

Alleluia! Lutheran Church, 4055 S. Book Rd., Naperville, IL 60564
www.alleluia!lutheran.org Phone: 630-904-3311
Our Mission: To enable all to come, connect, and commit to Jesus.

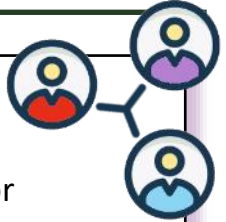
June 2026

Alleluia! NEWS

Stay and Connect After 10:00 a.m. Summer Worship

Some of the best moments of church happen after the final song, when people gather for conversation and connection. These simple interactions help turn a church into a true community. This summer, we invite everyone to stay just a bit after worship each Sunday—enjoy refreshments, and take a few minutes to connect, catch up, and get to know one another. These small moments of sharing give us space to build friendships, welcome new faces, support one another, and strengthen the relationships that make our church feel like home.

Whether you're new to the congregation or have been here for years, there's always something meaningful to share and discover. We'd love for you to stay awhile on Sunday. Let's connect.



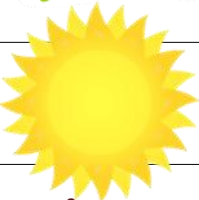
Last Call to Sign Up for Vacation Bible School 2026 — Kingdom Quest! — June 8-12



Ages 3 years through 5th grade are invited to join in on this upcoming adventure. Additionally, we are in great need of volunteers ages middle school through adults to help us make this the best VBS ever. Please consider helping! Please see [page 3](#) for all info and a link to the donation list.



Music Ministry Summer Opportunities: pg 4



Summer Fellowship Events & Service Opportunities: pg 7



Summer Camp for Ages 3rd-8th Grades: pg 7

Highlights!

Pastor's Message: pg. 2
Hospitality Ministry Volunteer Team: pg. 2
Children's Ministry News: pg. 3 & 4
Music Ministry Opportunities: pg. 4
Youth Ministry News: pg. 5
Little Blessings News: pg. 6
Summer Church Fellowship Events: 7
Summer Camp at LOMC: pg. 7
Alleluia! Moms: pg. 8
Mahjong Lessons: pg. 8

Message from Pastor Joel



“Holy Father protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.” ~John 17:11

Every week in Confirmation, our youth director, Kurtis, begins Confirmation with a competition called “Clash of the Classes.” Confirmands earn points by playing a game, volunteering on Sunday mornings, or filling out the sermon notes. This fall, Kurtis shared that they could also earn points by bringing a friend to Confirmation. Suddenly, my daughter asked if we could bring one of our neighbors with us on Wednesday nights.

So, every Wednesday I would pick up my daughter and her friend and bring them to church. At first, I felt like an Uber driver. We live about 20 minutes away... unless we get stopped by a train... then we live 30 minutes away. Quickly, it turned into the highlight of my week! I got to hear all about their day. We took turns picking which drive-thru to get dinner from, then we’d eat in the car or in my office. On the way home, we would talk about what happened in Confirmation, or what was going on in school. It was incredible!



Thanks to Kurtis and their small group leaders, Wendy and Cassie, these two girls were connecting with others in their small group. During Lent, they would text the others in their small group to make sure they were coming to Confirmation that night. They shared photos of their shared interests, like horseback riding. They were modeling our mission statement: “To enable all to come, connect, and commit to Jesus.”

In John 17, Jesus prays this petition: “Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.” It’s a prayer for protection and a prayer for connection. That’s the focus for worship summer: “A Summer to Connect!”—a chance to connect to God, one another, and our neighbors. To do this, we will have one worship service at 10 a.m. throughout the summer. There will be opportunities to connect with an expanded fellowship. You will be invited to share in mission as we connect with our ministry partners. Invite a friend, a neighbor, a family member, or someone who you know used to be a part of Alleluia! but has drifted away. Let’s connect to one another as we connect to God in worship and mission this summer!

Church Hospitality Ministry Volunteer Team

This team helps create a welcoming and caring environment through food and utensil prep, meal service, and clean up for church events. We are looking for a team leader(s) and volunteers. This is a very flexible role based on church events, fellowship gatherings, and special occasions. Volunteers will assist in organizing food, beverages, set up, and clean up for church meals and events. This ministry helps people feel welcomed, cared for, and connected through shared meals and fellowship.

