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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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October 13, 2026

2026 IN-THANKSGIVING PROJECT!
Saturday, November 21
9:00 a.m.– Noon



The In-Thanksgiving project for this fall is the IDES (International Disaster Emergency Services) GAP (God Always Provides) meal-pack event. Each meal feeds six and costs $.25. We will be packing 15,000 meals, which will total $3,750. We'd like to have five lines again this year, so we need at least 50 volunteers to help pack these meals. A lunch bucket is set out in the sanctuary for monetary donations, and a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the south hall.

PRAYER and Praise

Bernadine Andrews– cancer is gone! will have chemo soon
Marissa Bade (friend of LeeAnn Frick)- broken hip
Jan French (Joyce Ritter's aunt)- dealing with pain; second shoulder surgery on hold
Sarah Hughes– hospice; doing well
Nancy Jackson– in rehab center in Arkansas; prayers for healing
Kurt Logan– radiation treatments
Lola– still awaiting heart donor
Dennis (Butch) Thompson (Joyce Ritter's uncle)- doing well with therapy; will be going home soon
Edna Waldrop– was in hospital for excessive pain

If you would like to send a card to Lois Naddy, her address is: 314 S. Market St., Apt. 1047
Gilbert, AZ 85295



OCTOBER 11, 2026

Worship & Nursery	89
Sunday School	35
Preschool Class	0
Youth Class	0
Blessed Believers	13
The Fellowship Class	20
Chosen Ones	2
OFFERING:	$15,123.63
Spendable	15,123.63

upcoming events

Wednesday, October 14 *6:00 p.m. Elders meeting*
7:30 p.m. Board meeting

Sunday, October 18 *6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets at the church*

Tuesday, October 20 *9:00 a.m. Prayer & Coffee group meets at the Lazy Day Café, Villa Grove– everyone is invited!*

Read the Signs
10/13/2026

F.C.C. is transitioning from an analog sign to a digital sign. The new sign will allow us to post more than an inspirational quote. What is common of all signs is they only work if people read them. If there is no content on the sign, the message is unclear, or something is blocking the view, it becomes difficult to read the message. An unread sign is of no value.

That is also true in our spiritual life. God has been using signs to convey His message to humans since He created us. After casting Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden he posted a sign, an angel with a flaming sword, as a clear message that no one would ever return to Eden. God provided other signs with important messages for His children to read. The pillar of fire and column of clouds were a message of God's presence. The altars of rocks and sacrificial animals were messages of God's atonement. Even Moses' staff was a sign proclaiming the message of God's power. Each sign had a clear message.

Jesus did the same thing in the New Testament. He performed "signs and wonders" for believers to read and know His power. The empty cross and tomb speak of God's promise of salvation through Jesus. His apostles were given power to heal and cast out demons as a sign to unbelievers that the gospel message was true. Their ability to speak in tongues (languages) was a sign of the Holy Spirit's power in them. And the Bible is the inspired message of God for all to read.

The question is, are you reading the signs or is something hindering you? God's message is clear. What might be hindering you from seeing the signs and reading God's message?

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Scott Beccue
John Dilliner
Jerry Hughes
Joe Rothermel
Bob Thomas

OCTOBER 18, 2026

Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Greeters: Patti Groves (Front) Janice Thode (South)

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Dowler/Sue Taylor

Nursery: Shelby Hughes

Serving: S. Shunk, T. Shunk, D. Logan, K. Logan

Mission of the Week:
LINCOLN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE
Lincoln, Illinois
Dr. Silas, McCormick, Executive Director