HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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Jesus increased in wisdom
and in stature and in favor
with God and man.

Luke 2:52, ESV

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We're so glad you're here! There are many good reasons to come to church, but the best one is to worship and thank God for His amazing love — shown through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That's what our church is all about.

SMITHS GROVE SITE - Saturdays

Meeting at First Christian Church
(427 College St, Smiths Grove, KY)
Bible Class: 4:00 p.m.
WORSHIP: 5:00 p.m.

BOWLING GREEN SITE - Sundays
WORSHIP: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Ignite! & Bible Classes: 9:15 a.m.

TO OUR VISITORS: We are delighted that you have joined us today. We pray that the service blesses you and invite you to worship with us again. If you are seeking a church family or would like to know more about Holy Trinity, please contact the Church Office at (270) 843-9595. We are here to serve you. Please use the attendance insert to provide your ***email, mailing address and phone number*** so that we might extend a special welcome.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the ushers at the Bowling Green site.

HOLY COMMUNION GUESTS

At Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, we believe and teach that Jesus has given His Church the Lord's Supper to grant us forgiveness and life, gifts received solely by faith in Jesus. St. Paul says, "Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:28-29, ESV).

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In personal examination, I freely and joyfully affirm:

1) That I have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
2) That I believe in the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ as my only Savior and Redeemer;
3) That I remain in this baptismal faith and am not living in unrepentant sin, but desire to amend whatever is wrong in my life;
4) That I believe I receive in the Lord's Supper not only bread and wine, but also the true body and blood of Jesus (according to His words, "This is my body…This is my blood");
5) That I do not affirm the teachings of those churches which teach this is a merely symbolic meal;
6) That I have received basic instruction regarding the Lord's Supper and agree with this congregation's teaching and practice.

If you are a member of a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation (or one in fellowship with the LCMS), we invite you to share in this Holy Communion. If you have not communed with us previously, we invite you to speak with the pastor, who will be happy to work with you toward an appropriate reception of Christ's holy meal in our midst. Even if you do not commune today, you are welcome to approach the front (arms crossed) to receive a blessing from the pastor.

TO THE MEMBERS AND VISITORS OF HOLY TRINITY: The presence of children is a gift to the church and they are a reminder that our church is growing. Please welcome all children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents. Some tips for parents/guardians of children in church:

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome.
- Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.
- Quietly explain the parts of the service and the actions of the pastor, deacons, readers, acolytes, choir, etc.
- Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.
- If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to Me."

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- Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

WORSHIP BAGS for our young worshipers are located in the Narthex at the Bowling Green site. Please use these as needed during worship.

NURSERY AND CRY ROOM: If necessary, a nursery and cry room are available to your children. The nursery is located in the old annex area. Exit the sanctuary and follow the hallway to the left, then turn at the first hallway to the right. The nursery is no longer staffed, therefore parents may use the room as needed but must remain with their children. The nursing/cry room is located in the hallway outside the sanctuary (nearest to the Nursery room hallway).

THE SECOND WEEKEND AFTER CHRISTMAS
JANUARY 3 & 4, 2026

Renewing God, as we step into a new year, quiet our hearts and help us listen for your voice. May this time of worship set our direction and renew our hope in you.

PLEASE REMEMBER: Silence/Turn Off your cell phone as you come into the Sanctuary to worship the Lord. While you are silencing your phone, we encourage you to 'check in' on Facebook that you are with us today. Thank you.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

Please stand for
THE OPENING HYMN L.S.B. #389

"Let All Together Praise Our God"
(Verses 1-3, & 7)

THE INVOCATION L.S.B. Page 151

Liturgist: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b [18:20]*
People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Liturgist: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8 & 9*

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

Liturgist: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore announce the forgiveness of all our sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

People: Amen.

INTROIT/PSALM

Psalm 147: 1, 5, 11-12; antiphon: John 1:14

Liturgist: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,

People: glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Liturgist: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

People: for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

Liturgist: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

People: his understanding is beyond measure.

Liturgist: But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,

People: in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Liturgist: Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

People: Praise your God, O Zion!

Liturgist: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

People: and to the Holy Spirit;

Liturgist: as it was in the beginning,

People: is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Liturgist: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,

People: glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE L.S.B. Page 204

"Gloria in Excelsis"

To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy,
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

Luke 2:14; John 1:29
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THE COLLECT

Liturgist: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
People: And with your spirit.

Liturgist: Let us pray. Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Kings 3:4-15

Reader: The Old Testament Reading is from the 3rd chapter of 1 Kings.

4 And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place.
Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. 5 At Gibeon the
LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall
give you.” 6 And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your
servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in
righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him
this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this
day. 7 And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of
David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or
come in. 8 And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have
chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude.
9 Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I
may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great
people?”

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10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11 And God said to him,
“Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches
or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern
what is right, 12 behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a
wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none
like you shall arise after you. 13 I give you also what you have not asked, both
riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days.
14 And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments,
as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

15 And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem
and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt
offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

THE EPISTLE READING **Ephesians 1:3-14**

Reader: The Epistle Reading is from the 1st chapter of Ephesians.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in
Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us
in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless
before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through
Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious
grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption
through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of
his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9 making known
to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ
10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven
and things on earth in him.