Interested? Please reach out to Deb Bostjancic at dbostjancic@alleluia.church or call 630-254-2002.

Children's Ministry

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



KidsConnect Church School News

Summer KidsConnect Hours

Beginning May 31, KidsConnect will meet during the one 10:00am service. All ages will gather together in the Rec Room. Each meeting will feature themed Bible lessons, games, and activities.



June's Theme: Sports

In the month of June, kids will participate in obstacle courses, play kickball, and run various races! They will discover that following Jesus takes perseverance, focus, and overcoming obstacles. They will play games to help them remember a key memory verse from Hebrews 12:1-2: "And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith."

At least one adult volunteer is needed each week. Youth volunteers are always welcome too! Please consider helping when you're able! Adults and Youth can [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.

Thank you for supporting KidsConnect!

There's Still Time to Register for Kingdom Quest Vacation Bible School!



This summer, kids are guaranteed a fun-filled week created just for them. Kingdom Quest will take kids on an exciting adventure to discover what it means to be part of God's Kingdom. Throughout the week, they'll learn how to live with courage, kindness, faith, and purpose through engaging Bible stories, energetic worship, creative crafts, and action-packed games.

DATE/TIME: June 8th-June 12th - TIME: Session 1 (9am-12pm) OR Session 2 (1pm-4pm)

3yrs-5th grade students are invited to participate. **T-shirts cannot be guaranteed for registrations after May 17th.**

[CLICK HERE](#) — Student Session 1: 9am-12pm

[CLICK HERE](#) — Student Session 2: 1 pm-4pm

VBS Volunteers are greatly needed!

Middle School, High School, and Adult Volunteers. A full week adult volunteer will only pay \$40 per child!

[CLICK HERE](#) — Volunteer for Session 1: 9am-12pm

[CLICK HERE](#) — Volunteer for Session 2: 1 pm-4pm

VBS Donation List - Thank you for your support of VBS. We appreciate all donations—large and small!

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view our donation list. Every contribution helps!

Help Needed! - We are looking for people to come to Alleluia! and help set up for VBS. There are so many ways to get involved:

- Help put up decorations
- Prepare supplies
- Make copies
- Help sort T-shirts

If you can help with any of these items please [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.

More Children's Ministry Info on the Following Page

Children's Ministry

Splash Pad Meet Up for Ages 3 Years – 5th Grade & Their Families

Students and their families are invited to join us for a fun morning at our local community splash pad! Come to cool off, play with friends, and enjoy summer together.

Wednesday, July 8, 2026, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. at Wolf's Crossing Community Park Splash Pad located at: 3252 Wolf's Crossing Road in Naperville

Popsicles will be provided by the Children's Ministry. Invite your friends!

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register so we can plan accordingly to be sure we have enough popsicles for everyone. We look forward to seeing you there!



Fall Registration is Underway!



It might seem crazy to be thinking about fall when summer hasn't even started, but in order for us to prepare, we ask that you register your kids now for KidsConnect, K3, and Connect45 for the 2026–2027 school year.

Early registration helps us plan classrooms, volunteers, and activities so we can create the best possible experience for your children. Thank you for helping us prepare for an amazing year ahead in Children's Ministry!

- **KidsConnect 2026-2027 Student Registration** (3yrs-5th grade) - [CLICK HERE](#)
- **KidsConnect 2026-2027 Volunteer Registration** (middle school-adult) - [CLICK HERE](#)
- **Connect45 Student Registration** (4th and 5th Grades) - [CLICK HERE](#)
- **K3 Student Registration** (Kindergarten-3rd grade) - [CLICK HERE](#)

News from Alleluia! Music

Greetings! Now that we are entering the summer season schedule, we are looking for musicians (singers and instrumentalists) to fill our Offertory and Communion music slots on Sundays! Please let me know if you are interested in any dates for the summer.

We will also be conducting at least one Pop-up Choir session during the summer (dates TBD). This is a great opportunity to lend your voice to Alleluia!'s Music ministry without much practice. All that is required is a 9:00 a.m. rehearsal, followed by the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

More details to come!

Nicole

Worship & Music Director



Alleluia! Youth News!

Confirmation (6th - 8th Grade) Summer Events & Early Bird Registration



As we look forward to summer, a couple of dates to keep on your mind for our middle school aged friends are July 14th when we will gather for Mini Golf, and July 19th - July 24th for camp at LOMC!

