

Helmar Lutheran Church
Newark, IL
Sunday, November 9, 2025

Prelude
Welcome
Recognition of Veterans
Hymn: "Battle Hymn of the Republic"
Scripture reading: Romans 6:1-7
Ephesians 5:1-5
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Praise Team: "Your Grace is Enough"
"Glorious Day"
"Firm Foundation"
Children's Church dismissed
Sermon: "This is Your Life"
Colossians 2:6,7
Benediction
Hymn: "Take My Life and Let it Be"
Postlude

Upcoming Events:

Tues: 6:30pm Deacons/Trustees Mtg, 7:30pm Council Mtg
6:30pm Greven Life Group
Wed: 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Southern Belle
9am-2pm Quilting
2pm Adult Bible Study
6pm BLAST, JAM, and Youth classes
Thurs: 6pm: First Aid Class (sign up required)
6:30pm Cryder Life Group
7pm Mathre Life Group
Fri: 9am Ladies Prayer Hour
5-7pm Food Pantry
7:30pm Pilon Life Group
Sat: 10am Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party
Sun: 8:30 Fellowship
9:00 Sunday School
10am Worship service

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- **The 2nd First Aid Class** is November 13th at 6pm. Sign ups are at the Welcome Center.
 - The Door Offering for the Gorrells was \$1597.00.
 - Our OCC shoebox packing party will be on November 15th at 10am. In preparation, you are encouraged to write personal notes to be included in the boxes, with pictures of your family if desired. You may also include your email address or the church's email address if you like. You might get a message from the recipient! Printed stationery is available at the Welcome Center. We are planning to pack 200 boxes, so multiple notes per family are welcome.
 - There will be a **Thanksgiving Eve service** on November 26th at 6:30pm.

Our Active Military Service Members:

- Lt. Col. Jeff Moore is the son of Cheryl Durland. He says “I am still active duty, serving for 21 years now. No prayer requests now—I have a nice desk job that does not deploy.”
- PFC Avery Mathre has completed Airborne training and expects to serve out the rest of his enlistment at Fort Eustis. He is the grandson of Ron and Cheryl Mathre.
- TSgt. Terry Frank is serving in the Air Force Reserves as a data analyst for the Air Refueling Wing at Grissom. He has 5 years remaining and is thankful for all of the prayers over the last 15 years. Terry is the SiL of Steve and Kristy Bunge (Megan’s husband).

DWWC Christmas Dinner

All of the women of Helmar, with their daughters, are invited to the DWWC Christmas Dinner. We plan to start Advent out right, with the blessings of joining together and setting our hearts and minds’ focus on the real meaning of the season. Our event is Monday, December 1st, at 6pm in the lower level. We will enjoy seasonal songs and devotional scripture. Cynthia Younce will be speaking on “Be Still and Know That I Am God”. You are encouraged to invite a friend to join us.

Ladies are asked to bring a dish to share and the committee will provide chicken. Please add your name and the number attending to the sign up sheet in the FLC. This helps the serving committee to provide adequate seating and meat for all. More details will be provided in the bulletin as they become available.



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“This is Your Life”
Colossians 2:6,7

We are *saved* by *faith* in Jesus Christ. And, we *live* Christian lives by *faith* in Jesus Christ. The concern of God is that we *abide* in Him. We have in the text four marks of living the Christian life.

I. _____ Firmly v. 7a

II. _____ in _____ v. 7b

III. _____ in Your _____ v. 7c

IV. _____ with _____ v. 7d

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Each of the seasons that God has made is unique in its beauty. Fall is one of my favorite times of the year, when the leaves start turning and all the beautiful colors come forth. Only God can paint such a beautiful picture.

October is the month for remembering the H.I.S. Fund (Help In Service Fund) with your prayers and gifts. While the changes in our seasons are natural and expected, there are times in the lives of our pastors and their families when circumstances arise that are unexpected, circumstances that affect the pastor and his family financially, emotionally, and physically.

The H.I.S. Fund was set up for the purpose of helping to meet emergencies and special financial needs of AFLC staff, pastors, and families, as they are made known to the Pension Board.

In speaking to one of our pastors who had been helped by the H.I.S. Fund, he said that it was a tremendous assurance when a financial crisis arose that the H.I.S. Fund was there to lighten the load. This pastor also conveyed to me how encouraging it was to receive monetary help to cover those unexpected costs that hang over a person and tend to weigh a person down and can affect one's ministry.

As a member of the Pension Board it has been a joy, for which we thank God, that through the H.I.S. Fund we have been able to help pastors and their families in their unexpected times of need.

Each of us can be used of God to help others as we faithfully give. Encourage your pastor and church to take a special offering for the H.I.S. Fund. May we allow God to use us to strengthen the hands of those who lovingly labor among us, especially during those times of greatest need. May all that we do result in thanks and praise to God from whom all blessings flow!

Pastor Rodney Johnson
Grace Free Lutheran Church
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***Soul-Winning, Disciple-Making,
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Spiritual Disciplines Sheet

11-9-25

Hide God's Word in your Heart

“And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”

John 17:3



Bob Highbaugh has been a regular attendee at Helmar for the last few months, coming with his daughter-in-law, Sharon Highbaugh. Bob is from Braidwood, Illinois, and attended Reed-Custer High School. In 1954, at the age of 17 he dropped out of school to enlist in the United States Navy. That was one year after the Korean conflict ended. His basic training was at Great Lakes Naval Station near Chicago. Basic training was to last 13 weeks, but his group was finished in 9 weeks. From there he was assigned to a submarine base in New London, Connecticut for just a month. Then it was on to Key West, Florida to another submarine base. There were two squadrons of submarines at that site. He stayed at that base for the next three years and was an engineman, working on the submarines. He reached the rank of Third-Class Petty Officer, equivalent to that of a sergeant in the Army.

He was discharged from the US Navy in December 1957, nine months early. He had wanted to be in the active Naval Reserves, but his commitments at work prohibited that so he was placed in the inactive reserves.

While stationed at Key West he took a 5-day leave of absence in 1956 to come home and marry Darlene Koca, also from Braidwood, whom he had known since third grade. Three months later they met up in New York City, toured the city and drove a friend's car back to Florida. They were married for almost 66 years until her death in April 2022. They lived at his current address on the quiet near west side of Joliet for the last 61 years! Bob and Darlene had 5 children with one having died. Bob has 8 grandkids and 14 great-grandkids.

After his service, he worked at Ceco Steel in Lemont, Illinois. He reached the position of foreman, but a bad fall caused severe back and shoulder injuries resulting in Bob going on Social Security disability at the age of 56 or 57. He will soon be turning 89 years of age!

Today, November 9, 2025, Helmar Lutheran honors the service of Bob Highbaugh.