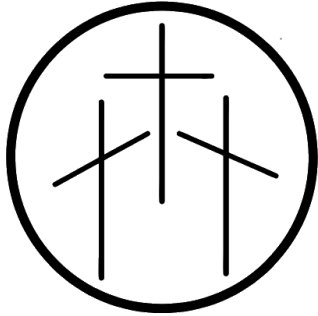


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Special Dates in November

- November 1--All Saints' Day
- November 2--All Souls Day
- November 4--National Candy Day
- November 5--American Football Day
- November 8--International Tongue Twister Day
- November 10--Marine Corps Birthday
- November 11--Veterans Day
- November 13--World Kindness Day
- November 15--National Take a Hike Day
- November 18--Mickey Mouse Day
- November 25--Thanksgiving
- November 26--Black Friday
- November 27--Small Business Saturday
- November 29--Cyber Monday
- November 30--Giving Tuesday

November Birthdays

Norma Pratt	1
Rick Joseph	2
Kelli Steurer	3
Pastor Givan	4
Kenneth Smith	5
Barbara Chaplin	7
Julie Evans	10
Lydia Dillow	13
Colin Smith	
Thomas Wall	16
Karen Hill	22
Matthew Hermerding	24
Kimber Hermerding	
Phil Langholz	25
Joyce Yockey	26
Landon Blasdel	27

Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends:

It happened every year when I was in college at Indiana University. My fraternity brother, Woody, would start in November and over and over he had to utter those two words heard every year: "Happy Thanks-givan!" He was so proud of himself and his play on words. (I must say in my own family we never used those words btw).

It's not about the Givan family per se, but about God's family at St. Andrew's and Faith. I know we are all thankful for our congregations. I hope you are too for our congregation, for each other, and the various ways God is calling us toward community. This would be both the "internal" community of the church in our relationship and love for and

with each other. And this is for the "outer" community around us. How is God calling us to share and minister to the communities of Speedway and Avon? We are beginning to discuss this very issue in Beginning Anew!

In the Gospel of Luke 17: 11-19 is the story of the ten lepers healed by Jesus. Of the ten, only one returns to give thanks. I urge YOU to be like the one leper, to always give thanks. We are thankful people because we have so, so much. We can give with a full heart because we have so much, and we can be thankful for the same reason.

In verse 19 of Luke 17 Jesus says to the one leper (and you and me), "Rise and go; your faith

has made you well." Peace be with you! May you and yours have a blessed and wonderfilled Thanksgiving. (Watch emails and announcements as there will be a Thanksgiving service (probably Zoom) with the Speedway Ministerial Group.



Daylight Savings Time is here again!

On November 7th at 2am your clock is suddenly going to jump to 3am. So be sure to jump those clocks ahead on Saturday, November 6th so you don't miss a beat come Sunday.



Readings for November 2021

Nov. 7: All Saints Sunday

- *1st Reading:* Isaiah 25:6-9
- *Psalm:* Psalm 24
- *2nd Reading:* Revelation 21:1-6a
- *Gospel:* John 11:32-44

*"Now may our God
and Father himself
and our Lord Jesus
direct our way to you."*

Nov. 21: Christ the King Sunday

- *1st Reading:* Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
- *Psalm:* Psalm 93
- *2nd Reading:* Revelation 1:4b-8
- *Gospel:* John 18:33-37

1 Thessalonians 3:11

Nov. 14: 25th Sunday after Pentecost

- *1st Reading:* Daniel 12:1-3
- *Psalm:* Psalm 16
- *2nd Reading:* Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25
- *Gospel:* Mark 13:1-8

Nov. 28: 1st Sunday of Advent

- *1st Reading:* Jeremiah 33:14-16
- *Psalm:* Psalm 25:1-10
- *2nd Reading:* 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
- *Gospel:* Luke 21:25-36

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With sadness and great thanksgiving...

It is with sadness and profound gratitude that we thank Kelli for all of her work during these past 18 months. As you know, Kelli has decided to resign from her position as our Communications Director. When we hired her for this position none of us knew how much it would help us work through the Covid crisis. Getting us virtual was crucial as we made our way into that world that we did not know. Her patience with us in this

technology that many of us do not understand was so appreciated. She does everything with a smile and has surpassed our ex-



pectations all along the way.

