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More info on page 3.
Dear Friends,

45 Confirmands affirmed their baptismal faith on Sunday, October 27th. We celebrate with them and give God thanks for each one of them. Please keep these Confirmands in your prayers!

Come and celebrate our 25th Anniversary as a church on the weekend of November 2nd & 3rd at all weekend services! We are 25 years young! We will celebrate our past, recognize our charter members, have refreshments, and enjoy picture boards and some treats. Please make every effort to be a part of our 25th Anniversary Celebration!

Your 2020 Giving Guide & 2020 Commitment Cards will be coming in your snail-mail this month, so watch for them! We ask that you please bring these 2020 Commitment Cards to worship on Nov. 16th & 17th (or before if you can’t be there!). I ask that you walk through the Giving Guide and pray, asking God to direct you and your household for the ways you will give of your time, finances, and talents to the mission of Alleluia! Lutheran Church in 2019. Your 2019 Commitment Cards will be a pledge to God and our church family, to engage in the life of our church!

Spread the word about the next A!-Men gathering Thursday, November 21st at 6:30 p.m. Over 35 men have attended our first two gatherings. The evening consists of a presentation, followed by food and football beginning at 7:15 p.m. We enjoy the game and the evening ends at halftime of the football game. Come & See!

As you gather with family and friends this Thanksgiving, I will be giving thanks to God for YOU. I am humbled and blessed to be your Senior Pastor and give thanks to God every time I remember you. As I enjoy Thanksgiving this year, I will be lifting up prayers of thanksgiving to God for each of you.

In Christ,
Pastor Tim

We rejoice with our 45 youth who affirmed their faith on Reformation Sunday through the Rite of Confirmation.

Alleluia!

More photos on page 13.
Moving Up is a 16 week course during which Loaves and Fishes clients, called investigators, learn skills, gain support, and make goals for their lives. They move from “getting by” to “Moving UP.” Alleluia! is a primary sponsor of the Moving Up Program.

Mentors are needed to meet with participants on a weekly basis to encourage and support them. Contact Pastor Mark to find out more about this impactful volunteer opportunity.

### Harvest Weekend

**Nov. 23/24**

In thanks for the blessings you have received this year, you are invited to share a blessing with your neighbors in need. Bring a donation of non-perishable food items and place them around the altar. They will be delivered to Loaves and Fishes.

### Operation Christmas Child

Collection continues through November 24th. Pack a shoebox with small toys, school supplies and hygiene items for a child to receive a gift this Christmas! (Please do not include toothpaste or candy) Use your own shoebox or pick up one at Alleluia! Pick up a “How to Pack a Shoebox” pamphlet, available at the Alleluia! Welcome Center or CLICK HERE to visit Samaritan’s Purse online to get more info and print out a tag for your shoebox. Please include a $9 donation for shipping. Contact Katie at occ@alleluia.church to volunteer with our efforts.

### Volunteer Event

**Saturday, Nov. 23rd
11:30AM - 1:30PM**

Email Alan at fmsc@alleluia.church to express interest in this session and/or to be added to the email list to receive dates of future events.
Children’s Ministry
November

We are a THANKFUL bunch in Children’s Ministry during November!

Our thanks to ALL who attended TRUNK OR TREAT! A very special thank you to our youth and adult volunteers. We appreciate your time and energy during the event! (See photos on the following pages.)

Please Note: There WILL BE KidsConnect on Thanksgiving weekend.

Please register your children for KidsConnect EVERY year; this helps keep our records up to date! If you haven’t registered yet, please CLICK HERE, or scan the QR code with a Smartphone.

We are so THANKFUL for all the children of Alleluia! and for our amazing youth and adult volunteers!

It’s Time to Register for the Christmas Pageant Experience! No rehearsals!
Ages preschool—5th grade can join us as we retell the story of Jesus’ birth on Sunday, Dec. 8th, 11:30am—12:15pm. You MUST register by Dec. 1st to be guaranteed a costume! There will be an OPTIONAL Cookie Exchange following the short pageant. Bring a dozen, take a dozen!
CLICK HERE to register or scan the QR code with a Smartphone.

