It was a busy September at Alleluia!

(More photos on pages 3-5)

Launch of Many Youth & Adult Programs

Alleluia! Missions Weekend featuring The Compassion Journey

Kickoff Weekend at Alleluia!

6th Annual RUN with a Mission 5K

Bible Presentation
Dear Friends,

**Looking for Peace? Our October sermon series: Peace in the Busy-ness of Life.** For many, the pace of life is overwhelming, challenging, and often too much to manage. Keeping our own schedules and tasks, not-to-mention those of others in our lives, is often beyond stressful. How can Scripture give us some guidance in dealing with the “busy-ness” of life? Is there a way to find peace and rest? How can I be assured in the midst of worry? We get so busy, that faith and our relationship with God get put on the back burner and drop way down on our priority lists. Each week of this series, we will encourage one another and look to Scripture and be reminded that God has a way to peace in the midst of the stress and busy-ness of life.

- **Oct 5/6** Part 1: Rest for My Soul – Psalm 23
- **Oct 12/13** Part 2: Conquering Worry - Matthew 6:25-34
- **Oct 19/20** Part 3: Priorities Inventory – Philippians 3:7-14

**Welcome, Mitch Lamb!** Mitch is our new Director of Youth Ministries, and he began September 15th! Please make sure you welcome Mitch and his wife, Nikki, to Alleluia! I am excited for Mitch to join us on our staff, and know that his passion for youth ministry is going to bring new energy and excitement to our middle school and high school ministries.

**Pray for our Confirmands!** On October 27th, Reformation Sunday, we will confirm this year’s Confirmation Class at the 9:15 AM worship service. Please keep our confirmands in your prayers, and give God thanks for the gift of their baptismal faith that they are affirming! Also, pray that these Confirmands continue to worship on a regular basis, and participate in AYHigh, and the mission of our church! Congratulations, Confirmands!

**Watch your snail mail for 2020’s Stewardship Packet!** Enclosed, you will find the 2020 Giving Guide and 2020 Commitment Card. The Giving Guide is a Biblical and prayerful guide for discerning—with God’s help—your commitment level for 2020 in giving finances, time, and talents. The Commitment Card is your tangible way to commit to this giving; and we will bring these to worship on Commitment Weekend in November. THANK YOU for your cheerful giving of self!

**2019 Budget: The Challenge Before Us!** Our church family approved a 2019 budget with a $37K deficit (on a $2,198,000 Budget). We have three months to go, and we are projecting this deficit budget will be very accurate within a few thousand dollars. The challenge before us, then, is to eliminate this budget deficit before December 31, 2019! Will you make a special gift to help lower the deficit? Will you give an offering for the entire amount? Will you consider a stock gift (ask your financial advisor about the capital gains taxes benefits of gifting stock to Alleluia)!? Thank you for stepping up to the challenge to eliminate this 2019 deficit!

**Come & See!**

Pastor Tim Housholder  
Senior Pastor
Men of Alleluia! are Invited to the NEXT A-Men Gathering, Thursday, October 17th @ 6:30 PM

A New Program Year Begins!

35 men gathered at last month’s A-Men Gathering at Alleluia!
Come join us on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 6:30 PM to halftime of the Thursday Night Football game. Bruce Glawe, CEO of Oxford Bank, will be presenting at our October gathering. Enjoy food, fellowship, and football! Come & See!
Mission Weekend
featuring
The Compassion Journey
Operation Christmas Child collection begins October 26/27 and continues through November 24.

Pack a shoebox with small toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for a child to receive a gift this Christmas!

Use your own shoebox or pick up one at Alleluia!

“How to pack a shoebox” pamphlets are available at the Welcome Center beginning October 26/27 or go online to SamaritansPurse.org to get more info and print out a tag for your shoebox.

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**Peru Team to Visit HOPE and Compassion Missions**

A group of 10 people from Alleluia! will be traveling to Peru in November to continue building upon Alleluia!’s relationship with the Compassion and HOPE missions there. The group will first visit the CMA Church in Comas, on the outskirts of Lima. This congregation operates the HOPE model Savings Groups where groups of 15-20 people meet together to support one another, pray for one another, study the Bible, and pool their resources to give one another small loans to help with small businesses, education, health crises, etc. Then, the group will fly to Huánuco, Peru where Alleluia! families and individuals sponsor 222 children in various Compassion programs around the area. They will conduct a kids program, visit families in their homes, see the progress in some of the projects Alleluia! supports, encourage leaders, and hang out with their sponsor children. Please keep them in your prayers as they visit these missions on behalf of Alleluia!

