Sunday, November 2, 2025 All Saints Sunday



Holy Communion Lutheran Church

A community called to Worship, Learn, Love, and Serve
2000 West 6th St. Racine, Wisconsin

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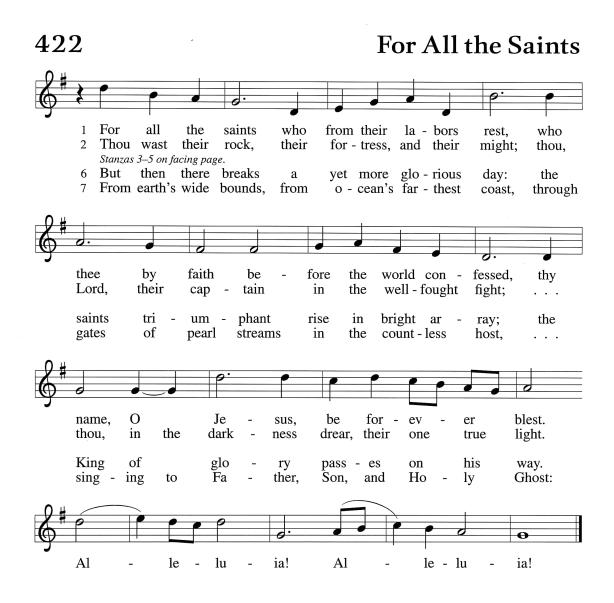
PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

As the choir sings "We Are God's Children Now" (GB), the names of people who have died in the past year will be read. Individuals and families are invited to come forward to light a candle for a loved one or someone who has touched their life and has since gone to be with the saints in heaven.

*OPENING HYMN vv. 1, 2, 3, 4





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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ANTHEM "Kingdom of Grace" based on the Beatitudes (GB) Senior Choir please see the lyrics in the announcements at the back of your bulletin)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MAY GO TO CHOIR.

WORD

FIRST READING: Ephesians 1:3-10

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 149

¹ Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

² Let Israel rejoice in their maker;

let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.

³ Let them praise their maker's name with dancing; let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.

⁴ For the LORD takes pleasure in the people and adorns the poor with victory.

⁵ Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy on their beds.

⁶ Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand,

⁷ to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,

8 to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron,

⁹ to inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 6:20-31

The holy gospel according to Luke, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰ Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

21 "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷ "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Laura Fladten

CHILDREN AND YOUTH RETURN TO WORSHIP

HYMN OF THE DAY #490

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



- 1 Let all mor tal flesh keep si lence, and with fear and trem bling stand;
- 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar-y, as of old on earth he stood,
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heav-en spreads its van-guard on the way;
- 4 At his feet the six winged ser aph, cher u bim with sleep less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood, as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de-scend - ing comes full hom-age to de - mand. he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n-ly food. comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark-ness clears a - way. "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

MEAL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it in heaven. Give us this day is our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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COMMUNION SONG



POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you, and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

PEACE

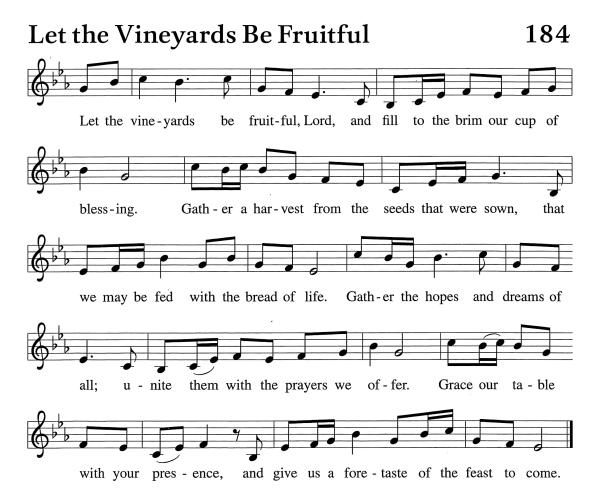
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

CHILDREN MAY GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

On this All Saints Day, let us give thanks for those who have come before us, lift up with hope those who come after us, and extend love and concern to those with whom we share this moment in time. Let us pray. (brief silence)