Second Grade Faith Milestone Celebration
Our 2nd graders have been learning the 10 Commandments during KidsConnect. We will be celebrating their success on Sunday, Nov. 10th during our Lost Sheep Celebration in KidsConnect. Congratulations to all that have competed this Faith Milestone!

Created By God Sign-up Has Begun
CBG is a Christian-based sexuality course designed for 5th & 6th grade students. We value this opportunity to offer human sexuality instruction in the context of Christian values.

 Mandatory Parent Orientation (Rec. Rm)— Thursday, Jan. 9th, 6:30-8:00pm OR Sunday, Jan. 12th, 12:30-2:00pm
Students attend ALL 3 of the following sessions (all are 12:30-4:30pm in the lower level Rec. Rm.)—
Sunday, Jan. 26th - Saturday, Feb. 8th - Sunday, Feb. 9th
CLICK HERE to register. Please contact Michele Nelson at mnelson@alleluia.church with questions.

Join one of our FUN Children’s Choirs! See photos of our choirs in action on page 13.
There were cookies to decorate—and eat! Yum!

There were games to play.
Kids tied blankets.

And created holiday cards.

Families packed 89 boxes for Operation Christmas Child!

WOW! That's Fantastic!

TRUNK OR TREAT
Many thanks to all who participated, donated items, or helped in any way for making this a fun and successful event!
New Member Orientation - Sunday, Dec. 8th, 5:30-8:00pm
Enjoy a light dinner (child friendly option available), and learn about Alleluia! membership. 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, Dec. 15th. For general questions about membership or the New Member Orientation, 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.

Featured Connect Group
First Responder Couples: Pastor Tammy and Dan Roach (who has served over 31 years in Law Enforcement) invite all First Responders (L.E. Fire, EMS) and their spouses/significant others to join this First Responder Group. We meet the 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:00p-8:30pm. Contact Dan for more information at roachdan@comcast.net, or Pastor Tammy at troach@alleluia.church

Alleluia! Kitchen Team
Do you enjoy cooking? Want to meet new people? The Kitchen Team is a fun and energetic group (men & women/all ages) who cook for various church functions. We often gather together in the Alleluia! kitchen, but at-home prep is also welcome. We would love for you to join us! If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact Anne Becker at abecker@alleluia.church.

ALPHA is Coming
The Winter/Spring Alpha session begins Sunday, February 23, 2020! Watch for more details and registration coming in the December Newsletter.

Alleluia! Women’s Retreat 2020
“Beautifully Rooted”
January 24-26, 2020
Please join us for this special weekend focused on building our community of women and strengthening our relationships with Christ. All women over 18 are welcome!
Click HERE to view this year’s retreat brochure.
Click HERE for registration.

A!-Men
Spread the word! Our next A!-Men gathering will be held on Thursday evening, November 21st at 6:30 p.m. Over 35 men have attended our first two gatherings. The evening consists of a presentation, followed by food and football beginning at 7:15 p.m. The evening ends at halftime of the game. Come & See!
Spiritual Vitality

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.

Prayer Requests in the Alleluia! Prayer Room

The Prayer Room is located just off the East Hallway on the upper-level. In addition to offering a quiet place to connect with God and to experience the monthly prayer practice, the prayer room features a Prayer Wall where members and guests can hang their prayers. Throughout the week, our staff and others of Alleluia! can pray for the requests. Prayer Request forms are available in the Prayer Room, and each prayer is kept on the wall for approximately one month. You are invited to submit a prayer request and visit the prayer room at any time! For your convenience, a prayer request form is included on this page.