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Alleluia! is a primary supporter of the Moving UP program through Loaves and Fishes Community Services. Moving UP is for clients who are ready to step into self-sufficiency and create a plan for their life. It consists of a 16 week, 50 hour class in which clients, called investigators, discuss the impact poverty and low wages have on themselves and society. With the support of leaders, mentors and one another, they move from just “getting by” to “Moving UP.” Is God calling you to be a mentor and make a significant impact in the life of someone who is taking steps toward the life they want? Contact Pastor Mark to learn more about being a mentor in the Moving UP program.
“A Walk Through KidsConnect” - Easy steps to having a great time at KidsConnect!

1) Check-in via the KidsConnect check-in computers in the Gathering Area
2) Go into worship
3) Dismissal from worship to KidsConnect
4) Downstairs opening
5) Communion downstairs
6) Grade level small groups
7) Check-out downstairs (parents MUST show their pick-up tag)

We're Rolling into October!!! Here's what's ahead:
Ten Men Healed celebration on October 5/6! Children will rotate between 4 stations downstairs to celebrate their completion of the 4-week Ten Men Healed Lessons.

The Lost Sheep lessons and 2nd Grade Milestone (10 Commandments) begin on October 12/13!! The 2nd graders will have a special time each week to explore the 10 Commandments during this rotation.

All Wednesdays in October:

J.C. Choir (4 yrs old thru 1st grade) 5:30-6:15 (Music Room) Boys and girls are welcome to learn praise songs, Bible songs and different types of Christian music. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

Faith Choir (2nd thru 5th grade) 6:00-6:50 (Music Room) Come join us as we sing praises to God and learn more about His mighty word through song and prayer! The Faith choir sings on the first weekend of each month in church (rotating times between the three services). [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

Connect45 is a special club for 4th and 5th Graders! This exciting program not only fosters faith growth, but serves as a bridge into the middle school H2H program at Alleluia! [CLICK HERE](#) to register!

CREATED BY GOD PARENT ORIENTATION
CBG is a Christian-based sexuality course designed for 5th and 6th grade students. We value this opportunity to offer human sexuality instruction in the context of Christian values. (Parents attend ONE of the dates)

- October 10th (6:30-8) Parent Orientation Session (REC ROOM)
- October 20th (11:30-1) Parent Orientation Session (REC ROOM)
Please contact Michele Nelson at [mnelson@alleluia.church](mailto:mnelson@alleluia.church) to register.

The Children's Ministry presents the Trunk or Treat Experience!
Wednesday, October 30th from 5-6:15! We will start promptly at 5pm! Please bring a small toy to donate for our special event! We will be packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, playing games, eating snack, and of course TRUNK OR TREATING! Come dressed in COSTUME! Please contact Michele or April if you are available from 4:30-6:30 to VOLUNTEER for Trunk or Treat! WE CAN’T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!
Adult Vitality Groups

Spiritual Vitality is a characteristic of possessing a living faith; it’s how we thrive in a broken world amidst life’s ups and downs. The Goal of Spiritual Vitality is to help you become a vital and whole human by healing and growing spiritually, and by bringing you closer to God. In addition to offering Spiritual Direction and guidance in spiritual disciplines and prayer practices, Vitality Groups seek to help you heal spiritually. It’s a way to move your faith from head to heart.

GriefShare: Do you know someone who is hurting because of a loss of a spouse, child, parent or friend? GriefShare could be just what they may need to move through grief. GriefShare is a weekly support group. You’ll find it to be a warm, caring environment and will come to see your group as an “oasis” on your journey through grief. Though our current session began on Thursday, August 29th at 6:30, you are welcome to join at any time. You are welcome to contact Jennifer Finnerty at JEFinnerty@aol.com with questions or you may register at alleluialutheran.org/events/upcoming-events.

The Ultimate Journey: Are you feeling spiritually stuck? The Ultimate Journey will help you identify the areas where you are struggling and assist you toward a deeper relationship with God. You’ll explore past events of your life to identify your current thinking patterns, uncover how you acquired them, and embrace God’s truth that sets you free. Phase 1 meets in a small group of four (4) participants, once a week for 13 weeks. Participants are asked to commit to attend each of the 13 group session to promote maximum outcomes for grown and success.

Two groups are starting soon:
Thursday group begins October 17.
Saturday group begins October 19.

Please contact Nancy Klimek Stolle (Ultimate Journey Coordinator) for further information at nklimek@live.com

Save the Date: Surviving the Holidays
Saturday, November 2nd, 9:00a-11:00a

This 2-hour GriefShare Seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one’s death, and will offer support and tips for getting through the holiday season. More details will be coming in the October Newsletter.
Since the early days of Christianity, believers were taught to pray the Scriptures; they believed that praying scripture deeply connected them to the mind and heart of God. Praying Scripture is a way of entering deeply into the text, laying aside our own agendas, and opening ourselves to the prayers given to us in the Bible. In addition, by repeatedly praying Scripture, we are able to more easily memorize Scripture.