We give thanks for the saints whose lives embodied your light and love who demonstrated both in word and deed what it means to walk as a child of your grace who were selfless and compassionate in how they lived who sought to be a blessing to others and who anchored their lives securely in the promise of your forgiving grace. We give thanks for all who helped us to know with certainty that we are precious in your sight. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We pray for the poor that they may know that they matter and that there is an honored place for them at your table of grace. And we pray for the courage and wisdom to dismantle those systems that perpetuate poverty, that all may partake of the blessings you intend for your children to enjoy. Lord in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for the hungry that their hunger may be satisfied and their thirst quenched. Bless all ministries to the hungry, including our own food pantry - especially in this time of acute need and rising fear. Open our hearts to be as generous as we can be- and inspire the efforts of those who are working for sustainable solutions to the problem of hunger. And uplift farmers and all others whose work so often goes unacknowledged. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We pray for peacemakers both here and abroad who are working to build a world where hostility and bitterness give way to greater understanding and cooperation where we find new ways to work together in our communities and where the nightmare of war is no more. Guide their efforts and sustain them through their discouragement. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We pray for those who are grieving for the loss of a loved one, or because of struggles they may have in body, mind, or spirit. <Names> Grant them grace sufficient for whatever their needs may be. Lord in your mercy.

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Finally, we pray for those who come after us our children and our children's children that they may find inspiration in how we lived and loved guidance from your Holy Word and unquenchable hope rooted in your everlasting love. May theirs be a brighter and better world. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We offer these prayers in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit ... our help in ages past, and our hope for years to come.

AMEN.

BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you + and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

Amen.



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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

Please join us in the lounge for a cup of coffee, a treat, and fellowship.

Announcements

Welcome Visitors!

A special welcome to any visitors worshipping with us this morning. Please fill out one of the yellow cards in the pew rack in front of you so we can acknowledge your visit with us. You can put your completed card into the offering plate or give it to an usher or a pastor before you leave. Please join us in the lounge after the worship service for a time cup of coffee, some goodies, and a time of fellowship.

Communion By Intinction

All are welcome to come to the table for Communion. We offer Holy Communion through Intinction (dipping of the wafer into chalice of wine). There are also gluten free wafers and grape juice available in the center. Individual wafer/juice cups are available on the tables at the back of the sanctuary if you feel more comfortable taking communion in your pew.

Youth Groups Meeting in November

2nd - 5th Graders will meet today, **Sunday**, **November 2nd.** They will gather together after Sunday School and enjoy games, Bible time, and snacks until noon.

Confirmation Class will meet on Sunday, November 9th following worship until noon. All 8th graders are invited to join the pastors for a tie to journey deeper into their own faith. Snacks will be provided!

6th - 12th Graders will meet Sunday, November 16th, from 5:00 - 6:30pm for fun, faith, and food. We will begin in the kitchen where we will all help prepare a meal to enjoy together. Come hungry!

Food Pantry

SNAP benefits will not be paid during the government shutdown, and Racine County Food Bank has asked us to be open longer hours to help local families in need. Our volunteers are willing to put in longer hours, but being open longer hours also means we will need a lot more food. Please consider making a monetary donation to the pantry or buying a few extra items when you shop for your family.

We are still in need of a pantry assistant. If you would like more information about this paid position or know someone who might be interested, please contact Gregg Albright at kygregg@maac.com.

The Food Pantry would like to help provide Thanksgiving meal foods to our clients. For November, we are asking for donations of corn muffin mix, instant potatoes, canned cranberries, mushroom soup, canned sweet potatoes, and 13-15 lb. turkeys. (Please, no gravy or stuffing as we have received a large supply of these.) Please have turkey donations to the church by Wednesday, November 19th, so they know how many they need to purchase. The numbers at the pantry are usually high before Thanksgiving, so all of your donations are greatly appreciated.

If you have leftover Halloween candy, the pantry will be happy to use it for small treat bags for our clients at Christmas. We also accept clean, lightly used plastic and large, brown paper shopping bags. If you have 2026 calendars, greeting cards, pens, or pencils that you won't use, the pantry clients are happy to receive them. Thank you all for your generosity and love for your neighbors!

