

**Helmar Lutheran Church**  
**Newark, IL**  
Sunday, November 12, 2023  
Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn #353 "Victory in Jesus"

Veterans Recognition– Honoring Fred Alexander and  
Ron Shepherd

Scripture Readings: I Corinthians 10:1-13  
Colossians 2:8-15

Pastoral Prayer

Children Dismissed for Children's Church

Sermon: "Presenting the Facts" Jude 5-10

Benediction

Hymn #611 "He Hideth My Soul"

Postlude

**Welcome and thank you for attending our church service today.** If you are new to Helmar and are interested in finding out more about us, please stop at the Welcome Desk. We have a gift bag for you.

**Helmar Lutheran Church**

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***Helmar exists to be a:  
Soul-Winning, Disciple-Making,  
Burden-Bearing Church***

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**This Week at Helmar...**

- Wed. 6:30am Men's Bible Study at Southern Belle's  
2pm Adult Bible Study  
6:30pm Adult & H.S. Bible Study, JAM, BLAST
- Tues. 6:30pm Deacon's Mtg.  
7:00pm Trustee's Mtg.  
7:30pm Council Mtg.
- Thurs. 9:30am & 7pm Ladies Bible Study
- Fri. 9:00am Ladies Prayer Hour
- Sat. 8:00am Men's Bible Study
- Sun. 8:30am Fellowship Time  
9am Sunday School  
10am Worship



**November 12, 2023**

**SERIES THEME: “Sounding the Trumpet!” (The Letter from Jude)**

**“Presenting the Facts”  
Jude 5-10**

The men who crept into the church did not regard themselves as enemies of Christianity. Rather, they saw themselves as the spiritual elite. But Jude connects their behavior with Old Testament examples of apostasy (unfaithfulness to God) in our text today.

God gives us two reminders of His judgment:

**I. Past Examples vv. 5-7**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ v. 5
2. \_\_\_\_\_ v. 6.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ v. 7

**II. Present Extremists. vv. 8–10**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ v. 8
2. \_\_\_\_\_ v. 8
3. \_\_\_\_\_ v. 8

## Announcements

**A Note from You** - Please go to the Welcome Center in the FLC lobby and take a thank you notecard provided and write a note of encouragement to our service persons listed in the bulletin. The kids are coloring pictures for the service persons in their classrooms.



**November is our final push for Operation Christmas Child for this year. Mark your calendars!**

**November 12th** Door offering **TODAY** to help cover the \$10 suggested donation for each shoebox. We will be packing 140 shoeboxes this year!

**November 13th-20th** is National Collection Week. Helmar is a Drop-off location this year. We need six people for two hours each day for shoe box drop-off. Please sign up at the Welcome Center. For questions contact Stacy Christian (630-251-6733) or Dan Hanback (708-203-2385)

### Are you in the Helmar Directory?

This is your quarterly reminder to keep your family’s directory entry up-to-date! Have you moved? Have you gotten married? Had a baby? Changed your phone number?

Updates can be submitted anytime by e-mail to Dana Cryder or completed on the Instant Church Directory website for her approval.

If you are new to Helmar but have attended regularly for 3+ months, please notify Dana if you would like to be added to the directory. Directions for accessing the online program & smartphone application will be provided upon request. All inquiries should be emailed to [helmardirectory@gmail.com](mailto:helmardirectory@gmail.com).

**Spiritual Discipline Sheet**  
**11-12-23**

**Hide God's Word in your Heart**

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this *is* not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. Ephesians 2:8-10

**Pray for:** All men and women serving our country and specifically those from our congregation:

LCpl Aden Baker	Lt. Col Jeff Moore
TSgt Terry Frank	SSgt. Kirsten Thomas
1stLt Shawn O'Malley	A1C Morgan Thomas

**Pray for:** Our Shut-ins.

Karl Michaelson—Regency, Morris

• **Pray for: Missionaries**

- Jonathan & Tamba Abel in Brazil
- Paul & Becky Abel in Brazil
- Lutheran Mission Society—Alaskan Mission
- The situation in Ukraine and Israel



Prayer Requests.....

