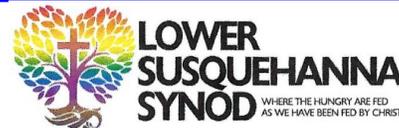


November 2022 Newsletter



"For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light." *Ephesians 5:8*

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Update On Elevator Lift Project

As of November 2, here is where the project stands: Pastor Marissa's Office has officially moved, as have the Nursery and the Sunday School Room. Take a Look!

Masonry chairlift shaft almost complete.

All demolition in Pastor Marissa's old office and coatroom is complete.

The lift is approximately four weeks out from delivery, giving Heck time before that to finish preparing the other portions of the project (prepping downstairs and coatroom areas, etc.)

We are still hoping for completion of the project in mid-December.

As we continue this project, we ask that you continue to pray about a financial gift toward our goal of \$25,000.00. We have currently raised approximately \$4350.00, meaning we have approximately \$20,650.00 remaining to raise.



Pastor Marissa will be out of town November 17-23, 2022. During that time, Pastor Tim Craven from Mellingers Lutheran Church will provide emergency pastoral care. He can be reached at 717-468-9049.

Supplying for Pastor Marissa on November 20 is Deacon Kristen Barnes, Harrisburg.

REMINDER: Bake Sale and Lutheran Soup Sale on November 6th and 13th! If you will bake for the Bake Sale Sundays, please bring your donations to Church the Sunday morning of the sale. The proceeds will go to Lutheran Disaster Response: U.S. Flood Relief. Questions, Call Dawn at 717-733-0240. Thank You!



Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 PM at Trinity United Methodist Church, Main Street, Denver. (no live-stream)



Join us immediately following Worship on Sunday, December 4 as we decorate the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. We will sing hymns, pray, and work together to make our Worship space beautiful.



Advent Midweek Services

Join Pastor Marissa on Wednesday evenings in Advent for a short 30-minute Service to help us prepare our hearts for Christ's arrival and to make space for peace in this busy season:

Wednesdays - November 30, December 7, 14, and 21 at 7:00 PM.



Daylight Saving Time Ends, Sunday, November 6, 2022



Deadline For December, 2022 Newsletter Sunday, November 20, 2022

2023 Offering Envelopes

Your 2023 Offering Envelopes will be available for pick up on a table at the back of the Church beginning Sunday, November 27, 2022.

Offering Envelopes



If you were missed, contact the Church Office.

Generic Offering Envelopes are available for use on the table with the bulletins.

A good alternative is "Simply Giving" which automatically remits your offering to the Church.

Contact the Church Office, 717-336-2141, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM for more details or Shirley Sweigart at: grammyss46@gmail.com or call 717-538-1946

Newsletter Update

Until further notice, newsletters will be sent following Church Council meetings which are held the first Wednesday of each month.

WANTED

Recipes, inspirational articles, poetry, gardening tips, household tips, etc. to be used in Monthly Newsletters.

Please put your items in the Secretary's mailbox marked "Shirley Sweigart" in the Hallway. Thank You for sharing your useful items with your Church Family.

Church Office Requests

Please call the Church Office at 717-336-2141 when:

- You are in the hospital or prior to going to the hospital (or have a relative call for you). In order for the pastor to visit, someone needs to inform the Church.
- You are confined to your home for an extended period of time because of illness or accident;
- You are going to a rehab center or a nursing home;
- There is a change in your family status (birth, death, marriage, or divorce);
- You move to a new home, move out of the area, or go away to college or graduate school;
- You schedule a meeting or an event of a group or committee. In an effort to be open and communicative with everyone, we would like to include all scheduling on the Church Calendar and in the Weekly Bulletin.

Stewardship Opportunities

The following are ways for you to support our ministries as we seek to bring the good news of Christ's love to our community and world:

- 1) Mail in your offerings to the church office (we are collecting them regularly).
- 2) Set up Simply Giving (online recurring giving) by calling the office.
- 3) Give online (a one time or recurring gift by checking/savings OR credit/debit) by going to our website: faithunited-elca.org and clicking the "Give" tab at the top of the page.

Please continue to provide the Church Office with your email addresses (changes also) to be used for Newsletters, Schedules, etc.

Email your changes to:

faithunited@ptd.net. Thank You!

Photo Use Practice

In attending church events, photos may be taken to help keep shut-ins and friends of the church aware of the life and activities of Faith United. If you do not wish to be photographed, please let us know so we may honor your wishes. As a practice, we consider the privacy appropriate to people with special circumstances, but may not know of all sensitive situations. Your help is required or we anticipate permission is given.

Staff

Pastor — Pastor Marissa Becklin

Organists — Caryll Lausch

Cynthia Kauffman

Grady Daub

Choir Director

Office Administrator and

Newsletter Editor — Shirley Sweigart

Custodian — Elizabeth Roman-Reich

From Pastor Marissa Becklin

What We Celebrate On Reformation Day

At the end of October we celebrated the Lutheran Reformation, a pivotal moment in history that set off in 1517 when Martin Luther spoke openly and honestly about his concerns with the church and its teachings. Luther couldn't have predicted what that honesty would end up meaning for the future of the church, or that 500 years later there would be people worshiping in Pennsylvania who called themselves "Lutherans".

On Reformation Day we celebrate Luther's boldness and the Holy Spirit's stirring among the other reformers who led the church forward into a season of newness and change all those years ago, but first and foremost we give thanks to God for sticking with us, for remaining steadfast with us, even when we mess up, even when we get it wrong, even when it takes us a long time to understand what God's grace is supposed to mean for our worship and daily life.

My husband and I recently had the incredible opportunity to spend our continuing education time in the area of Germany where the Lutheran Reformation began (Wittenberg and the surrounding area). While there we walked streets that the reformers walked, worshiped in churches that they preached in, and prayed in the places they prayed. It felt powerful to be in these same spaces all these years later, reflecting on what came out of these humble towns.

The place that held the most power for me upon visiting was St. Mary's Church in Wittenberg—this was the local church, the one where Martin and Katarina would have worshiped alongside their friends, where they took Holy Communion, where their children were baptized. Their friend, local artist Lucas Cranach (who was also very important to the cause of the Reformation) was responsible for the painting of the altar piece, which focused on themes of the Reformation. I've included a picture of the front of that piece (what you would see from the pews and when coming up for Holy Communion). The themes painted on it are what we give thanks for on Reformation Day, therefore I wanted to share this image with you this week (on Page 4):

On the right a group of local townspeople are gathered around a baptismal font as Philip Melancthon, a reformer and author of the Augsburg Confession (the theological root of our Lutheran teaching), baptizes a baby. This is where our experience of God's grace begins—in the undeserved, unearned, pure gift of God's washing us into God's family. Lutheran teaching emphasizes that God turns toward us first, and that the sacraments are purely about what God does for us (not what we do for God). The welcoming of a vulnerable baby into this family of God is a reminder of this truth—that before God we are helpless and totally reliant on righteousness that comes from outside of ourselves. Note that the font is round, meaning all are equal as they stand around it.

The table in the middle of the piece looks a lot like the font on the left side, and that's on purpose—this is the other sacrament, Holy Communion, which is based on the same principle of equality before God. Jesus, who is on the left of the table with Peter's head in his lap, is not in the middle like in the usual picture of the Lord's Supper; instead, he sits at a table among friends without a sense of hierarchy. This reminds us that in our baptism we are made one with Christ, and regarded by God as such. Even in our brokenness, even in our sinfulness, Christ wants us to sit at the table with him, because of God's love and mercy poured out for us. The table of Holy Communion is another place where we receive pure grace from God, and where no person is better than another. This meal is a great equalizer (far different from when priests alone were deemed worthy to receive the elements as the congregation simply watched).

On the right, local pastor Johannes Bugenhagen holds keys in his hand—these are the symbol for forgiveness extended following confession. Luther and the reformers only preached about two sacraments, but said that confession and forgiveness flow out of our baptism—because we have been washed into grace we are set free to repent and confess so that we might fully experience the mercy extended to us in our baptism. Luther said, "You come to confession not to earn or deserve forgiveness but to accept and receive it as a gift, so that you can come away with "a cheerful heart and conscience."

