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November 2026

Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come? … These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
Revelation 7:13-14



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

First, I want to encourage you to worship on Sunday, November 29th, the first Sunday of Advent. Why? Because Rev. Jeff Morlock will be preaching and he is a phenomenal preacher.

Pastor Jeff serves as the recruitment specialist for the North American Lutheran Seminary. He is the one who recruits our future pastors. He is honest and full of integrity. Yes, he is a salesman, but not in the typical sense. He speaks truth. So, though I will not be with you on November 29th, I do expect you to worship at HTLC on November 29th if you are in the area.

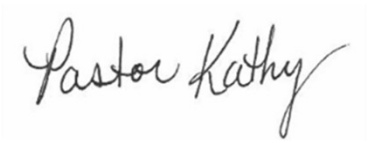
Where will I be? Celebrating my father's 80th birthday. For the first time in 20 years, Dan and I will be celebrating Thanksgiving with our parents. Unbeknownst to my dad, we are having a surprise 80th Birthday party for him that Saturday. As you are well familiar with, none of us knows how long we have with our parents. Dan was recently informed that his father's prostate cancer has spread to his bones and he will be celebrating his 90th birthday in February. Remember, Dan lost his mom, Pat, the Tuesday following Thanksgiving last year. So, this is a fragile time for our family. We are extremely grateful that we get to celebrate Thanksgiving with our remaining parents this year.

All Saints Day, November 1st, is the day we give thanks for all those who have led us and kept us in the faith of our Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then we have the Thanksgiving holiday which in truthfulness is a secular holiday dedicated to giving thanks for all that we have. Why? Because in Christianity we are always to give thanks in all circumstances.

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"All Saints" honors every Christian who has gone to be with Jesus, from the apostles and martyrs to the lesser-known saints who may even have been members of our own congregations and families. Naturally, this day is quite special to those who miss their loved ones. It is an occasion both for weeping and for great joy. We rejoice that, while we weep, every tear has been removed from their eyes. And we weep in joy as well that soon the tears will also be removed from our eyes.

And so in our Lutheran Churches, All Saints' Day is a day on which we remember all of the faithful who have gone before us and give thanks to God that by his mercy he receives sinners and gives us the same hope that he gave to them: the hope of the coming resurrection.

Your Sister in Christ, 

Pastor's Report Highlights

- Upcoming Vacation: Wednesday, November 25 through Friday, December 4
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- Deans' Meeting and Clergy Retreat: Monday, January 18-Saturday, January 23
- Potential Gift to be received in 2027 from family of member who passed away. Gift is expected to be around $10,000. Family is wanting to purchase something for the church in family member's memory. Or is there another idea for how we would use it? Family wants to be in conversation with us.
- Annual Generosity Discernment/Stewardship Campaign is underway
- Office Administrator position has been posted for one week. We received many partial applications, and one full application. An interview is scheduled. So far, we have spent $0 advertising. If need be, we can advertise for 30 days at cost of $400.

Thank You

Dear HTLC Family,
Thank you so much for the cards, gifts, and special notes of gratitude that were received in celebration of Clergy Appreciation month. Know that I am grateful for each of you. You have a very special place in my heart. Here's to another 5 years of ministry together.
In Christ,
Pastor Kathy

Table Talk

Join the conversation as we look at contemporary issues from a Biblical perspective on Sunday mornings after worship. We gather in the chapel with our coffee and treats around 11:20am and we are finished by noon so we can get on with our day. During the month of November we will finish our conversation regarding the ordination of women and then we will move into a conversation about Christianity and Islam.

Table Talk will not meet on November 15th and November 29th.



We Remember Our Loved Ones on All Saints Day, November 1st

Charles Bias
Harlan "Skip" Burns
Margaret Ellen Cole
Hermoiney Greenler
Ron Kilgore
Danny Miller
Carol Ann Myers
Kip Pierson
Susan Rafferty
Dr. William "Bill" Schamadan

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Matthew 5:4

Congregational Meeting

Our annual Elections and Budget Meeting will take place on Sunday, December 6th following worship. Information regarding our budget will be mailed to you ahead of time.