Chris Behl— cancer treatments  
Donna Brown— cancer  
Jody Burke—cancer  
Bob Cervenka— throat cancer—Pray that he might be able to breath on his own, without a trach  
Steve Chamberlain—cancer  
Linda Chally—stroke recovery  
Bess Christian— PT for back, hoping to avoid surgery  
Bob Christian—recovering from surgery  
Carol Christian— health  
Lois Clauson family  
Jim—cancer  
Justin Leggett— health  
Jim Johnson— stroke recovery, cancer  
Jim Leifheit—cancer  
Sharon & Jon McKanna— Jon's ongoing health issues  
Eli McManus—health  
Dietrich Rosenwinkel— heart issues  
Dick and Lotretta Volker—serious health issues  
Tom Washko— serious health issues

\*Please contact the office to add or remove someone to our list to help it stay current each month. Thank you.

**Foster Care-** You are cordially invited to "Let's Talk Foster Care" hosted by State Representative Jed Davis and State Senator Sue Rezin on November 16th at either 1pm or 7pm at State Representative Davis' District Office. We will also be hosting a supplies drive for foster families from November 13-16

around the area of Salinas, Ecuador for 16 days. The government of Ecuador was trying to win the hearts of the people over the leftist communists that were a constant threat. A security detachment went with the medical team daily for protection. Fred said he ate MRE's and drank warm orange Mountain Dew the whole time. He was honorably discharged in August, 1994 as a Captain.

Fred has also spent 2 additional years at Loyola Medical School to gain expertise in the sub-specialty field of infectious diseases. He has been practicing in Joliet for the last 35 years, the first 10 in internal medicine and infectious diseases and the last 25 years in infectious diseases only. In Joliet in 1987 there were two part-time doctors in that field and today there are 7 full-time doctors and 3 nurse practitioners.

Over the years Fred has led 8 medical and surgical mission teams to Bolivia, each for 10 - 14 days and the one to Tijuana, Mexico in 2022.

Fred and Beth were both founding board members of Trinity Christian School in Shorewood and Fred is still the president of that board. He is also president of the Cup of Cold Water board. They were blessed with 4 'kids' and 5 grandsons, 3 of which have been born in the last 6 months.

His life in Christ began at Loyola when he attended a charismatic prayer group where he made a solid commitment to Jesus Christ as his Savior.



## **Ron Shepherd**

Ron Shepherd was born in 1938 and grew up in Portsmouth, Ohio, the hometown of Roy Rogers. Starting about age 10 to age 15 he was a caddy at the local golf course and fell in love with the sport. He attended Portsmouth West High School and graduated in 1956. Detroit Steel was the major industry in town. Immediately after graduation he began work at the Northfork Railroad in town.

In 1961 at age 23 he was drafted into the United States Army. He had been married in 1959 and he would have two daughters. That marriage ended in divorce in 1978. His basic training was at Ft. Knox in Kentucky and then on to Ft. Hood in Texas. Ron was only there for 3 - 4 days and then sent back to Ft. Knox for training as a radio mechanic for 13 weeks. From there back to Ft. Hood as part of the 1st and 2nd Armored Divisions. His main responsibility was a gunner on the M-48 tank. He spent the rest of his two year commitment there except for 2 - 3 weeks in October, 1962 when he was sent to Ft. Stewart in Georgia during the Cuban Missile Crisis under President John F. Kennedy.

Ron was honorably discharged on October 22, 1963 with the rank of E-5.

He was the recipient of badges for good conduct, and sharpshooter for pistol and rifle. He was in the Army Reserves for four years.

