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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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November 10, 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-packing event. Each meal feeds six and costs a quarter. We will be packing 15,000 meals, which will total $3,750.00. We'd like to have five lines again this year, so we need at least 50 volunteers to help pack the 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.



Wednesday, November 11- 9:00 a.m. Veteran's Day Assembly, Villa Grove School- community is welcome

Wednesday, November 11- 6:00 p.m. Elders meeting
7:30 p.m. Board meeting

Thursday, November 12- 6:30 p.m. Women's Christian Fellowship meets at the church

Friday, November 13- 3:00-4:30 p.m. Volunteers needed at Rural Grace Food Pantry

Sunday, November 15- 6:00 p.m. Youth group meeting

NOVEMBER 8, 2026

Worship & Nursery	80
Sunday School	54
Preschool Class	2
Youth SS Class	3
Blessed Believers	12
The Fellowship Class	29
Chosen Ones	8

OFFERING: $4,419.00
Spendable 4,354.00
In-Thanksgiving 65.00



Tuesday, November 17
9:00 a.m.
Lazy Day Café- everyone is welcome!!

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Bernadine Andrews- will go to Barnes Nov. 16 to see if treatment is needed
Linda Dilliner- home; prayers for continued healing
Sarah Hughes- hospice
Nancy Jackson- home, but is still weak and in pain
Jeffrey (Kimberly Anderson's brother)- having heart catheterization on Friday
Juanita (Dave Herschberger's sister)- cancer is in her brain
Lola- please keep her in prayer
Art Maring (Treanna Ragan's dad)- heart & lung problems
James Mulvaney (Mulvaney's son)- in work accident; having difficulty with his leg
Mike Reed (Jeretta Mabry's brother, minister at South Side Christian Church, Ft. Myers, FL)- church having difficulties
Kelli Smith (Brad & Maryanna Smith's daughter)- tests to determine the extent of her condition
Jean Zylstra (Mike's mom)- no surgery; must keep weight off leg for 6 weeks



CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSALS!
Sundays following Sunday School (11:45 a.m.)
Performance on December 20
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN!!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday, November 19- 6:30 p.m.
Little Galilee Bi-Annual General Board meeting- a time to celebrate and look forward to how God will continue to use the ministry in 2027. Two representatives can come to the meeting to approve the annual budget. The meeting takes place at LGCC, see Mike, if you would like to attend.

Sunday, November 22- 7:00 p.m.
Annual Community Thanksgiving Service, held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Speaker for the evening is Robin Gregory, pastor at VG United Methodist Church



Veteran's Day Stories
11/10/2026



On November 11, 1919, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson issued a message to his countrymen on the first Armistice Day. "Armistice" means truce, ceasefire or resolution of peace. Wilson heralded the bravery and sacrifice of the US military as they helped end WWI. All Americans likely felt his words.

On May 13, 1938, a Congressional Act made November 11 in each year a legal holiday to celebrate "Armistice Day." Over the years, many believed we should remember all who served in our military and not just the end of WWI. Finally, on June 1, 1954, Congress amended the bill replacing "Armistice" with "Veteran's" and it has been known as Veteran's Day since.

Every U.S. veteran deserves our gratitude. It is appropriate to hold assemblies in their honor, shake their hands and thank them for their service. A deeper way to honor a veteran is to sit with them and listen to their stories. Some war stories might be too painful to recount. But most military personnel will gladly talk about their friends, training, medals earned, living conditions and food. Who among us would not welcome someone who is interested in hearing our stories?

The same is true in our spiritual life. The Bible is full of the stories God wanted us to know and listen to. There are stories of physical and spiritual battles, skirmishes among enemies and even family feuds. These Godly warriors lived, married, ate, worshipped, made mistakes, loved, fought and struggled to stay faithful to God. In the New Testament, we read firsthand accounts from Jesus and His disciples on how they battled Satan's temptations, handled attacks from religious leaders, stayed faithful even when betrayed by loyal friends and so much more.

Spend time in God's word. Listen to the stories and praise God for the faith, determination, tenacity and loyalty of all of God's soldiers.

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Scott Beccue
John Dilliner
Jerry Hughes
Joe Rothermel
Bob Thomas

NOVEMBER 15, 2026

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

Greeters: Marsha Green (Front) Judi Lock (South)

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Brenda Elam/Bob Dowler

Nursery: Deanne Rothermel

Serving: M. Boyer, R. Mabry, K. Logan, D. Logan

Mission of the Week:
CHRISTIAN CAMPUS HOUSE (EIU)
Charleston, Illinois
Matthew Thomas, Lead Campus Minister