One way to pray Scripture is to substitute your own name for the pronouns me and I. This works especially well with the Psalms. Try this prayer practice with Psalm 139.

1. Become quiet and breathe in God’s love.
2. Breathe out your self-doubts and self-recriminations.
3. Slowly read the psalm aloud, pausing after each verse, substituting your own name for the pronouns.

Example:

You have searched __________, Lord,
And you know __________.
You know when __________ sits and when __________ rises;
You perceive __________’s thoughts from afar.
You discern __________’s going out and __________’s lying down;
You are familiar with all __________’s ways. (vs. 1-3)...

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For you created __________’s inmost being;
You knit __________ together in __________’s mother’s womb.
__________ praises you because __________ is fearfully and wonderfully made.
Your works are wonderful,
__________ knows that full well. (vs. 13-14)

4. Do not hurry. There is not need to get through the entire psalm at once.
5. Rest in the knowledge that God created you and loves you just the way you are.

From Spiritual Disciplines Handbook: Practices That Transform You by Adele Ahlberg Calhoun
Seeking NEW Connect Group Leaders

Being a Connect Group leader is the best way to be a part of a group which fits your needs: the type of study you desire, as well as the day and time which fits your schedule.

What is a Connect Group Leader? A connect Group leader is the organizer and facilitator for a small group of people who desire to grow in relationship with God and one another through study, prayer, and living out God’s mission in the world.

Connect Group Leaders are not theological experts, teachers, or professional party planners (although they could be any or all of these things). What is required? A desire to be part of an authentic Christian community and the desire to grow your own relationship with God through Christ.

Pastor Tammy will guide you through your beginning sessions, provide training, hook you up with a Connect Group Mentor, and help you find people for your Connect Group. Contact Pastor Tammy for more information at troach@alleluia.church.

FALL GROUPS FORMING NOW

Want to get Connected with an Alleluia! Group, but don’t see one for you? Fill out an interest form at the Welcome Center, use the insert in the weekly bulletin, or contact Pastor Tammy at troach@alleluia.church.

New Connect Groups are formed when a Leader is identified and there are at least two other people interested who fit the requested demographic, and who are available on the same day of the week and time of day. Some groups take longer than others to form, but the more names of interested parties, the quicker a group can get connected. Sign up today!
October Featured Service Groups - Highlighting Our Volunteer-Led Ministries

Alleluia! Delivers helps church families by providing meals when there has been a recent surgery, severe illness, death in the family, or birth of baby. Home cooked meals are encouraged but if that is stopping you from volunteering, a grab and go meal or your favorite takeout place would be just as appreciated. All sign up is done online. This group was formally organized in 2011 and during that first year, over 110 meals were delivered to families and each year continues to see many meal needs.

In December our group gets together for a cookie exchange and we make extra cookies for the children’s choir to bring when they go caroling at Sunrise Senior Center.

We are looking for additional members to join in this ministry. Please contact either Barb Cunningham (630-408-3165 or Barb2bizzy@aol.com) or Betty Rae Smith (630-234-8934 or bettyraesmith@gmail.com) to join our group or for more information.

Kitchen Towel Help - Each week we have a volunteer sign up to wash, fold and return the towels to church. Here is a description of what you would do. Take the laundry home sometime during the weekend and return to the church as soon as you can so that there will be clean towels available during the week. We now have a washer and dryer at church if you would prefer to do the towels at church.

Dirty towels are in the laundry baskets that are below the sinks near the doorway in the kitchen. Some towels may be on the drying racks which are located to the right of the baskets so check there as well. Please launder the towels in hot water and bleach. Clean towels can be placed in the crates above the sink. If the crates are too full, stack the towels on the rack above. We are a very active, eating, “kitchen using” church, so your help is greatly needed and very much APPRECIATED! If you would like to sign up or have questions, please contact Michelle Burgess at 815-451-3747 or m.burgess1234@yahoo.com.

Join a Volunteer Led Service Group

Volunteer Service Groups are run by church members with a common interest and a heart for serving.

- **Kitchen Team:** Do you enjoy cooking or helping prepare meals? Please contact Anne Becker at abecker@alleluia.church to learn how to get involved.

- **Alleluia! Towels:** Help keep our kitchen towels clean and fresh. Contact Michelle Burgess for more information at m.burgess1234@yahoo.com.