The following positions are open for nominations:
Church Council
President (2027-2029)
Finance Chair (2027-2029)
Worship & Music (2027-2029)

Non-Council
Outreach Chair (no specified term)
Endowment Committee (2027-2029)

By submitting a name for nomination, you are *confirming* that the individual is willing to serve. Nominations are to be submitted by Sunday, November 15th. Nominees will appear in the bulletin on Sunday, November 22nd. Elections will take place Sunday, December 6th.



Thanksgiving Potluck

Plan to stay after worship on Sunday, November 15th for a Thanksgiving Potluck. Meat will be provided. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share.

Thanksgiving Service

Kingdom Grace Fellowship is hosting a Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 24th at 7:00pm. First English and Holy Trinity will be joining them in this service. Bring non-perishable food items for the offering. They will be given to a local food pantry. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the service.

Explanation of Offering Envelopes

The **November Special Offering** envelope supports Drug Intervention via Catalyst Life Services in Mansfield, OH. Monies received will be matched by our Tithes on the Bequest and Memorial Fund.

Catalyst Life Services is a private non-profit offering mental health and crisis services including a 24-hour stabilization unit and helpline 419-522-HELP. Catalyst Life Services has been in operation for over 65 years constantly evolving to meet the needs of the community and guiding the people we serve to lead more fulfilling lives. Visit www.catalystlifeservices.org for more information.

The **Thanksgiving Envelope** supports World Central Kitchen. Founded in 2010 by Chef Jose Andres, World Central Kitchen is first to the frontlines providing fresh meals in response to crises. Applying their model of quick action, leveraging local resources, and adapting in real time, World Central Kitchen has served more than 500 million nourishing meals around the world.

When disaster strikes, World Central Kitchen's Relief Team mobilizes with the urgency of now to start cooking and serving meals to people in need. By partnering with organizations on the ground and activating a network of local restaurants, food trucks, and emergency kitchens, World Central Kitchen serves comforting meals to survivors of disasters quickly and effectively. To support regional economies, World Central Kitchen prioritizes purchasing local ingredients to cook with or distribute directly to families in need.

World Central Kitchen knows that good food provides not only nourishment, but also comfort and hope, especially in times of crisis. Learn more at wck.org.



Active Duty

Jake Brandenburg – Navy
Josh Collins – Navy
Mike Greenler II - Army
Lindsey Pritchard – Army
J. Zachery Zirkel – Air Force



HTLC Veterans

Myron Beer – Army
Eric Bowman – Air Force
Dick Collier - Navy
Angela DeNero – Army
Dan Distl – Air Force
Larry Feichtner – Navy
Jim Fleming – Marine
Jerry Fraifogl – Air Force
Rev. Michael Greenler – Army
Jeneva Johns – Air Force
Jack Leech – Navy
Justin Marotta – Army
Jerry Murphy – Army
Charles Robinson – Air Force
Al Sandor – Air Force
Mark Smith – Air Force
Roger Steude – Army
Gerald Sweet – Air Force/National Guard
Jerry Unruh – Air Force
Ernie Wilson – Army

Barclay's View



Dear Friends,

This Fall has been so much fun!!! I hope you have been enjoying the wonderful weather we have been having, too! Mom and I have been enjoying Fleming Falls Nature Preserve on a regular basis. Mom loves it because she reaches her 10,000 steps and usually gets 10-12 flights of stairs while we are there. I love it because I get to do a lot of sniffing, and when nobody is around, I get to be off leash and explore all the water. I am in awe of God's creation, and I am delighted that I get to explore it.

Worship has been fun, too. It is weird having Dad join me in the balcony again on Sunday mornings AND see him in the office during the week. Don't get me wrong, I love having him around. But I don't think I am as spoiled as when he is not around. Between Mike, Yvonne, Linda, Bryan, Kathy, Dave, Mary and the rest of you - I get so many touches that I am exhausted when I come home. Being a church dog is exhausting!!!

By the way, have you met our new Office Administrator, Rhonda? I love her. I greet her in her office every morning and she gives me a treat. I'm not sure how much she likes me, but she at least puts up with me. Though, the first time I smiled at her she was a little worried. I think she figured it out that if my tail is wagging, I'm very safe to be around.

