



Cambridge Lutheran Church ELCA
319 W. Court St.
Cambridge, IL 61238

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Making Christ Known for 150 years
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

JOIN US for Sunday Worship 11:00 am or watch virtually on Facebook

Ministers	The whole congregation!
Pastor	Pr. Stacy Christianson
Council Vice President	Jason Gustafson
Council Secretary	Heather Usrey
Parish Secretary	Emily Galle
Director of Music	Susie VanWynsberghe

CAMBRIDGE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

We are ordinary people who come together to share our joys and burdens, grow in faith, serve our world and have fun as a community, by **making Christ known.**

Church Telephone: 309-937-5798

Church e-mail: cambluth@gmail.com

Church Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/cambridge.lutheranchurch/>

Website: www.cambridgelutheranil.org

Online Giving Link: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1689254>

HAPPY Thanksgiving

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10 am Sun. Scl. 11 am Worship Daylight Savings Time	3	4	5 9:30 am Morning Marthas – Guest Day!	6	7	8
9 10 am Sun. Scl. 11 am Worship 12 noon Confirmation Class	10	11 Veterans' Day	12	13 6:00 pm Church Council Mtg	14	15
16 10 am Sun. Scl. 11 am Worship 3:00pm Food Pantry	17	18	19	20 6:00pm Cambridge Community Thanksgiving Service at Methodist Church	21	22 9:00am Miles for Minds 5K Run
23 <i>No Sunday School</i> 10am SS breakfast 11 am Worship 12 noon Confirmation Class	24	25 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Eve Worship at Augustana Church, Andover IL	26	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29
30 <i>No Sunday School</i> 11 am Worship						



*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heaven. ~ Ecclesiastes 3:1

Change. One of the most unliked words in our lives. And probably the word that carries the most fear simply because we assume change will be negative. Cambridge Lutheran Church has seen a good amount of change in the last 5 months. Then the council asks for conversations about more change through the Pathways program that filled the newsletter last month. I understand that change is hard. But not all change is bad. Not all conversations about change means that something will be forced upon you. In fact, change is inevitable whether you participate or not. That is a reality of life. If you choose not to vote, a change in elected officials still takes place. If you refuse to own a cell phone, they are still a reality of our culture. If you don't have an email address, many of the businesses still ask for and use email. Change is inevitable in our lives- even if we don't like it.

About 6 months ago, the council approved entering a program that leads a team through the process of evaluation and discernment of this church. These conversations are often not easy. Sometimes we are confronted with questions and observations that are hard to hear. And when we offered time for you, as members of Cambridge Lutheran, to attend an informational meeting on October 5th, we had 9 people stay for the conversation. I know these are not conversations that most of us want to take part in. But our reality is that we need to have these conversations. We need to acknowledge that the way things are going now will not allow Cambridge Lutheran Church to be here for another 150 (or maybe even 30) years.

I know this is not what most of you want a new person in your community to say. I understand that instinct is to defend what you have and proclaim your love for your church. I know the false security that comes with having farm rent that helps to cover expenses. But none of these things will help in the conversation of who we are as the people of Cambridge Lutheran Church and what do we see for our church in the next five years. The council and discernment team are wrestling with these conversations because the reality is that what we are doing now will not sustain this congregation.

We are approaching the season of Advent, a season of anticipation and examination of faith. It is my hope that this is also a time of discernment and renewal for the people of Cambridge Lutheran Church. As we move forward into Advent, please consider your own discernment process of what you would like to see for this congregation. Consider adding a discipline of prayer for the church and for the members of Cambridge Lutheran, seeking God's wisdom and direction as we move forward. And please, talk to members of council and the discernment team if you have thoughts and concerns. But also, be ready for them to come to you asking the same. If you need help with starting this time of prayer, please consider this collect of faith as your guide.

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us the faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Christ's Peace,

Pr. Stacy



Although it is officially fall our weather feels like summer. We are looking forward to our guest day on Wednesday, Nov 5th in the fellowship hall. This year we are inviting the whole congregation so they can hear Harvey Johnson tell us stories and history of our church to celebrate our 150 years. We will have rolls and breads plus fruit and coffee for everyone to enjoy while we learn about our past through pictures and stories.

Sad note for our WELCA, we lost Gloria Hepner who was an official sandwich maker for all funerals. She was also a quilter who would tie our quilts that we send to Lutheran world relief. She was always willing to help and with a cheerful smile and encouragement no matter how she felt. She is probably playing cards with her many friends. God blessed her with a great family and many friends. She will be missed.

Remember to get started baking for our bake sale Dec 7 from 12-2. We will also serve barbeque lunch. Board will make barbeque on Friday Nov 14 and hopefully out to lunch for October birthdays that we missed. I hope everyone can celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends. Maybe our good weather will hold until first week in December.

