

November
2025

United in Faith News

NOVEMBER

*Why are we
Here?*

*We are to be
**God's
hands,
feet and
voice
in the
world.***



At
United in Faith,
The Guiding
Principles are:

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Jesus is
Lord and
Savior

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Reflect
God's **Love**

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Pray and
listen for God's
guidance

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Continue to
strengthen
faith

+

Include **All**
in God's
work

+

Meet people
**where they
are**

I know how to knit and how to crochet.

I have met knitters and crocheters. I know some of the best. Peaceful, dedicated, disciplined people who pray while they stitch. People who can see the shawl or scarf or sweater in their mind and, motion by motion, twine the yarn into that vision.

I am neither a knitter nor a crocheter. I can't see the final project. I am a plodder. A harried technician. But I make great washcloths. Those wonderful people let me sit with them anyway.

I also know how to pray. But just like Jesus' disciples, I often feel like I don't do it right. Like I'm not enough. Not peaceful enough, not dedicated enough, not disciplined enough. And I can imagine standing there with them, urging, "*Teach us to pray!*"

Me too! Please—me too!

Jesus didn't scold them. He didn't correct or complicate. He just offered a pattern:

"When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

And lead us not into temptation."

The Lord's Prayer is far better than a washcloth—but the pattern isn't all that different. It's simple. Steady. No fancy stitches. Just the daily bread and butter of faith.

As summer fades and fall settles in, the real knitters and crocheters begin picking yarns for their winter projects. I'm gearing up for washcloth gifts—those humble, useful little squares tucked into stockings and boxes that aren't quite full.

And I'm thinking, too, about my prayers for you. The small, steady motions that connect my heart to yours. The words that keep us woven together in the Spirit's pattern.

When I don't know what to say—when the stitches of prayer slip through my fingers—I start where Jesus told us to start:

Hallowed be your name.

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I hope you will join me this month as we give thanks and live into the hope Jesus stitches in us.
Peace,

Pr. Jeanie



ST. CYPRIANS FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOU!!

FOOD COLLECTION HOLIDAY NEEDS:

Chicken Broth
Stuffing
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Cake Mixes and Frosting and Boxed Desserts
Canned Yams
Jello Instant Pudding
Packaged Corn Bread or bread Mixes

**St. Cyprians Food Pantry is collecting these items from
November 1st until December 1st**

St. Cyprians Food Pantry
6535 W Irving Park Road
773-283-9178



Nov 4	Grace Jewell
Nov 5	Steve Chobot
Nov 11	Zachary LaCour
Nov 20	Lorraine Enderle
Nov 24	Maya Powell
Nov 26	Kara Escalante
Nov 30	Harold Edmonson

United in Faith Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Report – September, 2025

Nine Months
Ended
09/30/25

Unrestricted:

Income (excluding investment activity)	\$ 69,576
Expenditures	<u>245,509</u>
Income over (under) expenditures	\$ (175,933)
Investment Income and changes in market value	\$ 33,076
Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted net assets	\$ (142,857)

Educational Endowment:

Investment Income and changes in market value	\$ 32,959
Scholarships paid out	<u>(12,000)</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Educational net assets	\$ 20,959

Harriet Kurz Endowment:

Thrivent Investment income and changes in market value	\$ 64,181
<u>Increase (Decrease) in Total net assets</u>	\$ (57,717)

Comments:

2025 income from church operations excluding Special Gifts is lower than spending by \$23,413 in September and lower by \$178,605 YTD.

Income includes \$2,673 in Special Estate gifts from:

- Anita Perske - \$1,439 in January 2025
- Anita Perske - \$ 530 in March 2025
- Rev. Barthel - \$ 704 in September 2025

Investments returned a gain of \$17,951 for September & a gain of \$97,257 YTD.
Educational Investments returned a gain \$5,912 for September & a gain of \$32,959 YTD.

Total expense for September is favorable to budget by \$322 and is favorable to budget by \$15,905 YTD due to the Salaries YTD costs being lower than budget by \$10,521; the Ministry YTD costs being \$2,155 lower than budget; the Administrative YTD costs being \$65 lower than budget, the YTD Building costs being higher than budget by \$20,053; the Benevolence YTD costs being lower than budget by \$3,750 & the Ministry Directors' YTD costs being lower than budget by \$19,468.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY...