Jesus loves you and I do, too!

Birthday Celebration

Please join us for an open house as we celebrate Liz Pritchard's 90th birthday on Saturday, December 5 from 1:00 – 3:00pm in the lounge at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.
Come, share the memories, the laughter and stories from a life well lived.
Cards and/or presence are the only gift necessary. All are welcome.

The Family of Liz Pritchard

Welcome Rhonda, Thank You Dan

We are grateful to Dan Pennington for helping us through the transition as our former office administrator, Debbie Taylor, left us for a new position. Now to give you some insight from "Behind the Scenes." Debbie trained Dan in her last one and a half weeks with us. Why? Because Pastor Kathy only knows about one-fourth to one-third of what our office administrator does. It was very helpful that Dan understood Lutheran liturgy, had many gifts for technical support, as well as a determination to see things through until they were resolved.

While Dan was with us, not only did he keep the office going, but he helped us with some phone issues with our VOIP phone service, he moved us over from Spectrum to Brightspeed for a much cheaper price, and he held Ohio's Department of Commerce accountable for what they expected their people to do. What does this mean? He forced the state to give us access to our elevator and boiler permits that they tried to keep us from obtaining without us giving them someone's social security number. In other words, the state initiated a new system that they really were not ready to support, especially for non-profit entities. In addition to all of that, Dan helped us with some website work. Of course, there is still much more work to be done.

But now we are in a new chapter. We welcome Rhonda Bletner as our new office administrator. Rhonda has been training with Dan for about a week and a half now. She has been doing a WONDERFUL job! Please introduce yourself to Rhonda when you come to the church during the week. And, please have patience as Rhonda learns the everyday activities here at Holy Trinity. It can be a busy place at times, and certainly overwhelming.

Thank you, Rhonda, for your willingness to be our Office Administrator! And know that we are grateful for you and are praying for you every day. Please reach out to us any time you have questions or concerns.



NALC Disaster Response Transitions

Mary Bates, the Director of NALC Disaster Response for the last 16 years and previously the Director of Lutheran Disaster Response for 12 years, retired as of October 31, 2026.

As of October 30, 2026, her understanding is that Rev. Mark Werner and the rest of the NALC Disaster Response board is still sorting through applicants for her vacated position.

Mary and her husband Ken have plans to manage only the Caldwell warehouse and leave all direction of disaster response to the new director. Mary also intends to enter seminary at the beginning of 2027. Currently, she and Ken are helping to host a new mission start congregation of the NALC in Caldwell, and their first service is November 1st, All Saints Sunday. How fitting!

Let us pray for a smooth transition for the new director of NALC Disaster response and the latest chapter in the life of Mary Bates, a life so far well-lived.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Rachael Spellman for completing her Masters in Forensic Sciences. She is looking at job options!

New Administrative Assistant



Hi, I am Rhonda Bletner, your new office administrator, and I am delighted to be invited to serve your church! I grew up in the Clear Fork valley but lived in several other states before returning to Ohio. I was editor of the Bellville newspaper for several years, in addition to other newspapers including Dolly Parton's hometown in Tennessee. Additional experience in a nursing home and a domestic violence shelter helped me realize I value service. I want to be of service to you! I hope you'll bear with me as I learn the ropes from the talented and knowledgeable Dan Pennington!
Personally, I enjoy reading, researching history, beach glass hunting and arts and crafts. I have three adult children, one deceased, and a black foster cat named Gremlin.

BOOKS, COFFEE & DESSERT BOOK CLUB 2026

The book club will meet Thursday, November 5, at 1:30 p.m. in the home of Karen Ticknor to discuss the book, *First Lie Wins* by Ashley Elston. Evie Porter has everything a nice Southern girl could want; a boyfriend, house with a white picket fence and close friends. The only catch? Evie Porter doesn't exist. If you would like to know more about the book club, contact Linda Fleming at 419-756-4929.