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And finally, the bottom panel of this altar piece is perhaps one of the most famous images of the Lutheran Reformation. It is an image of Jesus Christ in the center, displayed prominently in his dying love for us on the cross, with Martin Luther on one side, in the pulpit, pointing toward Christ, and with the congregation on the other side, their gazes following Luther's finger to Christ on the cross. The Lutheran Reformation preached the importance of refocusing all that we do—our life, our worship, our every breath—on the love that is poured out for us by Jesus on the cross. It is this moment in scripture that most clearly shows us God's character. God is willing to go to the ends of the Earth, to the depths of Hell, to death and back, to extend God's heart to us. This should be the center of our teaching—everything else flows from the grace received here.

I encourage you in these upcoming days to remember this image of Christ's love for you, poured out on the throne of the cross. Let this be the most important thing about your life this month.

In Christ, Pastor Marissa



- Clair, Evelyn and Thomas Martzall
by Barry and Debra Martzall
Linda Swyhart by Jasmyn Reinoehl
Glenn Gerhart by Donna Gerhart
Ruth Ann Luciani by John Luciani
My Husband Bill Monyer by Arlene
Monyer
Mark and Lela Miller by Debbie
Anthony
Tom Martzall and Steve Baker by
Harold Martzall
Lee Arment by Teri Arment
Clarence and Margaret Erickson,
Jay Becklin, Clarice and Otto
Schmidt, Walt Schoper, Arlene
and Dennis Dienst, Elizabeth
and Malcolm Johnson, David
Johnson by Pastor Marissa
Becklin
Martin Dellinger by Phyllis, Terri and
Tracy
Harriet Garber, Irvin Garber, Linda
LaVigne, Bill and Lorraine
Kauffman by Cindy Kauffman
Lee Shober by Gloria Shober
Mom and Dad, Bob, Frank, Cheryl,
Chris, Sing and Benedicte by
The Hegeman Family
Barbara Gola, Francis and
Josephine Gola, Robert and
Rachael Davis, JoAnne Gola, and
All Armed Service Men and
Women by Scott and Lori Gola
- In Loving Memory Of:**
Willard Lausch, Samuel
Hornberger, Nora Hahn and Betty
McGarvey by Caryll Lausch
My Husband Ralph and Other
Departed Loved Ones by Ann
Roseboro
- In Celebration Of:**
Our Parents by Mary and Jim
Stewart

All Saints Sunday



In Memory Of:

- Richard Frees by Dawn Frees and Family
Dorothy Schmeck by Mel Schmeck
Lew Demler, Jim and Rose Sedinger, Louis and
Arline Demler by Deb Demler
William K. Houser by The Houser Family
Jim and Mildred Jones by Teri Arment
Bob Fischer by Joyce Fischer
Harry Donald Stover by Craig and Lori Stover
Ken Gutshall by Pennie Gutshall
Judy Burkholder by Terry Burkholder

Ronald White and Edgar "Skip" Buohl by Lorna Buohl and Lisa
Beard

Earl, Betty, James, Jackie and Larry Buchter by Barry and Debra
Martzall

**Faith United Evangelical
Lutheran Church Council Minutes
Wednesday, October 5, 2022, 6:30 PM**

FUEL Council Members Present: Bruce Carpenter, Terri Kilrain, Deb Demler, Lori Stover, Ellen Houser, Lisa Gable, Bob Gates, Scott Gola, Jim Kreider, Kelly Leshner and Pastor Marissa Becklin.

Devotions: Scott Gola read Roman 8:35 and 39. God still loves us: regardless of our out-of-control world. There are still things we can control. He ended with a prayer.

Treasurer's Report: Offerings are on par. Only \$800 difference from last year.

Committees need to start thinking of a 2023 budget. End of month: Finish Endowment Account and Signers.

Pastor's Report:

The lift is happening!

Ingathering Sunday is this Sunday: October 2, 2022.

Keeping in her Prayers: John Loeber is having complications after a biopsy. His biopsy did come back negative. JoAn Weaver is recovering after a fall in early September. Dave Harnish was just diagnosed with Lymphoma. Ethel Newman is having some stomach issues.

Reminder that Pastor will be off for Continuing Education October 10-21, 2022. She will be in Germany.

Committee Highlights:

Property - Jim Kreider: Lift project updates: The wall is up between the old Nursery and Sunday School Room. Painting has been completed in Pastors New Office. Bob Koval is our contact at Heck Construction. Concrete cutting and shaft to start next week. Rough deadline for project is early December.

Family Ministry And Fellowship - Terri Kilrain: Saturday, October 8, 2022 is Discover Denver. We will be having a bouncy house; dime toss and give out gift bags. Gift bags will have a Faith United pencil, magnet and a bottle of water. Would like to start planning a day for Hanging of the Greens.

Thinking of doing a Breakfast before a Service, possibly after lift is completed as a Dedication.

Old Business:

Fundraising for the lift has started. Pastor will keep us updated on that status.

Council Terms ending this year: Terri Kilrain and Deb Demler: End of Second Term; Kelly Leshner and Janice Daub: End of First Term. There are two (2) definite spots open for 2023.

New Business:

The Landscaping Project is for late fall/winter to remove some shrubs and beds and plant grass. Our Heck contact person is Bob Koval.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM following the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, November 2, 2022.

*Respectfully Submitted by Kelly Leshner
FUEL Council Secretary*

**Congregation Council
Meeting**

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

7:30 PM (Following Advent Service)

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Jim Kreider - President

Bruce Carpenter - Vice President

Kelly Leshner - Secretary

Scott Gola - Treasurer

Deb Anthony Janice Daub Deb Demler

Lisa Gable Bob Gates Ellen Houser

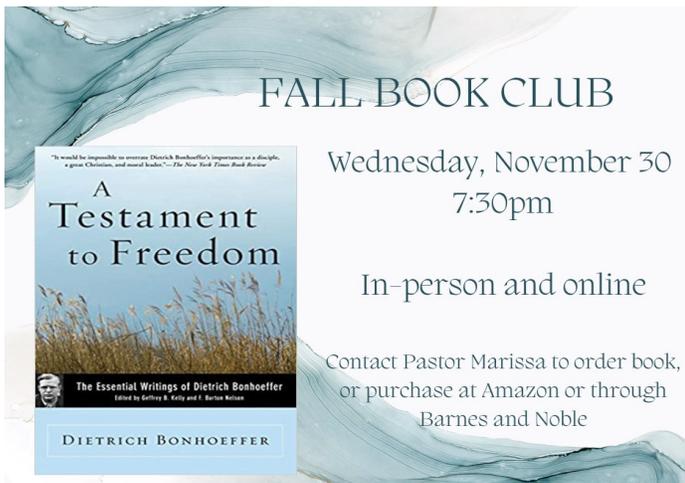
Terri Kilrain Lori Stover

Our Church Council made the decision in late 2020 to install in our Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall the most effective air-cleaning technology available. This technology is called needlepoint bipolar ionization, and was recommended to us by our HVAC specialist and by other congregations in the area. The technology uses ions (naturally-occurring charged particles) to neutralize all forms of air pollution, including viruses. These ions clean the air actively, unlike most air purification, which means that pathogens are neutralized quickly. [You can learn more about how it works at the manufacturer's website.](#) This technology is paired with our other mitigation efforts of distancing and proper mask-wearing to create a safer environment for In-Person Worship.

We continue to offer two opportunities for Worship each week: an In-Person and Online Service at 9:00 AM.

The choice, of course, for how you will Worship is yours—we will continue to work to maintain the safest environment possible in our Sanctuary for public Worship.

Whether you choose to attend In-Person or not at this time, Faith United is still your Church—a community that is here to support you and your faith, that is reaching into homes all across Lancaster County.



We are surrounded by news about Christian Nationalism in today's world—a trend that as Lutheran Christians we are called to speak boldly against. To discuss why Christian Nationalism is opposed to the way of Jesus and is an antithesis to the heart of God and our call as disciples, join Pastor Marissa in discussing the book *A Testament To Freedom* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a pastor in Germany during the Second World War and the reign of the Third Reich. He was a prominent scholar and theologian, seminary professor, and activist, and his faith led him to stand up against the Nazi regime in support of his Jewish brothers and sisters who were being persecuted. This decision led to his imprisonment and death at the hands of Nazi Germany on April 9, 1945. Dietrich's writings can help us think about how we stand courageously against unrighteousness in today's world.