Upon returning to Portsmouth, Ohio he went back to his railroad job, but was laid off after a couple of years in 1966. He was hired by General Mills in Lancaster, Ohio and worked there for 6 years and then transferred to their plant in West Chicago, IL After working at General Mills for 33 years Ron retired in 1999. Earlier, Ron had married his second wife, Ruth in 1983 and after his retirement they moved to Branson, Missouri. In November of 2019 because of her declining health they moved to Yorkville to live with his daughter and son-in-law, Mike and Julie Angelo. Ruth went to be with the Lord in March, 2020. Ron has been attending Helmar for two years - loves the hymns and teaching! In his testimony he said he came to Christ in 1983 at the age of 45.



**Fred Alexander**

Fred was born in Chicago, IL on November 7, 1956. He was the 2nd of 9 children and his mother is still living at age 98. He attended Schaumburg High School and graduated in 1974, then on to Loyola University majoring in chemistry. After graduation in 1978 he decided to pursue a career in medicine and began at the Abraham Lincoln School of Medicine (currently University of Illinois at Chicago Medical) While there he met Beth Kittelson and they were married on December 20, 1980. After graduating from Lincoln Medical in June, 1982 Fred and Beth moved on to the Lutheran General Hospital Residency program for the next three years. Beth was a pediatric doctor and Fred was an internal medicine physician.

While at Lutheran General Fred joined the National Guard for a 10 year commitment in 1984. The government was desperate for doctors so he wasn't required to attend the two week summer training program or the once a month instruction. His actual service time was a 16 day medical mission trip to Ecuador. A complete medical hospital team of 120 left National Guard Base at O'Hare as part of 108th Medical Support Battalion in July, 1985. The 108th is out of the National Guard Armory in Humboldt Park. They flew in a C-130 Hercules and served

## **Service Person Update November 2023**

**Aden Baker** - He has made it back to Camp Pendleton, San Diego, CA after spending almost a year in Okinawa, Japan. He still is a mechanic on Marine helicopters. Aiden is the grandson of Karl and Sandy Michaelson.

**Terry Frank** - Terry has been serving since 2018 in the Air Force Reserves as an analyst for aircraft maintenance on KC-135's. Prior to that, he completed eight years on active duty working with AWAC's & F-16's on bases in Oklahoma and Italy. He hopes to finish out the next six years at Grissom ARB before retiring from the service. Thank you so much for your prayers through these years! And also for the thoughtful notes and cards; we appreciate you all! Terry is married to Megan (Bunge) Frank and he is the son-in-law of Steve and Kristy Bunge.

**Jeff Moore** - Jeff is the Commander of 2-82nd Assault Helicopter Battalion (AHB). They are deploying to the Central Command Area of Responsibility / Middle East this December. He has deployed to this area and others a dozen or more times. He does not have any concerns for himself or family. He suggests sending thoughts, prayers and cards to the Soldiers of 2-82nd AHB. He has a young formation and for many this will be their first deployment. Jeff is the son of Cheryl Durland.

**Shawn O'Malley** - 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps 7210-Air Defense Control Officer (Military Occupation Specialty) at Marine Air Control Squadron 1 (My unit) stationed in Yuma, Arizona. Shawn is currently in the process of transitioning out of the military. End of Service date: November 15, 2023. Shawn is the son of Dennis and Joan O'Malley and grandson of Charlene Austin.

**Morgan Thomas** - Senior Airman Morgan Thomas is stationed at Holloman Air Force Base. This is near White Sands National Park and White Sand Missile range in New Mexico. She works as an Air Traffic Controller and the base trains F-16 pilots and Reaper Drone pilots. She is planning on coming home next year when she finishes her enlistment. Morgan is the granddaughter of Karl and Sandy Michaelson.

**Kirsten Thomas.** She is currently just over 6 years of service in the United States Air Force. Kirsten has done two deployments to Afghanistan and countless more trips across the world and in our country helping people as a C-130 aircraft loadmaster. Kirsten is currently in training in Albuquerque, NM to cross train into HC-130 airframe to support our Combat Search and Rescue mission. Please keep her old unit, the 41st Airlift Squadron, in your prayers as they went on a short notice deployment a couple weeks ago. Kirsten is the granddaughter of Karl and Sandy Michaelson.