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

September 2025 Alleluia! NEWS

RALLY DAY

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7th

Rally Day is a CHURCHWIDE EVENT for ALL ages! We'll kickoff a new season of worship, learning, and community with a fun and festive Rally Day celebration following 10:30am worship.

Enjoy bouncy houses, bingo, delicious food, and a special congregation-wide art project which will be on display near the Well Café from September through November.

Join us as all our ministries spring back to life with this year's theme, "Rooted in Gratitude," inspired by Psalm 1.

Want to help? We're seeking Rally Day volunteers! [CLICK HERE](#) to view volunteer opportunities.

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Message from Pastor Joel

“And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

~Colossians 3:17



As we enter into the fall programming, there is so much to be thankful for! First off, thank you to all who were able to attend our congregational meeting this past Sunday, and to those of you who shared your questions and comments leading up to the congregational meeting. Both motions were passed unanimously. When I shared the news with Pastor Zaki of Wheatland Salem, he was filled with joy and thanksgiving. I want to also thank our Executive Team: Jenn Vrba, Kent Nelson, Roger Russell, and Carole Krush who have continued to share their wisdom in helping to guide conversations and work on creating a plan to help us prepare the space. I especially want to thank Gary Zoet who has helped us stay on task and develop the lease agreement. In the weeks ahead, as we prepare to welcome the Wheatland Salem community to our campus, I covet your prayers as we seek to not only share space with them, but also look for opportunities in which we can share in ministry together. As with anything worth doing, it will move at the pace of relationships. Meaning that we will need to be intentional about building relationships with Wheatland Salem and listen carefully to the nudges of the Holy Spirit.

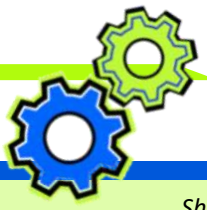
Secondly, I want to thank Sheila Ferrarelli, our new Director of Operations who transitioned into that role earlier this summer. When she accepted the position, we thought we would just need to hire one more person in the front office to handle our administrative ministries. Soon that changed into having to hire four positions! She quickly stepped up into action and started to create interview teams for each of the positions including some from our Little Blessings staff, Council, and members of our congregation. As you will see later in this newsletter we are pleased to welcome to our staff three new staff members! Shannon Webb, (Preschool Director), Beige Pickert (Assistant Preschool Director), and Corryn Sineath (Administrative Assistant to Little Blessings Preschool). Beige and Corryn started in mid-August, and Shannon will be joining our team in mid-September.

Finally, I am so grateful to our Little Blessings staff and our Alleluia! church staff, both of which have stepped up in monumental ways this past summer to help fill in the gaps as these positions were opened. They continued to lead exceptional ministries like our Preschool Summer Camps, Vacation Bible School, the High School Mission Trip, and the Pop-Up Concert featuring Kenny and Claire—all of these ministries leading to help us create energy and enthusiasm for our fall programming. The Holy Spirit is surely moving in this place! Join us as we follow the leading of the Holy Spirit to “Enable all to come, connect, and commit to Jesus!”

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Alleluia! seeks a **part-time Administrative & Financial Assistant** for the Alleluia! church office.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and a full job description.



Children's Ministry



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

KidsConnect - Fall SCHEDULE RETURNS ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 7th



KidsConnect will meet weekly during BOTH the 9:00am & 10:30am services beginning on Rally Day, Sunday, September 7th! We welcome children 3yrs-5th grade, placing them in age-appropriate classrooms where they explore Bible stories in fun and meaningful ways. Each week, kids will dive into God's Word through **art, games, music, videos, science, and drama**, making the Bible come alive! Our time together begins with **worship music, the Lord's Prayer, communion, and blessings**—a sacred and joyful experience created just for kids. [CLICK HERE](#) to register your child today!

KidsConnect is Looking for Volunteers! Join us in making a lasting impact in the faith journey of our children. We offer *flexible scheduling, *easy-to-follow no-prep lessons, *a meaningful and rewarding experience, as well as *occasional sweet treats as a thank-you! Whether you're a middle schooler, high school student, or adult, there's a place for you on our team. [CLICK HERE](#) and sign up to be part of something special.



3rd Grade Bible Presentation will take place Sunday, Sept. 14th at Both Services.

