

NOVEMBER 9, 2025

WELCOME

We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!
If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME.
If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.
Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,
Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

Again welcome...

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin. Please note that all the congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.

We leave all that which might be a distraction from worship at the doors this day and we prepare our hearts for worship. Peace be with you. *Amen.*

Prelude Medley Roof

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

We turn to the doors of the sanctuary.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sinfulness and asking for God's forgiveness.

We confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors.
We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance,
Trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repairs our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life.
Amen.

Hear the good news:

God the Faithful One loves you,

† in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power the Holy Spirit you are set free,

Amen.

Please turn to the altar as the cross passes your pew.

HYMN

Shall We Gather at The River

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- 1 Shall we gath er at the riv er, where bright an gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar gin of the riv er, wash ing up its sil ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv er, lay we ev 'ry bur den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God? we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day. grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown. soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

GREETING

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

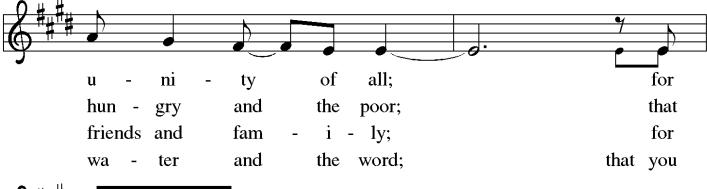
And also with you.







- For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im passioned re sponse to the
- For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the





this ho - ly house, for all who we may live out truth and life and for love, for our nour-ish our souls . . . with your

wor-ship and praise, jus-tice and grace, work and our play, bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord,

let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

JOB 19:23-27A

A reading from Job.

- ²³ "O that my words were written down!
 O that they were inscribed in a book!
 - ²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!
 - ²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
 - ²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,
 - ^{27a} whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

The Word of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 17: 1-9

We read responsively.

¹ Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

² Let my vindication come forth from your presence; Let your eyes be fixed on justice.

³ Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

⁴ I have not regarded what others do; at the words of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.

⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path; and my feet do not slip.

⁶ I call upon you, O god, for you will answer me; Incline your ear to me and hear my words.

⁷ Show me your marvelous loving kindness, O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.

⁸ Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,

⁹ from the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.

2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-5, 13-17

A reading from 2nd Thessalonians

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be

God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

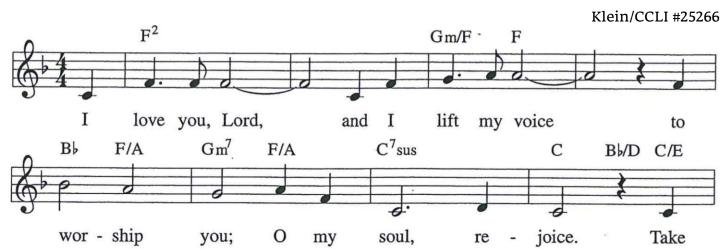
¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

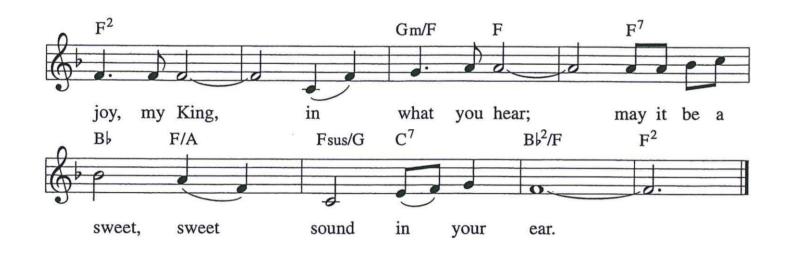
The word of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God.*

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I Love You Lord





HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he

speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

The gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, O Christ.*

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

family

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.

Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.

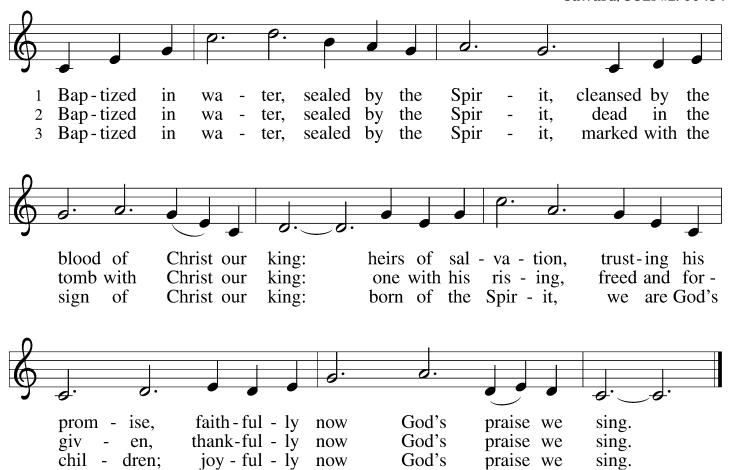
SERMON

being with family

HYMN

Baptized in Water

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PUBLIC PROFESSION OF FAITH

Ryan Corley and Gina McKelvey, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? *I renounce them.*

APOSTLES' CREED

Ryan, Gina, and this community, I ask you to profess your faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of light."