Early Bird Registration is open for current 5th - 8th graders! **REGISTER** early for 2026-27 to receive a \$10 discount!

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



We wrapped up our 2025-2026 year of High School Youth Group with an incredible collaborative Youth Group with Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and AGAPE* most known in our circles for his work with the ELCA Youth Gatherings. We danced, heard AGAPE* rap, and heard stories of inclusion and being a welcoming space for all.

We then brought the lessons learned with AGAPE* at Our Saviour's BACK to Alleluia! where we were able to apply our critical thinking skills to observe our spaces and to think about how we can be an inviting space for all. Talk about some great community thought!

Many thanks to our leaders Eric Walsh, Gina Sandvik, and Mary Lynn Leland for all their support and dedication to our program throughout the year.

As we look toward summer - be sure to have July 15th starred as we will be doing a High School trip to Raging Waves!



Job Board - Mission Trip 2026 Fundraiser

Have a pet that needs to be walked? A child that needs to be baby sat? A dessert needed for a party? Mulch that needs to be spread? Your lawn cut?



As a part of our students' fundraising efforts in 2026, we are offering students the ability to work tasks for congregation members in exchange for donations toward their mission trip! How does this work? Congregation members fill out a form explaining what they are looking for, what they can donate for the task financially, and a timeline of when they would need the task done. Members will then donate directly to a student's account digitally or with a check or cash given to Youth Director Kurtis Arndt. These funds go directly to the student's mission trip payments!

Students and their families are responsible for transportation and commit to finishing their job to the best of their abilities! Contact Youth Director Kurtis Arndt at karndt@alleluia.church with any questions.

Want to make a "Job Posting?" [CLICK HERE!](#)



Little Blessings News!

June 2026



From the Director's Desk

As we wrap up another wonderful school year, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for being part of our preschool family. This year has been filled with so much learning, laughter, growth, and joyful memories. Watching our students grow academically, socially, and spiritually has been such a blessing.

Thank you for your partnership, encouragement, and trust throughout the year. Our school community is truly special because of the families, teachers, and church support that surround our children each day. We are so proud of all our students and grateful for the opportunity to be part of their early learning journey.

While the school year may be ending, the fun is not over yet! Our Summer Camp begins June 1st, and we are excited for weeks filled with hands-on activities, friendships, outdoor play, and summer adventures. We look forward to welcoming both returning and new campers for a fun-filled summer.

We are also currently enrolling for the fall school year. Classes are filling quickly, but there are still openings available in several programs. This fall will be especially exciting as we celebrate Little Blessings Preschool's 30th Anniversary! We look forward to honoring three decades of faith, learning, and community with special events and celebrations throughout the year. If you have not yet completed registration for fall, we encourage you to do so soon to secure your child's spot. For families who are already registered, please be on the lookout over the next couple of weeks for an email containing enrollment packet information and important details for the upcoming school year.

We hope your family enjoys a safe, relaxing, and joy-filled summer. Thank you again for an amazing year at Little Blessings Preschool. We are so grateful for each and every one of you!

Blessings,

Shannon Webb

Director, Little Blessings Preschool



Upcoming Dates

June 1st: Summer Camp Begins

June 8th – 12th: Vacation Bible School

June 29th – July 3rd: NO SUMMER CAMP



4055 S. Book Rd, Naperville - littleblessings.org - 630-904-9898

Little Blessings is a Ministry of Alleluia! Lutheran Church

Sunday Summer Worship - 10:00 a.m.



ALL CHURCH Summer Fellowship, Fun & Service

JUNE

June 3rd - VBS Work Day [Sign up here](#)

June 10th - Yogurt Beach Fundraiser

June 19th - Feed my Starving Children [Sign up here](#)

June 27th - Mission Trip Sendoff, Potluck, and Yard Games (see details below) [Sign up here](#)

JULY

July 5th - Outdoor Worship Sunday

July 8th - Splash Pad Meet Up (3 Years – 5th Grade & Their Families) [Sign up here](#)

July 13th - Springbrook Prairie Trail Bike Ride [Sign up here](#)

July 14th - Middle School Mini Golf Day Trip [Sign up here](#)

July 15 - High School Raging Waves Day Trip [Sign up here](#)

July 29th - S'mores at Alleluia! [Sign up here](#)

AUGUST

August 6th - Six Flags Great America Trip [Sign up here](#)

August 14th - Movie Night at Alleluia!