We will not read the whole book. We will discuss these portions at Book Club on the 30th:

1. Jesus Christ And The Essence Of Community
8. The Church Is Dead
21. On God's Message Of Love To Germany And The Community Of Nations
22. God's Loving Care And Human Suffering
27. A Church Of The World Or A Church Of The Word?
45. Christ's Love And Our Enemies
49. The Cost Of Discipleship
50. Life Together
64. To The Brethren Of Finkenwalde And The Pastors Of The Confessing Church: Circular Letters In The Church Struggle And The War Years
75. By The Powers For Good

You are, of course, welcome to read any other excerpts and share about them with the group.

Social Ministry News

We had a successful Ingathering event. FUEL members and the Cozy Comforters Sewing Group contributed **112 Comforters, 42 School Kits, and 10 Personal Care Kits** to the Lutheran World Relief Ingathering program. **Six hundred eighty-five dollars** was donated towards shipping costs. Five members helped to load the big trucks at the distribution center in the Bergstrasse Church parking lot on October 8. Cars and trucks with their supplies came from local churches and a distance. Princeton, NJ and Brooklyn, NY are just two of those areas.

Thank You to all the folks who helped to administer the project and the members who contributed the supplies and money.

The Christmas Giving Tree Project begins on November 20th. The Christmas Tree will be up and tags with gift items for the families will be on the tree. To review, our congregation will supply Christmas items (gifts and groceries for a Christmas meal) to five families. Ephrata Area Social Services will give us the names of the families from the Denver/Ephrata service area. All the grocery items and gifts are needed by December 11th. We will try to have a Committee Member "hanging" around the Christmas tree after the Church Services to answer any questions. You may call Dawn Frees at 717-733-0240 with questions also.



We are hosting Kid's Church during 9:00 AM Worship. Children will come up for the Children's Sermon, exit to Kid's Church, and return for Holy Communion.

We are also looking for volunteers to help lead this session with our kids once every few weeks—the curriculum is prepared for you, with minimal stress and preparation on your part! Please email Pastor Marissa at: pastormbecklin@gmail.com.



Have you been attending Worship with us online, and are looking for more information about joining our community in an official way? Membership is a mutual commitment between you and our congregation to love and support one another on our faith journey. If this interests you, please email Pastor Marissa at:

pastormbecklin@gmail.com.



Birthdays:

- November 16:** Rebecca Voler
- November 20:** Diane Konopka, Blake Daub, Angela Stewart
- November 22:** Jennifer Frees

- November 26:** Hunter Sweigart
- November 27:** Darryl Eberly
- November 29:** Sarah Kreider

Anniversaries:

- November 17:** Tim and Cynthia Hegeman
- November 21:** Mike and Lisa Gable



Birthdays:

- December 6:** Phillip Deibler
- December 9:** Emily Reed
- December 10:** Andrew Luciani
- December 11:** Harold Martzall

- December 16:** Denise Hackman

Anniversary:

- December 4:** Bruce and Jamie Carpenter



80+ Birthdays

Please remember our 80+ members with a card, visit, or phone call:

- Diana Lewis - November 12 - 9** Cameron Court, Denver, PA 17517.
- James Stewart - November 17 - 806** North Fifth Street, Denver, PA 17517.
- Caryll Lausch - December 2 - 126** North Fourth Street, Denver, PA 17517.
- Joyce Shober - December 2 - 2548** Orange Ridge Road, Clearmont, FL 34715.
- John Loeber - December 6 - 8** Cameron Court, Denver, PA 17517.
- William Ludwig - December 23 - 17** Keeler Avenue, Stevens, PA 17578.
- Mary Ann Fichthorn - December 29 - 147** East Lancaster Avenue, Denver, PA 17517.

Communion Bread



Please Sign the chart on the cabinet at the back to provide **One Loaf** of bread each Sunday.

Please Bring The Bread To The Church By Friday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM.



November/December Food Collection

Food, household, and personal items will be collected for the Giving Tree Christmas Families in November and December. Please check the list on the grocery cart for the items needed and deposit the items in the grocery cart.

2022 Altar Flower/Bulletin Sponsor Sign-Up



Altar Flowers

The Altar Flower Chart for 2022 is filled for the year.

The Bulletin Sponsor Chart for 2022 is on the board by the Walnut Street entrance. **Cost is \$25.00 per Sunday. Open Dates: November 13, 27; December 18, 24, 25.**

You may call Shirley Sweigart, 717-538-1946 to get your name on the Chart.



Bulletins

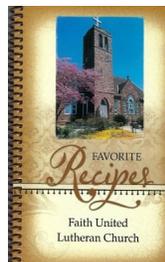
Coffee And Conversation



Coffee and Conversation is again being held following the Worship Service at the back of the Church.

Please sign the chart to provide the refreshments. Keep it simple.

For questions contact Terri Kilrain, 717-201-0099.



Church Cookbooks

They are sold for \$10.00 each and are on the counter at the back of the Sanctuary. Proceeds benefit Faith United Youth Ministry.

More information contact Terri Kilrain, 717-201-0099.

Bon Appetit!

Church Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:00 AM to Noon.

To submit information for the bulletin or newsletter, please email Shirley Sweigart at:

grammyss46@gmail.com or grammyss@ptd.net
call 717-538-1946.



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6 All Saints Sunday Bake Sale And Lutheran Soup Sale, Following Worship Daylight Saving Time Ends Reformation Presentation By Pastor Marissa Following Worship 9:00am Kid's Church 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	7	8 Election Day 12:00pm In-Person And Online Bible Study And Prayer Group	9 Pastor Marissa At Children's Committee 1:30pm Swamp Lutheran Church, Reinholds Food, Pantry - Call 717- 733-0345/717-336- 2849	10 Pastor Marissa At Children's Committee	11 Pastor Marissa's Day Off Veterans Day	12 Diana Lewis Birthdays 8:00am Peter's United Mennonite Church, 165 East Front Street, Lititz
13 Adult Education About Lutheranism Bake Sale And Lutheran Soup Sale, Following Worship Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Kid's Church 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service 10:30am Confirmation For 7th And 8th Graders - 10:30-11:30 AM	14	15 9:00am Cozy Crocheters Sewing Group	16 8:30am REAL Life Services Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Adamstown Area Library, 110 West Main Street, Adamstown	17 James Stewart Birthdays Pastor Marissa Out Of Town In Case Of Pastoral Emergency, Contact Pastor Tim Craven, 717-468- 9049	18 Pastor Marissa Out Of Town In Case Of Pastoral Emergency, Contact Pastor Tim Craven, 717-468- 9049	19 Pastor Marissa Out Of Town In Case Of Pastoral Emergency, Contact Pastor Tim Craven, 717-468- 9049 8:00am Peter's Porch - Zion Lutheran Church, 435 Main Street, Akron
20 Adult Education About Lutheranism Christ The King Available Giving Tree Gift Tags Deacon Kristen Barnes, Supply Deadline Pastor Marissa's Newsletter Article Last Sunday After Epiphany Pastor Marissa Out Of Town, In Case Of Pastoral Emergency, Contact Pastor Tim Craven, 717-468-9049 9:00am Kid's Church 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service 2:00pm Disaster Response Planning Meeting, Community Room, Luther Acres, 200 St. Luke Drive, Lititz	21 Pastor Marissa Out Of Town In Case Of Pastoral Emergency, Contact Pastor Tim Craven, 717-468- 9049 12:00pm In-Person And Online Bible Study And Prayer Group	22 Pastor Marissa Out Of Town In Case Of Pastoral Emergency, Contact Pastor Tim Craven, 717-468- 9049 12:00pm In-Person And Online Bible Study And Prayer Group	23 Pastor Marissa Out Of Town In Case Of Pastoral Emergency, Contact Pastor Tim Craven, 717-468- 9049 7:00am Thanksgiving Eve Services, Trinity Lutheran Church, Main Street, Denver	24 Church Offices Closed Thanksgiving Day 11:00am Free Community Dinner, Ephrata Street, Ephrata	25 Church Offices Closed Pastor Marissa's Day Off	26 8:00am Peter's Porch - Zion Lutheran Church, 435 Main Street, Akron 8:00am Peter's Porch - Zion Lutheran Church, 435 Main Street, Akron