Diaper Ministry

We give thanks for the Funk family who sponsor the November Diaper Depot delivery in memory of Wayne & Jan Sotona. Our next distribution dates are November 12 from 11AM – 1PM and November 26 from 4 – 6PM. The Diaper Ministry is growing! We are serving 50+ babies and adults each time we are open and have had as many as 70 clients in one session. Please consider supporting our ministry with a donation or as a volunteer. Contact Kylee Albright kygregg@mac.com or Amy Larsen amylarsen2406@att.net.

Sponsor a HCLC Young Adult

For Advent, we would like to send our young adults (High school graduates within the last 4 or so years) a small treat to remind them that they are a valued part of our church family and that we are keeping them in our prayers with love. We would like to send each of them a Starbucks gift card with a card and some devotions. Please donate or buy scrip cards for this by November 30th.

Ketchup Club Lunch November 4th

Please plan to join us on Tuesday, November 4th at 11:30 for lunch at New Café, 600 Main St.. These casual get-togethers are a wonderful way to "catch up" with old friends and make some new ones. If you know you will be there, please contact Pastor Laura, pastorlaura.hclc@gmail.com, or the office, 262-632-8802 or office.hclc@gmail.com, to help us reserve the correct size table. If you suddenly find yourself free that day we will happily make room for you, so please come and join the fun!

Birthday Club November 13th

Everyone with an October birthday is invited to join the pastors in the lounge at 10:00 on Thursday, November 13th for a birthday donut, coffee, and conversation! Come let us celebrate with you!

Men's Group Meeting November 14th

All men are invited to join Pastor Mark in the lounge at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 14th. The group meets once a month for fellowship and friendly discussion and they would be happy to have more men join them. If you have any questions you can contact Pastor Mark. All are welcome!

Trivia Night

This Friday, November 7th, HCLC is having our first Trivia Night! The fun begins at 6:00! You can choose your own team of five or six friends, or, if you'd prefer, we will put a team together for you. Let us know you want to play and we can place you on a team. The cost is \$10 per person. We'll supply the DJ and prizes, you bring some snacks, your beverages, and your trivia knowledge. This should be a lot of fun! There are sign-up forms in the back of the sanctuary, the lounge, and the office, and turn it in to the office today!

Save the Date! Intergenerational Advent Event Sunday, Nov 30th - right after church until noon

Join us for a special intergenerational Advent event celebrating the gift of relationships across all ages! It's so important for our children (of EVERY age) to feel loved and connected — and there's no better way than gathering as one church family. Come enjoy a treat, do an advent craft or activity, and help us remind every child (and adult!) how much they are treasured and supported.

Look For The Light Christmas Program

Calling all kids, youth, and adults who'd like to participate!

Look For the Light, HCLC's beloved Christmas program with a live nativity, is returning to our beautiful sanctuary on December 14th at 9:30 A.M. The animals, including our favorite donkey, Tina, are excited to return to see and hear the story of Jesus' birth. Because it has been a couple of years since the kids have presented this program, because I'm adding new music, and because we are still rebuilding our numbers, I would like to invite any adults who'd like to participate in the program to join us as well. Whole families, folks who love to sing or read but don't have a huge time commitment, anyone who has ever wanted to hold onto an errant sheep, goat, or llama, anyone longing to wear one of our dashing shepherd costumes, those of you who have been yearning to tell this story - are all welcome!

KID AND ADULT MUSIC REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Kids: All Sundays during regular choir time.

Longer rehearsals on: 11/9, 11/16, and 12/7. Kids will go to the choir room after the Children's Sermon and remain there until Sunday School time. Pastor Mark and Pastor Laura will give the kids communion after the service before the kids go to Sunday School.

Adults who would like to join in the singing are welcome to come to the kids' rehearsals that take place during church, or after church on 11/9, 11/16, 12/7.

We also dedicate one Thursday evening choir rehearsal to the Xmas program and non-choir adults are welcome to join us. This will likely be on 12/11 at 7:30 P.M.

A final rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December 13, from 9 to 10:30 A.M.