We thank Kelli and wish her well. We are so lucky that we have she and Michael and their family as members. So we aren't saying good-bye, only thank you, Kelli!

With appreciation and love,
Church Council

Thanksgiving and its origins

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in the United States, and Thanksgiving 2021 occurs on Thursday, November 25. In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Native Americans shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in

the colonies. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

To learn more:

- [History.com](https://www.history.com)
- [Plimoth.org](https://www.plimoth.org)
- [National Geographic Kids](https://www.nationalgeographic.com/kids)

Best recipes:

- [Allrecipes](https://www.allrecipes.com)
- [Food Network](https://www.foodnetwork.com)
- [Country Living](https://www.countryliving.com)

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 1:8



All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday is a festival Sunday in the church liturgy remembering the saints who have gone before us. This Sunday also reminds us of a teaching of Martin Luther that we are both a sinner and a saint at the same time. He taught we are "sinners with a forgiven past, and saints with a promised future."

Perhaps, you were taught to think of saints as statues in a church building. But the Bible teaches something completely different. Who is a saint? You are. That is if you're a follower of Jesus. God calls a "saint" any-

one who trusts in Christ alone for [salvation](#) (see [Acts 9:13](#), [Acts 26:10](#), [Romans 8:27](#), [1 Corinthians 1:2](#)).

Read more:

- [Christianity.com](https://www.christianity.com)
- [Britannica.com](https://www.britannica.com)

If you have lost someone in the last year, we would love to remember them on Sunday, November 7, 2021. Please submit those names to [Pastor](#), [Kelli](#), or [MJ](#) by Wednesday, November 3.



COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

Submitted by Kelli Steurer

As you know by now, this is my last month as Communications Director. I am so grateful for the time I have spent in this role. Thank you for allowing me to begin to build this position. It has been such a pleasure serving you. Thank you to Jim and Amanda for assisting with live streaming and working through so many issues with me. Thank you to Ed and MJ for sitting



through staff meetings with me and answering my questions as well as just helping me to learn even more about this position! Thanks to Pastor for his guidance and grace through so much

learning. Thank you to the Council for giving me this opportunity.

If you are interested in learning more about live streaming or helping with the Church Management System, we are always looking for more team members. [Please reach out to Kelli!](#)

As always, please [reach out](#) with any questions or concerns!

Happy Thanksgiving!

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SILENT AUCTION

The Speedway Chamber of Commerce is excited to be hosting our second annual Remote Silent Auction. We have again partnered with Qtego to provide the remote platform for the auction. This is where I ask for help.... We need help from our membership!

Please save the date **November 4** for an exciting opportunity to participate in a safe and remote auction experience.

Also, If you have any items you are able to donate to the auction, I would like to talk to you. Please reach out to me to arrange for donation.

This auction is a key fundraiser for the Speedway Chamber of Commerce. The funds generated allow us to continue our critical business mission for the businesses of Speedway. What is our mission you ask? We support Speedway businesses in 4 critical areas:

- Promotions and Events

- Professional learning opportunities
- Member service discount packages
- Networking opportunities for our membership

Thank YOU!

[Scott Nelson](#)

Chamber President

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THANKSGIVING REQUEST TO ASSIST THE FOOD PANTRY

While it is hard to believe, Thanksgiving is just around the corner. As most of you know we participate in the local Food Pantry. Below is information from the man in charge of the Storehouse requesting help. If you would like to send a donation, please see the info below about where to send your check. **We are sending \$100.00 on behalf of the church, as we do each year.**

Thank you!
The Church Council

From Rich Hoerger

We are preparing for our November 13th Thanksgiving distribution. Most all of the items have been purchased and stockpiled in the pantry to cover 120 families. We may be a little under and will consider preparing for a few more.

"for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,"

Matthew 25:35

We are serving:

French Style Green Beans = 240 cans in inventory
Cranberry Sauce = 240 cans in inventory
Cherry Pie Mix = 120 cans in inventory
Jiffy Mix Pie Crust = 92 of 120 in inventory

Jiffy Mix Cornbread mix = 140 of 240 in inventory

Stuffing = 82 of 120 in inventory

Turkey Gravy = 240 jars in inventory

Cream of Mushroom Soup = 240 cans in inventory

We may add yams and fried onion rings after we look at pricing.