GRIEFSHARE: Surviving the Holidays
Saturday, Nov. 2nd, 9:00am-11:00am

Are you wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding the upcoming holidays since the death of a loved one? Are you worrying that everything has changed and that happy memories from the past years can’t be recreated?
During this 2-hour GriefShare Seminar, we’ll cover ways to deal with emotions during the holidays, what to do about traditions, and offer support and tips for getting through the holiday season. The cost of $5 covers the materials. CLICK HERE to register for this course or contact Jennifer Finnerty (GriefShare Facilitator) at JEFinnerty@aol.com for more information.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
~Philippians 4:6
November Spiritual Vitality Practice

“10,000 Reasons”

You’re rich in love, And You’re slow to anger
Your name is great, And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons, For my heart to find.

The Song, “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)” by Matt Redman reminds us that there is much to be thankful for. This month, you are encouraged to Count your Blessings by writing down a new and different blessing every day (Feeling brave? Write down 5 each day). Here are some suggestions to make this practice more meaningful:

1. Record the blessings in a personal journal. Pull it out and read them on a day you need to be reminded of all the blessings in your life.
2. Write your Blessings on Sticky Notes and place them on your refrigerator or your door, so every time you open the refrigerator or head out the door, you can be reminded of all you have to be thankful for.
3. Write your Blessings on small pieces of paper and put them in a community bowl. Ask each of your family members to do the same. On Thanksgiving (or at the end of the month), pull them out, read them, and share them with each other.
4. Write each blessing on a cut-out leaf or heart and hang it on a decorative tree in your home...make it the centerpiece of your dining room table. Have each family member participate and watch your tree grow with gratitude.
5. Write a letter to each person in your family and let them know all the ways you are thankful for them and how being in your life has been a blessing. End the letter with a prayer of blessing for each of them.

Pray to God and offer Him praises of Thanksgiving...every day!

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, Nov 3rd at 2am. Be sure to set your clocks BACK one hour before going to bed on Saturday night. Enjoy that extra hour!

Commitment Weekend will take place on November 16-17 at all services. Please bring your 2020 Commitment Cards to worship.
SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020

Please see donation opportunities below.

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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 $$).
Please join us for

the Grand Chocolate Party
A Sweet Evening of Fun & Friendship

an Alleluia! Women’s Event

November 8th, 2019

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
Our Alleluia! Children’s Choirs in action!
Kids 4 years thru 5th grade can join in the fun.

Photos from Confirmation 2019, continued from page 2.

Our Alleluia! Women’s Ministry recently held a “Mix & Mingle” event. It’s so fun to make some new connections!

Our Alleluia! Children’s Choirs in action!
Kids 4 years thru 5th grade can join in the fun.

CLICK HERE for information on Children’s Music at Alleluia!
### November Worship Volunteer Reminders

#### 5:00pm Worship
- **Usher:** 11/2 Alan Cook/________, 11/9 Alan Cook/________, 11/16 Alan Cook/________, 11/23 Alan Cook/________, 11/30 Alan Cook/________
- **Communion:** 11/2 Kellie Kunz, 11/9 Teresa Zahora, 11/16__________, 11/23 Teresa Zahora, 11/30 _________
- **Greeters:** 11/2 __________/__________, 11/9 __________/__________, 11/16 __________/__________, 11/23 __________/__________, 11/30 __________/__________
- **Welcome Center:** 11/2 Kellie Kunz, 11/9 __________, 11/16 __________, 11/23 __________, 11/30 __________
- **Lector:** 11/2 Joe Biela, 11/9 Joe Biela, 11/16 Joe Biela, 11/23 Joe Biela, 11/30 Joe Biela

#### 9:15am Worship
- **Welcome Center:** 11/3__________, 11/10 April Kristy, 11/17 April Kristy, 11/24 April Kristy
- **Greeters:** 11/3 __________/__________, 11/10 Bob Kristy/__________, 11/17 Bob Kristy/__________, 11/24 Bob Kristy/__________
- **Communion Servers:** 11/3 Mary Kocourek/Elaine Bynum, 11/10 Peter Vethanayagamony/Armandina Goetz/Gail Wheeler, 11/17 Mary Kocourek/Peter Vethanayagamony, 11/24 Peter Vethanayagamony/Armandina Goetz
- **Altar:** 11/3 LaRae Lafenz, 11/10 LaRae Lafrenz, 11/17__________, 11/24__________
- **Lector:** 11/3 Rich Reinertsen, 11/10 John Wheeler, 11/17 Armandina Goetz, 11/24 Rich Reinertsen

