

Connections

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Sunday Services

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Inner Mission
10:30am Worship Service
(Livestream Available)

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
9:00am–3:00pm

Friday
9:00am–12:00pm

(The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26–27, in celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday.)

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A Taste of Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 21 at 5pm



November 1 —
Remember to change your
clocks and batteries!

Join us Saturday, November 21, 5pm–7pm, as we gather to share a taste of Thanksgiving. This year the adults will enjoy a grazing table with meats, cheese, fruit, vegetables, as well as a choice of two soups, and dessert. Kids ages 12 and under will enjoy their own grazing table with fun foods such as mac & cheese, fruit kabobs, veggie sticks and dip, and dessert. Drinks will be provided. We will have a time to share, sing, and rejoice for the bountiful blessings we have enjoyed in 2026. The Fellowship Team is suggesting a donation of \$5/person or \$20/family. To allow the Fellowship Team to be good stewards of their budget, families and individuals need to sign up **NO LATER** than **Sunday, November 15**. You may pay your donation when you sign up at the Welcome Center.



9:15am–11:15am

(Registration at 9:00am)

**Every 1st and 3rd
Tuesday of the month**

MUMs (Mothers Uplifting Mothers) is for moms of all ages (through 18), as well as expecting moms. Enjoy yummy food, interesting lessons, fun crafts and games, and wonderful fellowship with other moms. MUMs meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Registration begins at 9:00am. For more information, contact Katie Staab or Bri Hagemeier.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies, you and your friends are invited to enjoy dinner and fellowship at 6:30pm on Monday, November 2 at Tuscany Grill, 475 Northland Ave NE. If you plan to attend, call or text Deb Gaeta at 319-491-7720 or email djgaeta@myctl.net so she will know how many will be attending. If you want to come but need a ride, please let Deb know and she will arrange to have someone to meet that need.

KOINONIA "ALL SAINTS DAY" PARTY

Young adults, come join us in the youth building on November 7 at 6pm for food, fellowship, and a time to celebrate the lives of God's faithful saints! Costume contest — dress up as your favorite martyr! There will be prizes for the winners! We will also sing hymns and play games! Be prepared to "Name that Martyr"! Bring food that the martyrs would have eaten, such as fruit, charcuterie, bread, meat, cheese, drinks, etc. Plates and cups will be provided.

GRIEF SHARE: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

We will wrap up our regular series on November 12 and then offer a special session, "Surviving the Holidays," on Thursday, November 19 from 2pm to 4pm. This special session will focus on how to get through the holidays after the loss of a loved one. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

DISCOVERY CLASS

If you want to become a member of Calvary or just want more information about the church, we invite you to attend the Discovery Class on Saturday, November 14, from 9:00am to noon. Please notify the church office if you plan to attend. Please let us know if childcare would be helpful.

POSITIVE IMPRESSIONS

Positive Impressions is scheduled for Saturday, November 14, 10:00am–3:00pm in Room 23/24. Invite your friends to join you in working on favorite craft projects while enjoying fellowship with each other. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Kim Nelson (319-640-9856) and bring a snack or drink to share with the group.

SALT & PEPPER RETIREES FELLOWSHIP

There is no event scheduled specifically for our Salt and Pepper Fellowship in November. We encourage you to participate in the Taste of Thanksgiving praise service on Saturday, November 21 at 5:00pm.



During this Thanksgiving season, let's express our gratitude for God's gracious and faithful provision for our needs as a church family. We are blessed with a nice building to use for our ministries and the ability to provide for the needs of our pastors. Through this year's PACT project, in partnership with our missionaries Joe & Monica Steffek and Children's Relief International, we have been introduced to a village in the Deep Forest region of Rajahmundry, India, where they need a church building and a home for their pastor. We can participate in the work the Lord is doing there by giving special gifts beyond our normal giving for His work here. If you can do that, give those extra gifts in an offering enveloped marked "Thanksgiving Offering" or select the Thanksgiving Offering fund when giving electronically.

