



Purpose Statement

Living Christ centered lives so we may love all, serve our community, and share the Word.

News for Sunday, October 25, 2026

**Join us for at 9:00 a.m. for Worship
Coffee Fellowship hosted by Nancy Eilers and Nancy Beck
Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.**

Click [HERE](#) for the 9:00 a.m. Worship bulletin

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We Remember in Prayer; those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Gary Fields, Mary Ann DeJonge, Tricia M., Ken & Stephanie, Richard J., Callahan McCallister, Brock Woessner, Lori Dewey, Michelle Klinger, Matt Friel, Sandy Julifs, and Phyllis Jacobson.

During this time of transition if you have an emergency, please call Sue in the church office or one of the council members who will contact the pastor that is covering during that time.

Help is Needed following worship this morning!

Your help is needed to get the sand table and pew candles set up for next week's worship service. See Nancy Eilers to see where you can help most. Many hands make light work!

November 1 is All Saints Sunday

During worship we will be reading the names of loved ones who have died this past year and pray for those who mourn. If you would like to have a name read during the service please put the name on the clipboard in the sanctuary or call the office.

St. Paul Trunk or Treat

Join us for our beloved annual Trunk-or-Treat event on Saturday, October 31st, from 3:30–5:30 p.m. in the church parking lot! We're kicking off the fun an hour before the city-wide trick-or-treating begins and we'll be wrapping up around 5:30 p.m. to make sure none of the little ones miss out on their own trick-or-treating adventures. Anyone who'd like to come out and decorate their trunk can sign up on the clipboard on the back table. If you don't want to decorate a trunk, but still want to come help out, we'd love some assistance serving apple cider slushies. We will also be collecting candy and other Halloween goodies to hand out. Donations can be put in the basket in the back of the sanctuary.

October Tri Church Activities & Meetings

26 – WELCA CLEO (Church Ladies Eating Out), - The Factory – 5:30 p.m.

(RSVP to Judy Bartel at 815-751-6768)

26 – Tri Church Leadership Meeting @ St. Paul, 6:00 p.m.

Women of the ELCA are gathering a Thankoffering – one way Lutheran women have a way of acting on gratitude! Gifts to Women of the ELCA through Thankofferings support ministry resources for women's health, grants and scholarships, and publications like the Gather magazine. Special Thankoffering envelopes will be in the pews, and will be blessed on Sunday, November 8. Checks are payable to WELCA with Thankoffering in the memo line. Thank you for supporting this long-standing tradition among Lutheran women of faith!

Have your started your Christmas shopping? In looking toward the upcoming Holiday Season, we are looking for someone to lead the Christmas decorating team. Nancy Eilers has held this position for several years and has decided to step down. If you feel that is something you are interested in, please talk to Nancy or Sue in the church office. Thank you for prayerfully considering this.

CLEO (Church Ladies Eating Out)

CLEO will meet tomorrow evening, Monday, October 26 at 5:30 p.m. at The Factory in Sterling. We are really looking forward to seeing you! If you need a ride or have any questions, please contact Judy Bartel at 815-751-6768. All are welcome!

Children's Offering

During the month of October, our children's offering at worship is going toward Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) Holiday Hope Chest. LSSI offers children and their families gifts for Christmas through the purchase of gift cards to specific vendors. Thank you for helping young people served by LSSI have gifts for Christmas this year! More information will be coming in regards to purchasing gift cards/gifts on your own.

THIS WEEK

Monday, October 26

Office Closed

CLEO will be going to The Factory in Sterling – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 27

Pastor Mark will be in the office

BBT at A Touch of Tai in Rock Falls – 11:30 a.m.

Friday, October 30

Rock Falls Downtown Trick or Treating – 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 31

Trunk or Treat at St. Paul – 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Next Sunday, November 1

All Saints Sunday

Worship service at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.

Next Week – November 1

Worship Assistants

Opener/Head Usher/Closer – Mary Ordean

Acolytes – Bartel family

Greeters – Dan Bartel family

Ushers – Bill & Carolyn Duncan

Reader – Bill Duncan

Sound – David Carrillo

Communion Assistant – Ann Beswick

Altar Guild – Judy Bartel, Donna Kendall

Coffee Fellowship – Diane Yoeckel and Nancy Eilers