	BOOK	AUTHOR	HOST
NOV 5	First Lie Wins	Ashley Elston	Karen Ticknor
DEC 3	The Paper Bag Christmas	Kevin Alan Milne	Linda Fleming



Thank you

We want to sincerely thank everyone who thought of our baby girl with cards, gift cards, money, and kind wishes. Your love and generosity have meant more to us than words can express. We are so thankful for each of you and feel truly blessed to have such a loving church family! Thank you for your continued prayers as we transition soon to a family of four!

Love, Zach, Lauren, Harlee and Baby girl Motter

The Outreach Ministry thanks you for your generous donations to the Foster Care Placement Bags and to the ARC Empowerment Center.



These are continuing projects so the baskets will remain in the Narthex for collecting items. Additional purchases will be made with contributions you have made through the Outreach Envelope.

You can continue to donate items from the wish list. Together, we can help bring comfort and care to children and families during a critical transition.

Amazon Wishlist http://bit.ly/49N0sMc

Committee & Group Meetings

Council – 6:30pm 2nd Tuesday of month
Finance Committee – 2:00pm 3rd Wednesday of month
Outreach Committee – 4:00pm 3rd Tuesday of month
Parish Education – 9:00am 1st Sunday of month
Property Committee – 6:00pm 1st Tuesday of month
Worship & Music Committee – 11:30am 2nd Thursday of the month
Comfort Makers Quilt Group – 10am 2nd Wednesday of month

Reminder about Building Use

If you want to use building space for a meeting, activity or event, fill out and submit a YELLOW reservation form to the Church Office. You will find them in the literature rack in the Narthex. We will confirm your reservation when we have reviewed your request and add it to the church calendar.

Church members are NOT required to pay any fees for building use. Payment to the sexton is suggested, and a donation to the building fund may also be made.

It is important to provide as many details as you can, prior to your event**. Change requests during the week prior to your event cannot be guaranteed.**



Prayer List

Our Prayer List is updated weekly. The most recent list is found in the weekly bulletin. Please notify Pastor Kathy of any additions and please give updates.

Comfort Makers

Our quilting group, the comfort makers, is a busy, productive group. Their time & talent contributes to some of the most beautiful, comforting quilts that are sent all around the world. Comfort Makers meet the second Wednesday of the month.

Food Collection

Food collection continues every Sunday. Donated food will be taken to the designated agency after the Third Sunday of each month.

NALC Weekly Updates

Subscribe to receive weekly updates from the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). This is how you learn what is happening in the NALC. The emails usually arrive on Friday afternoons.
Subscribe at thenalc.org/en-us/connect/

Holy Carers

Holy Carers - please continue to communicate with our homebound and visit them when you can. Cards, notes, and phone calls are greatly appreciated. Printed newsletters are available to take to your folks!

Blessing the Quilts



A Blessings of the Quilts was held in the church sanctuary on October 11. On October 17, twenty-two quilts were delivered to Seville, Ohio for Lutheran World Relief. Twenty-eight quilts were made this year, 19 were donated to Lutheran World Relief, 9 remained here for those in need locally.
Participating in the Blessing of the Quilts were Jolene Sander, Ruth Schindler, Sue Hendrickson, Miriam Myers, Becky Schultz, Bonnie Elias and Lynn Marotta (taking the picture).



11/2 – Mary Steude
11/3 – Richard Beal
11/06 – Linda Friedline
11/10 – Greg Boltman
11/16 – Jeannine McKee
11/16 – Myron Beer
11/16 – James Harris
11/17 – Cindy Shasky
11/19 – Robert Laderman
11/26 – Elizabeth Pritchard
11/26 – Kristi Larson
11/26 – Brody Zeigler
11/28 – Mark Smith

IN CHRIST'S SERVICE SCHEDULE

	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
HEAD USHER	Jim Fleming				
DOOR GREETER	Jerry Fraifogl				
WELCOME TABLE	Sue Hendrickson		Norma Garberich		
USHERS	Justin Marotta	Lynn Marotta	Jo Sandor	Helen Brown	Opening
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Jerry Unruh & Elaine Siewert				
LECTORS	Jerry Duff	Bonnie Elias	Linda Fleming	Barbara Fraifogl	Kathy Glessner
CANTORS	Nancy C./ Barb F.	Dick Collier	Larry Schaeffer	Fraifogl's	Bonnie Elias
A/V TECH	Linda Collins	Bryan Smith	Zedd Butz	Kathy Glessner	Linda Collins
ADULT ED FACILITATOR	Pastor Kathy	Pastor Kathy & Dave Erwin	Potluck	Pastor Kathy & Dave Erwin	No Class
SNOW REMOVAL					
COUNTERS	Jim & Linda Fleming				
ALTAR GUILD	Dick & Nancy Collier				
COOKIES	Sylvia Thrush	Jo Sandor	Potluck	Liz Pritchard	Cindy & Becky