#### 10:30 Worship
- **Ushers:** 11/3 Matt White, Mike Vrba, Kent Nelson, Dave Stis, 11/10 Matt White, Kelly Cunningham, Kent Nelson, Mike Vrba, 11/17 Kent Nelson, Dave Stis, Derek Koomjohn, Adrian Knowles, 11/24 Matt White, Kelly Cunningham, Kent Nelson, Adrian Knowles
- **Lectors:** 11/3 Rod Larson, 11/10 Dan Stolle, 11/17 Carl Johnson, 11/24 John Wheeler
- **Welcome Center:** 11/3 Christy Russell, 11/10 Tina Falkner, 11/17__________, 11/24__________
- **Greeters:** 11/3 Megan Glassman/__________, 11/10 Laura & Chad Claude Family, 11/17 John Plonese/Wendy Plonese, 11/24 John Plonese/Wendy Plonese
- **Altar:** 11/3 Deb Bostjancic, 11/10 Deb Bostjancic, 11/17 Mary Hale, 11/24 Deb Bostjancic
- **Communion Servers:** 11/3 Deb Bostjancic, Beth Duesing, Desma Rozovics, Nancy Larson, Joel Fulgham, Pastor Tim, Pastor Mark, Pastor Tammy, 11/10 Deb Bostjancic, Sonia Hertogs, Suzanne Store, Nancy Larson, Cathy Fulgham, Joel Fulgham, Barb Cunningham, Pastor Tim, 11/17 Suzanne Storoe, Joel Fulgham, Cathy Fulgham, Carolyn Hays, Diane Stis, Pastor Tim, Pastor Mark, Pastor Tammy, 11/24 Deb Bostjancic, Cathy Karas, Joel Fulgham, Cathy Fulgham, Carolyn Hays, Diane Stis, Pastor Tim, Pastor Mark, Pastor Tammy

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Share your gifts with others! Volunteer areas include:
Serving Communion, Ushering, Greeting, Preparing the Altar, Reading the Lesson, Helping at the Welcome Center.

Please consider signing up for Advent Wreath Readings, Christmas Eve, and Lessons & Carols on the following page. We’d love to have your help!

Please click [HERE](#) to see all available dates and to sign up.

We schedule all volunteer opportunities weekly. Volunteer at various worship times depending on what best fits your schedule.

Than you for sharing your time. We can’t do it without your help.

Questions? Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Lori Juliot, at [ljuliot@alleluia.church](mailto:ljuliot@alleluia.church)
Volunteer Opportunities for the upcoming Christmas season!

**CLICK HERE** to volunteer as Advent Reader/Candlelighter. Individuals or families are welcome!

**CLICK HERE** to view volunteer opportunities at the Christmas Eve worship services on December 23/24.

**CLICK HERE** to volunteer as a Reader at a Lessons & Carols worship service on December 28/29.

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**Did you know that Alleluia! accepts stock donations?** It is an easy way to support our church! We provide you and/or your broker with an Alleluia! Stock Gift form that tells you where to electronically transfer the stock shares that you wish to donate. It is really that simple! Plus, it provides you with tax advantages. If you transfer the stock to Alleluia instead of selling it, you get to deduct the amount as a charitable contribution PLUS you avoid paying taxes on any gains if the stock’s value has appreciated since you purchased it. So as the 2019 tax year winds down, please consider if a stock donation to Alleluia! is beneficial for you. Consult with your tax advisor and then email Liz at lvesta@alleluia.church to request a Stock Gift form. Most importantly, thank you for supporting Alleluia! ministries!

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

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

Lesa Sangalis (Term Exp 2/21)
Matt White (Term Exp 2/21)

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

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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.

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