



LIFELINE NOVEMBER 2025

Pastor's Prattle

As the month of November begins, we find ourselves at the throne of heaven, celebrating with all the saints who have gone before. We remember our loved ones and friends who are part of that crowd, and we join with them in praise and honor and glory to the one who sits there. We are filled with joy, knowing that is our future, one that will last throughout eternity.

Yet, we find ourselves still on this side of the time barrier. As we look around at the world we live in, we wonder what that will be like. What will it be like to feel that complete joy? What will it look like? What will it sound like, hearing millions upon millions of voices, along with the angels, singing praise to God?

Most of what we hear on this side is voices crying out in suffering, hatred, loss, doubt, disbelief. There is little joy, joy of heaven, in this world. Most people seem to be wandering through life looking for answers, for something to hang their hopes on. But the world has little to offer.

However, there are voices being lifted up to God, singing his praise and offering a message of hope. There are people of God in every corner who are pointing wanderers to the heavens, and to the one who reigns there, as the only hope for a lost humanity. Believers of every generation are lifting up the name of Jesus as the One who can bring us true joy.

You are part of that band of believers! When you sing his praises in worship, you are pointing the way to him. When you speak about your faith, or are one of the saints passing it on to the next generation, you are offering a vision of something better that is coming. You are bringing hope to the world.

November is a special month for us. We begin by singing with the saints at the throne of heaven. We will spend the month in worship looking to the skies—for signs of the end of time and signs of the Lord's coming to receive us home. Then, the month ends with great anticipation, as we see the heavens open and the King of Kings make his appearance.

Our song of the month is “Turn Your Eyes” by Sovereign Grace. Go find it on YouTube. It will remind us what Jesus has done for us and will encourage us to look up, not only to watch for his coming, but also to see the one who is our only hope for eternity.

You don't want to miss a Sunday!

Pastor Jim

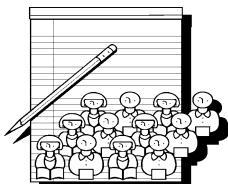


Congregational Meeting



Sunday, November 2
9:45 AM (in between services)
Congregational MEETING

A Meeting will be held between the traditional and contemporary services at 9:45AM. We will address changes to the NALC and give a state of union on our church. Please attend this important meeting.



Membership Class

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Did you ever have any questions about what we teach as Lutherans, but didn't know who or how to ask?

Well, here's your chance to do just that. On the Sundays in November during the Sunday School hour, starting Nov. 9, Lutheranism 101 will be held in the sanctuary. It's a chance for new members who want to know and old members who want to review the basic teachings of Lutheranism. Hope to see you!

Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Lutheranism But Were Afraid Someone Would Find Out You Didn't Know

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

From the Call Committee:

We ask that you continue to be in intentional prayer for our current, and next pastor.

The Call Committee has completed the Congregational Profile and it has been approved by the Church Council. The NALC has listed our profile on their website for potential pastors to consider for call. As pastors contact the Call Committee for consideration, we will interview them and potentially have them visit our church. Reach out to any member of the Call Committee with questions. Blessings, Tony Marsh - Call Committee Chair



Wednesday Night Dinner

ON THE MENU: Brent's Pulled Pork BBQ

Come eat and fellowship at Wednesday Night Together, November 5th at 6:00pm.

Please make a reservation on the sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact the office so we will know how much food to prepare.

Dinner donations of \$9.00 per person, and not more than \$25 per family.

We need and always appreciate volunteers to set up and clean up!



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

On November 2nd we will remember, at each of our services, all of the saints who have passed away since November 2024.

If someone in your family or a friend has died this year, please let the church office know their name and we will include them in the services on November 2nd.

**Remember our Veterans
on Veterans Day
November 11th**





NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Landon Davis	1
Kelli Howell	5
Cydney Beets	7
Peter Claverie	8
Erin Schultz	8
Beth Kooker	10
Michael Tibbets	14
Phyllis Nichols	19
Betty Bilger	20
Cooper Bryant	21



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER ISSUE IS NOVEMBER 20th.

Please send your articles to the church office at lordoflife@bellsouth.net

Call 754-0669 with any questions. You may send in your articles early if you like –the newsletter is always a work in progress. Thanks.



Got Facebook?

'Like' our Facebook page so you can get updates on activities and share events with your friends.

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Church Office Hours
9:00AM to 3:00PM
Monday to Thursday
Closed on Friday

Sunday Worship Services

8:30AM Traditional
11:00AM Contemporary

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SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

OCTOBER

5th	47
12th	47
19st	52
26th	51



The Community Service Ministry will be having a clothing drive from October 19 to Nov 9. We will again collect new or gently used clean Coats & Clothing of all sizes for men, women & children.

