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Living Branch Lutheran Church

To Know Christ and to Make Him Known

WELCOME! We are glad you are here with us. Whether you are a longtime member or a first-time visitor, we pray the service blesses you today.

Have little ones? **Here are some ideas:**

Relax: We are more than accepting of the many wiggles and noises that accompany children.
Sit near the front: That way, they can see what's going on.
Participate: Sing, pray, and go with the flow, and they will follow your lead.
Explain: Curiosity is a good thing! Explain what's happening in the service.
Wander: Use the sides to wander to the back if needed.
Be reverent: If church is important to you, it will be to them, too.

Living Branch Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. Our mission is **to know Christ and to make Him known**, based on the words of our Lord in Matthew 28:18-20.
For more about communities like ours, visit www.LCMS.org.

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! 5TH Gwen Geisbauer; 8th Nancy Murden & Carissa Hillerns; 9th David Hudella & Michael Hensch; 10th Kyle Pohl; 14th Donna Rothert; 18th Regina Meyer; 23rd Stacey Williams

Volunteers

TODAY SUNDAY, November 15th

Opening:	John & Judy Pohl
Usher/Greeter:	Bill Gravem & Volunteer
Acolyte:	Usher
Tech:	Loren Yerks
Reader:	Lily Gravem
Offering Counters:	Stacey Williams & Dawn Schlipp
Refreshments:	Mary Nelson

SUNDAY, November 22nd

Opening:	Kevin & Cindy Schlipp
Usher/Greeter:	Kevin & Cindy Schlipp
Acolyte:	Usher
Tech:	Brent Williams
Reader:	Bill Gravem
Offering Counters:	Bill Gravem & Mary Nelson
Refreshments:	Shelly Bellin
Cleaning:	Hudella's

Activities & Announcements

Sun. Nov. 15th	Worship	8:00 am
	Adult Bible Study Led by Bill Gravem	9:15 am
	Sunday School	9:15 am
Tues. Nov. 17th	Tuesday Women's Bible Study	1:00 pm
	Pre-Meeting Pizza Dinner	6:30 pm
	Congregational Voter's Meeting	7:00 pm
Sun. Nov. 22nd	Worship	8:00 am
	Adult Bible Study Led by Bill Gravem	9:15 am
	Sunday School	9:15 am
Tues. Nov. 24th	Tuesday Women's Bible Study	1:00 pm
Wed. Nov. 25th	Thanksgiving Eve Service	Wed. Nov. 25th @ 7pm
Upcoming . . .	Church Christmas Decorating	Tues. Dec. 1st @ 1pm
	Advent Services	Tues. Dec. 1st, 8th, & 15th @ 7pm
	Women's Christmas Brunch	Sat. Dec. 5th @ 10am
	Christmas Eve Service	Thurs. Dec. 24th @ 7pm
	(Zion Services Christmas Eve @ 5pm; Christmas Day @ 10am	

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—Tuesday, Nov. 17th
Pizza Dinner @ 6:30 pm; *(Provided mostly w/Thrivent Funds)*
Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Important things happening at this meeting: Election of Leadership Team Positions; Review & Approval of 2027 Budget; Reports of current Team Leaders.
All are encouraged to attend to enjoy fellowship & exercise your voice in decisions that shape Living Branch's spiritual, leadership, and financial direction.

YOUTH MINISTRY!
Youth Outreach—Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes—**Packing Wed. Nov. 18th**
Donations of items to pack as well as funds to help mail the boxes are welcome and appreciated. Suggested item lists are on the wall in the Fellowship Hall. Or online @ www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/

WOMEN'S MINISTRY
November/December Outreach—***The Giving Tree!*** The tree is up! Pick your tag(s), purchase & wrap the gifts, place them "under" the tree!

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SING ALONG! LSB=Burgundy Lutheran Service Book; LBLC=Green LBLC Song Book

MUSIC FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation ..... LSB 909
This Is The Feast ..... LSB p. 155
At the Name of Jesus ..... LSB 512
Knowing You ..... *Screen Only*
In Thee is Gladness ..... LSB 818

Have a favorite Hymn or Song Suggestion?
Let Kelly know—we may be able to add it to the list.

First Reading:	Zephaniah 1:7-16
Psalm:	Psalm 90:1–12
Second Reading:	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 ***(Sermon Text)***
Holy Gospel:	Matthew 25:14-30

+CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION+

In this service we will be sharing Holy Communion. We believe there are seven questions to ask beforehand:

1. Am I a sinner?
2. Am I baptized?
3. Does God forgive me all my sins because of Jesus' death?
4. Do I renounce all my sins of thought, word, and deed?
5. Is Jesus bodily present in the bread and wine?
6. Am I a member of this community of believers?
7. Have I taken a first communion class or been confirmed?

If you answered "yes" to all these questions, we gladly welcome you to join us at the Lord's Table. Otherwise, you are invited either to come forward with your arms crossed for a blessing or remain in your pew and pray.
If you have questions, please speak with the Pastor or an elder before or after service.