Sunday, November 2 is All Saints Sunday. Please join us at 10:00 am as we celebrate those who are no longer with us, but remain in our hearts forever.

Please bring a photo or memento of your special love one to be included in our assembly of the great cloud of witnesses. We will remember them by name during worship.



SET YOUR CLOCKS to FALL BACK on NOVEMBER 2, 2025

A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Our eldest member, Lorraine Enderle, will celebrate her 101st birthday on November 20.

Join in the celebration with your birthday wishes.

Lorraine misses church and let's show her that we miss her too!



Cards and well wishes may be sent to

Lorraine Enderle
10 N Summit Ave.
Room # 157
Park Ridge, IL 60068



GIRL SCOUT HAPPENINGS AT UNITED IN FAITH

Now it's really Fall!

We have a nice group of enthusiastic Daisies and Brownies this year, along with some new parents helping! Hooray!

Our Junior troop has grown as well and our Cadettes! But we always have room for more! The girls helped contribute to the Empty Bowls fundraiser by making centerpieces and the little ones colored pictures sharing community help. Our neighborhood Juliette Low Rally this year celebrated Juliette's birthday by playing games and learning about birthday celebrations around the world. They ended by creating "Birthday in a Bag" kits for St Cyprian's. These contained: cake mix, a can of pop (did you know that those two ingredients are all you need to make a cake? Now you do!) paper plates, napkins and utensils. Just enough to make a child's birthday!

We also had our Halloween party with games and pizza.

Janeen, Sharon, Catherine, Michelle, Colleen and Dawn.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:30am AI-Anon 4:00pm Survivors of Incest- https://siawso.org
2 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship in person and livestreamed	3 9:00am Food Pantry 6:30pm Worship Planning	4 6:00pm Girl Scouts	5	6 9:00am Food Pantry	7 6:30pm AA	8 9:30am AI-Anon 4:00pm Survivors of Incest- https://siawso.org
9 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship in person and livestreamed	10 9:00am Food Pantry	11 12:00pm Ladies Discussion Group 6:00pm Girl Scouts	12 10:00am Justice Team	13 9:00am Food Pantry	14 6:30pm AA	15 9:30am AI-Anon 4:00pm Survivors of Incest- https://siawso.org
16 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship in person and livestreamed	17 9:00am Food Pantry	18 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Church Council	19	20 9:00am Food Pantry	21 6:30pm AA	22 9:30am AI-Anon 4:00pm Survivors of Incest- https://siawso.org
23 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship in person and livestreamed	24 9:00am Food Pantry	25 12:00pm Ladies Discussion Group 6:00pm Girl Scouts	26 6:00 pm POTLUCK & PIE	27 	28 6:30pm AA	29 9:30am AI-Anon 4:00pm Survivors of Incest- https://siawso.org
30 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship in person and livestreamed						



November and December

PLEASE JOIN US
EVERY SUNDAY
FOR WORSHIP
AT 10:00 AM
in person or
livestreamed on
Facebook: UIFLC
or YouTube

NOV 2 - ALL SAINTS 9:00 Coffee Hour 10:00 In-Person Worship Service	DEC 7 - Advent 2 9:00 AM Coffee Hour 10:00 AM In-Person Worship
NOV 9 - Pentecost 22 9:00 Coffee Hour 10:00 In-Person Worship Service	DEC 14 - Advent 4 9:00 AM Coffee Hour 10:00 AM In-Person Worship
NOV 16 - Pentecost 23 and Giving Sunday 9:00 Coffee Hour 10:00 In-Person Worship Service	DEC 21 - Advent 5 9:00 AM Coffee Hour 10:00 AM In-Person Worship
NOV 23 - CHRIST THE KING 9:00 Coffee Hour 10:00 In-Person Worship Service	DEC 24 - CHRISTMAS DAY EVE TBA
NOV 27 	DEC 25—CHRISTMAS DAY TBA
NOV 30—ADVENT 1 9:00 Coffee Hour 10:00 In-Person Worship Service	DEC 28 - Christmas 1 9:00 AM Coffee Hour 10:00 AM In-Person Worship

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