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The Messenger

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Newsletter

October 2025

Mark Your Calendars!

October 5th– 10:00-10:45 Adult Bible study, confirmation, and 4th-6th grade class Sunday Worship at 11:00 am w/o communion

October 12th-10:00-10:45 Adult Bible study, confirmation, and 4th-6th grade class Sunday Worship at 11:00 am with communion

October 19th– 10:00-10:45 Adult Bible study, confirmation, and 4th-6th grade class Sunday Worship at 11:00 am w/o communion

October 26th-10:00-10:45 Adult Bible study, confirmation, and 4th-6th grade class Sunday Worship at 11:00 am with communion

Bible Studies at Church

Ladies' Bible Study: Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Studying prayer

TAWG: (time away with God): evening Bible study Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Studying women of the Bible

Thursday Bible Study: Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Study: Sunday Mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Miss something from the Sermon?

All of our worship services are livestreamed and archived on our Facebook page! You can also find them on our website at: www.orlcknoxin.com

*For a day in your
courts is better than
A thousand
elsewhere.*



Welcome! As autumn deepens and October fills our days with crisp air and vibrant colors, we are reminded of God's goodness and the blessings that come with each new season. Just as the leaves change, so too are we invited to grow in faith, hope, and love.

This month, we warmly invite you to join us for worship, fellowship, and service as we continue to walk together as a church family. Look forward to uplifting sermons, meaningful Bible studies, and opportunities to serve and connect with one another.

No matter where you are on your journey, know that you are welcome here. Whether you are seeking encouragement, renewal, or a stronger sense of community, our doors and hearts are open to you.

Let us step into this season with gratitude, joy, and faith—because **you are an important part of what makes our church family whole.**

Welcome home!

From the Leadership of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We wanted to take a moment to share some updates with you as we continue moving forward together in the work God has set before us.

First, the updates on the parsonage are coming along well. We are thankful for the progress that has been made and for all those who have offered their time, talents, and resources to help. Your support has been a true blessing.

We are also still in need of someone to assist with detailing the church bus before it can be sold. If you have the ability and would be willing to help with this task, please contact the church office. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Regarding the pastoral call process, the Call Committee is diligently and prayerfully reviewing the list of candidates. They are working carefully to narrow it down, and in time, the list will be presented to the congregation for your prayerful consideration and vote on whom we might extend a call to serve as our shepherd here at Our Redeemer.

We know that to some, the process may feel slow, but we want to assure you that things are moving along exactly as they should. Please be patient with us during this important time. Above all, we ask you not to lose hope in Our Redeemer. God already knows who He is preparing to serve among us, and He knows how all of this will unfold. We are invited to trust in Him, to lean on His promises, and to remain steadfast in prayer and faith.

As the psalmist reminds us: *“Be still, and know that I am God”* (Psalm 46:10). May we rest in the confidence that our Lord is guiding this process according to His perfect will.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. Together, as God’s people, we move forward with hope and trust in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

In Christ,
The Leadership of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church



The Beauty of Stewardship



Stewardship has to do with how we manage our time, talent, resources — basically our entire lives. It's a beautiful concept when properly understood. Here are the basics of good stewardship:

God is the source of all creation, including our lives. God is the primary owner of all that exists.

We are blessed by being given the task of managing well all that we have influence over: our lives, our abilities, our minds and bodies, our time, our part of the earth, our finances, our children, our church buildings, our automobiles, etc.

Although we can make decisions regarding each of the above, ultimately we are responsible to God. Sooner or later, we must give an account of our management of God's creation and of God's gifts.

When we properly use the talents, resources and property that God allows us to manage, we find great joy. Think of planting a garden which soon overflows with colorful flowers, wonderful vegetables and flavorful herbs, etc. God gave us the plot of ground, God gave us the seed, God gave us the wisdom and strength to bring forth such beauty, such good things to see or eat, or smell. Yet we did the work, with God's help, to make it a reality. Like Adam we tilled it and kept it. But

God gave the increase. God's provisions and our labor brought the garden to its fulfillment.