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends 8:45am – 9:45am Al-Anon 10:00am – 11:00am Worship Service 11:15am – 12:15pm Adult Ed 6:00pm – 9:00pm Halloween Dance	2 9:00am – 10:30am Journeymen Gathering 6:30pm - 8:00pm Cub Scouts	3 Election Day Midterm Elections Voting 5:15pm - 6:15pm Bells Practice 6:00pm - 7:00pm Property Committee Meeting 7:00pm - 9:00pm Scouts	4	5 10:00am – 11:00am Adult Bible Study 12:00pm – 1:00pm Choir Practice 1:30pm - 3:30pm Book Club 6:00pm - 7:00pm Ballroom Lessons 7:00pm - 9:00pm Appleseeds Square Dancing	6 Office Closed	7
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29 First Sunday of Advent 8:45am – 9:45am Al-Anon 10:00am – 11:00am Worship Service	30 6:30pm - 8:00pm Cub Scouts					

Making a Difference Nationally

North American Lutheran Church Disaster Response

NALC's Disaster Response is dedicated to sharing Christ's love when it's needed most.
Disaster Response in the North American Lutheran Church isn't just about emergency supplies—it's about being the hands and feet of Jesus. When storms surge, fires rage, or floods rise, NALC congregations are equipped to respond with compassion, courage, and Christ-centered care – including responding to flooding in the central U.S.
Volunteers have been distributing flood buckets and assisting congregations impacted by historic rains and rising waters.

Lifewise Academy

LifeWise Academy offers Bible education for public school students during school hours. Almost no one knows this is possible. LifeWise provides a program that any community can implement to reach students with the gospel. LifeWise classes are held off school property, privately funded and parent-permitted.

LifeWise Academy comes alongside administrators and teachers to support their mission of serving students, schools, and communities. Studies show that LifeWise programs improve student attendance and behavior, with educators recognizing the benefits and parents overwhelmingly recommending LifeWise.

Holy Trinity donates care bags for foster children

A transition into foster care can be a stressful and overwhelming experience for a young child. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church helps children entering care through Richland County Children Services have more comfort during a difficult time. Each bag is thoughtfully packed with essential items to help a child get through their very first night in foster care. Inside, children will find: Cozy pajamas and underwear to ensure they have clean clothes to sleep in, a warm blanket and a stuffed animal provides immediate comfort and security. Essential provide personal hygiene needs. These bags offer more than just physical items. They provide a sense of dignity, ownership, and comfort to a child when their world has been turned upside down

International Missions

Malawi Orphan Care Project



Project(MOCP) works in partnership with leaders in Malawi to help orphans in Malawi and their caregivers.
Currently the only agency they work with is the Kanyenyeva Ministries(KM). Donations to MOCP are sent to KM. KM uses those donations for: the feeding program, evangelism, the sports program, high school scholarships, elementary school fees, building infrastructure, creating small businesses an Days for Girls Enterprise.
In October a small team worked on finishing the first building for the girls at Alinafe Girls Rescue Center—a place where girls begin to heal after the trauma of a forced marriage in Malawi.

Water Mission

Water Mission Responds to Devastating Flash Floods in Nepal



This year, Water Mission's Disaster Assistance Response Team responded to two large-scale disasters simultaneously—earthquakes in Venezuela and flooding in Nepal.
In Nepal initial reports indicated that more than 500 people had been killed and more than 1,500 remained missing, though those figures were preliminary estimates. Clean, safe water is critical during any disaster to prevent the spread of water-related illnesses, especially in the initial days following a disaster.



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