August 30th - Rally Day



Let It Shine! Mission Trip Sendoff & Potluck: Saturday, June 27, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a **Church Picnic-Style Potluck** as we send off our Mission Trip students on their journey to serve in Iowa! Bring a dish to share - dessert, salad, side, or entrée - and gather together as a community.

From 12:00-1:00 p.m. we'll enjoy lunch, connect with others, and take part in some yard games and fellowship.

At 1:00 p.m., our Mission Trip students and chaperones will gather with picnic attendees for a brief send-off prayer before loading up and heading to Iowa.

Once our students are on the road, we invite families to stay, continue enjoying the afternoon, help with cleanup, and celebrate the students as they begin this meaningful week of serving others. [CLICK HERE](#) to signup.



Attention: Students 3rd-8th Grades

Register Now for Summer Camp at LOMC

The week of July 19th - July 24th (week 6) we encourage all of our students entering 3rd - 8th grades to sign up for a week of fun at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon, IL.

Both Youth Director Kurtis Arndt and Children's Director April Blair will be visiting LOMC during the week to see our faithful friends and partake in the fun of a sleep away camp where throughout the week students will learn, laugh, play, sing, and have a ton of fun! [CLICK HERE](#) for information and registration.





Perfectly Imperfect
— MAMAS —

Summer Fun! Are you an Alleluia! mom looking to connect with other moms? We will meet on the following Thursday evenings: June 25, July 23, and August 27. We gather at different local restaurants for Bible study, food, and fellowship with a supportive group of women.

If you'd like more information or have any questions, please reach out to Megan Glassman at megan.amos@gmail.com or Sara White at sara.white00@aol.com for more information. Please join us!

Mahjong!
Just for fun!
Learn how
to play!



This summer we are offering Mahjong lessons as a new way to bring people together for fun and fellowship.

Though the game may look complicated at first glance, it's a social game at heart with lots of conversation and laughs. Lessons are designed for beginners over age 18.

It will include simple strategies, basics of the game, and the flow of play. Interested? Reach out to Deb Bostjancic at dbostjancic@alleluia.church or call/text 630-254-2002.



Attention all Middle School & High School Youth

Children's Ministry needs volunteers for VBS the week of **June 8th-June 12th!** Can you help? See [page 3](#) of this newsletter. or view info and signups here:

[Session 1: 9:00am-12:00 p.m.](#)

or

[Session 2: 1:00pm-4:00 p.m.](#)



A Prayer Box and forms to fill out are located at the Welcome Center. All prayer submissions are confidential and go to Pastor Joel.



There is a collection box for used eyeglasses in the Well Café area. The Lions Club collects and distributes glasses to optical missions around the world.

REMINDER



This is a reminder that no one from Alleluia!, neither pastor nor staff, will ever text or email requests for any form of monetary or gift card help. If you ever question any communication appearing to come from Alleluia! please contact the church office at 630-904-3311.

THE
STUDIOS
PERFORMING ARTS

CREATE YOUR BEST SUMMER!



The Studios: Next Stage
Ages: 12 thru 18
June 1 - 13, 2026



The Studios: First Stage
Grades: 2 thru 8
July 13 - 24, 2026



The Show Choir Studios: Kids Camp
Grades: 3 thru 8
August 3 - 7, 2026

To Learn More & Register Visit www.thestudiosperformingarts.com
4055 Book Road Door 5 Naperville, IL 60564



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

Amy Freitag
AFreitag@alleluia.church

Nancy Hamera
NHamera@alleluia.church

Kent Nelson
KNelson@alleluia.church

Roger Russell
RoRussell@alleluia.church

Rob Elliott
RElliott@alleluia.church

Bruce Kallberg
BKallberg@alleluia.church

Nathan Kocurek
NKocurek@alleluia.church

Gary Zoet
GZoet@alleluia.church

4055 S. Book Rd.
Naperville, IL 60564



Worship Schedule

All are welcome to join us
for worship!

Sunday Summer Worship
May 24th - Sept 6th at 10:00 a.m.

Stay Connected!

Website: www.alleluialutheran.org



Alleluia - Naperville, IL



Alleluia! - Naperville, IL