Good stewardship enables us to do something positive and wonderful with the money God has allowed us to have. What feels better than knowing one has managed money well? Our bank account, our checkbook and our portfolio tell the story. When money is handled well, we have enough for ourselves and are still able to give to God's work.

That is the beauty of stewardship.



  **WANTED!**  

Help Cleaning the Bus

We're looking for a helping hand to freshen up the bus—inside and out—in preparation for it to be sold.

If you'd like to lend a hand, please reach out to **Karen Zimmerman.**

Meeting Minutes from September 14th Voters Meeting

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Voters' Meeting

9/14/2025

1. Dave Geisler opened the meeting in prayer
2. Membership Changes – none
3. Committee Reports
 - A. DCE/Youth – Diane Cruz – Diane was at Lutherhaven with the youth, so Megan Hamand read minutes from the Council Meeting
 - I. Sunday School started last week with Rally Day. Younger kids will meet during worship. Some of the high school kids are volunteering to help teach.
 - II. Confirmation started last week and will be before church every week; junior and senior confirmation will be run together. This year's curriculum will focus on the Bible
 - III. Youth Group (5th to 12th grades) will start meeting on Friday nights and watching the TV series "The Chosen."
 - IV. National Youth Quake in Louisiana was great. The three kids loved it.
 - B. Treasurer – Char Geisler
 - I. Offering was up for the third quarter (compared to rest of the year); expenses are down over \$20,000 from last quarter, but that's because we're not paying a pastor; investment accounts are up; savings/checking are healthy
 - II. Total of accounts - \$954,273
 - III. Pastor Speckhard is getting paid \$150/week
 - C. Board of Trustees – Karen
 - I. Large outdoor cross was repainted by Jim Brown and Jim Watson; Jim Brown also worked hard on trimming the bushes around the church.
 - II. In July, there was a bat in the sanctuary; Varmint Guard Wildlife Service from New Buffalo captured it and released it back outside
 - III. There was a leak in the irrigation system when it was turned on in July
 - IV. Bill and Jerri Cole have been working hard in the parsonage. Their goal is to make the house appealing for a new pastor and his family to come here. The Friendship Circle donated \$7000 for the remodel. The Trustees have a budget and can spend up to \$5000 without congregational approval. The Coles are not charging the church for their labor and specifically told Karen they wanted to do this as a gift to the church.
 1. The congregation asked about doing something to show Coles their appreciation. Karen asked for people to come to her if they have specific ideas.
 - D. Board of Outreach/Parish Nurse/SMILES – Sharon Krick

- I. SMILES has been overwhelmed for requests to help people with their NIPSCO bills. She's having to be choosy about who to assist since there aren't funds for everyone.
- II. The new Outreach/Inreach is meeting. Their focus is going to be inreach currently, due to the changes happening within the church. They purchased little Jesus figures for church members to carry with them and hand out to those who need a reminder or gift of love.

E. Preschool – Elaine Browne

- I. Class is in session now. There are 46 students this year and 2 new teachers, who are very excited to be there
- II. There's an upcoming field trip to Yellow River Farms

F. Board of Elders – Brad Hazleton filling in for Mel Lenig

- I. Safety and Security – Jack Rosa and Brad are working on a church safety project
- II. The board is looking for a new elder to replace Josh Stacy
- III. Mel has a new job, working every other Sunday, so Brad will act as a “co-head” elder, so both are available for questions/needs.

G. President's Report – Dave

- I. Dave is also going to ask for people to join the nomination committee since church elections are coming up. We will wait on the filling the Elder position and opening on Board of Spiritual Growth at that time.

II. Call Committee Update

- 1. Phil Hamand presented to the Call Committee from the Finance Committee to show what the church can offer as a compensation package
- 2. Committee expects to get a list of potential pastors from the District very soon
- 3. There was an ad-hoc voters meeting to get the Call Committee started, but Dave requested a motion to ratify the committee

A. Mel Lenig, Char Geisler, Dave Geisler, Keith Enger, Danielle Franks, Autumn Ferch, Diane Cruz, Phil Hamand, Sharon Krick, and Elaine Browne

- I. Mike Lord made the motion; Bob Duffy seconded. Congregation was in favor.