These items were purchased out of current funds. Aldi has agreed to order our turkey breasts for us. We just don't know the price because weight and buying pressures as we near Thanksgiving will determine price. They will do the best they can.

We are asking our member churches and individuals to help out with these costs as they are able. Last year the turkey breasts cost about \$2,000.00. Some breasts were donated. We would like to offset some of our spending for the other items we now have in inventory. We will be serving two boxes of food on that day, a Thanksgiving Box and a box for

the normal distribution.

Checks can be sent to:
Speedway Christian Church
5110 West 10th St.
Speedway, IN 46224
w/thanksgiving in the memo section.

Except asking for assistance with our HATCH Egg order (\$72.00 a month) we have not solicited extra help from our member churches or individuals above their normal donations.

We acknowledge that we had some generous donations at the start of Covid, and that was a big help. It allowed us to purchase extra items to put in our clients' boxes above what is given out in a normal distribution.

If you have questions, they can be directed to me.

Thanks be to God,
Rich



Insights from Mr. Roger's Neighborhood

Are we truly grateful for help and support in times of need?

"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are the household of faith."

Galatians 6:10

"Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people."

Colossians 3:23

"Service to humanity is service to God." - Lailah Gifty Akita

"The purpose of our life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have made some difference that you have lived and lived well."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

One of the better known Mr. Rogers quotes that he shared with young children and the child inside each of us is: ***"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You always find people who are helping.'"*** Whether or not we fully embraced the fear that has been encouraged surrounding the viral pandemic,

we are all keenly aware of the tremendous impact it has had on our society, our economy and our ability to gather and worship as a community of faith. Fear has reigned and caution has dominated our lives which has resulted in severely limiting our ability to be physically together as Christians. When we needed support of each other we were restricted in our ability to share a hug or offer the kind gaze of compassion one to another. In Mr. Roger's words, it has been a scary time.

One way that we have managed to keep our faith through this time of difficulty involves the generous work of a member of St. Andrew's. In order to hear the Word of God preached and the encouraging messages offered by Pastor Doug, we needed to be able to connect in a way that we had not even previously considered. That is when a lovely young woman busy with a husband and four young children became our much needed helper. She has the skills to either know how to use technology or learn how to manage with the technology we had in our possession. These skills and the willingness to learn what was needed allowed each of us the

opportunity to "attend" worship services without being physically present. It has taken a tremendous effort on the part of this young woman to provide us with experiences that otherwise would have left us very much on our own. Beyond worship services, there has been and continues to be ongoing Bible studies and deeply valued communications from our pastor that keep us close to the Word of the Lord. The rich value of this effort is one that has me dropping to my knees with prayer of gratitude for the helper God gave us in our time of great need.

So, may I offer this thought today: Thank you, Kelli Steurer! We are profoundly grateful that you have helped us in so many ways. You have made a significant difference in our lives. May you always know how much we appreciate all you have done to be one of God's amazing helpers. God bless you today and always, Kelli.



Wheeler Food Project

Submitted by Suzy Henschen

You may recall last fall and again in the spring, we provided food to Wheeler School families. Wheeler has asked us to do it again, before Thanksgiving, on November 11. Wheeler has about a 77% free and reduced lunch population, so we know many are food challenged. We are happy to help! Please watch for announcements with all of the details.

Can you help? There are two ways to help.

One is to make a donation either through Tithe.ly, putting it in the offering on Sunday, or by mailing a check to the church. In order to

do the shopping, **we need your contribution by November 7**, if possible. That allows us to know how much we have to spend!



Additionally, you can be a volunteer that day. We need volun-

teers to be at the school to fill bags and distribute the food. This is all done in a very safe way. It is outside and families remain in their cars while we fill their trunks. All of the food we will be giving will be fresh.

We hope you can help us! If you are able to volunteer that day, please contact Karen Hill, the chairperson of the project. You may text or call Karen at 260.312.0224 or email her at food-gal01@gmail.com.

Be a part of God's work and help the families at Wheeler!
Thank you!

What's happening at Faith Lutheran?

Submitted by Nikki Lee of Faith

Faith is currently involved in several ministries to support both our Faith family and our community.