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4 Adult Education About Lutheranism Second Sunday Of Advent 9:00am Kid's Church 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	5	6 John Leaber Birthdays 9:00am Cozy Crocheters Sewing Group	7 7:00am Advent Midweek Service - In-Person And Live Streamed 8:30am REAL Life Community Services Heart For 60 And Up, Adamstown Area Library, 110 West Main Street, Adamstown 7:30pm Prayer Council Meeting	8	9 Pastor Marissa's Day Off	10 8:00am Peter's Porch - Lititz Mennonite Church, 165 East Front Street, Lititz

The One Dollar Shoppers

My wife has a dear friend, and her hobby is shopping,
And when they get together, there is no stopping.
They travel near or far, in her yellow car.
And never a care if snow or rain may be dropping.
Their credit cards balance keeps getting larger.
No matter how loud the spouses may holler.
They shop at the store with a sign on the door,
“Everything here is only one dollar”.
They find bargains galore, at their favorite store.
They buy what they need, plus a whole lot more.
Betty found jewelry at one of the cases,
While Judy was drawn to the purple shoe laces.
Up and down the aisles, they circled around,
At that special place, where bargains abound.
Pot scrubbers, trinkets, notebooks and such,
And never a need to inquire: “How much”?
Lotions and potions to ease what is tense.
And best of all, it’s just one hundred cents.
With their baskets filled, with things they adore,
They end up broke, in that One Dollar Store.
With the car loaded down, and checkbook depleted,
There’s just enough room for them to be seated.
When they arrived at the house, their mission completed,
Judy tried to convince me, that she was not cheated.
A few deals you have made, I do not mind.
But we’re going broke one buck at a time.
I love you, my dear, and you’re still my honey,
But we can not afford the way you save money.

Ralph Whitcomb

Judy and Betty are now together in Heaven,
Where everything is free.
But if there is a dollar store up there,
I’m sure that is where they will be.

Children's Bulletins

ARE AVAILABLE

On Counter At The Back Of Sanctuary

Adult Education About Lutheranism After Worship

Join Pastor Marissa and lay leaders in developing a deeper understanding of a Lutheran way of life. We'll learn together about history, liturgy, the eucharist, and more, all in a very approachable way. Join any Sunday you can!



Dear Members Of Faith United,
Thank You so much for all the lovely cards, phone calls and visits I received because of my fall and hospitalization.

Your kindness means so very much and each one was deeply appreciated.

It is truly a blessing to be part of such a caring church family. *God Bless You, JoAn Weaver*

Dear Friends,

A heart full of **Thanks** for all the prayers, cards, calls and visits I received during and after my surgery.

It's a joy and a blessing to be part of the Church Family here at Faith United. *Joyce Fischer*



Thank You!

October 19, 2022

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent generous gift of \$685.00 to Lutheran World Relief's Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund!

Many of our neighbors are living in the midst of a terrible yet perfect storm. The last few years have brought the devastating impacts of COVID, increased conflict and violence, drought and famine along with increasing food prices around the globe. The war in Ukraine has only worsened situations for these vulnerable communities, already teetering on the edge of poverty, pushing them further into dangerous cycles of hunger and suffering. Right now, a quilt or a kit might be the one item of comfort someone might have when they are facing the horrific realities of crisis upon crisis.

Because of your love, a family in a refugee camp can feel more at home with quilts to wrap around their shoulders. Families who have lost their homes in a devastating earthquake can hold on to their dignity and hygiene with a Personal Care Kit as they determine how to rebuild. And a mother living in poverty can welcome her new baby with pride, feeling your love and support every time she swaddles it with items from a Baby Care Kit.

I am so grateful for the love you are bestowing on our neighbors around the world by ensuring they'll receive these critical items just when they need them most.

Thank you,

Daniel Speckhard
Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard
President and CEO

P.S. God bless you and your generous spirit.

The Upper Room Daily Devotional
November — December, 2022

Christ In Our Home Daily Devotional
October, November, December 2022
Also, A Large Print Version is Available

Please call Shirley Sweigart, 717-538-1946 to set up an appointment to pick one up.

*What's
Happening at
Faith United?*

Send your pictures in for next month's newsletter!



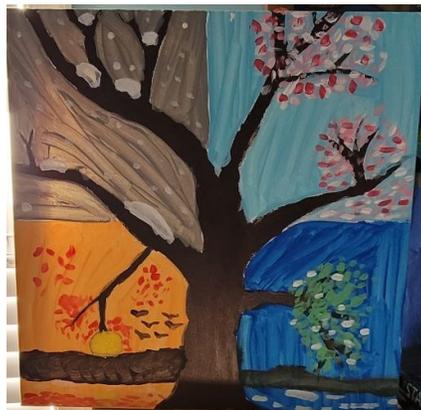
Statues of Philip Melancthon and Martin Luther in Wittenberg, Germany



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Confirmation of Ryan Gola



Art by Ryan Gola: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

Discover Denver



Bouncy House



Pastor Marissa and Jackson Lesher in Bouncy House



Dime Toss

BROTHERS

"Wie bischt?" (How's it going?) I call out to a group of seven teenage Amish boys. Without stopping, they all turn their heads toward me, looking surprised to be addressed in their mother tongue. The boldest of them, speaking for all, shouts back a cheerful, "Gut!" (Good!) Wasting no time, they all look forward and continue their brisk advance down the dirt road, kicking up puffs of dust with their feet. I study them as they walk away. They move in a distinctive kind of unison. Not a march or a step, but flowing forward in mass, no one too far out in front and no one straggling on behind. Almost shoulder to shoulder and nearly close enough to walk on their brother's heels in front of them, their movement as a group appears somewhat organic, like a flock of birds or a school of fish. I say this with full respect to their tradition where collective identity is paramount, and individuality is a detriment to their community survival. I watch as the group of boys, bathed in the yellow light of the setting sun, disappear around a bend in the road which leads to a grassy flat where the closing ceremonies for the Lancaster County Longrifles Spring 18th Century Historic Encampment and Black Powder Shoot were going on. Unlike most other participants, I decide to skip the closing ceremonies, packing up at day's end so I could leave tonight and miss the rain predicted for early Sunday morning. Breaking down camp in the rain is not my cup of tea as wet canvas tents are heavy. I get back to loading up my gear, period correct for the mid to late 1700's. Onto my pickup truck goes canvas tent, wooden poles, and wooden boxes containing iron and tinware for cooking, plus bedding and clothes.

From behind my truck bed I see the Amish boys returning from where the closing ceremonies were still going on. They were at the gathering long enough to be told what they had seen coming in: that all activities, shooting competition, and demonstrations were over. Slower steps, slumped, shoulders, and bland expressions convey their disappointment. Their let down was palpable, probably exacerbated by the efforts it took to get there. I could picture them hurriedly finishing up farm chores, putting away horses and tack, washing soil stained hands, and gulping down their supper to try to get to the encampment before dusk. Consequently; they got to see very little of the event. My heart went out to them as I walked over to their group to commiserate and cushion their disappointment. As I drew close to talk to them they all stopped. "Guess you found out the event is over?" I asked. "Yep," the tallest and probably the oldest responded. "It's a shame you couldn't get here earlier," I commented. "Yes," a younger one said to me in a drawn out and dispirited way. "We heard the shooting from our farm," the same boy replied, "We wanted to see the muzzleloaders." Do you guys hunt?" I ask. "Oh yeah," they all smile and reply in unison. I could tell the question prompted fond memories of last hunting season and the respite from work that hunting provides.

As we talk, I study their appearance as though I'm peering through a wormhole looking back into time. By their clothes it may as well been 1790. Attired in their black homemade drop front pants and black jackets, over shirts of varying shades of solid color blue and purple and topped off with well worn straw hats, they seemed a world apart. These boys were dressed to work, as their patched jackets and mismatched replacement buttons testified. Their faces displayed the obvious similarity of brothers or cousins. Their hair was the same color brown like dark soil and cut with a bowl into straight bangs. They were kin through and through! This feeling of talking to people from another time really grips my imagination. These young Amish men provided a window into what 18th century life was really like: grueling labor from dawn to dusk, making clothing, growing your own food, large families working collectively, the danger of farming with horses and mules, cooperatively building homes and barns. At the historical encampment we pretend to be from another time. In many ways these young Amish men really are.