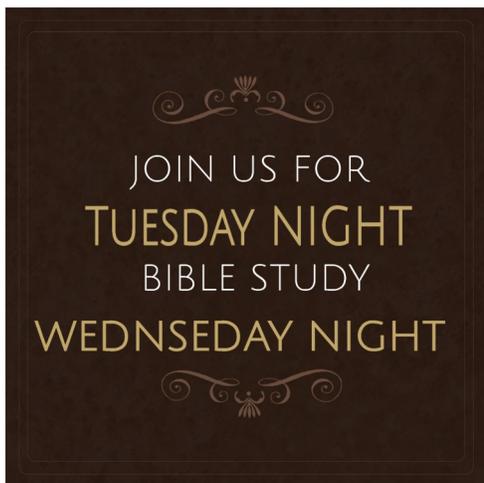
- III. Bus Report – the catalytic converter was stolen off the bus. Diane suggested that the church sell the bus during the Church Council meeting since no one uses it or is willing to take responsibility for its upkeep.

- 1. Brad made the motion to sell it; Elaine seconded. Congregation was in favor

IV. Endowment Requests are due at the end of September

- V. Danielle requested that she start work earlier by a half hour, which is 2 more hours a week (a total of 18 hours a week). She's doing more work with the pastor vacancy. Dave requested a vote on increasing her hours

1. Brad made the motion; Autumn seconded. Congregation voted in favor
- VI. Pastor Speckhard asked about what special services the church would like. At this point, Dave and Diane said there was no need for a Thanksgiving service, Advent services, or a Christmas Day. They gave him the date for the Christmas Program. North Judson also has a Christmas Eve service and the same time, so our service may need to be at 5:00 p.m. instead of the normal 7 p.m.
- VII. Dave and Karen met with the church's insurance representative. He made recommendations of where the policy can be cut to save money.
1. Coverage on building down to \$5,940,000; garage coverage \$110,000; \$5,000 on theft and security; remove theft of building materials; remove terrorism coverage, \$1M umbrella policy
 - A. These changes will keep the insurance premium the same as last year
 2. Bruce Zimmerman asked if Dave received a quote from anyone else, but insurance increases is industry-wide. Dave said he plans to get a bid from an agent in North Judson but has not yet
 3. Autumn motioned to accept changes in insurance coverage and to get bid from the North Judson agent; Mike Lord seconded. Passed by congregation
4. Old Business
- A. Margaret Koch raised the issue that Pastor Eric and Linda left the parsonage damaged. She raised a motion saying that the church send Pastor and Linda a certified letter with a list of the damages.
- I. Christy Enger spoke against the motion, saying it was only the responsibility of the elders or trustees to discuss it; that it was their decision not a vote of the congregation.
- II. Brad spoke for the Elders and said they decided to not push the issue because there was nothing for the church to gain. He also pointed out that there was no legal clause because it wasn't in the contract with Pastor. Phil said that the Finance Committee is planning to put something in place so that the next pastor is clear about the expectations of how the parsonage is to be treated.
- III. Sharon reminded the congregation about what Jesus says about forgiveness
- IV. Char motioned that the congregation to let the Trustees and Elders make the decision on whether to move forward with a certified letter. Keith seconded. Congregation passed the motion.
5. New Business – no report
6. Adjournment – ended meeting with prayer



Bible Study Schedule Update

Please note that our **Tuesday Night Bible Study** will be meeting on **Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. beginning September 24**. This is a temporary change. The group is currently studying *Women of the Bible*, and all are welcome to join in this time of fellowship and learning!

TRUNK OR TREAT...

We will once again host Trunk or Treat here at Our Redeemer. Rather than actual trunks, we will set up in the Family Life Center using tables to display decorations and act as trunk space for passing out candy. This enables the community to experience a nice warm place to "Trick or Treat" on what so often can be a cold and rainy/snowy event!

