

Access the entire church calendar from the home page by clicking on the calendar button.

You can then navigate not only to the current month but upcoming months.

Living Christ Lutheran Church's Vision:

Embracing Hearts — Transforming Lives — Sharing Jesus' Love

Please join us for Christmas in November

November 14th starting at 4 p.m.

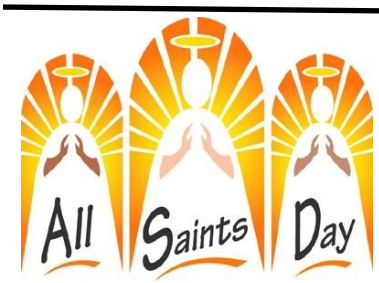




Thanksgiving Service Wednesday, November 25, 2026 7:00 p.m.



The semiannual Congregational Meeting is set for Sunday, November 22nd following the service. Please mark your calendars now to attend.



NOVEMBER 1, 2026

What's Inside November 2026

Article	Page
Thanksgiving Prayer	2
Worship Previews	3
Those Serving Us	3
Thanksgiving Worship	3
Christmas Gifts for Foster Children	4
Congregational Meeting	4
Christmas Singalong	4
Communications	4
Saints Day Form	4
Christmas in November	5
Decorating the Church for Christmas	5
Puzzle	5
Thanksgiving Offering	6
Ministry of the Month	6
LWML News	6
Birthdays & Anniversaries	7
Planning Ahead	7
Gift Cards	7
Congregational meeting	7
Elders	7
Lifeline Screening	7

The Living Letters

November 2026

Make Every Day Thanksgiving



Thank you, God for everything,
The big things and the small
For every good gift comes from God,
The giver of them all.
Too often we accept,
without any thanks or praise,
The gifts God sends as blessings,
Each day in many ways.
O, make us more aware dear God,
Of little daily graces,
That come to us with sweet surprises,
From never dreamed of places.
And help us to remember,
That the key to life and living,
Is to make each prayer a prayer of thanks
And every day Thanksgiving.

On the 2nd Tuesday of every month Pastor Bill and Linda meet with the residents at the Avantara Rehabilitation Center in Long Grove. Approximatly 25-30 people attend. Cards with bible verses, poems or prayers are given to the residents on behalf of the LCLC congregation.

The above card is the card that is being used at this month's November visit. Judy, Lynne H., Kathy, and Vera have helped in this effort.

Our semi-annual congregational meeting
Sunday, November 22nd following the service. All members are invited, and encouraged to attend.

CHURCH BUSINESS

LIVING CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Embracing hearts. Transforming lives. Sharing Jesus' love.

inside...

Page 4 All Saints' Day Form
Page 4 Christmas Gifts for Foster Children
Page 5 Christmas in November

Come Worship with us.

Sunday, November 1 All Saints' Day
Sundays, November 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th at 10 am

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Thanksgiving Service
Wednesday, November 25th
7 pm

THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

Worship Previews and Notes



11/1: All Saints' Day
Assigned Readings: Revelation 7:2-17
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

11/8: Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Assigned Readings: Amos 5:18-24
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

11/15: Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Assigned Readings: Zephaniah 1:7-16
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30



11/22: Last Sunday of the Church Year
Assigned Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
1 Corinthians 15:20-28
Matthew 25:31-46

11/29: First Sunday in Advent
Assigned Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 11:1-10 or Mark 13:24-37



We will have a
Thanksgiving Eve
Service on Wednesday, November 25th at 7pm.

Again we will be having Advent dinners in December. We will have a sign up sheet starting in November. Feel free to invite friends. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm and service at 7:00 pm

Advent Mid-week and Christmas Services

Wednesday, December 2nd at 7:00 PM
Wednesday, December 9th at 7:00 PM
Wednesday, December 176hth at 7:00 PM
Christmas Eve Service, December 24th 7 pm
(no Christmas Day Service)

Those Serving us this Month

Altar Guild: Patty

Pastoral Assistant:
11/1 Art
11/8 Marty
11/15 Art
11/22 Marty
11/25 Art
11/29 Marty

Lay Readers:
11/1 George R.
11/8 Marty
11/15 Gilda
11/22 Smitha
11/25 Becky
11/29 George R.