"Did you ever see someone fire a flintlock rifle?" I asked. "No," came several replies. "It's a shame you couldn't get here earlier when the firing range was open," I add. "Well," said the oldest. "The ground was ready and we had to plow," he explained earnestly. "All day," I asked? "Ya," he said boldly, his English drifting back into Pennsylvania German. "All day since this morning," his ringing voice betrayed his subdued pride. The others smile and nod energetically, obviously pleased with their endurance and work ethic. "Well, I'll see you guys next year, and get over here when you first hear the rifles fire," I remind them as they depart. Their spirits lifted knowing they had skills and ability that we "English" did not. They were living a lifestyle closer to anything 18th century I could reenact on a long weekend. For them it was simply life as they knew it.

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The group of boys appears to grow smaller as they saunter into the distance and then vanish around a bend behind a hedge row. I stand there in silence, feeling strangely alone as the only English person to engage them in extended conversation. Suddenly, I'm struck by the realization that despite our dissimilar life experience and divergent histories, these Amish lads and I share a common European religious and cultural heritage. Both my ancestors and theirs were Catholic before Martin Luther and the Reformation. As a result of that seismic ecclesiastical event, our two separate streams of Protestant Christianity emerged and migrated not only to the same colony in America, but to the same region in Pennsylvania. Equally fascinating, is that despite all the cultural and religious differences between Amish and Lutherans today, I felt drawn to these young Amish men like some newly discovered distant relatives. Why did I suddenly find myself guided by this boundary melting curiosity that helped me see beyond our differences to have a dialogue with these young men on a dusty road at Muddy Run in the closing twilight of a spring day? Perhaps through the Holy Spirit it was a mutual and unspoken knowing that we are all brothers in Christ!

Die Bruder (Your Brother), Jim Redcay



Peter's Porch

Faith United Evangelical
Lutheran Church
357 Walnut Street
Denver, PA 17517

The First Saturday of Each Month

November 5, 2022

December 3, 2022

8:00-10:00 AM

Peter's Porch Is Back Inside

After moving to a drive-thru distribution model in April of 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Peter's Porch has moved back inside. Doors open to the public at 7:30 AM, and breakfast is served as clients wait for their turn to collect food. **This means that we need more volunteers!**

Please contact Pastor Marissa or Terry Burkholder if you are interested in helping on the first Saturdays of the month.

Bags for Peter's Porch are packed on the last Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM.



Connect With Us On Facebook!

For regular invitation to prayer, devotional reflections, and updates, follow us on Facebook:

@faithunitedelca.

Also, consider joining our Private group: Faith United Lutheran Church Community Building, where we are spending time getting to know one another and check in with each other.

We'd love to have you join us!

Proverbs Bible Study: Second And Fourth Tuesdays At Noon



Join Pastor Marissa and fellow congregants as we work our way through the wisdom tradition of Proverbs. Meets in-person, or via Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/411053586>

and follow the prompts. You can also call in by telephone to 1-929-205-6099 and enter our meeting ID: 411 053 586.



Bible Quiz



Which of the following is not called a "fruit of the Spirit" – but probably could be?

- A. love
- B. faithfulness
- C. self-control
- D. gratitude
- E. gentleness



Answer: D (See Galatians 5:22-23.)

Christian Symbol

TRUMPET: In the Old Testament, trumpets, often made from ram's horns, called people to worship or war (and often promised victory). Joshua and the Israelites used trumpets to fell the wall of Jericho. Under Gideon, the small Israelite army blew trumpets and smashed jars to confuse the Midianites into surrender. The New Testament says trumpets will sound at the Last Judgment and the resurrection of the dead. In Revelation 11, a seventh trumpet proclaims God's final and complete triumph.



November Worship

All Saints Sunday Sunday, November 6, 2022

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149:1-9; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31. In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today's gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.



Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost Sunday, November 13, 2022

Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19. The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."



Christ The King Sunday, November 20, 2022

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46:1-11; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43. Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.



First Sunday Of Advent Sunday, November 27, 2022

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-9; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44. The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.



December Worship

Second Sunday Of Advent Sunday, December 4, 2022

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12. At the heart of our Advent preparation

stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.



Third Sunday Of Advent Sunday, December 11, 2022

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11. A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.



Christmas Eve Services

**Saturday, December 24
4:00 PM; 7:00 PM
(Both Include Candlelight)**



**Sunday, December 25
9:00 AM
With Cookies To
Follow Worship**



Vaccine Clinic At Faith United Sunday, December 11, 2022 Following Worship

Tom Smith from Anderson's Pharmacy at Weaver's will provide the following vaccines at church after Worship on Sunday, December 11, 2022: Standard Flu Vaccine, Over 65 Flu Vaccine, Moderna Bivalent COVID-19 Booster, and Pfizer Bivalent COVID-19 Booster. For Flu Vaccines, please show Medicare Red White and Blue Card, Medicare Part D, or Private Insurance Card. For COVID-19 Boosters, show Insurance Card (those without insurance are still eligible for this booster). Questions about coverage can be referred to Tom day of vaccines.

To receive one or more of these vaccines, please use the sign-up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary.



In Our Prayers

We ask you to daily pray for the following people and those in your life you know that are in need:

For Comfort Of The Holy Spirit:

Harriet Garber Family

Donald Gable Family

Millie Shober Family

Nadine Lied Family

Sophia Battisti Family

David Dexter Family

For Healing:

Dorothy Hoyer

Joyce Fischer

Phyllis Dellinger

John Loeber

Dave Harnish

Cindy Kauffman

Matt Donley

Audrey Grill

Ethel Newman

Arlene Brumbach

John Luciani

Betty Witmer

Keiser Family

Julianna Beck

Mark Frees

Jared Snyder

John Anthony

Beverly Kilmer

Patricia Krick

Lydia Bearinger

Marlene and Joe Battisti

Bernita Wert

Arlo Schmidt

Victor Rodriguez

Sandy Madera

Joyce Hahn

Lauralyn Schrom

Maria Roesener

Patty Lang

Maggie Carpenter

Marilyn and George

Debbie Fischer

Eileen Norton

Carl Haberman

Florida Hurricane Residents

You're Also Invited To Call And/Or Send Cards.

Continuing Concerns

Arlene Slabach, Michele Lacy, Caryll Lausch, Traci Krick, Rob and Terri Macker, Lorna Buehl, Ethel Farrow, Ralph Whitcomb, Bill Ludwig, Helen Shirk, Lillian Troutman, Sue Henkel, Michael and Diane Konopka, Ronald and Jean Worline, Susan Means, Ethel Farrow, Peggy and Jack Dewald, Florence Rutt, Susan Hartman, Dave Steiner, Boose Family, Bill Burkholder, Day Fasnacht, John Werner, Reaser Family, Ginger Brubaker, Camden Ochs, Jim Kelly, Dennis Hill, Janice Houp, Cathy McQuate, Terry Moyer, Betsy Sensenig, Ashton Ochs, Marie McQuate, Glenn Beard Sr., Martha Sheaffer, Jean Wolf, Donald Ernst, Shirley Leathery, Ginny and Jim Stoltz, Tracy Augustine, Stan Henderson, Jeri Lynn Pickel, Dean Camp, Jed Weidner, Men and Women Serving in our Armed Forces.

UPDATE:

MASKS OPTIONAL



In response to the CDC's newest guidance for Lancaster County, **effective immediately, masks are optional at Faith United.** We give thanks for a low transmission rate in our county and decreased pressure on local hospitals that has made this guidance possible. We will continue to have masks available for those that wish to wear them.

Advent

Readers And Candlelighters Are Needed For November 27, December 4, 11 And 18. Please sign the chart on the cabinet at the back.



The Cozy Comforters need gently used sheets or fabric to use for their comforters. Please put your donations at the back of the Sanctuary or in the Cozy Comforters Sewing Room.

Devotional Walking Group

LAST SATURDAY
OF THE MONTH

8:00 AM

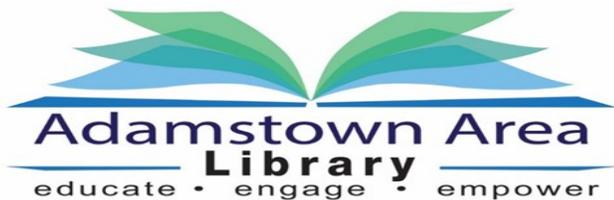
Meets at garden outside Faith United Lutheran Church (357 Walnut St.)

Join us for a short devotion, then walk at your own pace (strollers and pets on leashes welcome)



Communion Visits By Request

Pastor Marissa continues to offer in-home Holy Communion. She'd love to visit with you. To schedule a visit, contact the Church Office by Phone or Email; 717-336-2141; faithunited@ptd.net.