Ryan and Gina, be reminded that you are children of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

Let us welcome Ryan Corley and Gina McKelvey into this community of faith.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

We sit.

OFFERING

We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may contribute any time by visiting www.WeAreMtHermon.org and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship. Friendship pads have returned to the pews. Please take a moment to sign the forms so that we may get to know our neighbors and we will also have a record of your communing.

OFFERING

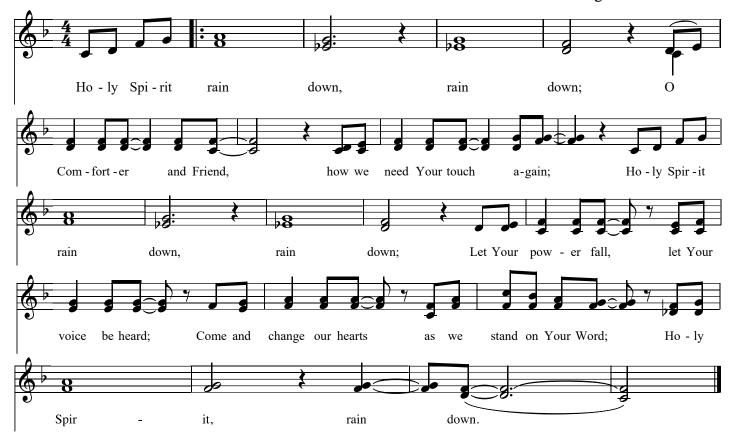
Wade in The Water

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OFFERTORY

Holy Spirit, Rain Down

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OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

God of healing and hope,

you bless those who are hungry,

promising to fill them with good things.

Fulfill that promise through us and these gifts.

Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and untie us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.

THE MEAL

Christ is truly present in the most ordinary and unexpected of places. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened the way to everlasting life.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim Christ in our lives. *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again*.

We remember the sacrifice of Christ, his eating with outcasts and sinners. We remember his resurrection from the dead and his ascension to you. Now we share this promised feast. *Amen, Come, Lord Jesus.*

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in the communion

of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fulness of the kingdom of heaven, and we may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light. *Amen, Come, Holy Spirit.*

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

We sit.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

COMMUNION

Please come forward using the side aisles to receive communion. You will receive the bread and then you may dip in the first chalice of wine, or in the second challis of grape juice. You may then return to your pews using the center aisle. Please return to your pews for a time of quiet prayer and meditation. If this is the first Sunday of the month, we also offer communion at the rail. On this Sunday, you may continue through the side doors, and an usher will guide you to the altar to receive communion.

MUSIC Medley Roof

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. *Amen.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray together.

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out together your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you † and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. *Amen.*

HYMN

Borning Cry

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- was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old. you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on; "When you heard the won-der
- of your life, not too old, no lon ger young, the mid - dle a - ges



re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold. you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long. there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one, When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



of light you wan-dered off a blaze to find where de-mons dwell." to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing I'll be there I'll be there have al-ways been, with just one more sur-prise." as Ι



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold." As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary.

SENDING

The Blessing

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SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We follow the light of Christ into the world.

We are God's people on a mission.

We have gathered. We have been fed.

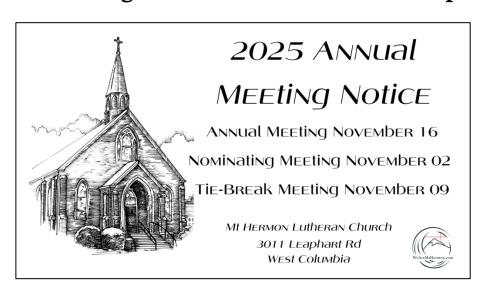
Now, we go out to make a difference in the world. Amen.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

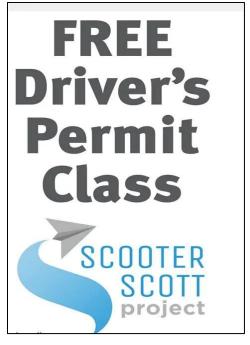
The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our 36th wedding anniversary on November 11th by Frankie and Melanie Jackson.

The wreath is given in honor and in memory of all the Veterans who call Mt. Hermon "home" and we thank you for your service to the USA.

Food Pantry: This month we are collecting canned hams and canned sweet potatoes for our Thanksgiving food bags. We are planning to distribute 75 bags with the makings for Thanksgiving dinner in addition to our regular setups. If you are able to donate any, it would be greatly appreciated. God has enabled us to help feed many families through your continued generosity. Thank you for answering God's call to feed His sheep.