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[11] In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, [12] so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. [13] In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, [14] who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Please stand for
THE HOLY GOSPEL **Luke 2:40-52**

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

[40] And [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

[41] Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. [42] And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. [43] And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, [44] but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, [45] and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. [46] After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. [47] And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. [48] And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.”

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[49] And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” [50] And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. [51] And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

[52] And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

THE NICENE CREED

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All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **Pastor Toopes**

THE SERMON HYMN L.S.B. #375

"Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising"
(Verses 1-3, & 6)

THE SERMON **Pastor Toopes**

"Heart Storage"
Text: Luke 2:40-52

THE GATHERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY L.S.B. Page 192

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

Psalm 51:10-12

THE PRAYERS

Please continue to pray for the people listed on the bulletin insert, as well as for their families and friends.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

All: 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.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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THE PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory, that seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

THE SANCTUS

(Sung to the tune of L.S.B. #380 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing")

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of Sabaoth, adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim
Shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest,
Sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes
In the name of Christ the Lord!
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of Sabaoth, adored.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19 & 20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

(Sung to the tune of L.S.B. #363 "Silent Night")

Merciful Lord, God of all grace,
Shine on me with Your face.
Lord have mercy, Your servant I am.
Lord have mercy, through Jesus, my Lamb.
Grant me heavenly peace.
Grant me heavenly peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Bowling Green site only)
THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Let Us All with Gladsome Voice" L.S.B. #390
"Angels from the Realms of Glory" L.S.B. #367

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION *(Amen response is sung by all.)* L.S.B. Page 166

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

THE CLOSING HYMN L.S.B. 383

"A Great and Mighty Wonder"

THE CLOSING STATEMENT

Pastor: Go now into your mission field.
People: We go with Jesus and with joy.

THE POSTLUDE

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+ + OUR WORSHIP CONTINUES IN OUR DAILY SERVICE + +

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Elizabeth will be on vacation Monday, January 5. Pam Schmaltz will be working in the office from 8:00am-3:30pm to answer phone calls and greet visitors. Elizabeth will return voicemails and emails on Tuesday.

The church office will also be closed Monday, January 19 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr Day.

If you have a pastoral need, please contact Pastor Toopes at (870) 672-2117 or toopes57@gmail.com.

ADULT CLASS - Smiths Grove site
Pastor Toopes' Bible Study

EDUCATION CLASSES – Bowling Green site

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

Ignite Sunday School is a combined multi-age class for PreK through 5th grade that meets in the Ignite room (012) each Sunday at 9:15am.
We hope you can join us!

ABLAZE:

Ablaze is a place where students in grades 6th-12th can engage in deep conversations and grow in their relationship with God.
Join us on Sundays at 9:15am in EO-201 upstairs.

ADULT CLASSES:

Pastor Toopes' Bible Study

OUR CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

BG site:	The Church at Study	20	The Church at Worship	169
SG site:	The Church at Study	11	The Church at Worship	19
TOTAL		**31**		**188**

SERVING THIS WEEK – BG Site

	8:00 Service	10:30 Service
Greeters:	Craig & Jodi Praxl	Lynn & Carole Clark
Readers:	Joe Ertl	Sheryl Morris
Acolytes:	Mason Rosbottom	Charlotte Fritz
A/V Assistants:	Michael Hartwein	Ayden Witherspoon
Altar Guild:	Patti Stuckwisch	Heather Rathert Marsha Holm
Communion Assts:	Bruce Borth	Corey Zirbel

PowerPoint Preparation: Dawson Owens

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jan	4	Ron Davis	4	Mark Titschinger
	4	Kim Newhart	6	Kelley Matthews
	6	August Merkle	6	Landon McKinney
	9	Fiona Vratanina	10	Steven Brooks

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Jan	7	Jim & Donna White
	7	Brian & Tiffany Denton

Next week's scripture readings are:

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 60:1-6
THE EPISTLE: Ephesians 3:1-12
THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

SERVING NEXT WEEK – BG Site

	8:00 Service	10:30 Service
Greeters:	Al & Laurie Seavey	Geneva Bentley
Readers:	Cindy Brandt	Heather Rathert
Acolytes:	Quinn Otto	August Merkle
A/V Assistants:	Michael Hartwein	A.J. Zirbel
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PowerPoint Preparation: Elizabeth Nehm

PARISH NOTES

THANK YOU *to everyone who contributed to our worship service today.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please submit announcements to the Church Office by Wednesdays by e-mailing, calling, or dropping a note in the offering plate on Saturdays or Sundays.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDIES: The men's and women's Bible studies will resume meeting on Tuesday, January 6.

