NEWSLETTER

CHRIST THE ROCK Recap/Look Forward - November Edition

20 Years of Trunk or Treat - Way to go!!!

Thank you all who volunteered, donated, attended, or contributed in anyway. There are a lot of hours and volunteering that goes into this event that we can hold for the Church and community.

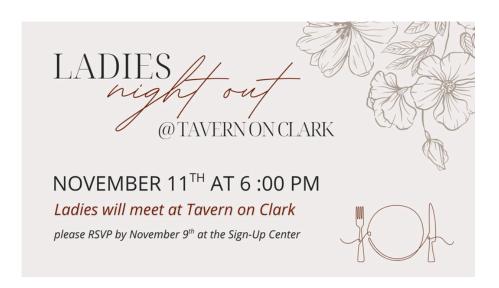




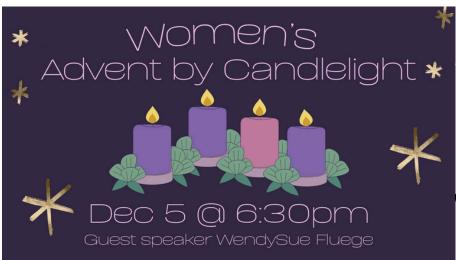




LOOKING AHEAD







ADVENT PICTURES

We are looking forward to an advent season in the Church. As we enter the season of Advent, we'd love to gather photos from you during Christmas time to share on our slides throughout the season and have some fun reminiscing and preserve those shared memories together.

ANNUAL CHURCH DECORATING DAY

November 29th from 9 - 11 am we will be decorating the inside and outside. Help make our church beautiful for the season. Sign-ups are available at the sign-up center

HOSPITALITY REMINDER

In November there will be no Hospitality Hour on Nov. 9th. November 23rd TBD.



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HISTORY

Mow It or Grow It?: On Labor Day, the Rev. David Meggers, hitting upon a catchy way to raise money for the building fund for the two-year-old Christ the Rock Lutheran Church, started growing a beard. Members of his 50-family church had until until Super Bowl Sunday to vote with pennies and dollars to decide whether he should keep the beard or get a shave.

When the moment of truth came at halftime of the Super Bowl game, the beard vote was tied — \$90 in a jar saying "Mow It" and the same in the other jar,

saying "Grow It."

So, Meggers was given two sealed envelopes, one containing \$10 and the other containing \$1. Without knowing which envelope was which, he cast the winning vote for "Mow It." While church members laughed, church member Greg Whipkey, wielded the clippers.

"If my family had the choice, they would have said, 'Keep it," Meggers says.

Currently, church services are being held at the East Side Rockford Boys Club Family Center.

Just Between Us appears Tuesdays and Fridays in the Register Star. Send items to Just Between Us, Register Star, 99 E. State St., Rockford, Ill., 61104. Or call the features department at 987-1364.

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As we celebrate the progress of our Anchored campaign and look toward the future with our building project, we're also taking time to look back and reflect on the history here at Christ the Rock.

Over the next few newsletters, we'll be sharing some treasures from our church's past.

We will have photos, articles, and memories discovered in our old scrapbooks. It's a wonderful reminder of God's faithfulness through the years and how He continues to anchor us as a church family.

ELDER LETTER

Dear Members of Christ the Rock,

In today's world, it's important to be mindful of the challenges that can affect places of worship and our group gatherings. Your Elder team is committed to ensuring that Christ the Rock remains a safe and welcoming environment for everyone—both during worship and throughout the week for our Pre-school students and visitors.

We have been in thoughtful discussion with the Cherry Valley Police Department about ways to strengthen our safety measures without limiting the warm, inviting atmosphere that makes our congregation so special. In the coming months some of these updates will be visible, while others will take place quietly behind the scenes. All with the goal of fostering peace of mind for our members and visitors.

Above all, our safety and freedom to worship together remain our top priorities. As we continue to trust in God's protection and guidance, may we be like the wise virgins—prepared, watchful, and steadfast in faith.

God's Blessings, The Elders of Christ the Rock

P.S. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to one of the Elders. We welcome your thoughts and feedback.



ANCHORED UPDATE

ONE YEAR CELEBRATION













Every family, your amount.
100% participation

- Nov 16 Recommitment Weekend
- Nov 23 Voters Meeting

ANCHORED UPDATE

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| UPCOMING November 2025 Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| EVEN | 115 | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | | | | | |
| | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 4:15pm Adult Bible Study 5:35pm Worship/Communion /All Saints Day | | | | | |
| 8am Worship/Communion/ All Saints Day 9:15am Adult Bible Study 9:15am Children's Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion/ Baptism-Amelia Lynn Siksna/ All saints Day 12pm Anchored Financial Update Meeting | 3 | 4 11:30am Art Class 6pm Elder's Meeting 6:30pm Congregational Care Meeting | Announcement Deadline 9:30am Homeschool Group 9:30am Women's Bible Study 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm NO Bible Study 7pm Young Adult Bible Study | 6:30pm Ladie's Lifelight 6:30pm Men's Life Light | 7 | 4:15pm Adult Bible Study 5:35pm Worship | | | | | |
| 8am Worship 9am Flu Shot Clinic 9:15am Adult Bible Study 9:15am Children's Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12pm New Member Class | 6pm MomCo Meeting | 6pm Ladies Night out- Tavern on Clark | Announcement Deadline 9:30am Women's Bible Study 11:30am Staff Meeting 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm NO Bible Study | 6:30pm Ladie's Lifelight 6:30pm Men's Life Light | 9am MomCO Meeting | 4:15pm Adult Bible Study 5:35pm Worship/Communion / recommitment svc | | | | | |
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| 8am Worship/prayer weekend 9am Flu Shot Clinic 9:15am Adult Bible Study 9:15am Children's Sunday School 10:30am Worship/ prayer weekend 12pm Voter's Meeting | 24 | NO SENIOR BIBLE STUDY | Announcement Deadline 10:30am Card Ministry 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship/Communion 6:30pm NO Bible Study 7pm Pie Event | 6:30pm NO Ladie's Lifelight 6:30pm NO Men's Life Light THANKSGIVING | 28 | 9am Decorate Church outside and inside 4:15pm Adult Bible Study 5:35pm Worship/Communion | | | | | |
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November 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 |
| 2 | Greg and Lori Hitzke's anniversary Jack McCoid's birthday JoEllen Roberts's birthday | Donna Hood's birthday Steve Gronlund's birthday | Brad and Debra Long's anniversary Zach and Karley Davidson's anniversary | Scott and Sandi Milbourn's anniversary | 7 | 8 |
| Jacob Bredemann's birthday Jim and Rhonda Vaccarello's anniversary Matt and Emily Potocki's anniversary | Brittany Hokana's birthday Caleb Elmer's birthday | Mason Bredemann's birthday Nicholas Karns's birthday | Branko and Leanne Nikolic's anniversary Colleen Roberts's birthday | Jim McCoid's birthday Sandi Milbourn's birthday | Elyse Clay's birthday Marcella Potter's birthday | 15 |
| 16 Bruce Pape's birthday | Rebecca Bodey's birthday | 18 | Zach Davidson's birthday | Carol Tukker's birthday | 21 | 22 Kevin Bodey's birthday |
| 23 Matt Modrzejewski's birthday | 24 | John Krull's birthday Judy Hodge's birthday Robin Bolte's birthday | 26 | John and Chris Miller's anniversary Maeve Roberts's birthday Matthew and Carol Robert's anniversary Shayla Perry's birthday | 28 Gavin Perry's birthday | 29 |
| 30 | | | | | | |