Mark your calendars: Next Driver's Education class will be December 1, 2, 4



TITHES AND OFFERINGS

11/2/2025

9:00 worship 125 + live stream 147 = 272 NO Sunday School

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$5,157.41
Building Fund	Received	\$940.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$480.00

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In memory of Jane Sexton by Earl & Mary Frances Sease.

In memory of **Ronnie Mathias**, **G.A. Weathersby**, **Jane Sexton**, and **Carol Sue Harrell**, Sharon Keefe's sister by Parker and Diane Boulware.

In memory of **G.A. Weathersby** by Ann Bouknight.



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SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Today	Next Sunday	
Ushers:	Parker Boulware	Joey Koon	
	Jeff Price	Teddy Koon	
Crucifer:	Mackenzie Burns	Sam Koon	
Acolyte:	Brayden Morris	Sydney Bucknam	
Lector:	Frankie Jackson	Joey Koon	
Communion Assts:	Mackenzie Burns	Sam Koon	
	Frankie Jackson	Mary Koon	
	Melanie Jackson	Sydney Bucknam	
	Brayden Morris	Terry Swygert	
	Denise Thurman	Allison Swygert	
Audio:	Arron Kinard	Blake Allen	
Video:	Quentin Kinard	Breanna Metze	
Nursery:	Cassie Swygert	Charlene Corley	
	Laura Carroll	DJ Plummer	
Flowers:	The Jacksons	The Price Families	

SERVING IN NOVEMBER

COUNCIL REP: Ronnie Fulmer

<u>ALTAR GUILD:</u> Jennifer Price & Angie Hydrick

TABULATORS: Ann Addy, Mary France Sease

MT HERMON PRAYS

Continual Prayer

Patricia Bachman, Asbury Arms Lauvenia Butts, Lakeside Place Doris Carver, Presby Home Georgianna Gray, home James Hallman, Lakeside Place Marie Kleckley, *Lex Ext Care* Gloria Mathias, *home* Jean Shealy, *Lex Ext Care Rehab* Cyndi Thurman, *home* Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Lauren AddyChris CarrollDebbie DuvalRenee GreenbaumJoye HaygoodFrankie JacksonDoris MaddoxSkyler MillerDennis Thurman

Mary Frances Sease Jim Whitaker

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayer

Billy Huckabee, friend of Danny Scott Stetson Cooper, grandson of Dan Cooper Paula Miller, friend of Brittany Allen Dawn McIlwain-Merck,

friend of Robin Ellisor
John Catoe, family of the Ellisors
Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn),
friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart
Iris Wellborn, sister of Earl Sease

Mrs. Cruz, teacher of Abbey Carroll
Phil Dennis, brother of Lavonne Roof
Nancy Lail-Hulon & Family,

friends of Debra & Dave Butts Sandra Watson,

aunt of Courtney Bucknam Jaimie Womack,

friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price Cynthia Rabon, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price Blase Rhine,

grandson of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight
Jeslyn, friend of Scarlett Bryant
Faye McCartha, mother of Debra Butts
Robbie Rector, friend Jennifer Miller
Bill Geddings, father of Allison Swygert
Jane Baxley, cousin of Michelle Gantt
Joyce Davis, grandmother of Jaquelyn Hawlik

Will & Summer Satcher, friend of Courtney Bucknam Sam Lockridge, friend of Scottie Marsh Mary Duffie, mother of Alyson Price Thelma Moyer, mother of Diane Boulware Kaiden Howell,

friend of Jacquelynn Hawlik
Randy Stonehill, friend of Ryan & Jennifer
Linda Bennett, mother of Beth Jordan
Neice of Abbey Carroll's teacher
Singley & Parisano families,

friends of Sam & Kathy Cooper Joy Jordan, friend of Michelle Gantt Dorris Layton,

friend of Earl & Mary Frances Sease
Jody Harper, friend of Kelli Goff
Tressa Oswalt, Angie Hydrick's sister
Wayne LaBounty, friend of Herb Bucknam
Scarlett Redmon, cousin of Kinard Family
Joe & Billy Corder, friends of Ryan Price
Michael Williams.

son-in-law Georgianna Gray Wayne & Kristen Watkins, friends of Courtney Bucknam Meredith Thorndike,

goddaughter of Wayne & Charlene Corley *Melissa, niece of Ricky & Fran Bouknight



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Ronnie Fulmer, Vice President Frank Bouknight, Treasurer Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, Sextons

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, November 9th

9:00 am Worship

10:30 am Sunday School

11:30 am CR: Council Meets

Monday, November 10th

6:30 pm Lutheran Men & Women

Tuesday, November 11th

6:30 pm Life Group at The Jacksons

Wednesday, November 12th

9:00 am Food Pantry

(Ann Addy, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe)

12:05 pm FH: OneBody Worship

6:30 pm Choir

Thursday November 13th

6:00 pm CR: Travel Team

Saturday, November 15th

9:00 am Adopt-a-Highway (meet in parking lot)

9:00 am Food Pantry (Wayne & Charlene Corley)