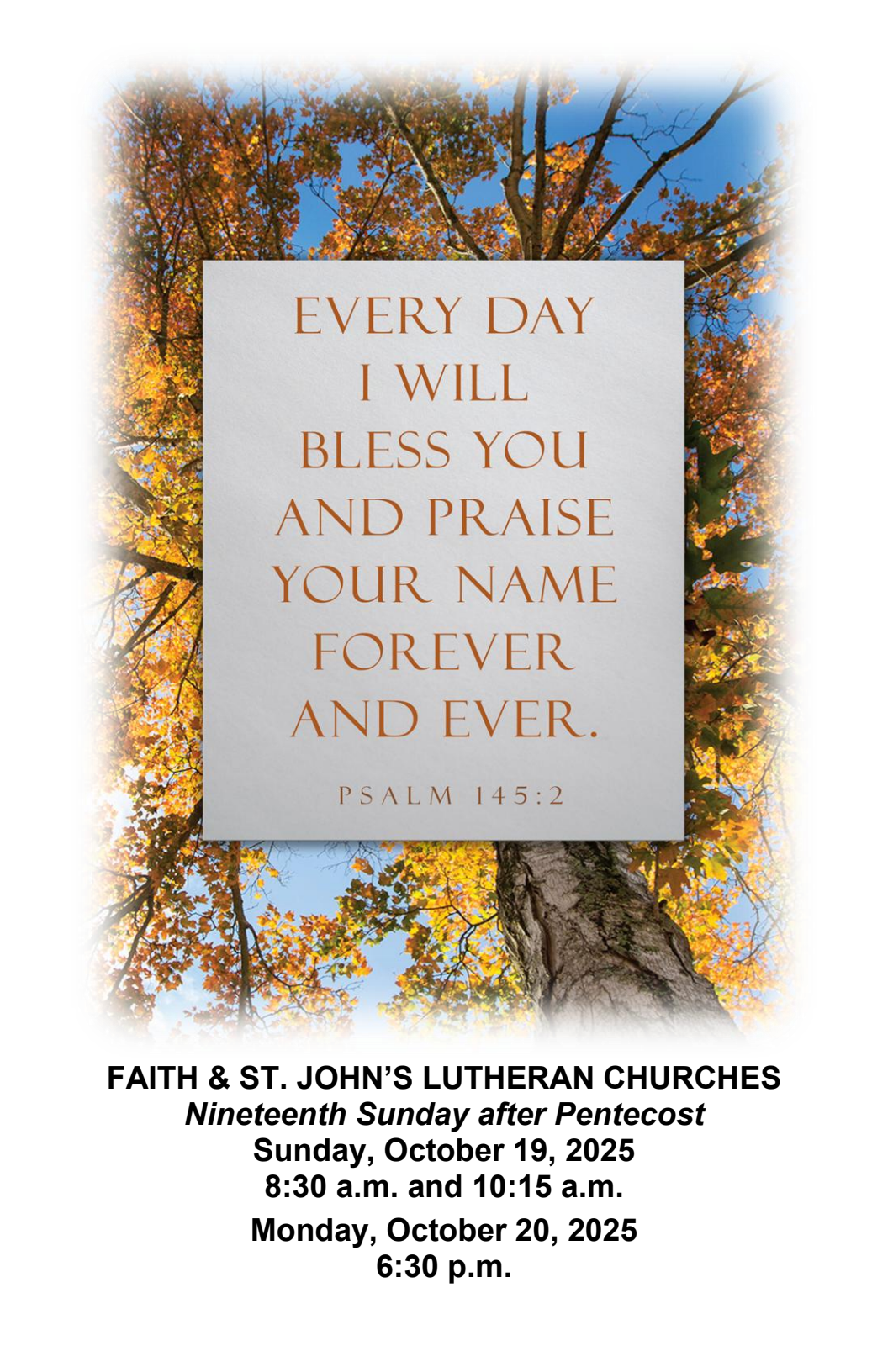




EVERY DAY
I WILL
BLESS YOU
AND PRAISE
YOUR NAME
FOREVER
AND EVER.