Any child in 3rd grade or above is able to receive a Bible. After the presentation, all recipients are invited to attend KidsConnect to engage in games while exploring his/her Bible. Children are encouraged to bring these Bibles to KidsConnect weekly. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register your child for Bible Presentation.



Wednesday Night Programs Resume on September 10th

Please see all the Wednesday Night opportunities for our children and youth, ages 4-years-old through 8th grade, on page 7 of this newsletter. Please note there are some time changes from last year's schedule.

SAVE the DATE for Trunk or Treat!

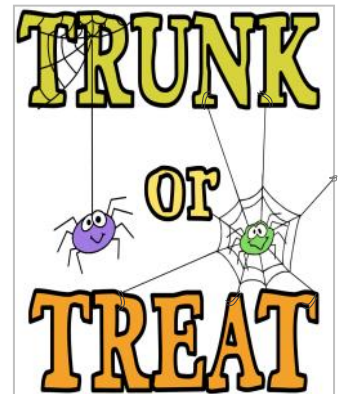
Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, 5:00-6:15pm

Join us for a fun evening of games, service projects, and sweet treats!



- 🎃 Come in costume
- 🎃 Decorate your trunk
- 🎃 Bring peanut-free candy to share

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register your family for this fun event!
Contact April Blair at ablair@alleluia.church with questions.



Alleluia! Youth News!

Confirmation (6th - 8th Grade)



If you have a student headed into 6th - 8th grade for the 2025-26 academic school year, (9/3/25—4/29/26), now is the time to register for Confirmation! Confirmation is a time of faith formation that ultimately leads to the Affirmation of Baptism as 9th grade students on Reformation Sunday.

Our first Confirmation gathering will be on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd from 6:00-7:30pm.

Confirmation is a rolling enrollment! Enroll at any time and we will get your student involved.

Scan the QR code or [CLICK HERE](#).



High School Youth Group (9th - 12th Grade)



Students in grades 9-12 meet on Sunday Nights in The Underground Youth Center from 6:30-8:00pm for fellowship, a lesson, and a wide variety of activities including games, community building, service projects, and more. As always - all are welcome to come as they are! Our first High School Youth Group gathering will be on Sunday, Sept. 7th, 6:30-8:00pm.



Throughout September, students will explore the importance of community and teamwork as we kick off the year with a lesson series called, "We > Me."

Our High School Youth Group is always growing and welcoming new faces! Want more information or to be added to the email list? Scan the QR or [CLICK HERE](#)!

Contact Youth Director Kurtis Arndt at karndt@alleluia.church with any questions.

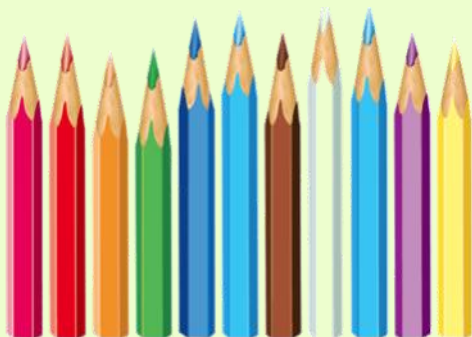
Volunteer Opportunities in Youth Ministry

Our Youth Ministry is powered by volunteers who share their time and talents with our Youth. Both our High School Youth Group (Sunday Nights) and Confirmation (Wednesday Nights) have volunteers that serve in a variety of ways!

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering among our youth, please contact Youth Ministries Director Kurtis Arndt at karndt@alleluia.church. Please click [HERE](#) to view the Youth Ministry Volunteer Interest Form.



Rally Day School Supplies Collection



On Rally Day, Sunday, Sept. 7th, we will collect donations of school supplies in support of the KIDS IN NEED FOUNDATION. Please consider picking up a few extra items as you shop for your own school supplies. Notebooks, pencils, washable broad tip markers, 24-count Crayola crayons, pencil pouches, etc. are needed.

You can view the full list of suggested items for donation on the Upcoming Events page of the Alleluia! website or by clicking [HERE](#).



"Fall into Music" in September!

Please contact Michele Nelson at mnelson@alleluia.church about any of the following:

9/09 - Music 'N Me for Babies, Toddlers, & Siblings Begins with Ms. Michele & Ms. Rachael. Babies Music is offered Tuesday and Wednesday at 8:20am. Toddler (and Sibling) Music is offered on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday mornings at 9:15 & 10:00. Contact Michele at mnelson@alleluia.church ... and try out a class FOR FREE! Sibling discounts are available. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

9/10 - Handbell Choir resumes at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. Please contact Michele if you'd like to join us!