Hope to see you at rehearsals as we prepare to tell the best story ever told!

Kate 262.498.7593 (texting is the best way to get in touch with me)

Poinsettia Orders

It is time to order poinsettias for Christmas! This year we will have all white poinsettias from Milaegers. Each plant will cost \$16.00. You will be able to pick up your plants after the 10:30 Christmas Eve worship service or on Sunday, December 28th. All orders MUST be in by Wednesday, November 26th. There are order forms in the November Chalice, on the table in the back of the sanctuary, and in the lounge, the office and Welcome Center,

2026 Altar Flowers

We are taking orders for altar flowers in 2026. We have room for two vases every Sunday. Each vase costs \$28.00. The altar flower book will be at the Scrip table for the next few weeks and forms are available in the November Chalice, on the tables in the back of the sanctuary, and in the office, lounge, and Welcome Center.

Book Club

For our November 12th meeting, we will be discussing <u>An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960's</u> by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Doris Goodwin's writing has won her many awards over her career. She is a beloved historian, weaving together biography, memoir, and history. We will be meeting at Julie Burton's home at 10:00 until 11:30. Please call Julie at 262-639-5914 or email her at <u>jaburton5914@gmail.com</u> to let her know that you will be joining us.

Diaper Ministry Christmas Party Announcements

Ho Ho Ho...We Need a Santa!

We are on the lookout for a jolly volunteer to don the red suit and help spread Christmas cheer on Sunday, December 7 from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Holy Communion Diaper Ministry Christmas Party. Santa's important duties are to smile for photos and share holiday magic with the kids. If you've got the Christmas spirit (or know someone who does), please contact Shannon Porcaro @kaitanth3303@yahoo.com or text @262-331-4534. Bring your Christmas spirit and help make the day merry and bright!

Christmas Cheer with the Diaper Ministry

Holy Communion's Diaper Ministry is spreading joy this Christmas with a special party, and you can help make it magical! We invite our congregation to sponsor a child by choosing a tag from our Giving Tree in the narthex. Each child's wish includes: one cozy outfit and one toy. Please return your wrapped gift (with the tag attached) by November 30th. Gifts can be dropped off in the office or placed under the tree. Let's join together to share the love of Christ and make this Christmas one to remember for every child!

Volunteers Needed!

The Holy Communion Diaper Ministry is hosting a Christmas Party on Sunday, December 7 from 1:00-3:00 pm and we would love your help to make it extra special! We are looking for volunteers to: help set up and decorate, assist with games and crafts, serve treats and refreshments, and spread holiday cheer with the children and families. Email Shannon Porcaro @ katanth3303@yahoo.com or text 262-331-4534 to be a part of this wonderful celebration.

A Special Christmas Gift Giving Opportunity!

The time for Christmas giving is approaching! Often, we want to give a special gift to our friends and relatives but many of them "have everything" and are difficult to buy for. Also, there are others for whom we give thanks, or would like to honor, like teachers, co-workers, neighbors and our pastors.

This year we are offering a perfect gift for those special people! For a donation of any size to the Food Pantry we will provide you with a handmade Christmas card that you can send to your honorees. Not only will they be happy you thought to recognize them, your donation will provide nourishing food for our Food Pantry clients.

We have an assortment of styles of cards available. Each card contains the sentiment: May the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of His love be with you at Christmas and always. A donation in your honor has been given to the food pantry at Holy Communion Lutheran Church.

Also, if you choose, you will be able to sign a note to be included with one of our December Food Pantry orders which highlights your honoree as a donor.

Please see Evelyn Lajiness or Amy Larsen in the lounge during coffee hour after worship. Your gifts are very much needed and appreciated!

Collecting Coats and Blankets for the Hospitality Center

Do you have gently used blankets or warm adult coats you no longer need? We are collecting them to bring to the Hospitality Center where they will be given away during our cold winter months. Items can be dropped off in the narthex or in the church office.

Holy Communion Church Council

Joleen Carlson, president, Gary Wood, vice president, Laurie Knudson, secretary, Kylee Albright, treasurer Rose Adamski, David Knudson, Rebecca Mason, and Polly Timmerman

In-person attendance Sunday, October 26th, 2025 - 136 Family units attending online - 20

Choir Anthem Lyrics - "Kingdom of Grace" based on the Beatitudes (GB)

Blessed are the poor. Of this you can be sure.