PSALM 145:2

FAITH & ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 19, 2025
8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
Monday, October 20, 2025
6:30 p.m.

Genesis 32:26 – “Then he said, ‘Let me go, for the day has broken.’ But Jacob said, ‘I will not let you go unless you bless me.’” The great Lutheran musician J.S. Bach composed a beautiful motet using this verse. It is the cry of true faith, much the same as Peter’s words: “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68). True faith clings to the Lord no matter the struggle, no matter the “hard sayings” that the Lord speaks. True faith knows that God means to bless us always.



WELCOME VISITORS:

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors today. We pray that your worship with us is rewarding. Please be sure to sign your name and

address in our guest register, located in the narthex. If you are looking for a church home we would like to invite you to be a part of our Bible Based Church family.

RECEIVING THE HOLY SACRAMENT

In deep Christian love and commitment to the Word of God we continue to hold to the Biblical and Ancient practice of closed communion. We believe that those who commune together must confess the same faith, and recognize the great power and real presence of the body and blood Christ in, with and under the bread and the wine. (*1 Corinthians 10:16-18; 11:23-29; Romans 16:17*). Likewise, since one’s membership



helps promote that church’s major teachings we ask that only those commune who are confirmed and communicant members of the LCMS, and who are not under church discipline. Thank you for respecting our beliefs and practices.

Please pray with us for honest unity around the Word of God. If you have any question please contact Pastor Love. **NOTE:** *Gluten free wafers are now available at the Lord’s Table. Please let Pastor know before worship service that you would like the gluten free wafers.”*

ORDER OF SERVICE
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OPENING HYMN “O Holy Spirit, Enter In” LSB #913

INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all
in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your

sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

PSALM 121

P ¹I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?

C ²**My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**

P ³He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

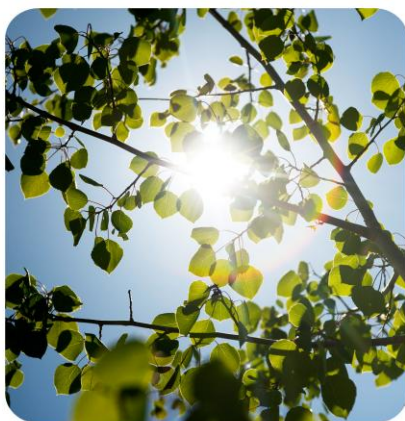
C ⁴**Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

P ⁵The LORD is your
keeper;
the LORD is your
shade on your right
hand.

C ⁶**The sun shall
not strike you by day,
nor the moon by
night.**

P ⁷The LORD will
keep you from all evil;
he will keep your
life.

C ⁸**The LORD will
keep
your going out
and your coming in
from this time
forth and forevermore.**



The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at
your right hand.

Psalm 121:5, NRSV

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CATECHISM REVIEW

P *The Lord's Prayer: The Second Petition*

C Thy kingdom come.

P *What does this mean?*

C The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

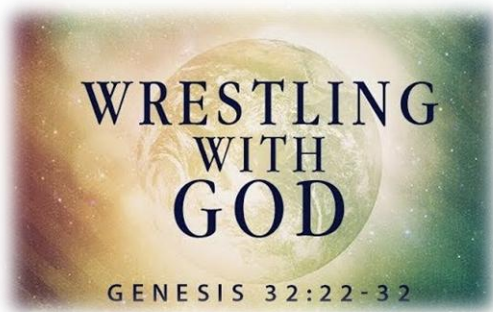
P *How does God's kingdom come?*

C God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 32:22–30

²²The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them



across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket,

and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 91:11; 103:1

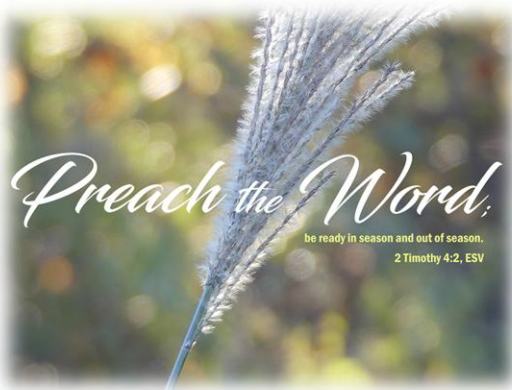
He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

EPISTLE

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by



God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,¹⁷ that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

¹I charge you in the presence of God

and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to

him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.'

⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'"

⁶And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON HYMN *“Thy Word Is a Lamp”*

LSB #973

SERMON

OFFERTORY

LSB 192

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 195

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 196

- C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 197

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

LSB 197

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

<i>“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”</i>	LSB #618
<i>“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”</i>	LSB #655
<i>“Praise the Almighty”</i>	LSB #797

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199

THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

P Let us pray.
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

LSB 202

CLOSING HYMN

“On What Has Now Been Sown” LSB #921

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: Deuteronomy 18:1-22;
Matthew 14:22-36

Monday: Deuteronomy 19:1-20;
Matthew 15:1-20

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 20:1-20;
Matthew 15:21-39

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 21:1-23;
Deuteronomy 22:1 – 24:9; Matthew 16:1-12

Thursday: Deuteronomy 24:10 – 25:10; Matthew 16:13-28

Friday: Deuteronomy 25:17 – 26:19; Matthew 17:1-13

Saturday: Deuteronomy 27:1-26; Matthew 17:14-27

FAITH and ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Please remember the
following in your
prayers:

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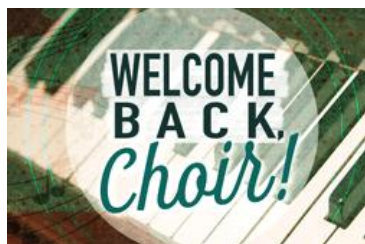
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CHOIR AT FAITH has
resumed on Mondays at
5:30 p.m. *New members
are always welcome.*

CHURCH CALENDAR ST. JOHN'S and FAITH



Sunday, October 19

8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at St. John's

Sunday School during the sermon at St. John's

9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Faith

10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Study at Faith

12:15 p.m. Stewardship and Evangelism at Faith

Monday, October 20

5:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal at Faith

6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

Wednesday, October 22

10:00 a.m. Ablelight

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

Thursday, October 23

10:30 a.m. Community Bible Class at St. John's

Saturday, October 25

2:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat at St. John's

Sunday, October 26

8:30 a.m. Worship at St. John's

Sunday School during the sermon at St. John's

9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Faith

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Study at Faith

4:30 p.m. ISI at Stogbauer Cabin

Monday, October 27

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith



ISI

Sunday, October 26 4:30 p.m.

Chris Stogbauer's Cabin

16050 N. 60th Avenue, Merrill

UPCOMING *Events*

+ St. John's is in need of candy donations for their **TRUNK AND TREAT EVENT** on October 25 in St. John's Parking lot starting at 2:00 p.m.

Looking for more vehicles for the event. For more information or questions, call Kathy at 715-218-5293.

Please donate candies that would not promote anything scary or supernatural.

+ Special Church **VETERANS DAY SERVICE** at St. John's and Faith on November 9. Breakfast following worship at St. John's. *Everyone is welcome.*

+ Old but Useable **GUITARS**. Do you have an old but usable guitar that you would be willing to donate? *Pastor Love will be offering free guitar lessons on Thursday afternoons at St. John's - Hamburg.*

FALL SPORTS ARE IN FULL SWING!! Whether you are cheering for the Badgers, Packers, Brewers and/or your favorite high school teams, don't forget your tailgating and celebration supplies whether at home or away. It's also time to remember those supplies for fall harvest or yard work. Pick up scrip for all your household needs. Help support the ministry of our church through the Scrip program. ... *All without it costing you an extra penny!.*



CONFIRMATION CLASSES on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. at Faith.