This fall our bible study is about stewardship. Pastor Zychlin helps us see that stewardship is joy as caregivers and managers of what God has first given us-time talent and possessions and helps us with things that get in the way as fear and worry. Generosity comes from loving and trusting God, who has given us all that we have, and what we need. Generosity's purpose and power is to care for and heal the world. This has implications for everything that Scripture directs us to do—adding hospitality to stranger, feeding hunger, working for justice and peace, and loving our neighbors as ourselves. Today, we could also add praying and working and voting to end wars and other practices that cause humanitarian and environmental crises. Most recently Lutheran women have raised money for causes such as removing land mines, preventing trafficking, funding solar power projects to prevent service interruptions for hospitals in war-torn Liberia. Women's generosity has changed our world. What will we do with the gifts God has given us? Locally our WELCA gives to Cambridge Cares, Food Pantry, Youth Community Center, Cambridge Elementary School and LWR Disaster Relief. How do you use your gifts?- Gatherp.

GUEST DAY NOV 5th 9:30 FELLOWSHIP HALL

MAKE BARBEQUE FRIDAY NOV 14th

WED DEC 3rd MORNING MARTHAS 9:30

DEC 7th BARBEQUE AND BAKE SALE 12-2

Linda Roehrs convener HAPPY THANKSGIVING



GUEST DAY

Wednesday,
November 5th
at 9:30am
in the Fellowship
Hall

150 years of History of the Cambridge Lutheran Church

By Harvey Johnson

Everyone in the congregation
is invited to come, hear stories
and learn the history of our church.
Coffee and Brunch will be provided.



Coffee and brunch in the fellowship hall at 9:30am

Program will begin at 10:00am

All Saints Sunday

Please join us on November 2nd for the All Saints Ceremony as we light candles in remembrance of our loved ones who have passed on in faith. This year we will light a candle to remember Dorothy Hutchinson Anderson, Janice Reed, James HAverback, and Gloria Hepner. Please let Pastor Stacy or leave a message of the names of anyone that has passed in the last year that you would like included in the service.



Sunday School Breakfast - Supporting our Local Food Pantry

Please join us on Sunday, November 23rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for our Sunday School Breakfast!

This breakfast is part of our Sunday School's ongoing service project to support local charities. For this event, 100% of the proceeds will be donated to the Cambridge Food Pantry to help families in our community during the upcoming holiday season.

Breakfast will be offered for a free-will donation, with a suggested contribution of \$10 per adult. Your generosity will make a direct difference for those in need while supporting our youth in living out their faith through service.

Come enjoy good food, warm fellowship, and the joy of giving back!



Community
Thanksgiving Service

This year's Community Thanksgiving Church Service will be held on Thursday, November 20th at 6:00p.m.. The Cambridge Methodist Church will host.

www.CreativeCertificates.com

Area Church Thanksgiving Service

The Augustana Lutheran church will host the Thanksgiving Service this year. It begins at 7:00pm with light refreshments to follow.

November Confirmation classes will be held Sundays, November 9th and 23rd after Worship.

Altarpiece Restoration Fund Update:

We are grateful to share encouraging progress in our Altarpiece Restoration Project, an effort to preserve and restore our historic painting, *Jesus and His Followers* (1918), attributed to Jonas Olof Grafström. This treasured oil-on-canvas work has inspired generations of worshippers and continues to serve as a meaningful focal point of our sanctuary.

Here's where we stand:

- Funds Raised: \$2,757.01
- Commitments: \$650.00
- Matching Funds Contributed: \$1,935.00
- Total So Far: \$5,342.01
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Our total fundraising goal is \$27,072.50, and thanks to generous support from our church memorials and WELCA, future gifts will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$12,300. With \$10,365 in matching funds still available, now is the perfect time to give, your gift will go twice as far toward preserving this important piece of our congregation's history.

Your donation, whether large or small, helps us honor our past and ensure this beautiful work of sacred art can be enjoyed for generations to come.

Ways to Give:

- Mail donations to the church
- Place them in the offering plate
- Drop them off at the church office
- Give online via our website under the "Giving" tab

Please be sure to designate your donation for the Altarpiece Restoration Project.

Together, we can preserve this extraordinary work of faith and history for all who gather in our sanctuary, today and for years to come.

Cambridge Food Pantry



It is Cambridge Lutheran's month to help serve at the Cambridge Food Pantry. Any volunteers should be at the Cambridge Food Pantry from 3:00-5:00p.m. on November 16th.

Poinsettia Garden -

Bring in a poinsettia by Tuesday, December 16th to honor a loved one!

If you would like to be included in the Poinsettia Garden insert please include *from* and *in honor of* when dropping off your poinsettia.

Christmas on the Square

Saturday, December 6th from 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Many Fun and crafty activities are available at College Square Park. Beginning with a lighted parade and a visit from Santa at the Band Shelter at 5:00pm. Popcorn, Hot Chocolate, Donuts, and Smores will be served by a variety of our Community's organizations. There will be make and take wreaths, crafts, pony rides and carriage rides (just to mention a few) for all to enjoy. Come and join the fun to kick off your Holiday Season.

