

"Faith in the Fire: Lessons from Kings, Prophets, and Captives"

11/16: Isaih 9:1-7 – Late Light

11/23: Jeremiah 29:1;4-14: Letter to the Exiles

Prayers - If you would like to have a prayer request shared with the congregation in a public manner, please email them to Deb Curtis by Thursday at 9 am roddciowa@gmail.com. Email private prayer requests to Pastor Joel: pastorjoel@reachingoutinlove.org.. Pastor Joel will share these latter requests with the prayer team.

Please Pray for:

Tracey Barry, Ginger Berggeson, Andria Huisden Brown, Crue Bucknell & Family, Phyllis Chenoweth (Judy Linsenbardt's sister), Suzanne Cook (Dee Ann's friend), Pamela Dawson, Laverne Edwards who has cancer (sister-in-law of Khane Williams), Joy Evenson, Lynn Vallandingham's sister, Wanda Brenner's friend Ashley Evers for breast cancer, Dean Godsy, Prayers for the family of Jeanne van Hoose (friend of Maxine Clark) who was killed in an auto accident, Carol Howard suffering with kidney disease waiting to be put on transplant list. Betty Karr, cancer diagnosis(Dawn Schneiderer's mother), Marica Kennison, David Kruse, Darrin Lee, Nancy Michaelson's nephew; Frankie Lindquist, Chip Long, Brittney & Hunter Mahon (DeeAnn), Kay Mason, Gordie Menken, Jim Morris, McKenna Mortimer & Family, Fred Naes, Bruce and Linda Petersen, Pastor Scott for continued recovery, Kirstin Sanning (Linda Petersen's daughter), Scarlet, Margie Seleck (friend of Linda Petersen), Marilyn Thomas (Judy Linsenbardt's sister), and Steve Walker.

(Names on this list for more than one month are removed at the end of each month unless an extension is requested.)

Military Safety: Dylan Benedict, Mason Brenner and Cassidy Culver

You can contribute flowers for our altar in honor or memory of someone, to celebrate an event, or to the glory of God. A flower chart is located at the Information Center. Please indicate if you want live flowers, at a cost of \$45 provided by River City Florists or silk flowers at a cost of \$15. If choosing silk flowers, let Linda Petersen know your preferred arrangement.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

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Calendar for the Week of 11/16/2025

Sunday:	10:00 a.m.	Joint Worship in the Worship Center
	11:00 a.m.	Annual Meeting & Brunch in the Fellowship Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Children's Worship, upstairs to the right*
Wednesday:	06:00 p.m.	Bible Study "Surprised by Joy"
	07:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday:	06:10 p.m.	Jubilation Bells rehearsal
	07:00 p.m.	Praise Band Rehearsal
Saturday:	10:00 a.m.	mmamta auditions
Sunday:	09:00 a.m.	Classic Worship in the Worship Center
	10:00 a.m.	Brunch in the Fellowship Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Modern Worship in the Worship Center*
	10:30 a.m.	Children's Worship, upstairs to the right*

ALL HANDS ON DECK: - All who are able, please stay after today and help move all items off the floors in the sanctuary. The carpet and pews in the will be cleaned on the 17th. Wayne Sharp and Janice Rambo will be leading this effort.

FALL FELLOWSHIP! Singing and Chili! Today @ 1:30.

Meet at church and we will go to a couple members who can't come to church and share familiar hymns, then gather at Plochberger's for chili, hot chocolate and visiting. If you cannot travel to the homes, feel free to come to our house around 3:30 to join us for the fellowship and hopefully tasty treats!! There is a sign up sheet at church, but if you have missed it, feel free to text me at 573-694-3233. Thanks to Thrivent for helping fund our event. Sure hope to see you Sunday Nov. 16th!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS!!!

Just imagine... It's Christmastime but because you're wearing an American uniform and serving our country in a far away place, you won't be home this Christmas. Then, a big box of wonderful little treats arrive from OSLC to make your day! So, how can you help? I am so glad you asked! Here is what is needed:

- If you have a soldier in your family that will be away from home this Christmas and have not sent an address to us, it must be done this week for them to be included! We have developed a list of what we propose to send in these Christmas packages but we need your help in purchasing and/or making these items!
- Before you leave church today, **PLEASE** stop by the table outside the church doors to sign up to donate needed items.
- **Cash donations are also needed and most welcome!**
- If you have the capability of doing a Thrivent Grants for this project, please contact us immediately!
- As always, the soldiers and their families continue to need our prayers!

Please keep in mind that for the soldiers serving outside the continental United States, we must mail these packages before Thanksgiving! We will be boxing up the ones going overseas after church on Sunday, November 23! Contacts for this project: Dee Ann McKinney (573) 619-9693 or Deb Curtis (573) 338-3779.

