

Helmar Heartlines



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Someone has raised the question: “If your church ceased to exist, would anyone miss it?” I suspect behind the question is the thought of ministry in a community and if a church (Helmar) is making a difference. I wish to answer with a hearty “Yes!” In doing so, I don’t want to brag or toot our own horn (perish the thought!). I boast of Jesus, His goodness, His sweetness—all glory to Him! See especially I Cor. 1:30-31, “But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, so that, just as it is written, ‘Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord.’” So, I am bragging on Jesus as I share a little bit of what the Lord is doing through Helmar Church.

- The Food Pantry—over 900 people received food this past December! This ministry feeds people every month.
- Vacation Bible School— every July, children receive biblical teaching and participate in activities led by our people.
- Bible Camp in Indiana—also in July, we have people who serve on the board and serve during the camp week.
- Church Council members (Deacons, Trustees, Officers) serving week after week.
- Did you pick up the Helmar Lutheran Church Handbook 2026 in the Narthex or Welcome Center? Look at all the volunteers listed who are involved in ministry of all kinds.
- The Helmar Palooza—every August we have been out on the church lawn sharing Jesus in word and song. We have over 100 volunteers who minister at this event.
- At worship services every week: readers, singers, and musicians who help us worship the Lord.
- Bible Study and Life Group Leaders—help us get into the Word on a regular basis.
- Women who mentor other women—usually one on one. It does not have to be huge numbers for worthwhile ministry to happen. Let’s not count numbers, let’s make numbers count!
- Ladies who serve funeral lunches for grieving people.

The above are just a few of the ministries that God is using. Glory to God! It is His ministry! We boast of Jesus and His grace!

“Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father” (Col. 3:17).

Thanking the Lord for His ministry through you,

Pastor Steve

- **A Website:** helmarlutheranchurch.com (a massive overhaul of the website is in the works this year)
- **Church App:** search Helmar Lutheran Church on Google Play or The App Store on your phone. You can access livestream of the Sunday sermons, bulletins, newsletters, calendar, weekly devotionals, Life Group study sheets and more on the app.
- **Facebook page:** Helmar Lutheran Church
- **Directory App:** Instant Church Directory. Contact helmardirectory@gmail.com for details
- **Calendar:** Add Helmar Lutheran Church to your existing Google Calendar
- **Right Now media resources:** <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/helmarlutheran>
- **SS classes:** nursery through adult
- **Wed night groups:** preschool through adult
- **Lenten Services:** begin February 18, Sundays and Wednesdays
- **Bible Studies:** Wednesday morning Men's, Thursday mornings Spring & Fall Women's, Wednesday Afternoon Adult's
- **Life Groups:** studying the sermon text together in a "small group" setting
- **Ladies' Prayer Time:** Fridays at 9am in Fireside Room
- **VBS:** July 6th-10th "Emerald Crossing"
- **Youth and Family Camps—**July 24-28, Cedar Lake, IN
- **Food Pantry:** 2nd Friday 5-7pm, 4th Monday 3-5pm; Kumla Supper fundraiser every January
- **Library**
- **Quilting:** 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 10am-2pm (check out the silent auction!)
- **Pickleball:** M-F 7am-10am, Thursdays 1-3pm
- **Open Volleyball:** Mondays 7pm
- **Newsletter:** Monthly, deadline for announcements and articles is the 20th of the month
- **Bulletin:** Weekly, deadline is Wednesday night
- **DWWC:** Committees and teams Doing What We Can in all areas of service
- **Family mission**
- **Helmarpalooza:** a Free community concert event in August
- **GriefShare:** A 13 week grief counseling groups that meets twice a year
- **Perpetual Birthday/Anniversary calendar—**see Stacy

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Jeff & Jane Swanson—aflchomemissions.org/alaska/