- **Alleluia! Delivers:** Helps provide a meal to our members going through a difficult time. Contact Barb Cunningham at barb2bizzy@aol.com to learn more.

- **Gardening Angels:** Connect with other members who enjoy gardening. Work together to help keep the area surrounding the church building beautiful. Contact Elaine Bynum at elaine.bynum@gmail.com for more information.

- **Alleluia! Prayer Chain:** If you are interested in praying for others, please contact Pastor Mark at mjuliot@alleluia.church for more information about being involved with this prayer ministry.

- **Chicks with Sticks:** This Community Group enjoys both personal projects and knitting baby blankets for our newest Alleluia! members. Contact Anne Becker at abecker@alleluia.church to learn more!
**New Member Orientation**

**Sunday, December 8th, 5:30-8:00pm** - Come enjoy a light dinner (child friendly option available), and learn about membership at Alleluia! At the end of the evening there is an opportunity to fill out membership forms, and you'll be officially welcomed by the congregation during worship the following Sunday, December 15th. For general questions about membership or the New Member Orientation, please contact Laura Bowler at lbowler@alleluia.church, or 630-904-3311, x245. We will meet in the Community Room. Childcare is available with registration. Click [HERE](#) to register.

**Date Your Spouse! 10 Great Dates to Energize Your Marriage:**

Build your marriage and enrich your relationship! This unique and affordable program combines fun dates and marriage education skills. It’s FUN, EASY, and ENERGIZING, and puts your marriage FIRST! Each lesson begins with a short video and discussion which you follow up at your convenience with your own “great date” — as simple or extravagant as you want to make it! It’s not too late to join us! Click [HERE](#) to register online or for info.

**Upcoming sessions 2 & 3:**

- **Sunday, October 6th**
  6-7:00pm
- **Sunday, October 20th**
  6-7:00pm

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020**

Please see donation opportunities on next page.
26th Annual Silent Auction at
“Alleluia! Game Night”
Saturday, February 8th, 2020

Donation Request

Need Ideas? Look below to stir those creative juices!

Time: Could you? Spring clean a yard, paint a room?

Talent: Can you? Prepare a special meal; repair drywall; do an electrical or plumbing project; sew; make custom floral or craft items, help build a deck, put together a “themed” gift basket?

Treasures: Would you give? Tickets to a play, show or sporting event; a gift certificate to your favorite restaurant/store; an autographed item; an antique; a collectible item; a new household item, or something from your business or employer? How about a weekend or week at your vacation home?

We will accept donations through January 31st. Donated items can be brought to the church office.

Questions? Contact Laura Bowler at 630-904-3311, x245. Thank you!

Name:____________________________________________
Phone/email: _______________________________________
Description and Estimated Value of Donated Item(s):
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Please be specific, especially for Service Donations
( i.e. 3 hours of yard clean up w/value of $$)

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Please join us for

the Grand Chocolate Party
A Sweet Evening of Fun & Friendship

an Alleluia! Women’s Event

Friday 8th November 2019 at 6:00 pm

Alleluia Lutheran Church, corner of 103rd St. & Book Rd

It’s going to be a ROARING evening filled with entertainment, shopping, girl-time, and of course, chocolate. Twenties-themed attire is encouraged but not required! Ages 13+ are welcome.

Register at: www.alleluialutheran.org/events/upcomingevents
or find us at facebook.com/events/622551234820199/

Contact Mary Bynum with any questions.
mbynum@alleluia.church

$20 per ticket
Early Bird Rate of $15 per ticket if registered by 10/8/19
October Worship Volunteer Reminders

5:00pm Worship
Ushers: 10/5 Alan Cook/_________, 10/12 Alan Cook/_________, 10/19 Alan Cook/_________, 10/26 Alan Cook/_________
Communion: 10/5 Kellie Kunz 10/12 Teresa Zahora 10/19 Kellie Kunz 10/26 Teresa Zahora
Greeters: 10/5_________/_________, 10/12 Kevin Zahora/_________, 10/19_________/_________, 10/26 Kevin Zahora/_________
Welcome Center: 10/5 Kellie Kunz, 10/12 Teresa Zahora, 10/19 Kellie Kunz, 10/26 Teresa Zahora
Lector: 10/5 Andrea Jacob, 10/12 Andrea Jacob, 10/19 Andrea Jacob, 10/26_________