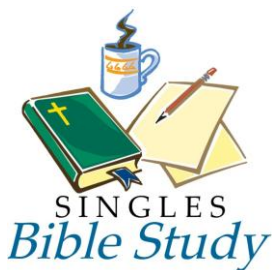
THURSDAY COMMUNITY BIBLE CLASS at 10:30 a.m. at St. John's

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes will meet during the sermon at St. John's.

classes are at 9:15 a.m. at Faith.





**INSPIRED SINGLES:
ALONE, BUT NOT ALONE.**

Please come and join us on November 9, at 3:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church as we discuss starting a New Singles group.



LUTHER MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

N5302 Townhall Road, Gleason

Harvest Dinner

November 16

11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Buffet of Turkey, Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Squash, salads and desserts. Dine In, Carryout, Drive Through



**THANK YOU
PASTOR**

The work you have done for this congregation has truly been a blessing. I am praising God to be so blessed as to have a shepherd who loves his flock this much.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL KATHY at
715-218-5293



All You

Can Eat

PANCAKE DINNER and BAKE SALE

Sunday, November 2
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

*Homemade Potato Pancakes and Buttermilk
Pancakes served with Scrambled Eggs and
Breakfast Sausage*

Adults - \$10 Children 6-12 - \$5
5 years old and under – Free
Carryouts available

Faith Lutheran Church

15425 Highway K South - Merrill



***Circuit 6 Feed My Starving
Children
and Mall of America trip
November 15, 2025***

Saturday, November 15th

- 7:30 a.m. Loading @ Faith – Merrill
- 7:45 a.m. Depart Faith – Merrill
- 8:30 a.m. Pick-up @ Zion – Colby
- We will do a break stop @ Kwik Trip – Baldwin Exit*
- 11:30-11:45 a.m. Arrival time @ Feed My Starving
Children – Eagan, MN
- 12:00 – 1:45 p.m. Feed My Starving Children
- 2:15 p.m. Arrival time @ Mall of America
- 5:30 p.m. Departure time from Mall of America
- **We will travel straight through going home, so you will either want to eat while you are at the mall or bring your food onto the coach to eat on the way home.*
- 8:00 p.m. Est. return time to Zion – Colby
- 8:45 p.m. Est. return time to Faith – Merrill

****Cost is \$40.00 per person to cover the cost of the motorcoach transportation.**

****All ages are welcome at Feed My Starving Children – youth under the age of 14 need to be with an adult unless other arrangements have been made with their individual church group.**

****While at the Mall of America anyone under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult beginning at 3:00 p.m. – everyone must be able to show proof of identification with either a State Issued Driver's License or a State Issued ID Card. School I.D.'s are not accepted.**



Christmas Stars A Christmas Spectacular Saturday, December 6th

Enjoy a day away! We will travel via Progressive Travel motorcoach to the Appleton area. **Departure from Faith Lutheran Church - Merrill - will be at 8:00 a.m.** to arrive at the **Fox River Mall** for a little shopping time and lunch on your own. Our next stop is at the **Xavier Fine Arts Center** to see the Christmas Stars production of “**A Christmas Spectacular**”! Get ready to see some fantastic talent from local folks of all ages from little tots on up to senior adults. Xavier Fine Arts puts on two shows a year, All Rise! for Easter and Christmas Stars for this time of year. The show last year included over three hundred people! Enjoy a mixture of comedy, dance, singing and the full Christmas Story! On our-way home we will make a stop at **Culver’s** in St. Point with an estimate return time to Merrill at 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$80.00 per person (inc. deluxe motorcoach transportation and show ticket)

Reserve a seat today by calling or texting Bonnie Grueneberg at 715-613-0003. Deadline: November 1, 2025. Once confirmed, fill out the form below and send it along with your full payment to:



Progressive Travel, Inc.

211085 State Highway 13, Spencer, WI 54479

Attn: Bonnie

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

Make checks payable to: Progressive Travel, Inc