LCD Projector:
11/1 Patty
11/8 Rita
11/15 Smitha
11/22 Lynne H.
11/25 Patty
11/29 Rita

Live Streaming:
11/1 George S.
11/8
11/15 George S.
11/22 Wendy
11/25
11/29

Ushers:
11/1 Smitha and Fred
11/8 Bob and Jack
11/15 Marty and George R.
11/22 Art and Smitha
11/25 Fred and Bob
11/29 George R. and Marty

Welcomer:
11/1 Laura
11/8 Nancy
11/15 Laura
11/22 Nancy
11/25 Laura
11/29 Nancy

Christmas Gifts for Foster Children

Our annual collection to provide Christmas gifts for the foster children of Lutheran Child and Family Services begins the day after Christmas in November. From November 15-29 we will be collecting money to send to the organization in time for Christmas. Donations can be made with cash or separate checks made out to Living Christ Lutheran Church with "LCFS Christmas" written on the memo line. You are always so generous in this giving, so thank you in advance.

Congregational Meeting

Just a reminder that the semi-annual congregational meeting will be held after church at 11:15 on Sunday, November 22. A review of 2026 and plans for 2027 will be discussed as well as the budget for 2027. Please plan to join us. We are each important members of the Body here at Living Christ.

Do you have questions you want to discuss at the congregational meeting? Please let Becky know by November 15 so we can be sure to have the answers you need!

CHRISTMAS SINGALONG

Don't forget! Our very popular Christmas Singalong is coming soon, Saturday December 5 at 2 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to come and sing some of our Christmas favorites. Refreshments will be served. It's a great time to ask family and friends to join us in a joyful Christmas tradition, and a great way to kick off the Christmas season. See you there!



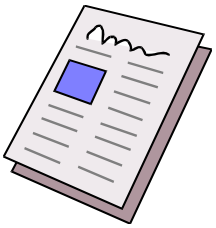
Becky

COMMUNICATIONS

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

Month	December 2026	January 2027	February 2027
Articles due	11/15	12/15	1/15
Ready to proof	11/19	12/17	1/20
Proofer	Gilda	Becky	Karen
Ready to collate	11/23	12/22	1/23
Collate team	Arlene	Linda	Kathy

Thank you to Becky, and Kathy. for your help with the October Newsletter.



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 1

Living Christ will be observing All Saints' Day and commemoration of all those Christians who have faithfully departed and are with their Lord. If you have a saint (a baptized believer in Christ) who you would like to remember, please complete this form and turn it in to the ushers before the start of the service.



Your name:_____

Faithful departed:_____

Relationship:_____

Christmas in November,

Saturday November 14th starting at 4 P.M.

We need your help organizing the toiletries on tables, filling the bags with the items and then having them checked to be sure everything is in there.
Kids coats need to be matched with scarves, gloves and or hats.
When we have finished this fun project we will have dinner.
Please sign up that you and your family and friends are coming and if you would like to bring a side.



The sign-up sheet will be in the lobby starting the first Sunday in November. We look forward to a fun, helping others evening.
Blessings

Arlene

Items to be donated this year: (not super large size or sample size)

Donated gifts can be placed in basket outside of sanctuary.

Hair Brush or combs	Calendars
Cloth bags	Dental Floss
Deodorant	Dish Soap (small size only)
Hard candy	Lip balm
Lotion	Pens
Shampoo (no conditioner)	
Soap—bars and liquid	
Tissue paper	Toothpaste
Toothbrush	Word Find Books

Check the bulletin board by the elevator to see how many of each item is still needed.)

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

We'll be decorating our church's Christmas tree on Saturday, November 28th at 10am and would love help. Please come join us in getting our church ready for the celebration of Christ's birth.

Laura



Puzzle!

Write the words below in alphabetical order inside the squares. Then read down the second column of letters to complete the hidden phrase below.

FEAST, KHAKI, MOUTH,
ESSAY, LLAMA, ORBIT, CARRY,
UDDER, BRUSH, ITEMS,
~~APPLE~~, LEARN, CIDER

A	P	P	L	E



P ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___!

Answer: Praise the Lord!

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Thanksgiving Offering

This year we will be donating our Thanksgiving offering to

Abigail Lucero – Baptist Mid-Missions, Cleveland OH

We have known Abigail since she was born to our former Music Director on Easter Sunday 2001. Her family moved to Michigan when she was in high school. Abigail is now hoping to become a missionary to the Deaf in The Netherlands. She will be living with a local family to learn to speak Dutch fluently and then begin learning the Dutch Sign Language.
In her childhood, Abigail began learning to speak a second language: sign language. Her dad taught her a few phrases he had learned so he could communicate with his Deaf friends. Learning those phrases piqued Abigail's interest. When she had the opportunity in high school, she took a sign-language class.



