

MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for November 30, 2025

Wednesday, Dec. 3: 10:30AM Joint Use taskforce – *conference room*

6:00PM Soup supper – *Parish Hall*

7:00PM Holden Evening Prayer - *church*

Thursday, Dec. 4: 4:30PM Chancel choir

6:00PM Bell Choir

6:00PM Yoga – *Parish Hall*

Saturday, Dec. 6: 6:00PM **SHINE** worship - *chapel*

Annual Meeting

The 2025 Annual Meeting is **NEXT Sunday, December 7 at 10:45AM** in the **Parish Hall**. Please plan to join us for this meeting; we will decide the budget for 2026, vote on new church officers, and receive updates from the council and committees.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

DECEMBER 7, 10:45AM

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS (*denotes incumbent)

Secretary:	Aaron Fuchs*
Treasurer:	TBD
Christian Education:	Anita Robinson
Property:	TBD
Financial Secretary:	Jan Litherland* Tom Partelow*

Synod Assembly Voting Members:

Adult Male:	Greg Martens
Adult Female:	Danielle Tribout



Advent Evening Prayer Service & Soup Suppers begin this **Wednesday, December 3**. Plan to come enjoy a hot meal of soup and salad at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall before joining us in the church for Holden Evening Prayer. **Get a group together and host one of the soup suppers!** A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall near the coffee stand.

“Angel Tree” Project Gifts Due Next Sunday

NEXT Sunday, December 7, is the **LAST DAY** to return your gifts for the Angel Tree Project Christmas Drive through Lutheran Child & Family Services. The project provides Christmas gifts to especially needy families in our area.

A reminder to *please attach the child’s name/wish sheet to the UNWRAPPED gift*. Gift wrap and/or gift bags may also be donated.

Please contact Sherri Foppe 618-791-6148 cookinsherri2@gmail.com or Ann Martens 618-530-8679 if you have any questions. Monetary gifts will be accepted for those who prefer not to shop, and may be given to Ann or Sherri. Donations for gifts may also be given online at <https://shorturl.at/usHZG>



Christmas Caroling Next Sunday!



Next Sunday afternoon, **December 7**, you're invited to join a group of us to sing Christmas carols to the residents of two local long-term care facilities, including some of our own church members. We will meet at **1:50PM** at **EverVella** Care Center (formerly Mercy, formerly Rosewood) in Swansea for our first stop, then move on to Charter Senior Living of Shiloh at 3:00PM. **All ages are welcome!**

Ladies Lunch Bunch December 10

The Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, December 10 at 12:30PM at Joe's Pizza and Pasta (4628 N Illinois, Fairview Heights). Please call Mary Boxdorfer at 618-233-0160 if you have questions!



Advent Lessons & Carols

Please join us **Sunday, December 14** at **5:00PM** for our annual service of Advent Lessons & Carols with St. George's. This traditional service is a wonderful way to celebrate the season, with beautiful hymns and scripture passages to guide and focus us in our time of preparation for Christmas and the Lord's return. The service is especially appropriate for inviting friends and family, particularly those who might be searching for "something more" this holiday. A wine and cheese reception will follow.

Proclaim Christ's birth with flowers!

Anyone wishing to donate should watch for a special envelope in the pews, fill out the front portion, add your check/cash, and return it to the offering plate or the office **by December 18** with "Christmas Flowers" in the memo line. *Online donations may be made through VANCO at <https://shorturl.at/ar1Ss>. All dedications will be published in the Christmas bulletin.



Meals on Wheels Needs Help!



The Meals-On-Wheels services provided out of our Parish Hall need more volunteers, particularly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please see Frank Dressel or David Buckley about serving those for whom this food may be the only substantial meal of the day.

Franklin School Lunch Packing

We pack 20 bag lunches for needy students at Franklin school for all long weekends, and we welcome volunteers! Packing requires about an hour on the day before most holiday weekends. See Peggy Andersen (618-791-0992) to sign up or for questions. Your support is so much appreciated!

New Date for Important Safety Class

On **Saturday, February 7** from 9am-1pm in the parish hall, Chestnut Health Systems will present information on **Mental Health, Substance Abuse/Narcan and Suicide awareness/prevention**. Our target audience is the safety committee members, food pantry workers and ushers. Anyone else interested in this important information is also very welcome to attend. Please sign up in the Canterbury Room, on the available sheets, to assist in our planning.

For questions, please call Sue Vaughn at 618-593-7213.

Offerings (11/23): General Fund: \$1,669; Food Pantry: \$175; Staff Gift: \$725; Fiber Arts: \$101; Muller Landscaping: \$101; Grounds/Property Maintenance: \$101