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends 9:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 10:00am Inner Mission 10:30am Worship Service (Communion) 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Sonshine Singers 6:00pm Ministry Training 6:00pm Teen Girls & Guys Groups	2 6:30pm Ladies Night Out at Tuscany Grill	3 6:30am Elders Meeting 9:15am MUMs 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	4 6:30pm AWANA, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Study and Prayer	5 2:00pm GriefShare	6 6:00pm Koinonia "All Saints Day" party	7 6:00pm Koinonia "All Saints Day" party
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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Judy Anderson
8 Joan Hale
9 Bethany Winchester
12 Rachel Stephenson
 Bill Wendel

13 Fred Fligg
 Marlene LeMont
14 Lucas Ahonon
15 Jim Hale
16 Shawn Hoy
 Ashley Walker

17 Rob Enfield
 Gloria Thune
19 Jeff Volz
22 Jacque Walker
23 Tessa Slippy
26 Ignatius Melanson

Veterans Day is a time to honor all the brave men and women among us who, at one time or another, put on the uniform and served to protect our country, our liberty, and our lives.

On November 11, Veterans Day, we thank all who have served and express our gratefulness for what they have done for our country. Their brave service and sacrifice does not go unnoticed. Thank you, veterans!



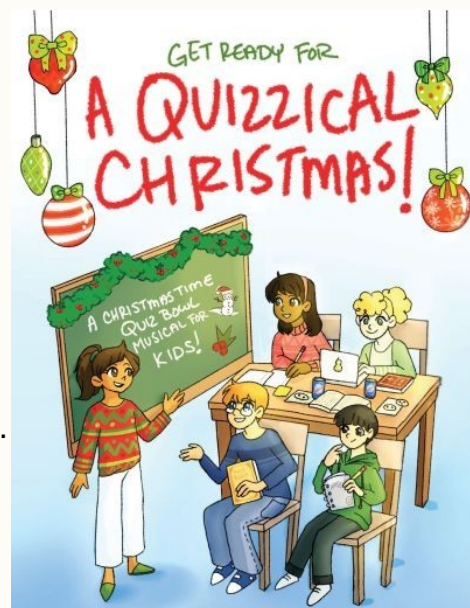
VETERANS DAY
Honoring All Who Served

SONSHINE SINGERS MUSICAL PRESENTATION

You and your friends and family are invited to join our Sonshine Singers children's choir at 6:00pm on Sunday, December 6, as a fun cast of characters prepares for the annual Christmas Quiz Bowl Competition! These characters know a lot about Christmas movies, storybooks, cookies, and seasonal trivia, but they discover they don't really know the *true* story or the deeper meaning of Christmas.

SONSHINE SINGERS SCHEDULE REMINDERS

Sonshine Singers and parents, please don't forget that Sunday afternoon, November 22 will be our pizza lunch and rehearsal from noon until 2:30pm. There WILL be Sonshine Singers on Sunday evening, November 29. Please be sure you have marked your calendars for our final rehearsal from 9:00am to noon on Saturday, December 5 and our performance at 6:00pm on Sunday evening, December 6.



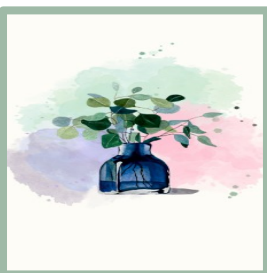
LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER...

MEN'S MINISTRY: ROUGHRIDERS GAME

Enjoy watching a RoughRiders hockey game together on Saturday, December 19 at 7:05pm. Tickets are \$17/person, but will be less if we have a large enough group. Please contact Shawn Hoy by Sunday, November 29 if you would like to order a ticket or would like more information.

MERRY AND BRIGHT MINGLE

Join us for an afternoon of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 12, from 2pm–4pm. Beginning at 2pm, we will have a Cocoa Bar, some light snacks, and Christmas music to enjoy or participate in around the piano. Beginning at 3pm, you can participate in a Cookie Stroll. Please sign up if you would like to participate in the stroll. Plan on bringing 2–3 dozen cookies, bags of snack mix, candy, or your holiday specialty snack. Bring those at 2pm and we will set up the stroll as you enjoy some fellowship, cocoa, and carols. During the Cookie Stroll, kids 3 years old through 6th grade will have an opportunity to make an ornament to take home. Please indicate the number of kids in each age range that will be making an ornament, so we can plan supplies. This is a family event for fellowship — please plan on staying with your children at the church during this event. You can come and go during these two hours as your schedule dictates and based on activities you'd like to participate in, but we want to plan for your presence. Please sign up on Breeze or at the Welcome Center **NO LATER** than **November 29**.



Family Forum

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Happy Brindle, who went to be with the Lord on October 3.

We offer our condolences to the AbbenGoodwin family, on the loss of Lori's son, George "Bert" Goodwin, on October 19.