

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Long ago, wise travelers followed a star in search of the promised Savior — and their journey led them to joy. Whatever brought you here today, we're glad you came! May you find God's presence and guidance shining brightly in your life.

### **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.**

**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 pad 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).

## **EPIPHANY, OBSERVED JANUARY, 10 & 11, 2026**

*Our Christmas celebrations are now a memory, Lord,  
but help us know Christmas joy all year long.*

**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**

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Please stand for  
**THE OPENING HYMN**

L.S.B. #394

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

**THE INVOCATION**

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 45:6-8a; antiphon: Psalm 45:17*

Liturgist: I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;  
People: **therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.**

Liturgist: Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;  
People: **you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.**

Liturgist: Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;  
People: **your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.**

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: I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;  
People: **therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.**

“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*

## THE COLLECT

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And with your spirit.**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

Liturgist: Let us pray. O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know you by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, 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

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

Reader: The Old Testament Reading is from the 60<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah.

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup> For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.

<sup>3</sup> And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

<sup>4</sup> Lift up your eyes all around, and see;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from afar,  
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

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<sup>5</sup> Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and exult,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

<sup>6</sup> A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

## THE EPISTLE READING

**Ephesians 3:1-12**

**Reader:** The Epistle Reading is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter  
of Ephesians.

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—  
<sup>2</sup> assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given  
to me for you, <sup>3</sup> how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have  
written briefly. <sup>4</sup> When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery  
of Christ, <sup>5</sup> which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations  
as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> This  
mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and  
partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup> Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which  
was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> To me, though I am the very least of  
all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable  
riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery  
hidden for ages in God, who created all things, <sup>10</sup> so that through the church the  
manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities  
in the heavenly places.

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<sup>11</sup> This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Please stand for

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> *"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel."*

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." <sup>9</sup> After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

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<sup>11</sup> And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

**Reader:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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**All:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Pastor Toopes**

## **THE SERMON HYMN**

L.S.B. #400

"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"

## THE SERMON

Pastor Toopes

**“Where Is He?”**  
**Text: Matthew 2:1-12**

## THE GATHERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS:

To give on the internet, go here: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z9WQ>



To give with your smartphone, scan this:

If you have questions, contact David King (270-438-6263).

## THE OFFERTORY

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**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. *Psalms 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  
what had been hidden from before the foundation of the  
world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In  
Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You  
have manifested the fullness of your glory. 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

*John 20:19*

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

“Arise and Shine in Splendor”

L.S.B. #396

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

L.S.B. #397

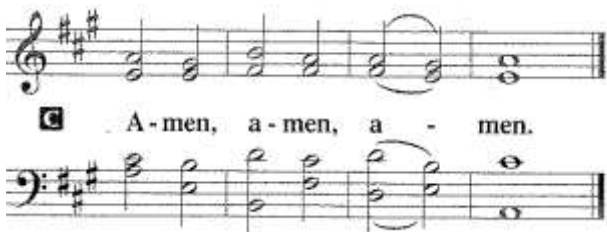
## THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**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. #399

“The Star Proclaims the King Is Here”  
(Verses 1, 2, & 5)

## THE CLOSING STATEMENT

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

## THE POSTLUDE

Liturgy (or the appropriate portion thereof) from the Lutheran Service Book  
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**+ + OUR WORSHIP CONTINUES IN OUR DAILY SERVICE + +**



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The Church office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

If you have a pastoral need, please contact Pastor Toopes at (870) 672-2117 or [toopes57@gmail.com](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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	26	The Church at Worship	166
SG site:	The Church at Study	6	The Church at Worship	21
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>32</b>		<b>187</b>

The attendance at the New Year’s Eve service was: 30

**SERVING THIS WEEK – BG Site**

	<u>8:00 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Greeters:	Al & Laurie Seavey	Geneva Bentley
Readers:	Cindy Brandt	Heather Rathert
Acolytes:	Quinn Otto	August Merkle
A/V Assistants:	Michael Hartwein	A.J. Zirbel
Altar Guild:	Patti Stuckwisch	Heather Rathert
		Marsha Holm
Communion Assts:	Bruce Borth	Corey Zirbel
PowerPoint Preparation:	Elizabeth Nehm	

### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Jan	11	Tiffany Denton	13	Chris Unick
	14	Beth Levan	15	Quinn Otto
	17	Del Wolff	17	Liam Payne
	17	Greyson Albert		