The details for the event are:

What: Trunk or Treat

Where: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Family Life Center

When: Saturday, November 1, 2025 (as this is when Knox City Trick or Treat is)

Time: 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Please: Volunteer to help by donating candy (tub in Fellowship Hall where candy can be dropped off) or by helping at the event by decorating your "trunk" aka table and passing out candy!

See: Margaret Koch (574-806-3465) or Diane Cruz (219-363-4750) with questions.



THANKSGIVING DAY COMMUNITY DINNER November 27th...



It may seem a bit pre-mature to be talking about Thanksgiving; but as we approach undertaking our 17th Annual Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner here at Our Redeemer, we begin our planning with much excitement and anticipation for another opportunity to work together in serving our community!

**It is such a blessing for us to be able to once again gather in fellowship
and service as we host this meal!**

The sign-up sheets to donate uncooked turkeys and other food items are posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Desserts can be pans of brownies, cakes, pies, etc. Please consider helping by donating something.

We are in need of volunteers to help on Wednesday, Nov. 26th as we pick the meat off of the turkey bones after they are cooked. We will also be peeling potatoes, cutting celery, and doing whatever else we can get done in advance. Work on Wednesday will start around 8:30 a.m.

If you can help on Thanksgiving Day, please sign up in advance so we know how much help we have coming. We are asking volunteers to be here on Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 27) about 9 a.m. to help get the final details set before dinner is served at 11 a.m. Please see Diane Cruz (219-363-4750) with questions.

A big thank you goes out to all who have committed to help in some way with this dinner. We could not reach out to our community in this way without the help of so many wonderful volunteers!

Please encourage those you know and meet in the community to join us for this occasion. We invite and encourage everyone to come to this wonderful meal as we gather and give thanks for the blessings of God.



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Reformation Day: Standing Firm in Christ

Each year on October 31, Lutheran churches around the world celebrate Reformation Day. On that date in 1517, Martin Luther posted his Ninety-Five Theses in Wittenberg, Germany. His goal was not to start a new church, but to call the church back to the truth of God's Word. What followed was the Reformation—a movement that reshaped the church and placed the Gospel of Jesus Christ back at the center of Christian life.



The Reformation gave voice to three enduring truths drawn straight from Scripture: we are saved by **grace alone**, through **faith alone**, in **Christ alone**. These were not new ideas, but eternal truths that had been overshadowed.

Luther and the reformers reminded the world that forgiveness is not something we earn or purchase—it is God's free gift in Jesus, won for us at the cross and confirmed by His resurrection.

For us today, Reformation Day is both history and devotion. It teaches us where we come from as Lutherans and why we believe what we believe. But it also speaks directly to our daily lives. In a world filled with uncertainty, shifting values, and competing voices, the Gospel gives us something unshakable. As the psalmist says, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1)—a verse Luther himself cherished and which inspired the hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*.

When we gather on Reformation Sunday, we do more than remember a moment from 500 years ago. We give thanks for God's faithfulness in preserving His Word, and we confess with joy that Christ alone is our Savior, yesterday, today, and forever.

Soli Deo Gloria—To God alone be the glory.

October 2025 Special Days

Some of the special days celebrated in October are:

World Communion Sunday — October 5, 2025

Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Sunday — October 12, 2025

Columbus Day observed — October 13, 2025

Indigenous Peoples Day — October 13, 2025

Canadian Thanksgiving — October 13, 2025

Reformation Sunday — October 26, 2025

Reformation Day — October 31, 2025



2025 Junior High Youth Rally Highlights

7 of our youth had the wonderful opportunity of spending a weekend at Camp Lutherhaven focusing on the TRUTH found in JESUS. The theme of this year's rally was "Living Truth" based on John 14:6 "I am the WAY and the TRUTH and the LIFE. No one comes to the Father except through ME."

The youth heard from speaker Michelle Bauman from Lutherans for Life who is the Director of Y4Life. Michelle shared with the youth how God's truth values life so much that He sent His Son Jesus to give us life – ETERNAL LIFE!

The youth also participated in sectionals that emphasized the theme through a scavenger hunt, serving through packing things for a pregnancy center, and more.