Also in her childhood, Abigail learned to love and serve the Lord. The idea of ministering to Deaf people appealed to her, especially after learning that only seven percent of Deaf people know who Jesus is, and only two percent profess to be born-again. So Abigail chose a Bible college that offered a Deaf ministries program. By her sophomore year, Abigail told the Lord she was willing to use her sign-language ability—and all her abilities—in missions.

To prepare, she began pouring herself into ministry opportunities that her college offered. She also helped at her home church, which has a Deaf ministry. When an England study abroad missions opportunity opened in 2023, Abigail knew God wanted her there. The trip was life changing. Her missionary hosts were excellent mentors, and they gave her opportunities to visit mission works in other countries. One of those nations was The Netherlands. Abigail's heart was drawn to this land, where most people aren't receiving biblical truth from their churches. Many in the younger generations have given up on religion altogether. Abigail's burden is to help people have the opportunity to hear and understand God's truth so that they can receive Christ.

The Lord connected Abigail to BMM missionaries Daniel and Heather Boyd, who are church planters in the city of Bergen op Zoom, which has a Deaf community. In 2024, Abigail spent several days with the Boyds, giving her assurance of God's leading. After she raises her support, Abigail plans to help the Boyds with counseling, children's ministry, and camp. Her ultimate goal is to establish a Deaf ministry to make Christ known to this mission field within The Netherlands.

Ministry of the Month

(This is our congregation's ministry that we support financially and with prayer each month. The financial support is given from a portion of our offerings. If you would like to give additionally, you may put a check made out to LCLC and designate it for that ministry.)
The Ministry of the Month in

Lutheran Indian Ministries

November is the Lutheran Indian Ministries. Native cultures place a high value on relationships, intimate connections. Before they will hear you, they must first know you. Native people are natural storytellers. Storytelling is deeply embedded in their culture and history. They connect, teach, and build relationships primarily through story. That's why, in the communities Lutheran Indian Ministries seek to share the Gospel, they first take time to listen, to know and become known. Lutheran Indian Ministries doesn't come with an agenda, they come with love.

Nancy
Christian Service

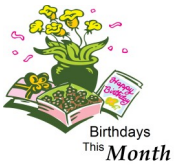
LWML NEWS

Mites will be collected Sunday, November 1st.



Mites are collected the 1st Sunday of every month by the Women's Guild. $110.45 was collected for mites in October. Thank you for your support. For more information, see www.lwml.org or see Nancy

11/7 Ed H.
11/14 Jay
11/18 Kathy
11/23 Nancy
11/27 George S.





Lisa and Mike
11/24/2007

PLANNING AHEAD



Nov. 1	All Saints Day Service
	Mites collected after service
	Gift Card Orders placed
Nov. 8	Special Coffee Fellowship
Nov. 14	Christmas in November
Nov. 17	Board of Directors Meeting
Nov. 22	Modern Service
	CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Eve Service
Nov. 28	Decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas
Dec. 2	Advent Service w/light supper
Dec. 5	Christmas SingAlong
Dec. 6	Mites collected after service
	Gift Card Orders placed
Dec. 13	Special Coffee Fellowship
Dec. 14	Lifeline Screening
Dec. 9	Advent Service w/light supper
Dec. 16	Advent Service w/light supper
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service at 7 pm
Dec. 27	Modern Service

Elders:
Art
Marty

Official Acts
Reaffirmation of Faith:
Robert

Gift Cards



Scrip orders for gift cards will be placed on Sunday, November 2nd. Check with me by e-mail or phone anytime to see what is available.

Patty

Our semi-annual congregational meeting

Don't forget! Semi-annual congregational meeting Sunday, November 22nd following the service. This is the meeting where we vote on the budget for next year and hear all that has happened this year as well as plans for next year. All members are invited, and encouraged to attend. Please make every effort to attend.



Lifeline Screening: *Have You Taken Control of Your Health?*

Life Line Screening will be here at Living Christ Lutheran Church on Monday, December 14th, 2026 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health and to live longer for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these potentially life-saving tests today. **Three ways to register:**

Call toll-free: 866-229-0469
Online: www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle
Text: the word **circle** to **797979**

LIFE LINE SCREENING® The Power of Prevention

We have some **COMPLIMENTARY SCREENINGS available. If you are interested, please contact the church office before you sign up.**