9:15am Worship
Ushers: 10/6 Nick Bryan, John Fishbeck, 10/13 Steven Ber, Dale Goetz, 10/20 John Fishbeck, Steven Ber,
10/27 Nick Bryan, John Fishbeck, Dale Goetz, __________
Welcome Center: 10/6 April Kristy 10/13April Kristy 10/20 April Kristy 10/27 April Kristy
Greeters: 10/6 Bob Kristy/Viki Haneberg, 10/13 Bob Kristy/Viki Haneberg, 10/20 Bob Kristy/Viki Haneberg,
10/27 Bob Kristy/Viki Haneberg
Communion Servers: 10/6 Elaine and Roy Bynum, 10/13 Elaine and Roy Bynum, 10/20 Elaine and Roy Bynum,
10/27 Elaine Bynum, Roy Bynum, Jennifer Madson, Joe Bynum, Viki Haneberg
Altar: 10/6 Laurie Cotrill, 10/13_________, 10/20_________, 10/27_________
Lector: 10/6 John Wheeler, 10/13 Rich Reinertson, 10/20 Jennifer Madson, 10/27 Jennifer Madson

10:30 Worship
Ushers: 10/6 Kelly Cunningham, Kent Nelson, Derek Koomjohn, Ryan Glassman
10/13 Kelly Cunningham, Kent Nelson, John Fishbeck, __________
10/20 Kent Nelson, __________, __________, __________
10/27 Kent Nelson, Ryan Glassman, __________, __________
Lectors: 10/6 Rod Larson 10/13 Carl Johnson 10/20_________ 10/27_________
Welcome Center: 10/6___________ 10/13 Tina Falkner 10/20_________ 10/27 Barb Cunningham
Greeters: 10/6 John and Wendy Ploense, 10/13 The Rittgers Family/__________, 10/20 John and Wendy Ploense,
10/27 The Rittgers Family/Megan Glassman
Altar: 10/6 Peggy Johnson, 10/13 Deb Bostjancic, 10/20 Mary Hale, 10/27_________
Communion Servers:
10/6 Deb Bostjancic, Beth Duesing,Cathy Fulgham, Joel Fulgham, Nancy Larson, Pastor Tim, Pastor Mark, Pastor Tammy
10/13 Deb Bostjancic, Beth Duesing, Cathy Fulgham, Joel Fulgham, Nancy Larson, Pastor Tim, Pastor Mark, Pastor Tammy
10/20 Beth Duesing,Cathy Fulgham, Joel Fulgham, Nancy Larson, Darcy Jasien, Pastor Tim, Pastor Mark, Pastor Tammy
10/27 Beth Duesing, Cathy Karas, Cathy Fulgham, Joel Fulgham, Nancy Larson, Pastor Tim, Pastor Mark, Pastor Tammy

Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers! We greatly appreciate your help!
If you haven’t tried volunteering at worship, we invite you to try out
one of the following areas!
Serving Communion, Ushering, Greeting, Preparing the Altar,
Reading the Lesson, Helping at the Welcome Center.

Please click HERE to see all available dates and to sign up.

Questions? Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Lori Juliott, at ljuliot@alleluia.church
Alleluia! Men’s Basketball League

The fall season of Men's basketball runs October 1st - December 17/18. Teams play once per week—5 on 5 full court games on Tuesday or Wednesday nights at 8 or 9pm in the Alleluia! gym. New teams are established each season. Cost is $60 for members, and $75 for non-members. $20 for a jersey. $5 for a key card.

For more info email Matt White at AlleluiaHoops@Hotmail.com or call (815) 405-6563.

Directions to Alleluia!

From Plainfield
Take Route 59 North. Turn right on 103rd St. Church is on the right at Book Rd.

From Bolingbrook
Take Boughton Rd. West. Turn right on Plainfield-Naperville. Turn left on 104th St. 104th ends in church parking lot.

From North Naperville
Take Route 59 South. Turn left on 103rd St. Church is on the right at Book Rd.

Saturday Worship: 5:00pm
Sunday Worship: 9:15am & 10:30am

FALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Saturday, Oct. 5th, 9am-11pm

Please join us for 13 hours of uninterrupted crafting and fellowship! Come and go as you wish or stay the entire time. Your $35 entrance fee includes: your own 6-foot table, a donation to the Alleluia! Women's Ministry, and a delicious dinner. There is also an option to scrapbook on October 4th. Register at alleluialutheran.org or for more information contact Laurie Cottrill at lcottrill@wowway.com.

Your Alleluia! Church Council members may be contacted via council@alleluia.church

Lesa Sangalis (Term Exp 2/21)
Bill Cottrill (Term Exp 2/22)
Kerry Hunnius (Term Exp 2/22)
Liz Vesta (Treasurer, non-voting)

Matt White (Term Exp 2/21)
Katie Bryan (Term Exp 2/20)
Mike Raczak (Term Exp 2/20)
Pastor Tim Housholder (Senior Pastor)