

## The Journ-E

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the weekly e-newsletter of *Journey Lutheran Church* [www.journeyluth.org](http://www.journeyluth.org)  
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Welcome to the first issue of "The Journ-E"

Want to keep up to date on what is happening? check out our google [calendar](#)

And visit us on the web at [www.journeyluth.org](http://www.journeyluth.org)

**Bridge of Life** and **Christ the King** congregations have now both been closed so we are currently a new congregation under development called **Journey Lutheran Church**. On Nov. 13 we will formally organizing as a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. These next few weeks you will have the opportunity to get in on the ground floor and be a charter member of this new congregation.

**What is the charter and how do I sign it?** The charter is the document that we will use to make our commitment to form this new congregation.

The text of the charter reads



*Journey Lutheran Church is a congregation of people called by God to be the body of Christ in mission for the world.*

*To that end we will be a congregation+* **where everyone is welcome and invited**  
**+ where people of all ages are nourished and grow in their spiritual journey**  
**+ where people find joy, hope, meaning and purpose**  
**+ where people experience a sense of community and acceptance**  
**+ where we take seriously our role as stewards of God's creation**

*further, we will be a congregation*

**+ that under the Lordship of Jesus, is prayer filled and Spirit led**  
**+ that is open to change and respectful of differences**  
**+ that has a passion for reaching those without a church home**

- + **that is outward looking, serving needs locally and globally**
- + **that is generous, recognizing we are blessed to be a blessing**

If this is the kind of church you want to be a part of...then you sign below. But before you sign there are a couple of other steps to help us be a church.

- First of all it takes all of us working together, we each bring different gifts and interests and abilities. To help us identify those gifts and abilities and to give us a way to coordinate them we are asking everyone to fill out a time and talent inventory you can do it online or on paper if you prefer.
- We need updated contact information so we can keep in contact. So you need to verify the information we have or provide the information so can keep in touch
- Putting names and faces together is an important part of forming a community so we are asking for everyone to either be prepared to have you picture taken or bring a picture or send in a digital picture for use in a directory
- Then sign your name. Everyone in the family gets to sign. For children too young to write their names we will provide a way for them to sign with their finger prints.



**WORSHIP UNPLUGGED**...is what we call our Wednesday evening worship. It is offered **every Wednesday night at 7pm**. The worship is in “the chapel” the back of the fellowship hall. Join us for a quiet, reflective, interactive, candlelight midweek worship opportunity.



**Sunday School** has just begun and we are trying a new model this year. We will have four creative learning workshops and the children will rotate from one to another over four weeks digging in and exploring Bible Stories. To register online [click here](#).



**Saturday, Oct 22** join us for a **Geo Cache Event** 10:30-5:00. It is a great family/team event. (We do have a limited # of handheld GPS units that we can loan out if you do not have one or are unable to borrow one elsewhere. These will be reserved on a first come first serve basis. Your Teams \$10 entry fee will be required to reserve one of these GPS units and your spot in the completion.)

There are going to be prizes awarded during and 2 grand prizes after the event. The \$10 fee includes dinner at the completion of the event prepared by Chef Randy. This will be a good time to share stories about the unique places that you found boxes .....

The schedule for Saturday October 22nd is as follows:

- Gather at church at 10:30am
- You will receive a briefing and your list of coordinates to find the boxes
- There will be a “shot gun start” at 11am
- All Teams must return to church by 5pm
- Scores will be tabulated while you eat dinner ...the 2 grand prizes  
(worth \$100) will be awarded



On Tuesday October 25 Journey Lutheran will be serving the meal for **Holmen's Hope** which is a free meal (5-7pm) for the Holmen community at the American Legion. ... check it out We will need people to help prepare the meal, serve the meal, and provide desserts.



**October 31 Trick or Treat so others can eat** is our community service project at Halloween time. The week before we need people to distribute bags in neighborhoods for people to fill with donations for the food pantry and then on Halloween we need teams of people to go around and collect the bags and take them over to Holmen Lutheran where they are sorted to be used at local food pantries. On Monday we will meet at 5:30pm to go collect the food.



The **Halloween Carnival on Saturday, Oct. 29 11-2pm** is a great family and outreach event, providing a safe family friendly experience for young children. We will need lots of help to set up and run the event, plus lots of candy to give out, and cakes for the cake walk. Drop your candy off at church anytime and sign up to help on the bulletin board at the back of the worship center. This is also a good fundraiser to help our youth go to Bible Camp and Youth Gatherings. Set up on Friday Oct. 28, 5:30-7:30pm



### **Confirmation Retreat at Sugar Creek**

**Oct. 26-28** for our 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders (registration is due Oct.23)... We will need some help driving kids there and back...can you help us out? Leaving 6pm on Wed...coming back right after lunch on Friday.

**Like to sing? Journey Choir** practices Sunday mornings at 9:30am  
the **Worship Band** that leads the 10:15am Worship practices on Thursdays at 6:30pm.

**Young Adult Group** (post high school - pre family, singles or couples) The area ELCA Lutherans are working to put together a group for young adults to support each other in their journey through life...the plan is to meet weekly at the Blue Cup on Sunday nights at 7:02pm

### **Area youth events**

**October 22** there are two great options...  
the Holmen Area Lutheran Youth Ministry is sponsoring **Paintballing** from 12:30-4:00 for middle and high school youth \$25 a permission slip and special waiver for arrows on the square is needed. We will be leaving from the Holmen Lutheran Church parking lot. **Deadline is Sunday**

**October 29** There are also two great events 11:00 – 2:00pm **Halloween Carnival** is a great event for the community plus it is a good fundraiser for kids going to Bible Camp or Youth Gathering...Set up will be on Friday 5:30-7:30pm

For middle and high school kids the Holmen Area Youth Ministry is also sponsoring at **Haunted Corn Maze** 7:30-10:00pm cost is \$8. We will be leaving from the Holmen Lutheran Church parking lot.

**Sign up sheets and permission slips are available on the bulletin board across from the church office**



**There are 49 people from the Holmen ELCA churches going to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans next summer, 15 of them are from Journey Lutheran!**

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**Who do I make checks out to?** You can start to use Journey Lutheran, but during the transition we also can still cash checks made out to Bridge of Life or Christ the King. We will be keeping the accounts for Bridge of Life and Christ the King open through the end of year to finish out the bookkeeping. At the end of the year there will be statements from Bridge of Life or Christ the King for your gifts dated Jan 1 – Nov.12, and a statement from Journey Lutheran for your gifts dated Nov.13-Dec. 31.



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**On the lighter side**



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