This will benefit the folks in the Belt Line Community of Memphis.

There will be two large boxes for coats & clothing -- One in the Narthex & one outside the Family Life Center.

If you have questions contact, Sue Hall.

BELTLINE COMMUNITY PROJECT

Sisters of Service are continuing to collect items for the women in the Beltline community. They are so appreciative!

During **November** we will focus on gift bags, tissue paper, bows, & cards. In the narthex there is a container for your donations. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please put Beltline Women on the memo line of your check. We will purchase items and deliver all items for distribution. Thanks for your help!



THOSE SERVING THE 8:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE

November 2

Assisting Minister: Brent Berry

Acolyte: Chloe Collamore

Crucifer: Leah Collamore

Lector: Jill Koch

November 9

Assisting Minister: Shirley Lyles

Acolyte: none

Crucifer: none

Lector:

November 16

Assisting Minister: Jim Gienapp

Acolyte: None

Crucifer: None

Lector: Jim Gienapp

November 23

Assisting Minister: Tony Marsh

Acolyte:

Crucifer:

Lector:

November 30 – Advent 1

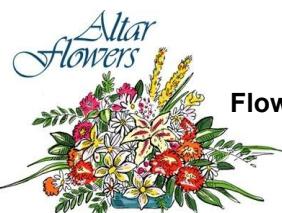
Assisting Minister:

Acolyte:

Crucifer:

Lector:

If you are unable to serve on your designated day please find someone to take your place. Please call the church office with the change, 901.754.0669



Flowers in November are given by:

2 – Sue Hall – family birthdays

9 – Rick & Susan Bullock – Veterans Day

16 –

23 –

30 – Advent 1



**The Memorial Candle
Is given in November by:**

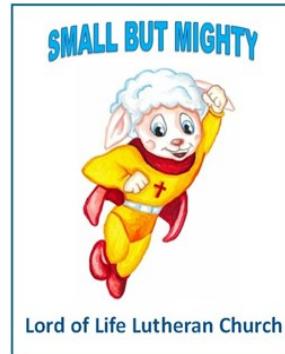
2 – Toni Pittman – in memory of Alison Pittman

9 –

16 –

23 – Bonnie Stevens – for blessings received

30 –



WE HAVE SHIRTS

You can purchase a T-shirt or Golf shirt with the "Small But Mighty" logo.

T-Shirts are \$16

Golf Shirts are \$23

There will be order forms in the narthex with information. If you have any questions see Pastor Jim.



**Continental
Youth Conference
July 7 – 10, 2026
Roanoke, VA**

Registration opens in **October 2025**.

Cost will be \$300/person, plus spending money for meals on the road, and souvenirs.

There is a limit of 350 people for the event. Youth, and required chaperones, will get priority. Additional adults will be added if space allows. Please sign up on the board in the narthex.



**Saturday, November 1st,
before bed...
Set your clocks BACK one hour!**



BELTLINE THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

**Saturday, November 22nd at the
Beltline Community Resource Center**
427 Boston & Mt. Pleasant Baptist

Event Schedule:

- 9:00 a.m. - Clothing Bag Sale
- 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service
- Noon - Thanksgiving Meal

Side dishes will be provided by Lord of Life Church through Superlo Foods. If you would like to contribute to the cost of the side dishes please memo your check or envelope with *Thanksgiving Beltline Lunch* and place it in the offering plate. Thank You.

Superlo turkey dinner will be available from a serving line, and guests will be seated at tables inside like the years before COVID instead of picking up carry-out boxes.



WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES GROUP ☺

Wednesday mornings from 10:00am-11:30am in the adult classroom.

Wednesday Morning Ladies/Life Threads (LOL's prayer shawl ministry). We are a group of ladies who meet to talk, share stories, eat, joke and laugh. Some of us bring a craft to do such as needlepoint, crochet and knitting. Even if you don't do a thing but talk, please come and enjoy a cup of coffee, a weekly snack and fellowship!



Monday Morning Bible Study

Join us for Monday morning Bible study at 10:30am!

We meet in the Sunday school room. Invite someone and join us as we study together.



TRIVIA NIGHT! EVERY Monday @ 7:30pm

Come hang out with friends on **Monday, Nov 17th** at Mellow Mushroom in Germantown at our monthly Trivia nights! Come eat and leave, or eat and trivia, or just trivia (7:30 pm).

Please text Victoria if you want to get a place at the table, and monthly reminders for future events! 901-828-0670



Women's Bible Study

W3: Women, Worldview and the Word

A Chronological Study to discover who God is for women. Come and join us. Wednesday Mornings, 9:30AM to 11ish at the home of Marla Inman, 6829 Tangleberry Lane.

