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*Our Mission: To enable all to come, connect, and commit to Jesus.*

# October 2023

## Alleluia! NEWS

### **A! ROCKS** to Lead Worship!

A! Rocks, a music ministry of Alleluia!, will lead worship on Sunday, October 1st and will also perform between the two morning services. Don't miss this special morning of music. A! Rocks will also be the opening talent at the upcoming Winona Avenue Concert listed below.



→ **FREE** ←  
**CONCERT**  
for  
**ALL AGES**

Winona Avenue has opened for David Crowder, Casting Crowns, & Skillet! 750,000+ Streams!

## Saturday, October 14th, 7:00pm at Alleluia!

Doors open at 5:30pm. Opening talent at 6:00pm will be

**A! ROCKS**, A Music Ministry of Alleluia!



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## From the Desk of Pastor David

### Against Drift

“Faith is not a thing one loses,” wrote the Catholic writer George Bernanos. “We merely cease to shape our lives by it.”



A major development of recent years is the rise in the number of Americans who no longer claim any religious affiliation. Pollsters talk about the rise of the “nones”—the people who check “none” when asked to name their religious affiliation. About 30 percent of Americans check that box—double the number of a couple decades ago.

A few years ago some pollsters asked people who were no longer churchgoers why they had left church. The vast majority of them said that they had “just gradually drifted away.” They did not point to sex scandals, or disagreements about church doctrine, or any dramatic issue. They had just drifted away from church. Or as Bernanos puts it, they ceased to shape their lives by it.

Drift. It is something we know about. Boats drift when the anchor gives way or the steering mechanism fails and the current takes over. Our lives drift when we let the powerful currents around us carry us along. Few people get up one day and say, “I’m going to let my life be governed by the pursuit of career, or money, or amusement, or comfort.” But without some active, everyday steering against the currents, these forces easily take control.

How much we need, then, the power and purpose of the risen Christ in our lives. We need the regular course correction of God’s word to steer us. We need the encouragement of other believers.

That’s the beauty and the power of our life together at Alleluia! Each time we gather around word and sacrament, each time we hear the story of our salvation in Christ, each time we pray, each time we share faith with someone else, each time we serve others and the world in Christ’s name—in all these moments we are being shaped into the image of Christ. In all these moments, we are being anchored in the life of God and to all that will not drift away.

Faithfully,  
Pastor David

## New Member Orientation—Wednesday, October 18th, 6:30-7:30pm

Meet with Pastor David to learn about membership at Alleluia!

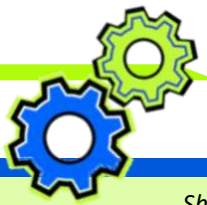
This event will be held in The Well Café Meeting Room.

Please enter the church through upper level (west) door #1.

You may indicate when signing up if childcare is desired.

Questions to Sheila at [sferrarelli@alleluia.church](mailto:sferrarelli@alleluia.church) or 630-904-3311, x245.

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up via the A! website at [alleluialutheran.org/events/upcoming-events](http://alleluialutheran.org/events/upcoming-events)



# Children's Ministry



*Sharing the love of God with children and families so they can come, connect, and commit to Jesus.*

## KidsConnect News



The October lesson theme is Noah's Ark! Kids will learn that God uses us all to make the world better! We'll dig into the story of Noah through the use of art, games, music, and drama. Curious? Volunteer as a leader, helper, security guard, or greeter! Volunteers are needed and ALWAYS appreciated. [CLICK HERE](#) to register as a volunteer. Still need to register your 3yr old- 5th grader for KidsConnect Church School? [CLICK HERE](#) to register a student.

**There is something NEW about KidsConnect.** Some of the grades have changed rooms so now ALL kids are close to the lower level Rec Room. Here's a list of the rooms used for KidsConnect:

**Rec Room:** Used for large group openings and active games

**Preschool KidsConnect Room:** Preschool (ages 3-5) small group room

**Our Saviour's Room:** A divider has been added to split this large room into the small group room for K/1st Grade AND 2nd/3rd grade (shout out to Sandy for her sewing skills)

**Covenant Room:** 4th/5th grade small group room.

## Bible Presentation - Sunday, Oct. 1st at Both Services

Congratulations to all receiving Bibles! Following the presentation, all recipients are invited to join others at KidsConnect to explore their new Bibles and play games. We encourage all children in 3rd grade and above to bring their Bibles to KidsConnect weekly.