- The **Faith Card Ministry** is an "in-reach" program that provides support within our Faith community in joyful and difficult times.
- We offer a Sunday morning **adult forum** after church at 10:15am.
- We participate in virtual **Friendship Bible Study** in conjunction with St. Andrew's Tuesday nights at 7pm via Zoom.
- Our **Food Pantry Ministry** provides support for hundreds in our community every month. We offer two food

pantries a month: the 1st Friday, 5-7pm, & the 3rd Saturday, 9-11am.

- We also provide food to those in need through **Family Promise**. Our church signs up to provide a meal on a particular day for families who are being supported through the Family Promise organization.
- Faith is collecting hats and gloves for the almost 7,000 **Afghan refugees** that are being temporarily housed at Camp Atterbury. **Camp Atterbury** is full of curious, playful and friendly children. 40% of the Afghans there are ages 14 or younger. Ten babies have been born since Sept. 2nd when they started arriving. Multiple organizations are

assisting with various donations, but the number of refugees who came here with "nothing" need our help too. The current top priority is winter clothing - gloves, stocking caps, hats, etc. for all ages, but especially the children who will want to be outside playing as it gets colder. Camp Atterbury is asking for all items to be new items. Faith Lutheran Church will collect these items at the church and deliver them to the Danville National Guard Armory by mid-November to be distributed at Camp Atterbury. We will be collecting these items through Sunday, November 14th.

The Building and Grounds Committee needs help.

Submitted by Gary Henschen

We are entering into a long term effort to refresh and revitalize our building. This effort will entail many individual projects, large and small, and we need additional members for the Building and Grounds Committee. The projects may be gather-



ing information and estimates for building needs, or actual execution of light cleaning and repairs. These jobs are not gender specific, and all are welcome. Please contact Gary Henschen or David Butts to express your interest in this effort.

Mary Magdalene Circle

Mary Magdalene Circle will resume meetings beginning November 8. Please note that we will now begin at 4:30pm. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend!

Remember to like and share our posts and videos on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), and [Instagram](#)!

Don't forget to join us on Zoom for Adult Faith Formation Sundays at 7pm and Adult Bible Study Wednesdays at 7pm.

Save the date!

Speedway Ministerial Thanksgiving Service will take place Sunday, November 21 at 7 p.m. Please join us at:

Speedway Baptist Church
2986 Moller Road
Speedway, IN 46224

Please join our larger Speedway Ecumenical community for worship of our Lord. The new Pastor of Speedway Christian, Kyle Hunter, will bring the message. A free will offering to support the Storehouse Food Pantry will be collected.



Don't forget to also join us for Adult Faith Formation on Sunday mornings at 10am in the library.

From the Council

At our October meeting, recognizing that the Covid numbers are moving in a positive direction, we voted to maintain our current Covid practice of wearing masks when inside the building, per CDC recommendations. Another factor that we consider each month is the positivity rate of the virus. It is recommended by the State Board of Health and Marion County Health De-

partment that the number be less than 5%.

We would like to share a thought that was in the weekly (October 21) newsletter from the IN/KY Synod regarding Covid. It captures our sentiments completely. *"We invite patience and partnership with one another as we make our*

way through this leg of the coronavirus wilderness."

We recognize and respect all of the different opinions on this matter and we too ask for your patience and partnership as we move forward.

November 2021

****Remember we are inside the 1st and 3rd and outside (weather permitting) the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.**

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1pm Staff
6:30 Beginning Anew
7pm FBS

4:30 L&F
4:30 Clothes Closet
7pm Bible Study



5pm Faith Food
Pantry



7 All Saints Sunday 8 9 10 11 12 13

10am FF
11am Worship
7pm FF Zoom

12pm Mat Making
4:30pm Mary
Magdalene Circle

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7pm FBS

7pm Bible Study



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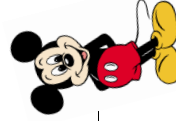
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9am Faith Food
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4:30 L&F
4:30 Clothes Closet
7pm Bible Study

6:30pm Council



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21 Christ the King Sunday

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7pm Thanksgiving Service

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6:30 Stewardship

1pm Staff
7pm FBS

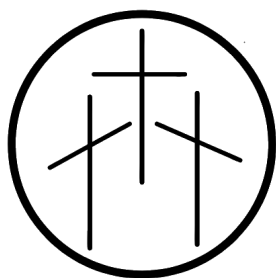


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**Guided by the
Spirit, we share
the love of Jesus
and walk with
our community.**

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