They played capture the flag, sang around the campfire, worshipped together, and, of course, stopped at Culver's on the way home for lunch.

All in all, it was a wonderful weekend of friendship and faith!



God is good!



Christian Norem, Raden Cartier, Gavin Michel,
Molly Meyers, Emma Brammer, Layla Brammer,
Luci Hamand
& Diane Cruz as chaperone.

Y.A.C. & L.Y.O. Youth Events...

October YAC/LYO Events for 5th – 12th Graders:

Sunday, October 5: Youth event from Noon – 2 p.m. (The Chosen)

Sunday, October 12: Youth event from Noon – 2 p.m. (The Chosen)

Sunday, October 19: Youth event from Noon – 2 p.m. (The Chosen)

Sunday, October 26: Youth Pumpkin Carving Contest from Noon – 2 p.m.

(Our Oct. 26 event will entail lunch, a pumpkin carving contest, a fall devotion, & more)

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

It's hard to believe another summer has come and gone, but it is great to have our children back in Sunday School!!! What a wonderful Rally Day celebration on September 7th as we kicked off our Fall Sunday School and Bible study season by sharing in the day with the church picnic!

Please mark your calendars with the following information as it will help everyone know the Sunday School schedule from now through the end of December.

Now - Sunday, November 23: Pre-3rd Gr. during worship & 4th on up from 10 -10:45 a.m.

Sunday, November 30 – Sunday, December 14: Practice for Christmas Program during
Sunday School

Saturday, December 20: Saturday Program Practice from 9 a.m. to Noon! Practice will be from 9 – 11 with a pizza party following the last run through at 11 a.m.

Sunday, December 21: Sunday School Christmas Program at 11 a.m. with children here by 10:30 a.m. followed by “Happy Birthday Jesus” coffee hour with cake.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ON DECEMBER 21 or 28!!!

We look forward to serving you and your children!

SS Superintendent: Jessica Wakefield

Teachers: Preschool - 3rd: Elaine Browne, Joyce Anderson, Diane Cruz

4th – 6th: Ava Brammer, Harper Hazelton, Casey Vargo

7th – 8th Confirmation: Diane Cruz

Adult Class: Christy Enger

We encourage everyone to get connected in one of our Bible studies here at Our Redeemer! It is a wonderful way to grow in our Lord's love as His Holy Spirit nourishes our souls through His Word! We are looking forward to seeing you in class on Sunday mornings!

AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND POETRY

with *Tanner Olson and Blake Flattley*

Songwriter Blake Flattley and spoken word poet Tanner Olson have toured all over the country hosting Evenings of Music and Poetry at churches and conferences. You can expect the night to be inviting, whimsical, entertaining, and fun. You might have also seen Tanner as part of the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering.

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- Our Redeemer, Knox
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11.20.25

FAMILY CONCERT 4 PM
MEAL & FELLOWSHIP 5 PM
CONCERT OF MUSIC AND POETRY 6PM

All times Central Time

FREE FOR ALL

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL 810 W Talmer Ave. North Judson 574-896-5933

Meg Hamand

BY JAMES MASTER
EDITOR

One of the many local authors that will be at this Saturday's SCPL Beyond the Book Festival is Meg Hamand.

Meg Hamand is the author of the bestselling and award-winning *Diamonds in Auschwitz*. Readers' Favorite calls it, "a significant contribution to Holocaust literature."

Diamonds in Auschwitz, released in March 2025, was an instant Amazon Bestseller and an #1 New Release. It's been awarded second place in Women's Historical Fiction by The BookFest, first place in Historical Fiction by Firebird Book Awards, the June 2025 book award by Literary Titan, and the Prodigy (Best Debut Novel) Award from StoryTrade Awards. It is a historical fiction novel set during the Holocaust and follows a dual timeline following a diamond ring.

"Rachael has found the ring while a prisoner in Auschwitz. This discovery (and the act of defiance to keep the ring) is the catalyst to "waking" her up, helping her realize that even though she's living in a concentration camp, even though she's lost her fami-



Photo Provided

Book, from front

then in turn they have to stop and get gas, they stop and get lunch, or they get lunch out here with the local vendors. And then while they're here, they might have to stop by the store or maybe they need to get a haircut or something. They're coming here and putting money back into the town. The biggest thing for this event is trying to give back to the local community and at the same time have something fun for everybody to do," Nichol said.