9/10 - J.C. Choir (ages 4—1st grade) **Faith Choir** (2nd—5th grades) & **K3** (K—3rd grades) all resume with Ms. Michele. Click on the following links to sign up: [J.C. Choir](#) - [Faith Choir](#) - [K3](#)

9/15 - Private Music Lessons Begin. We currently offer lessons in clarinet, saxophone, flute, piano, drums, and voice. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info. Contact mnelson@alleluia.church if interested in teaching music lessons.

9/18 - Alleluia! Music JAM Session at 6:30pm. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to let us know you're coming!

Every Thursday: Please check us out... we'd love to have you join us!

5:00-6:00pm - We rehearse HYMNS (Traditional Praise Team) Come and join us!

6:00-7:40pm - We rehearse contemporary Christian music (Contemporary Praise Team) Come check us out!

Two Thursdays at 6:30pm - Contemporary Praise Choir rehearses. Middle school through adults are welcome, as well as children of any participating adults. [CLICK HERE](#) to register. It's all about PRAISING JESUS!

We are SEARCHING for:



- ♦ **YOUTH or ADULTS** to help with special music (or "subbing" on weekends).
- ♦ **VOLUNTEERS** in the Audio/Visual Booth—sound and computer help is needed. Training provided.
- ♦ **HELP** in promoting an upcoming concert!
- ♦ **YOU** to join ANY of our musical groups that would FIT your comfort level!

Please contact Michele Nelson at mnelson@alleluia.church with questions about any of the above programs or needs.



Babies Music with Ms. Michele Sept. 9 - Nov. 19

Tues	Babies Music	Newborn - 15 mo.	8:20 - 8:50am	\$165/child
Wed	Babies Music	Newborn - 15 mo.	8:20 - 8:50am	\$165/child

The purchase of a \$30 Baby Instrument Bag is highly recommended.

Toddler Music with Ms. Rachael Sept. 9 - Dec. 18

Tues	Toddler Music	15 mo - 3 years	9:15 - 9:45	\$210/child
Tues	Toddler Music	15 mo - 3 years	10:00 - 10:30	\$210/child
Wed	Toddler Music	15 mo - 3 years	9:15 - 9:45	\$210/child
Wed	Toddler Music	15 mo - 3 years	10:00 - 10:30	\$210/child
Thrs	Toddler Music	15 mo - 3 years	9:15 - 9:45	\$210/child
Thrs	Toddler Music	15 mo - 3 years	10:00 - 10:30	\$210/child



- Exciting Update from Little Blessings - Meet Our New Administrative Staff!

We're very happy to welcome the following new staff to our school. There are exciting changes and a new energy coming to Little Blessings!



Shannon Webb, Director

I am truly excited to be joining the Alleluia! community as the new Director of Little Blessings Preschool. I've been blessed to work in the field of Early Childhood Education for nearly 20 years, serving in a variety of roles—from home daycare provider, to Owner and Director of Blessed Beginnings Preschool, and most recently as Director at Dreamers Academy Too Daycare Center.

My husband Kevin and I have three amazing children: Caitlyn (26), Ashley (23), and Bryson (19). Our family also includes two lovable dogs, Harley and Tyson. Outside of work, I enjoy staying active in local community theater groups and show choir—music and performing arts are a big part of my life!

I look forward to getting to know the incredible staff, children, families, and members of the Alleluia! community.



Beige Pickert, Assistant Director

Hi, I am Beige Pickert, the new Assistant Director for Little Blessings Preschool. I have two children: Sadie, who is 9 years old, and Owen, who is 11. I live in Aurora and have been married for 12 years. I am originally from Georgia but moved to Illinois almost 10 years ago. I enjoy cooking, baking, and crafting. I am finishing up my continuing education and will be done in December. I also volunteer with my daughter's elementary school PTA and chair the yearly Back-to-School Bash, as well as Trunk or Treat. I am so excited to be a part of Little Blessings!



Corryn Sineath, Administrative & Financial Assistant

Hi there! I am so excited to be here! I live in South Plainfield with my two children. My son Caleb is 8 years old, and my daughter Charlotte is 4. I am widowed – I lost my husband to esophageal cancer in 2022. Since then, I am proud to fundraise and volunteer for the American Cancer Society, including the annual Relay For Life Walk/Run event. Professionally, I have nearly 20 years of administrative experience and enjoy helping people whenever I can. I can't wait to meet everyone!

