# Welcome Newcomers!

We hope you sense God's presence and enjoy your time of worship with us today. We have a staffed nursery and Children's Church, for ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, which will be dismissed during the worship service. Sunday school will not meet during renovations. If this is your first time visiting with us, please stop by a Welcome Table in the lobby. We would love to connect with you! Also, please take time to sign in on the red attendance register in your pew.

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# Looking Shead

Congregational Meeting (2026 Budget)
Operation Christmas Child Packing Party
Super Seniors Lunch & Show at
Bird-In-Hand
Operation Christmas Child Sunday
Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
Christmas Caroling
Super Seniors, Joy Through the Grove
Christmas Eve Service

Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

# **The Celestial City** Revelation 12:1-8

Is my life characterized by faith and righteousness, or is it characterized by willful and persistent sin?

It's easy enough to say what our body and our emotions are, but how would you describe our spirit?

What from this world do you expect to leave completely behind in the next?



To sign up for *Remind* messages, text the following to 81010:



Children's Ministry: text "@cmfkidmin"
Youth Ministry: text "@cmfparents"
Adults: text "@cmfremind"



November 16, 2025



Together, pressing in toward Christ; reaching out to the world.







<u>Today is the last sermon in the fall series</u> based on *The Pilgrim's Progress*. We will complete the journey today, along-side Pilgrim, as he experiences his ultimate victory.

<u>Prayer and anointing:</u> After the sermon this morning, we will have a time of anointing with oil and prayer. If you have a prayer request or need, prayer team members will be available to pray with you. We encourage you to partake of this special time of prayer.

Today's short Congregational 2026 Budget Meeting will take place after the morning worship service to answer questions about the 2026 annual budget. The proposed budget was distributed via email to be reviewed before the meeting and copies are available this morning for those who prefer a paper copy. All are encouraged to take part in the discussion. Members' ballots can be obtained from Cheryl Wyble, Jan Seibert, or the CMF

office, and must be returned by November 30, either to the ballot box

at Trinity Lutheran or to the CMF office.

Advent Devotionals are available in the lobby to help prepare our hearts for Christmas by focusing on themes of hope, peace, love, and joy as we reflect on the meaning of Christ's coming. Please help yourself. Our Children's Ministry will again use the Advent Blocks we've used the past few years. For more information about this resource, contact Amy Goodwin or the church office.

<u>It's time for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes!</u> Please join in this special outreach to kids around the world through Samaritan's Purse! You can help by:

- attending our churchwide Packing Party in the WOW Room at CMF this Wednesday, November 19, from 6:00-7:30 PM
- packing a shoebox at home bring to Trinity Lutheran by next
   Sunday, November 23
- making a shipping donation (\$10 per box) for the boxes we pack at the party. Cash or checks (made out to CMF, earmarked, "OCC") can be given at the Welcome Table or noted on your offering envelope.

Check out <u>www.samaritanspurse.org/occ</u> to learn how to pack a box and print a shipping label for your own box.

\*PLEASE NOTE - this year, no soap can go in the boxes. See Alesia Foster, Vanessa Beck, or Amy Goodwin to learn more.

Christmas Shopping: Parents, drop your kids off at the CMF gym on Friday, December 5, from 6:00-8:00 PM so you can shop for your family. We'll watch the kids and teach them why Jesus is the reason for the season! For more information, reach out to Pastor Nigel or Amy Goodwin.

<u>Christmas Caroling:</u> Join us for a night of Christmas Caroling on Friday, December 12. Meet in the CMF parking lot at 6:00 PM. We will travel together in the church vans to visit our brothers and sisters who may not be able to get out to celebrate this Christmas season and others in the Milton community. If you can sing with us, please sign up in the lobby.

<u>Super Seniors</u>, *Joy Through the Grove*: If you or your spouse are 55 or older, join our *Super Seniors* as we drive through Knoebels' Amusement Park on **Thursday**, **December 18**, to enjoy two miles of Christmas lights. We will meet in the **CMF parking lot at 5:00 PM** and travel together in the church vans. *Please sign up in the lobby*. For questions, contact Reba Yoder, at 570-713-7508.

Ministerium Volleyball League: CMF has a volleyball team in the Milton Ministerium Volleyball League. Come cheer us on as we go up against Revival Tabernacle, the Narrow Way Church, and Freedom Life Church, on Tuesday nights at Revival Tabernacle from 6:00-8:00 PM.

Healthy Niños Mission Trip: Lindsay Hoy is planning a mission trip to Honduras with Healthy Niños from March 21-28, 2026, and would like to invite others, as well. For more details, contact Lindsay at menelmacar3@hotmail.com or 570-244-5111.

# Much Thanks:

<u>Dear CMF family, Many thanks</u> to all of you for your support during our time of sickness and healing. We give thanks every day for all your prayers, calls, food, and your generosity. Even in our darkest hours, God was in control. He blessed us with all of you. Thank you, ~Glenn and Vanessa Weaver

<u>Thank you for the beautiful bouquet of fall flowers</u> that were delivered. We are grateful for your prayers and visits.

~Ron & Ruth Robenolt

<u>"Thank you!"</u> to all members who returned ballots for 2026 CMF Leadership positions. All individuals were unanimously affirmed.

## Young Adults

<u>Wednesday Small Group:</u> Connect with others on **Wednesdays**, at 6:45 PM. Location is still in homes. See Max Kennel or Jim Hostetter to learn more.

<u>Passion 2026:</u> Passion 2026 is just around the corner! You will need to buy your <u>event ticket</u> and your <u>airline ticket</u>, if you didn't already. (We have suggestions as to the best flights available.) Remember, Jim secured funding to help cover some of your flight costs. Give him a copy of your receipt to get your reimbursement. Pray that God will do a great work in the hearts of all those going!

### Children's Ministry

<u>Children's Church and CC BOOM:</u> Children will be dismissed after the offering. They will exit from the left side of the sanctuary and use the back staircase. Helpers will be available to help them to their rooms, but feel free to walk along and drop them off until they are familiar with the building. **Kids can be picked up in their classrooms after the worship service.** 

#### New Locations for Children's Programs:

- · Nursery is located upstairs.
- Preschool-2<sup>nd</sup> grade Children's Church will be combined upstairs.
- · CC BOOM (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade) will meet in the basement

<u>It's Shoebox Time!</u> Families are invited to join us **in the WOW**Room at CMF for our annual Operation Christmas Child Packing Party, **this Wednesday, November 19, from 6:00-7:30 PM**. See Alesia Foster, Vanessa Beck, or Amy Goodwin to donate supplies.

To receive Children's Ministry Remind messages, text "@cmfkidmin" to 81010.

## Youth Ministry

"Embrace and Pursue Christ"
Ignite\* (Grades 6-8) and C4\* (Grades 9-12):

Wednesday Night Youth: Wednesday Youth is happening every week, even during the remodel. Location is still in the Refuge (Youth Room), at CMF. "RADIATE THE LOVE OF JESUS." Ignite 6:00-7:30 PM; C4 7:00-8:45 PM.

<u>Sunday Morning Youth:</u> Youth Sunday school is paused during the CMF remodel. Keep studying the Word.

<u>C4 Fall Camp:</u> Please pray for us as we return from Fall Camp later today, and pray that all the good work that God began, He will bring to completion.

#### See youth event details at:

https://newsletter.dymapps.com/featured/2142

<u>Parents:</u> Not getting REMIND messages? Text @cmfparents to the number 81010.





Last Week's Offering: \$14,422

Last Week's Attendance: Worship: 215 (185 in person, 30 online)