Chaja wanted to thank the Plymouth Public Library for its support in bringing Bluey to Knox.

"We're excited about that," she said. Come meet Bluey and listen to a story at 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. The first 100 kids to line up to meet Bluey will receive a Bluey treat bag. Kids will also be able to take photos with Bluey. Nichol said they were looking at different ways to bring in families to the festival. That's when Nichol recalled last year's Fourth of July.

Family Fun Day parade. "Behind the library's float was Bluey and Bingo. Boy, I tell you, the kids were running into the street, they all wanted hugs from Bluey."

For those that attended the last two years, there will be new authors along with returning authors. "We have a lot of new local authors this year from Starke County and a lot of people that are in the South Bend, Goshen, Elkhart, Plymouth areas," Nichol said.

"Greg Archer, who writes for USA Today and also worked for Entertainment Tonight," she said. "He was an entertainment reporter, and he would interview people on the red carpet."

When asked what she's most excited about this year's event, Nichol said, "I'm really excited to see how Bluey turns out."

She also said that she was excited for the podcast that will be live at the library. "I am also

excited for the live podcast. Rob Witzell will be interviewing local author Meg Hamand, new authors and brothers Stephen and Aaron Mizell, along with seasoned veteran Jonathan Janz, who just had a book released this past week along with another due out in October. Each year is a learning experience of what people are interested in. After doing the Mini Comicon this year, I saw how much fun the kids were having just being dressed up and seeing all of their favorite characters. I wanted to do something like that for Beyond the Book. I want kids to remember that reading is fun too and that if they come to see Bluey, then they can also meet some really awesome authors that are just as fun. I want people to realize that libraries aren't just books. There is a whole world of activities and it's located right in the very center of their town!"



In case you haven't seen it in *The Leader* or on the pegboard, we invite you to take a moment to celebrate one of our own—**Megan Hamand**—and the incredible work she is doing through her book *Diamond in Auschwitz*. We couldn't be more proud of Megan and all she has accomplished. We joyfully pray for God's continued blessings on her journey with this book, as well as on the new one she is already working on. Blessings to you, Megan!



From the Parish Nurse

Dear Friends in Christ,

I want to share a helpful resource for those who may be struggling with energy costs. On the next two pages of this newsletter, you will find an application that can be used to apply for financial assistance with your energy bill. This program is here to ease some of the burden and provide support where it's needed.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this, please take a look. And if you need help with the application, don't hesitate to reach out — I'd be glad to assist.

May God continue to provide for all your needs and give you peace in His care.