Lighting of Luminaries

Light a luminary in honor of that someone special this Christmas season. The luminaries will be lit during Christmas on the Square. Free will donation accepted for Cambridge Backpack Blessings.

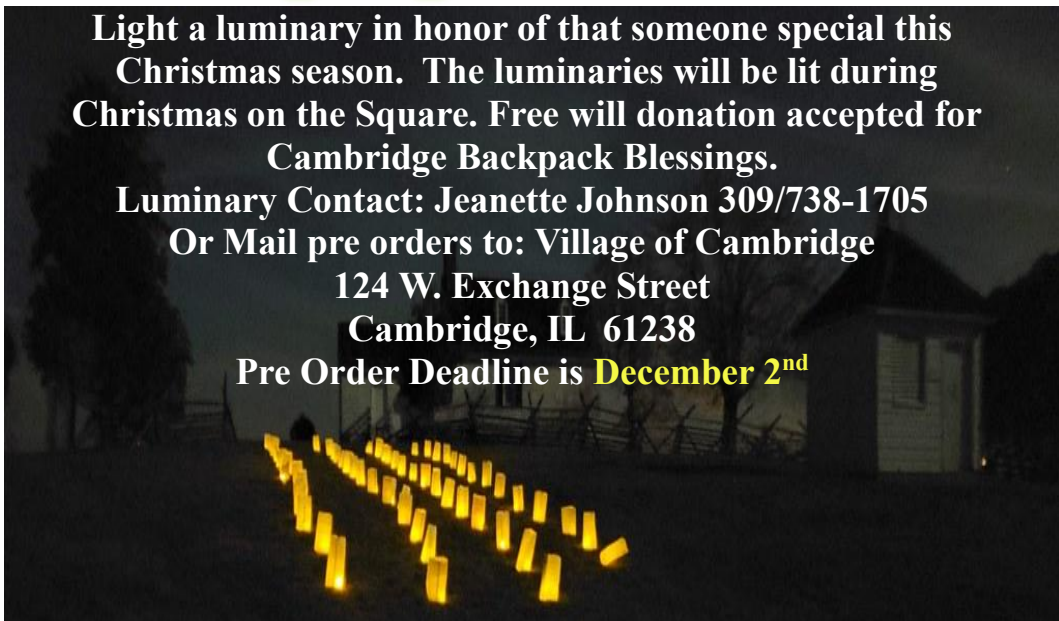
Luminary Contact: Jeanette Johnson 309/738-1705

Or Mail pre orders to: Village of Cambridge

124 W. Exchange Street

Cambridge, IL 61238

Pre Order Deadline is **December 2nd**





WELCA BBQ Lunch and Bake Sale

On Sunday, Dec 7th, we will host a barbeque lunch from noon until 2:00. We will also have baked goods. We have cookies, rolls, coffeecakes. breads-rye, whole wheat, oatmeal and quick breads. Plan to have lunch with us and enjoy other community activities.



Our farm families and friends are busy with their harvest. Please watch for and slow down for all farm equipment. Thank you!



MILES FOR MINDS

5K RUN & WALK

2025

A 5K RUN
FOCUSED ON
MENTAL AND
PHYSICAL HEALTH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

COLLEGE SQUARE PARK
9:00AM START TIME

DIVISIONS

MALE & FEMALE

-15 AND UNDER

- 16-19
- 20-24
- 25-29
- 30-34
- 35-39
- 40-44
- 45-49
- 50-54
- 55-59
- 60-64
- 65+

TO REGISTER GO TO THE LINK BELOW
OR SCAN THE QR CODE!



\$25 BEFORE NOVEMBER 8TH
\$30 AFTER NOVEMBER 8TH

RUN, WALK, OR CRAWL TO SUPPORT AN IMPORTANT
CAUSE TO OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY!

HTTPS://RUNSIGNUP.COM
/RACE/IL/CAMBRIDGE/
MIND

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jessica Beam
Dan Galle
Don Wells
Steve Brandau
Chad Ruhnow
Colleen Usrey
Tracy Wells
Winnie Dison

November 2nd
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November 7th
November 7th
November 10th
November 12th
November 16th

Sandra Williamson
Brad Beam
Pam Kuehlthau
Lylah Cooper
Steve Gustafson
Michelle Steider
Devin Wells
Harper Little

November 16th
November 17th
November 17th
November 18th
November 18th
November 19th
November 24th
November 29th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Neil & Dea Curry

November 27th

Inclement Weather and Sunday Mornings

If weather conditions are poor, we may cancel Sunday School and/or worship. If we cancel, we will communicate our closing on the Cambridge Lutheran Church website, Cambridge Lutheran Church Facebook page, as well as on KWQC TV6 and WQAD 8. In addition, even when we don't cancel activities on a given Sunday for bad weather, if you feel the weather makes it unsafe for you to attend, please stay home and be safe.