Adamstown Area Library Events

The Adamstown Area Library is a passport office for the United States Department of State. Passports are done by appointment only. Please call 717-484-4200 to make an appointment.

Adamstown Area Library is located at 110 West Main Street in Adamstown, next to the Post Office. Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM, Friday, 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM, and Saturday, 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

Friends Book Sale - Tuesday, November 15 from 11:30 AM to 7:00 PM and Tuesday, November 8 from 11:30 AM to 5:00 PM at the Library. Weekly sales will end November 15 and begin again in the new year.

Young At Heart - Wednesday, November 16 from 9:00 -11:00 AM. REAL Life Community Services invites you to Young at Heart, with free events for anyone age 60 and up. Join us at the Library for coffee, chatting, games, crafts, and more on the first and third Wednesday of each month. For more information, call 717-336-7797 or visit REALLCS.org

“Budding Bookworms” Preschool Storytime - Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM. Join us at the Library for stories and an easy craft for ages 3-6 with adult. November 9, 16, 23, 30; December 7.

Tech Q & A - Wednesday, December 7 from 4:30-6:30 PM. Drop in to the Library to get one-on-one help with your devices. Bring your questions such as “how do I attach my resume to an email?”, “how do I download audiobooks to my Kindle?” or “can you show me how to use Word?” Tech help and software training is also available other times by appointment.

“Twinkling Stars” Baby Storytime - Every Thursday at 10:00 AM. Simple stories, rhymes, puppets, songs, and fingerplays for ages birth-2 with adult. Bring along your 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten packets to help achieve your goal! November, 10, 17; December 1, 8.

“The Young And The Restless” Toddler Time - Every Thursday from 10:30-11:00 AM. Stories, songs and fingerplays, followed by an easy craft and free play. Bring along your 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten packets to help achieve your goal! For ages 2-3 with adult. November 10, 17; December 1, 8.

Cast your Vote! - Week of November 7-12. Which is Better—Cats or Dogs? All ages can stop in the Library to help us decide which is the favorite! One vote could rock the boat, so drop in to help us decide!

American Girl Bag Pickup - Monday, November 7, December 5, while supplies last. On the first Monday of each month there will be a new American Girl packet to pick up, filled with fun for you and your doll. Starting that day, you can pick up a kit in the Library foyer. November bags will have a Thanksgiving Theme with a Fall Wreath and Thanksgiving Meal for their doll. For ages 5-12 years. Supplies are limited so please take only one bag per family.

Genealogy Group - Tuesday, November 8 at 6:30 PM. This group meets once a month for lively discussions, research help or short talks from genealogy researcher Ken McCrea. Join others with an interest in researching family history and learn more about online resources for genealogy research. For adults and older students. November 8 is Election Day! Please vote before coming to the Library, even if it means you have to arrive late.

Preschool Storytime Guest - Wednesday, November 9. Joining us at Budding Bookworms Preschool Storytime will be Dana Pfautz from the IU 13 three-to five-year-old Early Intervention Program. She will give us a general overview of EI and be available to answer any questions parents may have.

Baby & Toddler Storytime Guest - Thursday, November 10 from 10:00-11:00 AM. Do you have questions about your baby’s or toddlers’ developmental growth? Early Intervention Program Specialist (Mandy Kolb Lyons) will attend the Twinkling Stars Baby Storytime and The Young And The Restless Toddler Time on behalf of the Lancaster County Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

Daytime Discoverers At Middle Creek Visitors Center - Thursday, November 10 at 1:00 PM. Are you doing “at-home” learning? We have had requests to host some daytime programs and we aim to please. Join Miss Jess for exciting and educational programs on the second Thursday of the month. This month the Game Warden will tell us a little bit about the history of Middle Creek and all about Chipmunks. Families can enter to win a Chippy Chipmunk gift book. For families.

Medicare Open Enrollment - Thursday, November 10 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM. By appointment only. Lancaster County Office of Aging runs a program called PA Medi which assists older adults with Medicare/Medicaid and health insurance questions. Each fall, volunteer counselors from this group meet individually with beneficiaries who already have Medicare to go over their Medicare plans. The appointment takes about one hour per person and is free of charge. Call PA Medi’s office at 717-299-7979 to make an appointment, and ask for our location.

Drop-In STEAM - Monday, November 14, drop-in from 2:00-5:00 PM for LEGO® Club and Process Art Party: Ocean Theme. Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math through games, activities, and projects with Miss Jess. An adult is required to accompany children under 8.

LEGO Activity Bag Pickup - Monday, November 14, while supplies last. On the second Monday of each month there will be a new LEGO® packet for you to pick up, with instructions for a special project. Starting that day, you can pick up a kit in the Library foyer. November’s bag will have a Thanksgiving Theme with Turkeys, Pilgrims and Fall Trees. For ages 5-12 years. Supplies are limited so please just take one bag per family.

Almost Perfect Crimes - Tuesday, November 15 at 6:30 PM on Zoom. Join Miss Jess as we discover together “Whodunit!” Upon registration, you will receive the Zoom link and the Mini Murder Mystery Story. Additional clues and evidence will be revealed during our meeting as we try to solve the crime together. For ages teen/adult due to some graphic content.

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Open House - Friday, November 18 from 4:00-6:00 PM. Save the date! Join us at the Library for an opportunity to see all the improvements we've made since last year, including new couches in the reading room, new computers, and furnishings in the Community Room. We'll also have a Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway, and our friends from Denver Meats and Brecknock Orchard will be providing refreshments: hot dogs, doughnuts, and cider.

Teen Take And Make Packet Pickup (Pinwheel) - Monday, November 21, while supplies last. Get creative with our ready-to-go kits! Check on the third Monday of each month to see what you can learn to make with just a few simple materials, provided to you at no cost, and a few easy instructions. Supplies are limited, so stop by to claim your bag today!

Library Closed - Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25. The Library will be closed for Thanksgiving.

Tree Lighting With Santa - Sunday, November 27 at 5:30 PM. (Santa to arrive at 6:00 PM.) in the Adamstown Grove. Miss Maribeth will be reading some holiday stories while we wait for Santa!!

"Read 'em Up And Eat 'em Up" Autumn Reading Program - Through November 30. Kids... you can get a leg up this Fall as we head back to school while earning a free kid's meal from Texas Roadhouse. Pick up your log at the Library, read 50 books throughout the Fall, and return it for your Certificate of Achievement! Ages 12 and under.

MJWK (Miss Jess Wants To Know) - All November. Teens, we want your opinion! Stop in the Young Adult and Teen Graphic Novel Book Section of the Library for the question of the month! With this simple voting passive program, teens can vote with a sticker dot to select their favorite. Results will be posted on our Facebook page at the end of the month. This month is "Candy Wars."

Thankful Tree - All November. Stop in anytime this month to add a beautiful fall leaf to our Story Corner Tree. Children can trace their hand, cut it out, and write something they are thankful for.

Mitten And Accessory Tree - November 14-December 9. Donations of NEW, unwrapped mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, etc. will be accepted through Friday, December 9 and distributed to local families and children in need.

Marine Corps Reserve "TOYS FOR TOTS" - November 14-December 13. Donations of new, unwrapped gifts are being accepted in the box located near the Circulation Desk through Tuesday, December 13.



Orders for Poinsettias (6.5", 5+ blooms) to decorate the Chancel on December 18, 24, 25, 2022 can be placed until the conclusion of Worship on **Sunday, November**

27, 2022. You can order Red or White plants. Each plant costs \$7.20.

The order envelopes are available at the back. Please put the completed envelope back in the red container.

Confirmation for 7th and 8th Graders

Meets after Sunday worship from 10:30am-11:30am in-person on the second and fourth Sundays of each month:

- September 11 (Parents AND Students)
- September 25
- October 9
- October 23: Retreat
- November 13
- November 27
- December 11
- January 8
- January 22
- February 12
- February 26
- March 12
- March 26
- April 23
- May 14
- May 28



Committee Contacts

Interested in getting more involved? Contact the following people:

Care of Members: Lori Stover

Finance: Scott Gola

Christian Education: Brian Strohl

Information Technology (IT): Deb Demler

Staff Support: Brad Fichthorn

Property: Jim Kreider

Worship and Music: Bruce Carpenter

Peter's Porch Feeding Ministry: Terry Burkholder

Family Ministry and Fellowship: Terri Kilrain

Social Ministry: Dawn Frees

Vacation Bible School: Ellen Houser

Disaster Response Planning Meeting

Sunday, November 20, 2022 - 2:00 PM

There will be a meeting for any volunteers interested in Disaster Response Mission Trips in 2023. The meeting will be in the Community Room at Luther Acres, 250 St. Luke Drive, Lititz.