## HOPE Marketplace Informational Meeting - Sunday, Oct. 15th, 11:30am

ALL 2nd-8th graders interested in learning about the HOPE Marketplace Experience can join us in the Community Life Center (CLC). At least one parent must attend with their student.

This hands-on experience puts children in the shoes of HOPE entrepreneurs and broadens their understanding of global poverty. Students save money to create a unique product to sell at the Alleluia! Marketplace taking place on Sunday, Dec. 3rd after both services. All proceeds go to HOPE International.

Please attend this meeting to learn more about this event and talk about products, saving ideas, and so much more! [CLICK HERE](#) to register your child as a participant.



## Trunk or Treat - Wednesday, Oct. 25th, 5:00-6:15pm, 3 yrs—5th grade

The event will take place as follows:

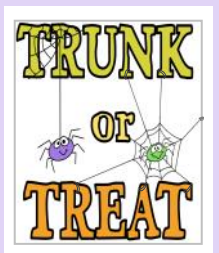
- 1.) Enter at Door 5 (upper level) to participate in servant events (create prayer blankets, pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child, and create Christmas cards for seniors).
- 2.) Enter at Door 8 (lower level) to participate in games in the Recreation Room.
- 3.) There will be a PHOTO BOOTH outside between these two doors.
- 4.) We will line up for Trunk or Treat near Door 5 at 5:50pm.

Registration is requested for this event. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

ALL participating VEHICLES should "back in" starting at the parking spaces near upper level Door 5 and moving to the lower level near Door 8. Children will stay on the grass to receive their treats. PLEASE LISTEN TO THE PARKING GUIDES as they'll answer all of your questions!

The entire congregation is invited to park a decorated car and to pass out candy! Come join one of the most popular and fun fall events at Alleluia!

Vote for your favorite DECORATED CAR! Winners will receive a prize! Winners will be notified after the event.



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## Children's Ministry - continued



### Many thanks to all who donated school supplies for the Operation Christmas Child pack at Trunk or Treat!

In the month of October leading up to Trunk or Treat, the Children's Ministry is collecting PERSONAL CARE ITEMS to pack in the Operation Christmas Child boxes.



The following is a list of items that are needed:

Combs	Washcloths	Hair Accessories	Fun Adhesive Bandages
Brushes	Deodorant	Sunglasses	Reusable Eating Utensils
Toothbrushes	Soap (bar only)	Hats	Nail Clippers/Files

Please drop off your donations in the box near the KidsConnect check-in located in the Gathering Area.  
Thank you for helping the Children's Ministry provide gifts to children in need around the world!

## Alleluia! Youth News!

### Confirmation

Confirmation registration is still open! All 6th grade through 8th grade students are heavily encouraged to participate in this next step in faith formation following their time in Church School on Sunday Mornings and Connect45 on Wednesday evenings. Topics covered in Confirmation include the New and Old Testament as well as Lutheran History, Catechism, and Living. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up if you have not already!

**CONFIRMATION**

### AYHigh

October's AYHigh will heavily focus on the question "Who Am I?". We'll explore this question as 9th grade students prepare for their Affirmation of Baptism on Sunday, October 29th. At October AYHigh, students will hear faith stories from leaders, be given a crash course in Lutheranism, have an Anonymous Fishbowl Questionnaire about all things faith, religion, and spirituality, and spend time writing 'who they are' in a faith statement. This is for all grades 9th - 12th. There is huge value in exploring this question on a yearly basis!



There is no formal registration for high school students to get involved. If you would like to be added to the email list, please [CLICK HERE](#) and fill out the form.

### Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation



Affirmation of Baptism Ceremony (Confirmation) will take place on Sunday, October 29th at the 9:00 service. In preparation for this ceremony, please encourage your 9th grade student to be present at AYHigh on Sunday nights from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Families, please check your email for details regarding the Affirmation of Baptism ceremony.

### Winona Avenue Concert for ALL AGES

The **FREE** Winona Avenue concert is coming to Alleluia! on Saturday, Oct. 14th at 7pm (see front page of this newsletter). Winona Avenue has over 750,000 streams and has opened for top artists such as David Crowder, Casting Crowns, and Skillet! Doors open at 5:30pm. The opening talent at 6:00pm is A! Rocks, a music ministry of Alleluia! Come and enjoy an evening of music!





