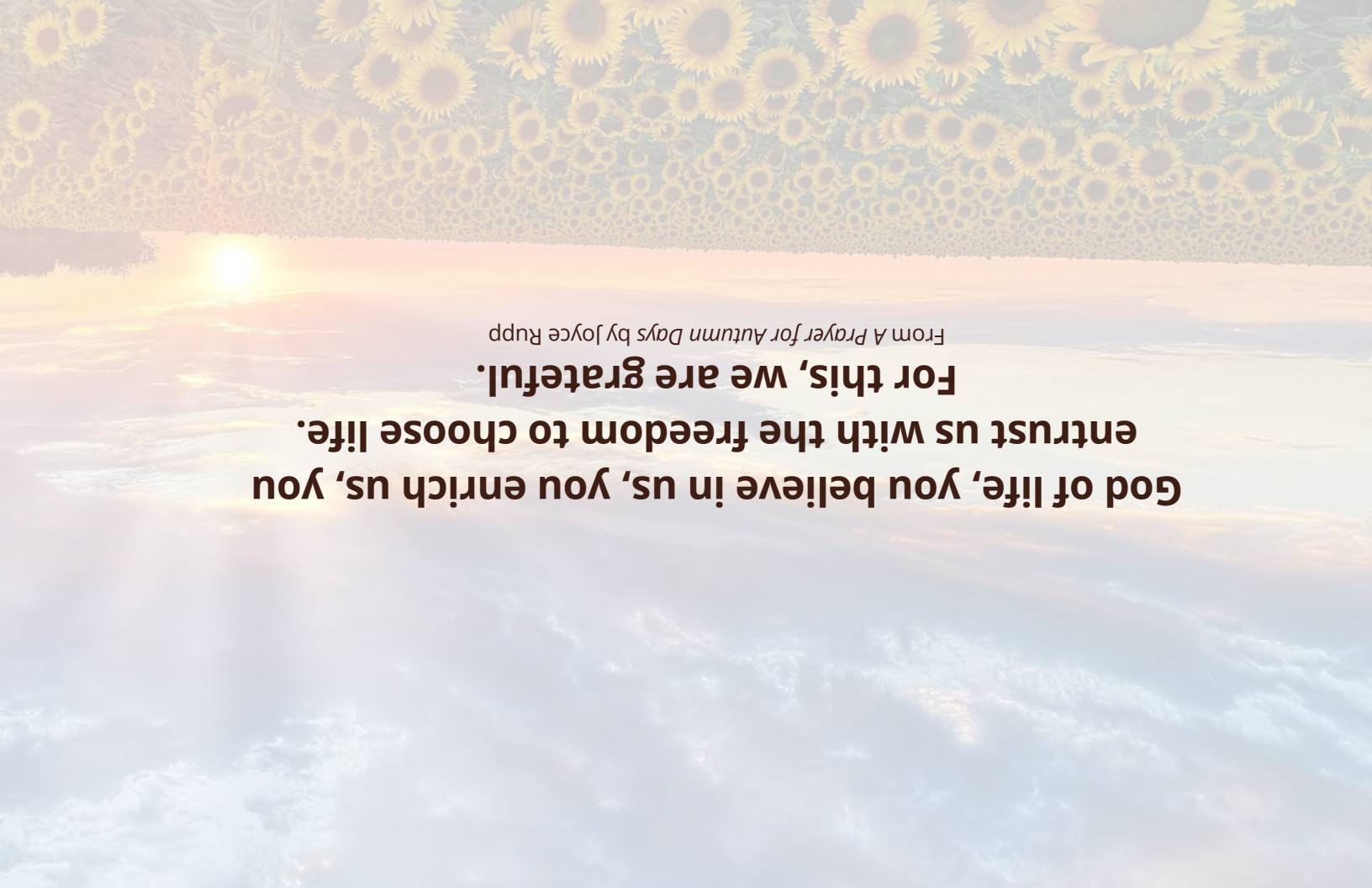
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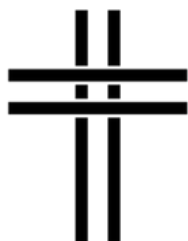
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**God of life, you believe in us, you enrich us, you
entrust us with the freedom to choose life.
For this, we are grateful.**

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