With care in Christ,
Sharon Krick, Parish Nurse

Indiana Energy Assistance Program Application

Program Year 2025

 <p style="font-size: small;">North Central Community Action Agencies, Inc.</p>	<p>North Central Community Action Agencies, Inc. 301 E. 8th Street, Suite 109 Michigan City, IN. 46360 219-872-0351 www.nccomact.org FAX: 219-872-0174</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">For Provider/Agency Use Only</p> <p>Date received: _____</p> <p>Application number: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mail-In <input type="checkbox"/> Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach/Home Visit/Other</p> <p>Household is disconnected or out of fuel: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Household has d/c notice or less than 25% fuel: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Household heat source is inoperable: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>If your utility has been disconnected or is scheduled for disconnection, or if you are low or out of a prepaid, bulk deliverable fuel, contact your local service provider listed above to request a crisis appointment. If you need other emergency options, please call 2-1-1.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check here if your electric or heating utility is disconnected or scheduled for disconnection, or you are low or out of bulk heating fuel or prepaid electricity.</p>		
<p>Is any person in this household affiliated with the above-named agency as: an employee or staff member, volunteer, board member, or subcontractor, or related to any employee, staff member, volunteer, board member, or subcontractor? Relatives include parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, parent-in-law, child-in-law, sibling-in-law, grandparent-in-law, or grandchild-in-law.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please identify member and relationship): _____</p>		
Part I: Contact Information		
Applicant Name		Last four digits of SSN: _____ County: _____
Physical Address (Including Apartment/Lot/Trailer Number, if applicable)		City: _____ State: IN Zip: _____
If you have a PO box or an alternate mailing address, please list it below. Otherwise, please leave blank.		
Please provide at least one form of contact information. Failure to provide accurate contact information may delay application processing. It is your responsibility to monitor your e-mail, postal mail, voice mail, and SMS/MMS for messages concerning your application and to reply in a timely manner. Failure to respond in a timely manner to requests for additional information or documentation will result in the denial of your application.		
Telephone number	Mobile phone carrier	Email Address - check box if you would not like to receive e-mail notification <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Landline <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile	<input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to receive text notifications	
Part II: Home and Utility Information		
Home Type (Please check one)		Utilities and Payment
<input type="checkbox"/> Site-built single family house <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-unit (apartment, condo, duplex, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile home <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		Electricity Vendor: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> included in rent
Home Ownership (Please check one)		Heating Vendor: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> included in rent
<input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Rent <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
Primary Heating Source (please check one)	Primary Heating Fuel (please check one)	Do you have a secondary heating source installed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Furnace/Heat Pump <input type="checkbox"/> Baseboard/Wall Unit <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Stove <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Electric <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Oil <input type="checkbox"/> Wood/Pellets <input type="checkbox"/> Propane <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	If yes, please describe: _____
Is it working? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
The Weatherization program provides energy conservation measures to reduce the utility bills of eligible Hoosiers across the state. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Would your household be interested in a referral to the Weatherization program? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Part III: Income and Benefits		
Please indicate all types of income received by any member of the household in the past three months. Check all that apply.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Employment/Wages (include current paystub with YTD gross) <input type="checkbox"/> Pension/Retirement (include award letter, bank statement or pay stub) <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Retirement/ Disability/SSI (include current award letter or bank statement) <input type="checkbox"/> Odd jobs/irregular income (include completed Income Verification Affidavit) <input type="checkbox"/> VA Disability/Pension (include current award letter or bank statement) <input type="checkbox"/> No income (include completed Income Verification Affidavit) <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Employment (include most recent full 1040 tax return) <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment Benefits (include current Unemployment statement or complete DWD release) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (contact agency for guidance on documentation)		
Does any member of the household receive any of the assistance types listed below? Check all that apply.		Has anybody in the household paid child support in the past three months?
<input type="checkbox"/> SNAP (Food Stamps) <input type="checkbox"/> SSI (Supplemental Security Income) <input type="checkbox"/> TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)		<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please submit proof of payments)

Please complete and sign page 2 - Application is not valid without signature and date.

Use blue or black ink only and be sure to fully complete all fields. Failure to fully complete application may delay processing.