Founded as Hospice of Lancaster County

Hospice & Community Care and the Pathways Center for Grief & Loss are offering the following programs.

As we are taking all necessary precautions for the health and safety of our patients and families, staff, volunteers and visitors related to the Coronavirus outbreak, our support group will be held In-Person and via Zoom. Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to receive Zoom credentials.



ADULT DROP-IN GROUPS

These free meetings, held online via Zoom and In-Person, include a presentation and an informal time to talk with others. Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to discuss with a bereavement counselor who will also provide the log-in information.

Coping With The Loss Of A Child (Of Any Age): Monday, November 21, 6:30-8:00 PM, In-Person at Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. Groups are led by Master's-level counselors and volunteers who have experienced the same type of loss. They provide time to share experiences and ask questions. Groups are designed for those within the first two years following the death of a loved one. Call to register.

Coping With The Loss Of A Spouse Or Companion: Tuesday, November 8, 6:30-8:00 PM, In-Person at Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. Groups are led by Master's-level counselors and volunteers who have experienced the same type of loss. They provide time to share experiences and ask questions. Groups are designed for those within the first two years following the death of a loved one. Call to register.

GRASP (Grief Recovery After A Substance Passing): Tuesday, November 15, 6:30-8:00 PM, In-Person at Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. This monthly group provides sources of help, compassion, and understanding for families or individuals who have had a loved one die as a result of substance abuse or addiction. Pre-registration for new attendees is required. For more information about location or Zoom details, or to register, contact Marjorie Paradise at mparadise810@comcast.net or (717) 951-2720.

Children's Grief Awareness Day: Thursday, November 17. Children's Grief Awareness Day provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the painful impact the death of a loved one has on the life of a child. Show your support by wearing blue. Learn more by visiting www.childrensgriefawarenessday.org.

International Survivors Of Suicide Loss Day: Saturday, November 19, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, In-Person at Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. Join other survivors for a video presentation and discussion of "Life Journeys: Reclaiming Life After Loss." Hear from a local panel of survivors and receive information on resources and supports. Register online at <https://mount-joy-pennsylvania.isosld.afsp.org> or call Elaine Ostrum at (717) 391-2413.

Coping With The Holidays: Do you find that holiday traditions you once anticipated with great joy now leave you with feelings of uncertainty and sadness? Consider joining us for any of the following groups. These sessions may help you not only get through the holiday season, but perhaps find something positive during an otherwise difficult time. Registration deadline is two days prior to the group. Register online at pathways.hccnet.org/groups or call the Pathways Center. **Mount Joy Pathways Center For Grief & Loss** 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, **Tuesday, November 15, 6:30-8:00 PM (Topic: Holiday Survival Guide); Tuesday, November 22, 2:00-3:30 PM (daytime option) (Topic: Holiday Survival Guide); Tuesday, November 22, 6:30-8:00 PM (Topic: Practicing Gratitude); Tuesday, November 29, 6:30-8:00 PM (Topic: Ways To Remember); Tuesday, December 13, 6:30-8:00 PM (Topic: Living For Today); Tuesday, December 20, 6:30-8:00 PM (Topic: What Are The Gifts?); Via Zoom, Wednesday, December 14, 6:30-8:00 PM (Topic: Holiday Check-In And Discussion).**

Support For Caregivers: If you are caring for a loved one, who is caring for you? Hospice & Community Care offers an online support group for caregivers of a loved one who is seriously ill. This group offers a place to share your experience with others who may understand. Offered the third Thursday of every month, 6:30-8:00 PM, the sessions are facilitated by a Master's-level counselor and a trained volunteer who has been a caregiver. To receive the link to participate in this free virtual opportunity, call (717) 391-2413 to speak with a counselor.

Individual Grief Support: The Pathways Center offers individual grief consultation for adults, children, teens and families. In-person support sessions are provided in Mount Joy and York, while adhering to the Center for Disease Control's recommended guidelines. Individual sessions by phone or online via Zoom are also an option. Counselors are available any time Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM. Evening appointments may sometimes be available. Call the Pathways Center, (717) 391-2413, for more information or to set up an appointment.

Social Dine-Out Options: Do you feel as though the opportunities to socialize have changed after the death of your loved one? Does it seem as though the only people who truly understand what you are going through are others who are also grieving? The Pathways Center offers a variety of social options to choose from. Each participant pays for their own meal. These gatherings are facilitated by trained bereavement volunteers who have also experienced loss in the past.

Men's Breakfast: Tuesday, November 22, 8:00-9:30 AM, The Centerville Diner, 100 South Centerville Road, Lancaster. No registration needed. For more information contact Dan Farmer at 717-435-8023.

Ladies Lunch: Wednesday, November 30, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM, Loxley's Restaurant, 500 Centerville Road, Lancaster. RSVP to Marie Roach at 717-823-9889 (text or telephone) by noon the day before the event.

Dinner Out (For Men And Women): Saturday, November 12, 2:00 PM, Silver Spring Family Restaurant, 3653 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster. RSVP to Connie Whitacre at 717-577-1138 or connie@mpiroofing.com at least three days prior to the event.

Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to request the log-in address or phone number to participate in a Zoom group or to schedule a private Zoom meeting with a Pathways counselor. Visit our website at www.PathwaysThroughGrief.org for updated information about support groups.



Friday, November 11, 2022



Sunday, November 20, 2022

SERVING NOVEMBER, DECEMBER & JANUARY

DATE	LECTOR	TECHNOLOGY	USHERS	OFFERING COUNTERS
November 6, 2022	Scott Gola	Dave Brumbach	Jamie Carpenter Bruce Carpenter	Terri Kilrain Richard Billings Chris Billings
November 13, 2022	Deb Demler	Scott Gola	Angela Stewart Todd Stewart	Dawn Frees Craig Stover Lori Stover
November 20, 2022	Cindy Kauffman	Deb Demler	Teri Arment Harold Martzall	Bruce Carpenter Jamie Carpenter Linda Riddell
November 27, 2022	Ann Roseboro	Dave Brumbach	Cynthia Hegeman Tim Hegeman	Deb Anthony Robert Gates Gloria Gates
December 4, 2022	Todd Stewart	Scott Gola	Jennie Weinhold Chris Weinhold	Terri Kilrain Richard Billings Chris Billings
December 11, 2022	Dawn Frees	Deb Demler	Linda Riddell Jeff Hartman	Dawn Frees Craig Stover Lori Stover
December 18, 2022	Angela Stewart	Dave Brumbach	June Wolf Don Wolf	Bruce Carpenter Jamie Carpenter Linda Riddell
December 24, 2022 4:00 PM	Jim Kreider	Scott Gola	Shirley Ludwig Bill Ludwig	
December 24, 2022 7:00 PM	Lori Stover	Deb Demler	Terri Kilrain Deb Anthony	
December 25, 2022	Harold Martzall	Dave Brumbach	Mary Stewart Jim Stewart	Deb Anthony Robert Gates Gloria Gates
January 1, 2023	Gloria Shoher	Scott Gola	Jamie Carpenter Bruce Carpenter	Terri Kilrain Richard Billings Chris Billings
January 8, 2023	Deb Demler	Dave Brumbach	Angela Stewart Todd Stewart	Dawn Frees Craig Stover Lori Stover
January 15, 2023	Cindy Kauffman	Deb Demler	Teri Arment Harold Martzall	Bruce Carpenter Jamie Carpenter Linda Riddell
January 22, 2023	Ann Roseboro	Dave Brumbach	Cynthia Hegeman Tim Hegeman	Deb Anthony Robert Gates Gloria Gates
January 29, 2023	Todd Stewart	Deb Demler	Jennie Weinhold Chris Weinhold	Tim Hegeman Cynthia Hegeman Ann Roseboro

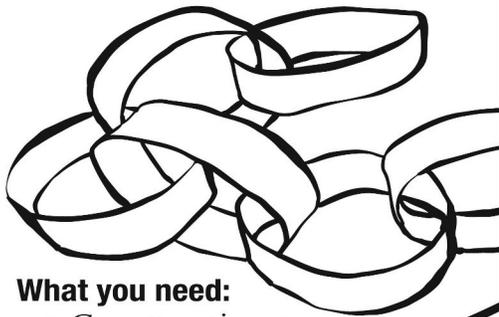
Substitute: Melvin Schmeck, 717-336-5792

If you are unable to be present to count the offering, please call Melvin.