# Music News

**Private Music Lessons** – The fall session has begun. You may begin at any time and we will prorate the fee. [CLICK HERE](#) for information or contact Michele Nelson at [mnelson@alleluia.church](mailto:mnelson@alleluia.church) with questions.

**Music 'N Me** has begun! Keyboarding for ages 6-9 is offered on Tuesdays from 3:45-4:30. Children attend a group class and learn numerous songs and musical concepts while learning to play the keyboard. On Friday morning music for babies, toddlers, and a mixed age group is offered. [CLICK HERE](#) for the schedule.

**J.C. and Faith Children's Choirs** have resumed (see Wednesday below). Mixed age groups begin with prayer, play musical games, increase vocal health, and praise Jesus through music and dance! [REGISTER HERE](#) for J.C. Choir (ages 4yrs-1st grade). [REGISTER HERE](#) for Faith Choir (2nd-5th grades).

**K3 for Kindergarten - 3rd Graders** has begun with some fun "getting to know each other" activities and digging into scripture. We're "planting seeds" of faith in God's creation. Please [REGISTER HERE](#).

**Alleluia! Music JAM Nights** happen at 6:00pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month with the Contemporary Praise Team. [CLICK HERE](#) for info and to let us know you're coming to JAM with us (or just to watch).

## Weekly Fall Schedule

**Mondays:** Private Piano Lessons Offered (6yrs & older) A waiting list is available.

**Tuesdays:** Group Keyboarding (5-9yrs) Classes have begun.

**Wednesdays:** J.C. & Faith Children's Choirs (Music Room, 5:00-5:45)

K3 (K-3rd grade Bible Exploration, Music Room, 5:45-6:30)

Handbell Choir (Middle School-Adults, Room 267, 7:00-8:00) Email Michele Nelson at [mnelson@alleluia.church](mailto:mnelson@alleluia.church) to let her know you are interested in handbells.

**Thursdays:** Traditional Praise - Come and sing a hymn from 5:15-5:45 in the sanctuary.

Contemporary Praise - Join us for some Christian Contemporary Music at 6:00 in the sanctuary.

OUR NEWLY FORMED Praise Choir meets 2 times a month. Please let Michele know if you'd like to be notified of the meeting dates as they change monthly.

From 6-6:15, we have some "faith building discussions."

3rd Thursday of the month: Alleluia! Jam Night

8:00pm A! Rocks begins rehearsals. Are you interested in joining this Alleluia! sponsored band?

**Fridays:** Music 'N Me in the morning (Babies and Toddlers) & Special Music Rehearsals

**Sundays:** Contemporary rehearsals begin at 7:30am

Praise Choir rehearsals (if singing on this morning) begin at 8:15am

Traditional praise rehearsals begin at 8:30am; Instrumental "warm up" begins at 8:40am.

Drummer Encore is offered between services on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month.

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**Come and train on how to run our SOUNDBOARD.** We're also looking for subs to handle the slides during worship. Please contact Michele with questions or for more information.

**We're seeking brass and woodwind players** to accompany hymns and perform special music within an ensemble on Reformation Sunday, October 29th.

**Christmas Eve Music rehearsals** will begin in November. Please watch for details.

**Calling All Youth to Music!** Any youth who have musical interests—an ensemble of youth is forming. PLEASE contact Michele Nelson at [mnelson@alleluia.church](mailto:mnelson@alleluia.church).

**Are there any 9th graders interested** in helping with music on October 29th (Confirmation Day)? It's a SPECIAL DAY!

**NEW WAYS TO SERVE IN MUSIC** in a non-performing capacity! We need some help in updating musical files every 2-3 weeks, and with fundraising assistance such as Butter Braid, etc., and something NEW—an Alleluia! Music Series Advisory Committee is forming where you discuss ideas on how to use MUSIC as an outreach/"inreach" tool. Please contact Michele Nelson if you can help in any way!



- ♦ Apple
- ♦ Blueberry & Cream Cheese
- ♦ Cinnamon
- ♦ Cream Cheese
- ♦ Raspberry
- ♦ Strawberry & Cream Cheese
- ♦ Caramel Rolls (9/pkg)
- ♦ Cinnamon Rolls (9/pkg)

FREE Samples after services Oct. 29th  
[mnelson@alleluia.church](mailto:mnelson@alleluia.church)

**Just in time  
for Thanksgiving  
and Christmas!**

**On Sale Oct. 15th-29th**

Reserve your pastry breads  
(zero trans fat) either via  
order form & check  
OR  
on the Alleluia! website  
via credit card  
from Oct. 15th-29th.