Application number: _____

Part IV: Household Members											
List all people residing in household, including yourself. Check here and attach additional sheet if more than eight people are in household: <input type="checkbox"/>											
	Last Name and Suffix	First Name	M.I.	Full Social Security Number	Citizen or Qualified Alien?	Date of Birth	Gender	Disabled?	Race	Ethnicity	Military Status
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Other/en by	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Please use codes listed below		
Applicant					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Other/en by	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
2					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Other/en by	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
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Race Codes				Ethnicity Codes				Military Status Codes			
A - Asian; B - Black or African American; I - American Indian or Alaska Native; P - Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander; W - White; M - Multi-race; O - Other				H - Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origins; N - Not Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origins				A - Active-duty military V - Veteran N - No affiliation			
Part V: Certification											
<p>Disclaimer: If electronic signature is used, by typing my name, I intend to sign this statement and understand that signing and submitting this statement is the legal equivalent as my handwritten signature. I certify under the penalties for perjury and fraud that the information, upon reasonable investigation, provided in this application is correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that I may be required to verify these statements and hereby give my consent to the State of Indiana, including the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority [the "State of Indiana"], and the agency from which I am requesting assistance to contact any necessary persons to verify these statements. I certify that I am an adult residing in this household and listed on this application, or have a legal power of attorney for an adult residing in this household and listed on this application. I certify that I am currently a resident of Indiana, I have been a resident of Indiana for at least thirty (30) days, and I am an applicant for the Energy Assistance and/or Weatherization Assistance Program[s] [the "Program"]. I certify that all members of my household are United States citizens, United States nationals, or qualified non-citizens under 8 U.S.C §1641(b) and are eligible to receive federal taxpayer-funded benefits except as identified in this application. I acknowledge any services or materials provided to my household will be a gift without consideration or payment by me. I also understand that I give permission to the State of Indiana and the agency from which I am requesting assistance to obtain information from my energy supplier, including about my energy usage and payment history. I understand that the State of Indiana may use information provided on this form for purposes of research, evaluation and analysis. Indiana may use information provided on this form to see if I qualify for any other assistance programs. I hereby release the State of Indiana, the Local Service Provider or other entity from any liability whatsoever resulting from delivery of these activities. I have received no expressed or implied warranties concerning my receipt of these services. I also acknowledge that if I fail to comply with the Program, misrepresent or fail to disclose any information requested in this application, or if I am signing or submitting this application or any supporting documentation without the legal authority to do so, I may become ineligible from receiving assistance from the Program and may be required to repay any assistance and/or benefits that the household has received based on any such noncompliance, misrepresentation, or omission. I understand that I am solely responsible for providing my correct contact information to the State of Indiana or the agency from which I am requesting assistance and for checking my voicemail, e-mail, SMS/MMS messages, or physical mailbox for communication and notifications regarding the Program.</p> <p>Energy Assistance Program benefits are provided without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, ancestry, familial status, or status as a veteran.</p> <p>Fraud Warning: 18 U.S.C. 1001 provides, among other things, that whoever knowingly and willingly makes or uses a document or writing containing any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States shall be fined or imprisoned or both in accordance with federal law.</p>											
Signature of applicant (required)								Date (required)			



October Worship Service Volunteer Schedules

PowerPoint

Oct. 5th Harper Hazelton
Oct. 12th Diane Cruz
Oct. 19th Gracie Krueger
Oct. 26th Sharon Krick

Lector Schedule

Oct. 5th Shannon Pitts
Oct. 12th Jeff Sullivan
Oct. 19th Robin Vargo
Oct. 26th Char Geisler

Usher Schedule

Oct. 5th Meda Sullivan, Bob Duffee, Mike Lord, and Sindi Lord
Oct. 12th Meda Sullivan, Elaine Browne, Robin Vargo, and Casey Vargo
Oct. 19th Meda Sullivan, Becky Wirebaugh, Guy Weber, and Kathy Dedloff
Oct. 26th Meda Sullivan, Renate Banta, Jim Watkins, and Linda Watkins

Communion Assistant

Oct. 12th Walter Fritz
Oct. 26th Walter Fritz

Children's Message

Oct. 5th Megan Hamand
Oct. 12th Billie Krueger
Oct. 19th Billie Krueger
Oct. 26th Diane Curz

We are deeply grateful for each of our faithful volunteers who serve with such dedication and joy every Sunday. Your willingness to give your time and talents is a true blessing to our church family. Because of you, our worship services run smoothly and our ministry continues to thrive.

As our church grows, so does our need for helping hands! We invite others to join this amazing team of servants. Whether you can greet, set up, sing, teach, or simply lend a hand where needed, your participation will make a difference. Thank you for serving so faithfully — we thank God for each of you!



OCTOBER

birthdays & anniversaries

Nolan Trusty

October 8th

Becky Wirebaugh

October 5th

Marcia Bedrock

October 10th

Dennis and Sandra Dean

October 6th

Elizabeth Brammer

October 11th

Bill and Jerri Cole

October 8th

Kathy Dedloff

October 13th

Susan Stacy

October 18th

John Linge

October 15th

Cassie Meyers

October 19th

Brian Hazelton

October 23rd

Janet Holke

October 23rd

Lincoln Plamer

October 28th



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