

Helmar Heartlines



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“Come and see what God has done; He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.”—Psalm 66:5

Can you remember a time when you are frantically looking for something you’ve lost? And when you finally find it, you realize it was in front of you the entire time? I’ve “lost” glasses that were on the top of my head. I’ve “lost” a phone that was in my pocket. I may have forgotten where to look, but they were there the whole time.

We can often do the same thing to God. With the busyness of life, and soon the hectic pace of the holidays, it would be easy to forget what is right in front of us. In Psalm 66, Israel remembers all of the times that God was with them. When He miraculously freed them from Egypt, He was there (66:6). Looking back, even when they were enslaved or in times of war, He was there (66:11-12).

Just last week, one of my kids said, “Wow! Look at the church!” When I asked what they saw, they admitted that they saw the cross in lights for the first time since we’ve moved here. I couldn’t believe that they hadn’t noticed that yet. It’s a 20 foot cross in lights! How do you miss that?!?

There are many times in my life when God has been there, right in front of my face, and I never stopped to notice. I’ve had



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divine appointments where God allowed me to run into just the right person at just the right time. I’ve seen God change hearts and change lives—including my own. I’ve seen the beauty in His creation too many times to count. Yet, I can still forget that’s He’s with me, right now.

Thanksgiving is a perfect time to look back and see all of the times that God was there with us. He’s with us when we celebrate with our family and friends, and He’s with us when we are struggling and our faith seems to be tested.

This will be my first Thanksgiving at Helmar Lutheran Church. I hope you’ll join me on the night before Thanksgiving (November 21) as we look back and thank our God for the awesome deeds that He has done! Let’s come worship Him together to come and see what God has done.

In Christ,

Gary Maxwell



Christmas will be here before we know it. Poinsettia will be \$8 each. The deadline is Sunday, December 16th. Please get cash or checks to Sheila Marie Urton by then. Also indicate in

Memory or Honor of, if you'd like. They may be taken home following the Christmas service. If writing a check, make it out to Newark High School.

Contact Sheila Marie @ 815-695-5547 or 815-617-2917 with any questions.



This year's annual Christmas cantata, the "Corinne Mathre Memorial Cantata" will be "Night of Miracles". We will honor Corinne's memory and thank God for her musical service of many years as choir director, singer, pianist and composer at Helmar.

"Night of Miracles" will be presented on Sunday, December 9th at 7pm.



Please join us on Saturday, December 1st at 8am as we decorate the church for Christmas. It is a big job, but many hands make light work!



Sign up NOW for our new church directory! Photography dates are Nov. 15-17th. Each family photographed will received a free 8x10 photo and a directory. You'll also have access to a mobile directory. You can sign up on our website: helmarlutheranchurch.com (It's SO EASY!), or in the narthex on Sunday mornings. If you are unavailable on those dates, please contact Sue now for a number to call to set up an appointment at a nearby church. Any questions, see Sue Johnson or Tina Cryder.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries*
For NOVEMBER**

- Nov. 1**
Tracy Frieders
Cora Keigher
- Nov. 2**
Nathan Johnson
Cynthia Younce
- Nov. 4**
Ron & Ethel Martin*
- Nov. 7**
Fred Alexander
- Nov. 11**
Deena Schroeder

- Nov. 15**
Gladys Abens
Leo Keigher
- Autumn Mathre
- Nov. 16**
Rebekah Maxwell
Doris Stevenson
- Nov. 17**
Kim Wiesbrook
- Nov. 18**
Leo & Debbie Keigher*

- Nov. 20**
Ruth Karales
- Nov. 22**
Danny & Julie Bullington*
- Nov. 23**
Kyler Cryder
- Nov. 25**
Bridget Williams
- Nov. 29**
Edward & Patricia McKenna*

*Anniversaries

KID'S KORNER

"And that from a child you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God, and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness: that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:15-17

BLAST, our Wednesday night program for kids, has been going great! BLAST stands for Bible Learning and Sharing Together. In addition to a Bible lesson each night, a main focus of BLAST is for the kids to memorize Scripture and hide it in their hearts. (Psalm 119:9-11) They love being able to see how many they can recite and "check" off their binders and t-shirts each week. We know from the Bible that God's Word never returns void, so our prayer is that the verses they memorize, even at this young age, will take root in their hearts and grow in them a love for God's Word. Will you join them in memorizing a verse or two this week?

On behalf of the Children's Ministry Council,
Lisa Greven

Save the Date for the Sunday School Christmas program. The title is "A Baby Changes Everything". The program will be held on Sunday, December 16th during the 10am worship service. Practice will be Saturday, December 15th from 9-11am and during Sunday school on December 16.

YOUTH FRONT

Romans 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

Let's rejoice in the power of God to save all who believe! People can't make themselves right with God--ever. But into the middle of a sinful world, Jesus came to take the penalty that we deserved and give us His right standing with God, when our trust is in Him. What a great message to share!

The high school kids continue to meet on Sundays at 5:00 pm to serve others in the community. The JAM kids will have a Game Night on Friday, November 9th, at church, from 7-9pm. Bring friends!!

