

Helmar Lutheran Church
Newark, IL
Sunday, November 16, 2025

Prelude
Welcome
Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation"
Scripture reading: Hebrews 3:12-19
I John 1:5-10
Confession of Faith: I Corinthians 15:1-8
Pastoral Prayer
Praise Team: "Be Thou My Vision"
"Only a Holy God"
"Behold Our God"
Children's Church dismissed
Sermon: "Beware Spiritual Seduction"
Colossians 2:8-10
Benediction
Hymn: "Standing on the Promises"
Postlude

Upcoming Events:

Tues: 6:30pm Greven Life Group (not meeting on 11/25)
Wed: 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Southern Belle
2pm Adult Bible Study (Last one until January 7th)
6pm BLAST, JAM, and Youth classes (not meeting 11/26)
Thurs: 6:30pm Cryder Life Group (not meeting 11/27)
7pm Mathre Life Group (not meeting 11/27)
Fri: 9am Ladies Prayer Hour (not meeting 11/28)
7:30pm Pilon Life Group (not meeting 11/28)
Sun: 8:30 Fellowship
9:00 Sunday School
10am Worship service

The church Wi-Fi password is Helmar21

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- **National Collection Week** begins on Monday, November 17th. Our Operation Christmas Child Drop-off is still looking for people to engage with donors and see the shoebox gifts safely to their destination. This is a great opportunity to represent our church to the local community! Sign-ups are at the welcome center. Contact Michelle Holdiman for details.
 - There will be a **Thanksgiving Eve service** for all ages on November 26th at 6:30pm.
 - We will be **decorating for the Christmas season** on Saturday, November 29th at 9am. Come join us as we begin to prepare our hearts and our church to receive our King!
 - There will be a door offering for the shipping costs for our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes following the worship service on November 30th.
 - There are three couches in the Youth room that are looking for a new home. They are free to anyone interested. Please see Shira, Kynsey or Dana for details. If no one claims them, they will be donated the week of November 24th.

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 Davison 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).

The **DWWC Christmas Dinner** is December 1st at 6pm in the lower level! Cynthia Younce will be speaking on “Be Still and Know that I Am God”. All ladies are welcome! Sign ups are available at the welcome center.

Regarding **Hope of the World- Nigerian Mission**! The Bible says in Ecclesiastes 3:1 that there is an appointed time for everything, and there is a time for every event under heaven. We received word this month from Nigeria that Pastor Alone Bassey has gone home to be with the Lord that he faithfully served for many years. We also received word that the church ministry we have supported for many years is now being overseen by the Lutheran Church of Nigeria. We praise God for the open doors God has given us for ministry in Nigeria. We look back with grateful hearts at God's work through Pastor Blegen, (the founder of this ministry), Pastor Bassey and many faithful workers in Nigeria, as well as faithful supporters here in the US. To God be the glory! Eternity will reveal the fruit of these labors.

With these developments, the current board (Pastor Jeff Swanson, President/Acting Director, Annetta Dale, secretary and Myrtle Duvick, Treasurer) have made the decision that this will be the last month of our support and involvement in Nigeria. The monies in the bank account will be wired by the end of November.



November 16, 2025 **“Beware Spiritual Seduction”** **Colossians 2:8-10**

The apostle Paul expresses serious concerns regarding spiritual deception in the text before us.

I. The _____ of a Church v. 8a

II. The _____ of Seduction v. 8b

III. The _____ of Christ vv. 9,10

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REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS

As I sit down to think about what words of encouragement to share, I realize I have no idea what to say. The guilt over not being “enough” seems to have stolen my joy this week. Guilt for not being a mom available for my kids while I’m at work. Guilt for not being a good employee to my company because I miss my kids. Guilt for keeping a messy house. Guilt for the laundry that never got finished and put back into drawers. Guilt for not being able to go the extra mile for anyone because I’m so busy trying to balance the simple day-to-day tasks. So not knowing what to write, I look back through my week and take a few minutes to savor and store in my heart the bright spots of this week—the moments where I was present, where I was blessed. And I discover there are so very many. My kindergartener’s first school concert. My three-year-old’s request for extra hugs this week. The joy in listening to my kids giggling about something they find funny. The “I love you, Mom” and “Will you pray with us, Mom?” at bedtime as I tuck them in and give them hugs. The heartfelt thank you from my boss for work completed timely on a project. All of a sudden, the discouragements of the week fall away and my joy starts to return.

When the household wakes up tomorrow and the day erupts into controlled chaos once again, it may not be easy to reclaim the peace I have in this moment. But to know that it existed for this brief moment and that it will exist again, I can’t help but rejoice.

Philippians 4:4-7 gives words I cling to during busy weeks. My Bible titles these verses “The Secret of the Peace of God.” The passage starts with the words “Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, rejoice!” In the middle, it reminds me to “Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Then it closes by leaving a blessing: “And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Reading these words of encouragement is a breath of fresh air to my soul and reminds me that I can wake up and face whatever tomorrow brings with joy.

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Spiritual Disciplines Sheet

11-16-25

Hide God’s Word in your Heart

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”

I John 4:1