Little Blessings 2025-26: Twos, Preschool & Kindergarten



Fall registration is ongoing for Twos, Preschool, and Kindergarten, as well as **Enrichment classes** and an **Extended Care option!**

Please visit LittleBlessings.org for further information.

Scheduled tours are available.

Call the Little Blessings office at 630-904-9898.

Little Blessings is a ministry of Alleluia! Lutheran Church.





Whatcha Doin' Wednesdays?

Registration is open for all of the following!

Children's Choirs: 5:15-6:00pm - Ages 4 years through 5th grade. Sign up today! [CLICK HERE](#) for JC Choir (4yrs-1st grade). [CLICK HERE](#) for Faith Choir (2nd-5th grades).

K3: 6:00-6:45pm - Fun learning time with Ms. Michele for Kindergarten thru 3rd grade! [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up!

Connect45: 6:00-7:00pm - Calling all 4th & 5th graders! Come for a fun year of growing in faith, building friendships, and connecting with God in new ways. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up!

Confirmation: 6:00-7:30pm—Middle School Ministry for grades 6-8. Student grow in faith, learn the Christian faith in the Lutheran tradition, and develop community in small groups as they prepare for their Affirmation of Baptism in 9th grade. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up!

Churchwide Meal - ALL NEW TABLE TOGETHER: Every 2nd Wednesday, 5:00-6:00pm beginning Sept. 10th! All are welcome! Sign up is necessary so we can prepare. Email April Blair at ablair@alleluia.church with questions. [Please join us!](#) [See more info below!](#)

Churchwide Community Dinners

All are welcome!



Every 2nd Wednesday of the month
5:00-6:00pm - \$5/person or \$20/family

Sign up: [Scan or click on](#) the QR code
[or visit alleluialutheran.org/events/upcoming](http://alleluialutheran.org/events/upcoming)



FALL ALLELUIA! CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR

Saturday, Sept. 27, 10am-4pm

Entrance fee \$3 — 12 & under FREE

Crafts - Bake Sale

Please come to shop! Help spread the word by telling friends and neighbors! Proceeds go to support Alleluia! ministries.

We're seeking volunteers to help on the day of the event. Please [CLICK HERE](#) or scan the QR code to sign up to help.



Men's Fall Basketball League Sign-Ups have Begun

Competitive league play in a Christian environment. Non-members are welcome!



[CLICK HERE](#) for sign-up info or scan the QR code.



New Member Orientation Sunday, Sept. 28th, 11:45am

Please meet in the Legacy Room behind the Well Café.

A light lunch will be served.

Childcare will be provided as needed.

Sign up by emailing Deb Bostjancic at dbostjancic@alleluia.church

Women's Ministry Movie Night - Sunday, September 14th, 5:00pm

Women are invited to gather in The Underground to view the movie *The Forge!* Grab a friend and come enjoy the movie and some girl time.

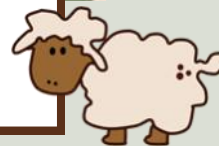
Pizza and popcorn will be served.

Please note: As a follow up to movie night there will be a Bible study on Thursday, Sept. 18th at 6:30pm. Please comment in your signup if you plan to come to the Bible study. This study will help us to see like Jesus, give like Jesus, lead like Jesus, invest like Jesus, send like Jesus, and help us grow closer to one another and ultimately to God. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.



Little Lambs

Consignment Sale



The Little Lambs Consignment Sale is once again combining with Owen Elementary PTA Resale to host one big **ONLINE** super-sale! The store will be open online from **Friday, Sept. 5th, 9:00am through Sunday, Sept. 7th, 9:00pm** with many items marked **half-price on the 7th**.

Purchased items will be picked up at Owen Elementary School on Saturday, Sept. 13th.



Nursery Care During Both Sunday Services Resumes Sept. 7th

Nursery care during BOTH services will resume on Rally Day, Sunday, Sept. 7th for children up to age 3. Ages 3+ are welcome to register for KidsConnect Church School. (see page 3)

The Family Worship Room adjacent to the sanctuary is also available during services.



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

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Worship Schedule

All are welcome to join us
for worship!

Sunday Morning
9:00am & 10:30am

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