

**Helmar Lutheran Church**  
**Newark, IL**  
Sunday, April 12th, 2026  
First Sunday after Easter

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn: "Jesus Saves"

Scripture reading: Acts 1:12-14

Ephesians 4:25-32

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

Baptism

Praise Team: "Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me"

"Is He Worthy"

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Children's Church dismissed

Sermon Series: "The Sufficiency and Supremacy of Christ"

Part 18: "Prayer and Proclamation"

Colossians 4:2-6

Benediction

Hymn: "Take My Life and Let it Be"

Postlude

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"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)"  
Ephesians 2:4,5 NKJV

Upcoming Events:

Tu: 6:30pm Greven Life Group  
6:30 Deacons/Trustees Mtg, 7:30pm Council Mtg

Wed: 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Southern Belle's  
2pm Adult Bible Study  
6:30pm BLAST, JAM, HS groups

Th: 6:30pm Cryder Life Group  
7pm Mathre Life Group

Fri: 9am Ladies Prayer Group  
7:30pm Pilon Life Group

Sun: 8:30 Fellowship  
9am Sunday School  
10am Worship service

The church Wi-Fi password is Helmar21

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**Jubilee Women's Retreat:** Mountains of Miracles

Saturday, April 18 from 9:00-2:00

A beautiful day of faith and fellowship with special guests Shirlene Peterson and Nicole Creekpaum, music, luncheon, and a special craft time.

\$15 includes lunch and craft

Sign up at [www.jubileecamp.org](http://www.jubileecamp.org) or call 815-915-1678.

**Missions**

The Missions page of the church website has been redesigned. You can now find links to the newsletters for each one that we support, if available. Check it out! [helmarchurch.com/missions](http://helmarchurch.com/missions)

**Please note:** Stacy will be taking time off from April 20th-May 3rd. Shirlene Peterson will be covering the church office during that time.

**Confirmation Sunday** will be May 17th. Please be in prayer for our confirmands: Carter Chelsen, Ellie Chelsen, Brett Cryder, and Payton Yaggie.

### Community Choir

Calling all singers to join the "I Love America" Cantata to be performed in Newark on July 5, 2026.

50 years ago, during the Bicentennial, more than 100 voices from the Kendall County area united to sing "I Love America", a musical by John W. Peterson and Don Wyrzten. It is composed of three sections focusing on patriotism, praise and prayer for America.

Songs include: I Love America, I'm Just a Flag Waving American!, In God We Trust, God of Our Fathers, The Red, White and Blue, If My People, Battle Hymn of the Republic and more!

This stirring piece calls America to turn back to our spiritual foundations and give thanks and praise to God.

The Chicagoland Pops Orchestra will provide accompaniment under the direction of John Apple.

Rehearsals will be held at Helmar Lutheran Church, lower level, from 6:30pm-8:00pm on Tuesdays, May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and Thursday, July 2.

For more information and to sign up contact Sharon McKanna at 815-690-5337, [sharon.mckanna@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.mckanna@gmail.com)

Let's have a great turnout!

We are excited to announce the complete line-up for **HelmarPalooza 2026 on August 8th!**

-**Warren Peay**, a soulful Christian country artist who was a top 8 finalist on American Idol in 2023.

-**Church Friends**, a family band worshiping the Lord with rich vocal harmonies and acoustic sound best described as "gospel rock". Previously performed on America's Got Talent!

-**Eli Gable**, up and coming Christian artist touring nationwide whose musical style is a blend of Christian worship, folk, and rock.

-**Brandon Heath**, 8-time Dove Award winner and long-time singer and songwriter of many well-known Christian songs you're sure to recognize and love.

-**Stephen McWhirter**, a prominent Christian worship artist and speaker that will also share his powerful testimony of how Christ has worked in his life. He is writer and singer of the popular worship song "Come, Jesus Come," and we are excited to bring a time of impactful worship to close the night this year!

Please pray for HelmarPalooza, that all we plan will ultimately bring glory to the Lord as we strive to be obedient and honor Him! That it will be fully funded, and that the Lord will continue to bless the event with good weather. Donations can be made through the offering box here at church,

at [helmarpalooza.com](http://helmarpalooza.com) (yellow DONATE button), and through the church website and app after selecting "Donate Now". *Tickets will be available*

*May 1st!*



**April 12, 2026**

### **Series: The Sufficiency and Supremacy of Jesus Part 18: "Prayer and Proclamation" Colossians 4:2-6**

The apostle Paul, in his letters to churches, often gives encouragement to believers regarding living out the faith. In the text today, he provides two directives.

I. \_\_\_\_\_ vv. 2-3

1. \_\_\_\_\_ v. 2b

2. \_\_\_\_\_ v. 2c

3. \_\_\_\_\_ vv. 3,4

II. \_\_\_\_\_ vv. 5,6

1. \_\_\_\_\_ v. 5

2. \_\_\_\_\_ v. 6

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Sometimes the outside sounds all around us in the world today confuse our thinking, busy our lives, and take away our concentration from the one voice of Jesus. Just like the rushing of water against the rocks or giant waves splashing in an ocean, the sounds are loud and noisy. Sometimes the waves are constant, and it takes a while for the water to calm down—to look like glass or a mirror. Challenging circumstances come into our lives. When the waves die down, they sometimes turn into ripples that can go on for days, months, or years. Or we might just have one ripple that continues in our lives. Sometimes a big splash of disappointment, tragedy, or deep hurt hits us again and swirls us into a frenzy of confusion, grief, or hurt. We yearn for the calmness of Jesus.

It is so peaceful to sit and watch water become calm that was once swirling around in a frenzy. Just like in our lives when the big splash of disappointment, discouragement, or trial comes our way, we yearn for the calmness in our soul. Calmness comes from the reading of God's Holy Word, prayer, and the Holy Spirit whispering God's promises to us. The promises also tell us that He, our Lord, is with us when the Big Splash comes and we are torn apart. He will be with us. "Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, the Lord on high is mighty" (Psalm 93:4a).

Oh Lord, help us to rely on You when the waves of life or the constant ripples of sadness and disappointment come into our lives. Help us also to rejoice when the calm comes and give You all the Glory.

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AFLC Promotion for April is the ARC

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Soul-Winning, Disciple-Making,  
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**Spiritual Disciplines Sheet**

**4-12-2026**

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

“Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil.”

Ephesians 5:15,16