Poinsettias! Poinsettias! It is once again time to order the poinsettias to beautify our Sanctuary for the Christmas season. Cost is \$13 each. Order forms are available in the narthex or from Gloria Sharp. Orders must be placed by December 7. Return completed form and payment to Gloria.

Bible Studies: All Are Welcome!! – Both of these bible studies are held once a month and make use of the ELCA Gather magazine bible study which is geared towards women. The Tamar bible study meets at church and the Circle meets at our individual homes. Please make time in your schedule to attend and if you have any questions, please contact Gloria Sharp at (573)462-9758 or Deb Curtis at (573)338-3779 for details.

Tamar Circle: Meets the last Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

Hannah Circle: No meeting in December

It's time! It's not too late to be a part of our Christmas Cantata on WEDNESDAYS 7:25 p.m. "An Evening in December" will be presented for the church and community on Sunday afternoon, December 21 at 4:00 p.m. This year don't just hear the Christmas story - help us sing it to life! We welcome all voices. Most of all, you will prepare your heart for Jesus' birth through music. [And I promise you'll have an inspiring and good time!] It's an offering to glorify God! Questions? Jan Houser - 573-690-0632 or janzstudio09@gmail.com.

Fill the Truck food drive! After a couple of delays we are going to have our annual “**Fill the Truck**” food drive for the **Samaritan Center**. **The truck is here today!** We once again have received a Thrivent grant to help with the drive. All non-perishable food items are needed. Thanks for your generosity in helping to “Fill the Truck”.

Next Scripture Study Surprised By Joy by N.T. Wright: Many Christians believe our future in heaven is all that really matters. But that's not what the Bible teaches. Premier Bible scholar N. T. Wright brings you inside the Scriptures to grasp the full, breathtaking hope Jesus offers the world, and its impact on your life today. Gain an exciting new vision for your life on earth in light of your future in heaven. Wonderful as is the promise of heaven, a glorious hereafter is just part of what salvation is about. What about today? Jesus called his followers the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Your life here and now is of tremendous consequence, and what you believe about the future has a direct impact on how you live in the present. Plea join us for the final session on ***Wednesday, November 19th***, we will be going through the study Surprised by Joy by N.T. Wright to better understand how God's salvation plays itself out in our lives here on earth.

Thanks to each and everyone for helping with the Thanksgiving Dinner FOOD DRIVE for Foster, Kinship and Adoption Families. What an amazing Act of Kindness from Our Savior's! Over the last couple of weeks, it was so nice when our members stopped by our food and fund collection table in the narthex to let us know they were happy to help however they could, they dropped off food items, gave cash donations and expressed your overall support. A brief wrap-up:. **We collected food donations valuing about \$600; received approximately \$500 in cash donations (most of these funds were used to purchase additional menu items) and a \$250 Thrivent grant from Steve Walker (and some of the cash donations) that are being used to purchase turkeys.** Kristina and Eli Rentfro were first-time volunteers to help with this project, so how about letting them know that you appreciate their help. This was definitely a team effort led by Shirley and Marjorie. Go Team Go!!! Keep sharing your love! God's blessings to all. **Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.**

“Merry Ol Missouri: A Family Christmas Spectacular” Some of us are planning to attend this Christmas program at the Missouri Theatre, 203 S 9th Street, Columbia Mo, on December 18th. Merry Ol' Missouri is an 80 minute holiday spectacular, perfect for the whole family. Featuring some of your favorite holiday music, singers and dancers, and even Jolly Old Saint Nicholas, the show is sure to put you and your loved ones in the holiday spirit! The show features: Singing, Dancing, Live Music, Acrobats, confetti, and theatrical lighting. I have secured us a group rate which will decrease the ticket amount based on how many of us attend. Please note that everyone in our group must have their own ticket when they arrive to the show! If you know that you will be attending, get your tickets now as they will sell out quickly for this event. *If you would also sign up on the sheet in the narthex so I know that you are getting tickets, I'll be able to keep an eye out for you and keep you informed as the date draws near.*

1. Head to www.merryolmissouri.com/tickets.
2. Select “Buy Tickets”
3. Select “Get Tickets”
3. Then on the date of the 18th, select the seats you'd like in the **mid-orchestra or mid-mezzanine** level. If you hover over the seating, it will show the seat & level.
4. Apply the Code: **DEBRA** at checkout where it asks for a promo code. You will see \$10 taken off each adult ticket to make it equal the group rate for groups of 20+ in the mid level (\$25)
5. Be sure to answer all 3 questions on the left screen and then you'll be able to pay
5. Check your email for your digital tickets. Be sure to check junk as sometimes they can go there.