KID'S PAGE

Links of GRATITUDE

Make this meaningful decoration for your Thanksgiving table.



What you need:

- Construction paper (in fall colors)
- Scissors
- Pen
- Jar
- Stapler
- Adult help

What you do:

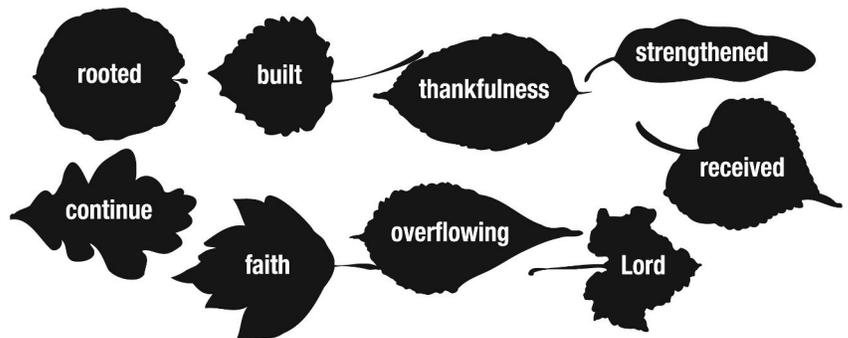
1. Cut the paper into strips about 2 inches wide.
2. Place the strips and pen in the jar. Then set it in a prominent place in your home.
3. Throughout November, have family discussions about what you're thankful to God for. Write or draw each item on a paper strip.
4. Make a paper chain by linking and carefully stapling the strips.
5. Keep adding to your decoration and display it during your Thanksgiving meal.



Piles of praise

Every autumn, the ground is overflowing with leaves.
What does Paul encourage us to overflow with?

Directions: Use the key to match the leaves and complete the Bible passage.



So then, just as you _____ Christ Jesus as _____,
 _____ to live your lives in him, _____ and
 _____ up in him, _____ in the _____ as you
 were taught, and _____ with _____.

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7, NIV

Answer: received, Lord, continue, rooted, built, strengthened, faith, overflowing, thankfulness

Community Events

FREE **FREE** **FREE**

Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Sponsored By
Local Churches & Businesses

Date - November 24, 2022
Our 21st Year of Serving Dinner

Sit Down Meals Served - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
NO DELIVERIES THIS YEAR
NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY

Ephrata Business Center
(Former Gerber Building)
400 W. Main Street, Ephrata

Call Barry or Carol Haller at 717-336-2512
Day of Dinner Only - Call 717-721-5613

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Handicap accessible

Join people in these communities for a tasty Thanksgiving Day meal and good conversation for a spiritually uplifting day. Plenty to eat and lots of great tasting desserts to choose from!

FREE

In order to make this a success again this year we will need volunteers for various jobs throughout the day from 7:30 AM to 2:00 PM on November 24. We will also need people to donate desserts and to cook turkeys. We will provide the turkeys and deliver them to those people willing to cook them. Cooked turkeys and donated desserts can be dropped off at the Ephrata Business Center on Wednesday, November 23 from 5:30-8:00 PM. We will also need help carving turkeys that evening.

Music at Jerusalem

2022-2023

Jerusalem Lutheran Church
36 Church Street
Rothsville, PA

Amy Yovanovich
mezzo-soprano soloist

Sunday, November 20, 2022
3:00 p.m.

*Free-will offerings will be received.
Church building is handicap accessible.
For more information, please call the church office at 717-626-8972.*

Advent Day Apart

at The Wittel Farm

Saturday, December 3, 2022
9am - 2pm

All are invited to a day of prayer and meditation in preparation of the birth of the Christ child.



There is a \$15 registration fee.
Lunch will be provided.

Please call 717-677-8211 or visit
www.LutheranCamping.org to register by November 18.

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm
PO Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303
717-677-8211 • www.LutheranCamping.org



Luther Acres
A Luthercare Community

Please join us for our

HOLIDAY BAZAAR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, Nov 19
Luther Acres Towne Center
250 St. Luke Drive, Lititz PA

Holiday Bazaar - 9 AM - 4 PM
Handmade Crafts & Cards / Jewelry
Artisan Vendors / Woodworking
Items / Christmas Gifts / Baked
Goods

Pancake Breakfast - 8-10 AM
Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee & Juice
\$7.00 (cash only)

All proceeds benefit the Luthercare Caring Fund!
Event sponsored by the Luther Acres Residents' Council.

Faith United Church Offices Will Be Closed Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25

Happy Thanksgiving!



Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster
Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 7:00 pm

MCCL creates exceptional music that represents the diversity of the global church across time. They serve over 100 children and youth representing 45 congregations, 35 schools, and 10 denominations. In addition to local concerts, they tour every summer.

Highland Presbyterian Church
500 East Roseville Road
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17601
717-569-2651
www.highlandpc.org

Highland is conveniently located off Oregon Pike just north of Route 30.

Community Events

REAL LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICES INVITES YOU TO



YOUNG AT HEART

FREE EVENTS FOR ANYONE AGE 60 AND UP
COFFEE, CHATTING, CRAFTS, GAMES AND MORE!

1st & 3rd Wednesday Mornings
8:30am – 11:00am

Adamstown Area Library
110 West Main Street Adamstown, PA 19501

For more information or to RSVP call 717-336-7797
or visit our website at REALCS.ORG.



First Friday Food Drive

On the 1st Friday of each month
Between 3pm - 5pm
Drop off items at Warehouse 916

PLEASE NOTE:

All unexpired, unopened, nonperishable food donations are accepted. We list the items we REALLY need on our website each month and on Facebook. Thank you! For more information or questions, contact our office at 717-336-7797.

Join us at Peter's Porch!



- 1st Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am
Faith United Lutheran Church
357 Walnut Street
Denver, PA 17543
717.336.2141
www.FaithUnited-elca.org
- 2nd Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am
Lititz Mennonite Church
165 East Front Street
Lititz, PA 17543
717.626.8327
www.LititzMC.org
- 3rd Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am
Zion Lutheran Church
435 Main Street
Akron, PA 17543
717.859.2100
www.ZionAkron.org
- 4th Saturday (STARTING 7/28/18), 8:00 - 10:00am
Landis Valley Christian Fellowship Church
2420 Kissel Hill Road
Lancaster, PA 17601
717.569.6051
www.LandisValleyFellowship.org

Providing a free breakfast and a bag of food for our neighbors
There is donated clothing at Lititz and Akron Peter Porches

Are you at risk of being evicted or having your utilities shut off?

ERAP Can Help!

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Eligibility is determined by:

- Income
- Covid-19 Experience
- Must a renter of a home or lot

For more details and to receive help, contact:

Ephrata Area Social Services
By Appointment b/x Mon-Fri, 9—4
717-733-0345 Or...

Northern Lancaster Hub
By Appointment
717-723-8258

Or visit:
www.LancasterHelp.rent

For those who do not qualify for ERAP, please reach out for help anyway before the situation becomes a crisis.



REINHOLDS, ADAMSTOWN AND SURROUNDING COCALICO AREA

FOOD PANTRY

EASS has a satellite location at
Swamp Lutheran Church

every 2nd Wednesday of the month
1:30 PM- 5:30 PM

Call 717.733.0345 or 717.336.2849
to let us know you are coming

Denver Women's Club Meeting Wednesday, November 16, 2022

5:30 PM

"Inspire Pottery" Joel Hildebrand

Founder and owner Joel Hildebrand is a Lancaster native who spent almost a decade abroad learning unique styles in both throwing and firing pottery. We will visit the studio in Denver to learn about pottery making and see many examples of his work.

Introducing a new place in Northern Lancaster County for those experiencing homelessness



Open every Wednesday and Thursday from 8AM - 1PM starting April 7 at the Community Commons - side entrance 560 South Reading Rd. Ephrata, PA, 17522



FAITH UNITED EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
357 WALNUT STREET
P O BOX 157
DENVER PA 17517-0157

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