Looking ahead: JAM Cookie Bake on Sat., December 1, from 1-4pm. Christmas card sorting by high school students on Sun., December 16, during Sunday School.

The Fall Season

When summer days have ended
And the fall has just begun,
It seems that God is most intent
On pleasing everyone.

The hills are framed in red and gold
Flamboyant picture bright,
Flower beds in festive hues
Are sure to bring delight.

How picturesque the countryside
The field of golden brown;
Orchard trees with pink-cheeked-fruit
Orange pumpkins all around.

Bittersweet in quaint old crocks
Bright gifts from autumn's till,
A silver-mist of bluish haze
Enfolds the nearby hill.

When day is done the sunset's glow
Of flaming red and gold;
A masterpiece that takes our breath
So glorious to behold!

My spirit lifts in praise and prayer
My heart is heaven-tall;
When God sits at His easel
And paints the season...Fall!

- Kay Hoffman

A Letter

Dear Friend,

How are you? I just had to send a note to tell you how much I care about you.

I saw you yesterday as you were talking with your friends. I waited all day hoping you would want to talk to me too! I gave you a sunset to close your day and a cool breeze to rest you-and I waited. You never came. It hurt me-but I still love you because I am your friend.

I saw you sleeping last night and longed to touch your brow so I spilled moonlight upon your face. Again I waited, wanting to rush down so we could talk. I have so many gifts for you! You awoke and rushed off to work. My tears were in the rain.

If you would only listen! I LOVE YOU! I try to tell you in blue skies and in the quiet green grass. I whisper in the leaves on the trees and breathe it in colors of flowers, I shout it to you in mountain streams, give the birds love songs to sing-I clothe you with warm sunshine and perfume the air with natures scents. My love for you is deeper than the ocean, and bigger than the biggest need in your heart!

Ask me! Talk with me! Please don't forget me! I have so much to share with you!

I won't hassle you any further. It is YOUR decision. I have chosen you and I will wait....

I LOVE YOU!

Your friend,
Jesus

Helmar Church Officers

Some people ask during the year who our trustees or deacons are. Here is a list for 2018.

President– Tom Mathre

Deacons:

David Christian
Don Davidson
Don Funte
Marlon Mathre

Vice-President— Rich Niles

Trustees:

Leo Keigher
Ron Mathre
Stephen Meyer
Roger Toftoy

Fourgiven Quartet in Concert

On November 10th at 6pm, everyone is invited to enjoy a night of fellowship, great southern gospel music and a FREE soup dinner in our Family Life Center. Serving begins at 5:30pm when the doors open and the concert will begin at 6:00pm. There will be a free will offering taken for the Quartet.



Parent's Night Out will be on Friday, November 30th from 6-9pm. Includes supper and fun Christmas themed activities for children ages 2 years to 6th grade. Younger children may need to be picked up by 8 pm.



It's time to support Operation Christmas Child. There are more instructions/label brochures in the narthex and FLC lobby. More shoeboxes have been ordered, but not sure when they'll arrive. Feel free to use your own shoeboxes if you'd like. You can also go on-line at Samaritan's Purse to print a label and track your package OR you can "buy" your shoebox on-line and they will fill it for you. If anyone would like to donate financially to Samaritans Purse, make checks out to Helmar Church and we will get it to them. For many of those who receive these boxes, it is the only gift they will get and it will be the first time they hear about Jesus! Let's be a part of this great project!



We will be honoring all veterans on Sunday, November 11th at our 10am worship service. If you know a veteran, invite him to church to be honored for his service.

D.W.W.C.
"Do What We Can"

The D.W.W.C. Society will be taking a Love Offering on November 18th. It will be split between our local missionaries.

NOVEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 8am Men's Bible Study				1 9am WeeCare 9am Ladies Prayer Hour	2 9am WeeCare 9am Ladies Prayer Hour	3 8am Men's Bible Study
4 2am Fall back 1 hour! 8:30am Fellowship Time 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 5pm Cantata Practice	5	6	7 1:15pm Fellowship Time and Adult Bible Study 7-8pm H.S. Bible Study, BLAST, JAM 6:30-6:55 & 8-9pm Open Gym	8 9am WeeCare 9am Ladies Prayer Hour 5-7pm Food Pantry 7-9pm JAM Game Night	9 9am WeeCare 9am Ladies Prayer Hour 5-7pm Food Pantry 7-9pm JAM Game Night	10 8am Men's Bible Study 6:00pm Forgiveness Quartet Concert & Soup Supper
11 8:30pm Choir Practice 8:30am Fellowship Time 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 5pm Cantata Practice	12	13 6:30pm Deacon's Mtg. 7pm Trustee's Mtg. 8pm Council Mtg.	14 9am-2pm Quilting 1:30pm Adult Bible Study 7-8pm H.S. Bible Study, BLAST, JAM 6:30-6:55 & 8-9pm Open Gym	15 7pm Faith Circle Helmar Directory Photo Sessions in Family Life Center	16 9am WeeCare 9am Ladies Prayer Hour	17 8am Men's Bible Study
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