God has an honored place for you in His Kingdom of Grace.

Blessed are the sad. Someday you will be glad,

for God has an honored place for you in His Kingdom of Grace.

refrain: A Kingdom where the hungry will be filled with good things.

Where the lonely and the forgotten will have reason to sing.

Where the lonely shall be lifted up and the mighty brought down.

Where the wealthy shall see their poverty

and the poor at last will wear a shining crown!

Blessed are the meek, the powerless, and the weak.

God has an honored place for you in His Kingdom of grace.

And blessed are those shut out ... or those assailed with doubt.

God has an honored place for you in His Kingdom of grace. (refrain)

Be ye rich or be ye poor - be ye certain or unsure.

God has an honored place for you in the Kingdom of Grace.

Upcoming Worship, Education, Service, and Fellowship Opportunities

Sunday, November 2 - 9:30 Worship/Sunday School

10:30 2nd - 55th Grade Youth

Monday, November 3- 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study

12:30 Food Pantry

Tuesday, November 4 -11:30 Ketchup Club

Thursday, November 6 - 6:30 Racine Theatre Guild - MHR

Friday, November 7 - 12:30 Food Pantry

6:00 Trivia Night

Saturday November 8 - 1:30 Racine Theatre Guild - MHR

Sunday, November 9 -9:30 Worship/Sunday School

10:30 Confirmation

Monday, November 10 - 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study

12:30 Food Pantry

6:30 Worship & Music Team

Tuesday, November 11 - 1:00 Quilters

Wednesday, November 12 - 10:00 Book Club

11:00-1:00 Diaper Ministry

Thursday, November 13 - 10:00 Birthday Club

Friday, November 14 - 9:00 Men's Group

12:30 Food Pantry

Saturday, November 15 - 1:00 Racine Theatre Guild - choir room

Sunday, November 16 - 9:30 Worship/Sunday School

1:30 Racine Theatre Guild - MHR

5:00 6th - 12th Grade Youth

Finance Update

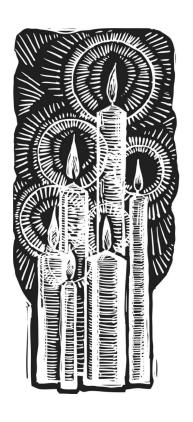
September 2025 Finance Numbers
Revenue: \$36,175.85

Year to Date Finance Numbers
Revenue: \$376,514.49

Expense: \$44,496.59 Expense: \$395,936.01 Net Income: \$(11,858.71) Net Income: \$(19,421.52)

Office Hours

The church office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 - 3:00.



William Donald Beckett, Sr. July 13, 2024 Kathleen Bethel Cuccio September 24, 2024 Dorothy Morrow November 13, 2024 Kenneth Booth November 23, 2024 Mary Cathrine Ivanoski November 15, 2024 Thomas Lajiness January 11, 2025 Donald Lois January 16, 2025 Mary Donnelly January 30, 2025 Joyce Sadlon February 4 2025 Emil Peter Mrkvicka February 13, 2025 Joseph Walter Majowski February 13, 2025 Grace Nelson February 25, 2025 Ronald Jack Eckhardt February 27, 2025 Suzanne Louise Gelinskey March 4, 2025 Gitte Alice Stupar March 27, 2025 Charles Wesley Feehrer March 30, 2025 Lorraine Annette Helmke April 11, 2025 Joyce Julianne Hansen May 5, 2025 Ronald Selmer Moen May 12, 2025 Patricia Lynne Barlament May 23, 2025 Philip John Rovang June 18, 2025 Joe Cuccio, Jr. July 4, 2025 Kyle Andrew Hayes July 15, 2025 Beverly Mielke July 25, 2025 Tracy Jean Sawasky July 26, 2025 Marylou Majowski August 27, 2025 Elaine Genevieve Barry September, 21, 2025 Judith Edna Conway October 4, 2025 Karen Jeanne Larson October 19, 2025