**Pick up Nov. 5th or 12th  
following both services.**

# Alleluia! Adult Ministries

[CLICK HERE](#) to visit our website for a full list of available groups.

## GriefShare/Surviving the Holidays

**October 29th, 6:30-8:30pm**

This 2-hour GriefShare Seminar will offer support and tips for getting through the holiday season. Contact Jennifer Finnerty at [JEFinnerty@aol.com](mailto:JEFinnerty@aol.com) with questions. The only cost is \$5 for a workbook.



**Coming in January: 13-Week GriefShare program.** More info to come.

## DivorceCare Has Begun

**Tuesday Evenings, September 12th - December 5th, 6:30-8:00pm**

This 13-week, Christian based support group offers a safe place to find healing from the pain of separation or divorce. With a new topic each week, the videos and discussions help participants process the emotional turmoil associated with divorce. Contact Wendy Daly at [wendydaly5@gmail.com](mailto:wendydaly5@gmail.com) for more info. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.



## Dance Spirit

Dance Spirit offers dance for all levels, ages 4 through adult. Classes include tap, jazz, ballet, musical theatre, adult tap, and yoga. Dance Spirit has been a program of Alleluia! for fourteen years. Its mission is to inspire students to use their God given talents to reach their potential with positive, professional training in a wholesome atmosphere.

With more than thirty years teaching experience, professional instructor, choreographer, and certified yoga instructor, Jeanne O'Connell is committed to providing high energy and enthusiastic classes that are meaningful and grounded.

**Dance classes for children and teens:** Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday evenings

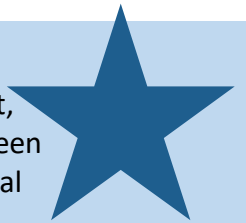
**Adult Tap:** Monday at 7:00 PM

**Adult Yoga:** Monday 9:30 AM (Spiritual Yoga), Thursdays 9:30 AM (Yoga Flow)

Private lessons and coaching for auditions and college submissions are also available.

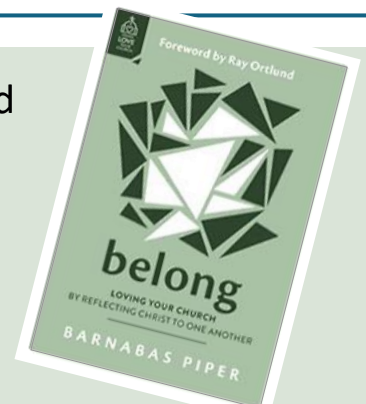
Contact Jeanne at [jeanneoconnell@comcast.net](mailto:jeanneoconnell@comcast.net)

Visit the O'Connell Performing Company website at [oconnellperformingco.com](http://oconnellperformingco.com)



All are encouraged to join this churchwide book study as we read the book *BELONG* by Barnabas Piper. Discussion opportunities are available. Discussion dates have changed slightly so please [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the Upcoming Events page of the Alleluia! website to see the updated schedule.

Books are available in the Alleluia! bookstore.





## Operation Christmas Child Collection

Begins in Mid-October and Continues through November 19th.

Pack a shoebox with small toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for a needy child to receive as a gift this Christmas! Use your own shoebox or pick up one at Alleluia! Please do not gift wrap items.

"How to Pack a Shoebox" pamphlets will be available at the Welcome Center beginning in late October or you can go online to [SamaritansPurse.org](http://SamaritansPurse.org) to get more information as to what items can/cannot be accepted. There is also an opportunity to pack an online shoebox!

## Join Us this Fall at Little Blessings Preschool



We still have preschool openings for fall enrollment! Take a tour and spend time in a classroom! For information, please contact the preschool office at 630-904-9898. Little Blessings is a ministry of Alleluia!

The Alleluia! Church Council members may be contacted via [council@alleluia.church](mailto:council@alleluia.church)

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## Worship Schedule

We invite you to worship  
with us!

Sunday Morning  
In-Person Worship  
at  
9:00am & 10:30am  
All are welcome!