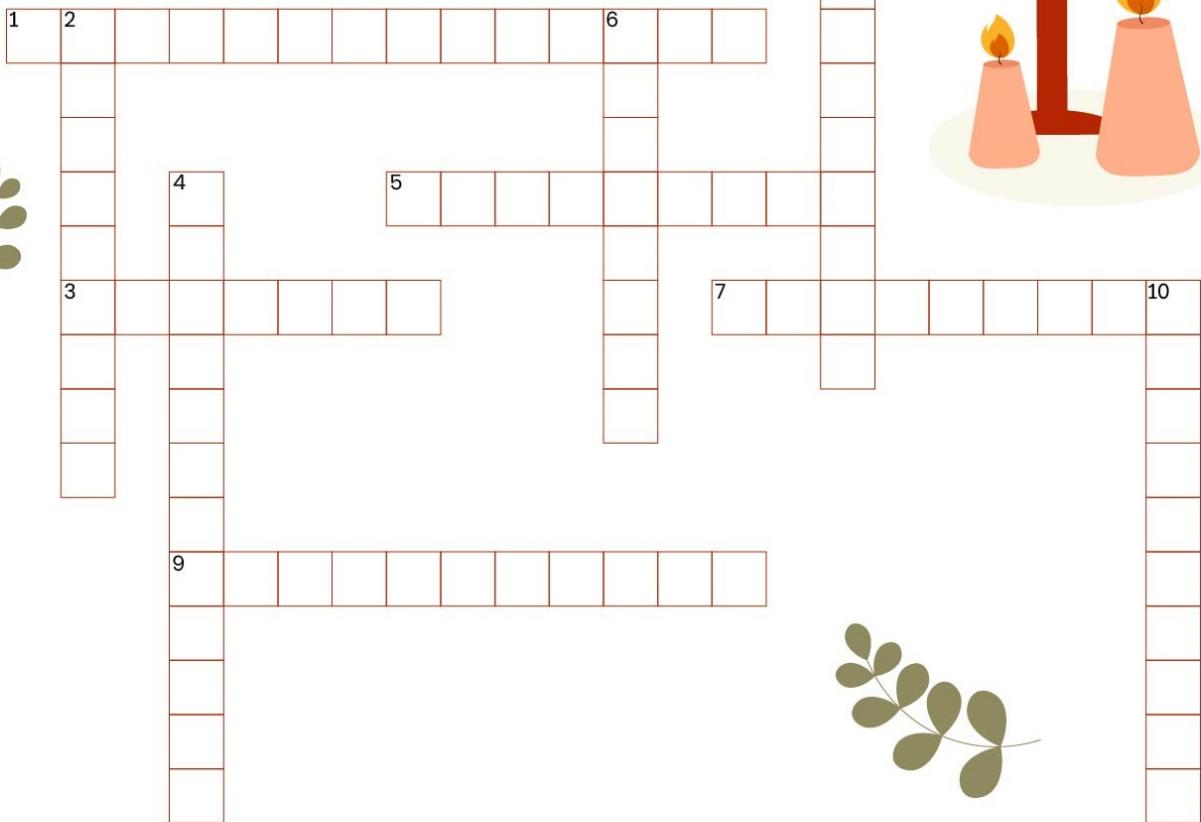
Feel free to join anytime!

<https://chronologicalbibleteaching.com/products/w3-women-worldview-word>



Bible

Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. The process by which believers are made holy, becoming more like Christ.
3. The promised Savior and King.
5. Refers to the Old and New Covenants in the Bible.
7. The day when the Holy Spirit descended on believers, marking the birth of the Church.
9. The execution method used on Jesus, central to Christian belief about His sacrificial death

Down

2. The reconciliation between God and man through Christ's sacrifice for sin.
4. Jesus rising from the dead on the third day, proving His divinity and victory over sin and death.
6. A name for Jesus signifying God's presence.
8. The act of setting someone apart for God's purpose, often symbolized with oil.
10. The portable sanctuary where God dwelled among the Israelites before the Temple

Preschool Trunk-or-Treat 2025





Cydney Beets, Brent Berry,
Nanci Gienapp, Sarah Gulla,
Frank Howell, Kelli Howell,
Robby Jacquette, Beth Kooker,
Mark Kooker, Joe Lowry,
Steve Manasco, Norm Rodriguez, Don Sass,
Laurie Sofos, Mike Tibbets

RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Anderson, Shelly -
Baechler, Wendell - former member
Benfield Family, Ben Brian – friends of Joe Lowry
Brister, Tish & Ron – Donna McKinney's sister & BIL
Cavalier, Roy, Angie & Faye –friends of Naomi Mertes
Coleman, Vicki – friend of Floyd Johnson
DeLoach, Katherine - former member
Dodd, Carolyn – our former Preschool Director
Easton, Gavin - friend of Laura & Kelvin Hill
Edgerton, Ruth – mother of Katherine DeLoach
Ellis Family Cousins of Georgette Etherton
Etherton, Jim – Bob Etherton's brother
Froelich, Jack + Gerry – in-laws of Linda Froelich
Geerdes, Rosemary – wife of Bob Geerdes
Haggard, Barbara – friend of Floyd Johnson
Hare, Vicki – friend of Bob & Georgette Etherton
Holman, Kathy – friend of Pam & David Anderson
Hoover, Tom – brother of Nanci Gienapp
Howe, Jake – friend of Naomi Mertes
Hugel, Susan – friend of the Bethany people
Inman, Clark – grandson of Marla & Page Inman
Inman, Jack, Emma & family – son & daughter-in-law
King, Scott – friend of Jim Gienapp
Loewenstein, Kim & family - Jim Gienapp's sister
Lois – a Beltline meal recipient who had heart surgery
Loven, Myra - Naomi Mertes' mother
Marsh, Brenda & Bill – parents of Tony Marsh
McNeill, Sr., Phillip – friend of Erin & Ray Schultz
McStay, Lori – daughter of Nanci & Jim Gienapp
Mittler, Airana – granddaughter of Ginger McDowell
Mueller, Shannon – cousin of Jim Gienapp
Pearson, Jeff – Pastor Jim's youngest brother
Pyburn, Barbara & family in NewOrleans, lost 2 Sons
Quesenberry, David – on the loss of his mother
Rindels, Joyce - friend of Naomi Mertes
Roux, Denis – brother-in-law of Sue Hall
Sanders, Betty – sister-in-law of Kim Sanders
Sanders, Faye – mother-in-law of Kim Sanders
Saum + family – son of Nancy Balazadeh
Suzanne, Devin – friend of Laura & Kelvin Hill
Taylor, Don – friend of Joe Lowry
Taylor, Tony – friend of Naomi Mertes
Tully, Loni – friend of Laura & Kelvin
White, Bill – our former pastor
Williams, Donna – friend of Laura Hill

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

A-3 Brendon Brotherton, Navy – stationed at MCAS Iwakuni, Japan, grandson of Mike Tibbets

CDR Eric M. Etherton, USN (Operations Officer for the Aircraft Carrier John F. Kennedy) being built in Newport News, VA. son of Bob & Georgette Etherton

Staff Sgt. Fletcher Lewis, Airforce – (stationed at Dyer AFB in Abilene, TX), nephew of Sue Hall

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Dave & Elizabeth Linkenhoker (daughter Grace) (Haiti)
Josh & Nani Harris (Singapore)
Debbie Ward (Panama)
Pastor Didi Panzo– NALC missionary (The Democratic Republic of the Congo)

PRAY for the underground churches in North Korea and their pastors/overseers and families.

NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8-1 DFS Daylight Saving Ends
2 All Saints 8:30 AM Trad – 9:45AM Christian Ed 11:00 AM Cont Lutheran - 101	3 10:30am Adult Bible Study	4	5 10:00 AM Ladies Group 6:00pm DINNER	6 6:30pm Adult Choir	7 Office Closed	8 8-1 DFS 2-3:30PM Violin
9 8:30 AM Trad – 9:45AM Christian Ed 11:00 AM Cont Lutheran - 101	10 10:30am Adult Bible Study	11 Veteran's Day	12 10:00 AM Ladies Group 6 – 8pm Potluck Dinner for Charity	13 6:30pm Adult Choir	14 Office Closed	15 8-1 DFS
16 8:30 AM Trad – 9:45AM Christian Ed 11:00 AM Cont Lutheran - 101	17 10:30am Adult Bible Study	18	19 10:00 AM Ladies Group	20 6:30pm Adult Choir	21 Office Closed	22 8-1 DFS Beltline Thanksgiving 9AM – 1PM
23 8:30 AM Trad – 9:45AM Christian Ed 11:00 AM Cont Lutheran - 101	24 10:30am Adult Bible Study	25	26 NO Ladies Group NO Adult Choir	27 HAPPY  Thanksgiving	28 Office Closed	29 DFS Off today
30 Christ the King 8:30 AM Trad – 9:45AM Christian Ed 11:00 AM Cont Lutheran - 101	31					





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