Jim & Connie Turek—blogs.ethnos360.org/jim-turek/

Josh & Ruthie Wagner—www.facebook.com/groups/wagnerupdates

Sam & Kelsey Weber—www.vision4cameroon.com/home.html

Free Lutheran Bible College and Seminary—flbc.edu/connect/

AFLC Evangelism and Discipleship newsletter—[us11.campaign-archive.com/home/?
u=e6748e56d4c902153a4c8f541&id=ba86855557](http://us11.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=e6748e56d4c902153a4c8f541&id=ba86855557)

AFLC World Mission newsletters—www.aflcworldmissions.org/newsletters/

Upcoming Events

- February 28th—M Night, The Cup of Cold Water Ministries Banquet, and Kid's Missions night. Additional information is available on the CCWM website, or the church bulletin board. 100 Dozen Cookies Needed! If you would be willing to provide cookies, please see the sign up sheet in the FLC. See Fred Alexander or Matt Greven for tickets.
- Lenten Services begin on February 18th at 6:30 in the lower level. Our theme is "Keeping Near the Cross". There will be no Life Groups during Lent, beginning February 15th. They will resume April 7th (the first worksheet will be available on Easter).
- March 1st—Ellie Gallo will here to share about their ministry to Mexico during the Adult Sunday School class.
- March 8th—Robin Jameson will share an update on Jubilee Bible Camp at the beginning of the worship service.
- There will be an **Easter Pageant** presented by our Sunday School children on Palm Sunday, March 29th during the Worship Service at 10am. **Parents**, if your children will Not be able to participate that Sunday, please notify Ruth Karales.
 - ⇒Dress rehearsal will be March 28th from 9:30-11:00am.
 - ⇒Final practice during Sunday School on March 29th.
- Maundy Thursday service on April 2nd at 6:30pm
- Good Friday Service on April 3rd at 6:30pm
- Resurrection Sunday Service at 10am on April 5th. There will be no Sunday School.
- Confirmation will be on Sunday, May 17th.
- The last week of Sunday School will be May 17th.
- VBS will be July 6-10th. "Emerald Crossing" Registration coming soon!
- Family and Youth Bible Camp in Cedarlake, IN is July 19th-23rd, 2026.
- The 6th annual Helmarpalooza will be August 8th.

February 2026

Notice: the gymnasium
will be closed for painting starting 2/2

Pickleball M-F 7-10am, Open Volleyball M 7-9pm

1	Su	8:30am Fellowship, 9am Sunday School, 10am Worship
2	M	9am-2pm Firm Foundations, 2-6pm FLC closed for cleaning
3	Tu	
4	W	6:30am Men's Bible Study, 2pm Adult Bible Study, 6:30pm BLAST, JAM, HS classes
5	Th	9:30am Ladies' Bible Study
6	F	9am Ladies Prayer Hour, 5-7pm Food Pantry
7	Sa	
8	Su	8:30am Fellowship, 9am Sunday School, 10am Worship
9	M	9am-2pm Firm Foundations, 2-6pm FLC closed for cleaning
10	Tu	6:30pm Greven Small Group
11	W	6:30am Men's Bible Study, 9am-2pm Quilting, 2pm Adult Bible Study, 6:30pm BLAST, JAM, HS classes
12	Th	9:30am Ladies' Bible Study, 6:30pm Cryder Small Group, 7pm Mathre Small Group
13	F	9am Ladies Prayer Hour
14	Sa	
15	Su	8:30am Fellowship, 9am Sunday School, 10am Worship
16	M	9am-2pm Firm Foundations, 2-6pm FLC closed for cleaning
17	Tu	
18	W	6:30am Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm Lenten Service , BLAST, JAM
19	Th	9:30am Ladies' Bible Study
20	F	9am Ladies Prayer Hour,
21	Sa	
22	Su	8:30am Fellowship, 9am Sunday School, 10am Worship
23	M	2-6pm FLC closed for cleaning, 3-5pm Food Pantry
24	Tu	
25	W	6:30am Men's Bible Study, 9am-2pm Quilting, 6:30pm Lenten Service , BLAST JAM
26	Th	9:30am Ladies' Bible Study
27	F	9am Ladies Prayer Hour, 4pm Setup for CCWM banquet
28	Sa	CCWM banquet