### **ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

Jan	11	David & Susan Justus
	11	Dennis & Sandra Widmann
	12	Jacob & Heather Jordan

***Next week's scripture readings are:***

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 42:1-9**

**THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 6:1-11**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17**

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK – BG Site**

#### **8:00 Service**

Greeters:	Bruce & Bonnie Borth
Readers:	David King
Acolytes:	Huntley Moore
A/V Assistants:	Michael Hartwein
Altar Guild:	Patti Stuckwisch

#### **10:30 Service**

Ralph & Joyce Piel
Steve Brooks
Vera Fritz
Ayden Witherspoon
Heather Rathert
Marsha Holm
Corey Zirbel

Communion Assts: Bruce Borth  
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 Sundays.

**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

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

### **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!

**JANUARY NEWSLETTERS** have been distributed via email and the Narthex/Lobby. If we have an email address for you then hopefully you have already received it. If we don't have an email, a printed copy is on the table in the Narthex/Lobby for you to pick up and take home.

If you would like to receive newsletters via email please contact the church office at 270-843-9595. The **DEADLINE** for articles for the February newsletter is Thursday, January 15.

**SAFETY AND SECURITY TEAM:** The Safety & Security team will be hosting a meeting on Saturday, January 17 from 9:30-11:00am in room EO-110. If you are interested in joining this team, this would be a good introductory meeting for you to attend.

**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 is through January 11 with your favorite chili or soup. If you have any questions, please contact Janese Cleary at 931-801-1443.

### **HTLS NEWS**

1. The school will be **closed** on Monday, January 19 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
2. **PRIORITY ENROLLMENT** for the 2026-2027 school year will open on Tuesday, January 20 and close Friday, January 30.
3. **SPIRIT DAYS** for January are:  
The 100<sup>th</sup> day of school for Elementary grades is Wednesday, January 21.  
The 100<sup>th</sup> day of school for Preschool is Monday, January 26.

## **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 21*

**6:00pm**

### **Fuel & Friends (EO-201)**

Food, drinks, and fellowship for older youth

Led by Nicholas & Bethany Boeneke

*Restarts January 14*

**6:15pm**

### **Jr. Confirmation (CR)** (for those in 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grades)

Led by Pastor Ristau

*This class will restart after Pastor Ristau arrives.*

**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!

## **LUTHERAN WITNESS MAGAZINE**

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

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1. Simply Google **Lutheran Witness**
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## **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.

# *Our Ministry This Week*

<i>Sunday</i> January 11	<b>8:00am</b> <b>9:15am</b> <b>9:15am</b> <b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship – C</b> <b>General Assembly Meeting (S)</b> <b>Ignite &amp; Bible Classes</b> <b>Worship – C</b>
	12:30-2:30pm	Mara (Burmese) service (S/Ignite Rm)
<i>Monday</i> January 12	5:30-7:30pm 6:00pm	Fencing Club (Private) (FH) Lutheran Schools Ministry Team (EO-123)
<i>Tuesday</i> January 13	9:30-11:00am	Men's/Women's Bible Study (CR/EO-110)
<i>Wednesday</i> January 14	<b>8:30am</b> 12:00-2:00pm 6:00pm	<b>Chapel (S)</b> Fellowship Ministry Team Meeting (CR) Fuel & Friends (EO-201)
<i>Thursday</i> January 15	6:30pm	Elders Meeting (CR)
<i>Newsletter Deadline</i>		
<i>Friday</i> January 16	5:30-7:30pm	Fencing Club (Private) (FH)
<i>Saturday</i> January 17	9:30-11:00am 9:00am-1:00pm <b>4:00pm</b> <b>5:00pm</b>	Safety & Security Team Meeting (EO-110) Setup for Chili and Soup Cookoff (FH & K) <b>Smiths Grove Bible Study</b> <b>Smiths Grove Worship – C</b>
<i>Sunday</i> January 18	<b>8:00am</b> <b>9:15am</b> <b>10:30am</b> 11:30am  12:30-2:30pm  <b>4:30pm</b>	<b>Worship – C</b> <b>Ignite &amp; Bible Classes</b> <b>Worship – C</b> Outreach Ministry Team Meeting (EO-110)  Mara (Burmese) service (S/Ignite Rm)  <b>Chili &amp; Soup Cookoff (FH)</b>