The women's Bible study will be studying a book called *Colossians and Philemon: Take a New Look at Christ.*

OFFERING ENVELOPES: Offering envelopes for 2026 can now be found in your mailbox in the Narthex.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING: There will be a general assembly meeting on Sunday, January 11 between services (approximately 9:15am) for two purposes:

1. Voting for new members for the Board of Directors
2. Voting on the School budget

CHILDREN'S/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

1. **ABLAZE:** The Ablaze youth group are invited on Sunday, January 11 after second service to go to Top Golf in Nashville. If you want to participate, please bring $20.00. If you have questions, please contact Nick or Bethany Boeneke.

2. **IGNITE:** Sunday, February 8 is our next Ignite youth event. Watch for details in the bulletin closer to the date!

3. Juanita Linhardt and Heidi Lindsey are updating the Confirmation photo boards and are needing photos of the different classes from 2012 and 2018-present. If your child was confirmed during this period and you have a photo of the entire class, please contact Juanita (270-779-4525) or Heidi (270-991-1473). Thank you!

FELLOWSHIP EVENT: The January fellowship event will be a chili and soup cookoff. Looking for entries with delicious homemade recipes (no fee) and also for all to come and enjoy. The event is Sunday, January 18. Doors will open at 4:00pm for participants and 4:30pm for all to taste and enjoy. Sign up January 4-11 with your favorite chili or soup. If you have any questions, please contact Janese Cleary at 931-801-1443.

LWML NEWS: Our annual LWML winter luncheon will take place on Wednesday, January 28 at IHOP Restaurant (3240 Scottsville Rd/Bowling Green) at 12:00pm. It was chosen because it offers any of the three meals you might wish to eat at that hour – breakfast, lunch, or dinner, which includes a daily "breakfast special." ALL confirmed ladies of the church are welcome to attend… plus you are welcome to bring along other ladies to increase our fellowship. We will meet in the lobby at, or just before noon. Hope to see many of our ladies there!

HTLS NEWS

1. Classes resume from Christmas Break on Monday, January 5.

2. The school will be **closed** on Monday, January 19 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

3. **PRIORITY ENROLLMENT** for the 2026-2027 school year will open on Tuesday, January 20 and close Friday, January 30.

4. **SPIRIT DAYS** for January are:
   The 100th day of school for Elementary grades is Wednesday, January 21.
   The 100th day of school for Preschool is Monday, January 26.

SMITHS GROVE OUTREACH NEWS

Holy Trinity conducts worship at a second site, located in Smiths Grove (at First Christian Church, 427 College St., corner of 5th). Bible study takes place Saturday at 4:00pm, while worship is Saturday at 5:00pm. We pray that this effort enables more people to hear and respond to the Good News of Jesus' love. Thank you for your prayers and support.

LUTHERAN WITNESS MAGAZINE

The *Lutheran Witness* magazine is now available free on the World Wide Web from our LC-MS website.

You can access the magazine in at least three ways:

1. Simply Google **Lutheran Witness**
2. Go to the synod webpage: www.lcms.org and **click on Lutheran Witness**
3. Go directly to the magazine at: www.lcms.org/pages/witness/asp

If you would like to receive your personal copy of the magazine by regular mail you may do so. Just provide a check made out to HTLC with "Lutheran Witness" on the memo line in an envelope marked **Lutheran Witness** and put it in the collection plate or mail it to the church office.

The annual cost for this publication is **$15.00**.

The deadline to contact the office is Monday, January 26, 2026.

FAITH NIGHT

Some FAITH night activities will be resuming soon.
We have a variety of activities planned each evening.

NOTE: We will break for the Lenten/Easter season. The last day for FAITH night before this season starts is Wednesday, February 11. It will restart some time after the season is over.

The schedule is as follows:

5:15pm

Sanctuary Praise Choir
Led by Beth Markel
Restarts January 14

6:00pm

Fuel & Friends (EO-201)
Food, drinks, and fellowship for older youth
Led by Nicholas & Bethany Boeneke
Restart January 14

6:15pm

Jr. Confirmation (CR) (for those in 5th, 6th, and 7th grades)
Led by Pastor Ristau
This class will restart after Pastor Ristau arrives.

Our Ministry This Week

Sunday January 4	**8:00am**	**Worship – C**
	9:15am	**Ignite! & Bible Classes**
	10:30am	**Worship – C**
	12:30-2:30pm	Mara (Burmese) service (S/Ignite Rm)
Monday January 5	8:00am	HTLS Second Semester Begins
	5:30-7:30pm	Fencing Club (Private) (FH)
Tuesday January 6	9:30am	Men's/Women's Bible Study (CR/EO-110)
Wednesday January 7	**8:30am**	**HTLS Chapel (S)**
Thursday January 8	3:15pm	HTLS Staff Meeting (EO-110)
	6:30pm	Elders Meeting (CR)
Friday January 9	5:30-7:30pm	Fencing Club (Private) (FH)
Saturday January 10	**4:00pm**	**Smiths Grove Bible Study**
	5:00pm	**Smiths Grove Worship – C**
Sunday January 11	**8:00am**	**Worship – C**
	9:15am	**General Assembly Meeting (S)**
	9:15am	**Ignite! & Bible Classes**
	10:30am	**Worship – C**
	12:30-2:30pm	Mara (Burmese) service (S/Ignite Rm)