

November 2023 Newsletter



"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."
Philippians 4:6

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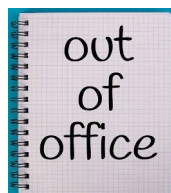


Community Thanksgiving Eve Service: Wednesday, November 22 At 7:00 PM At St. John's UCC

Join the congregations of Faith United Lutheran Church, St. John's United Church of Christ, and Trinity United Methodist Church as we observe Thanksgiving Eve together. Pastor Marissa Becklin preaches.



Daylight Saving Time Ends, Sunday, November 5, 2023



Pastor Marissa will be Out Of Town Tuesday, November 7 through Wednesday, November 15.

Deacon Kristen Barnes is supplying during Worship.

Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry is providing Emergency Coverage, 717-598-5095.

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 10, 2023 Immediately Following Worship



Deadline For December 2023 Newsletter Sunday, November 26, 2023.



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!

Newsletters

Newsletters are published 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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Ways for you to support our ministries as we bring the good news to the world:

1. A physical offering put in the plate during Sunday worship.
2. To set up a recurring automatic offering straight from your bank account, contact our office at (717) 336-2141.
3. To make a one time or to set up a recurring gift online today, visit our website and click the "Give" tab at the top.



We invite you to consider setting up a recurring, automatic offering for the sake of regular stewardship. To do so, or to ask questions about this process, **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.**

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 — Cynthia Kauffman

Caryll Lausch Sharon Levering
 Lisa Beard Grady Daub

Festival Choir Director — Ellen Houser

Office Administrator and

Newsletter Editor — Shirley Sweigart

Custodian — Elizabeth Roman-Reich

From Pastor Marissa Becklin

Stewardship: Nurturing God's Gifts In Our Faith United Community

As we enter the season of autumn, we are reminded of the abundant blessings that surround us—the changing colors of the leaves, the crispness in the air, and the warmth of community that defines our church family. In this season of gratitude, we turn our hearts toward stewardship, reflecting on the responsibility and joy of caring for the gifts God has bestowed upon us.

Stewardship: A Sacred Duty

In the Lutheran tradition, we understand stewardship as a sacred duty—a way of expressing our gratitude for the immeasurable gifts God has given us. Stewardship is not merely about financial contributions; it encompasses the careful and intentional use of our time, talents, and resources to further God's kingdom on Earth.

As we reflect on the concept of stewardship, we are benefited by hearing the words of 1 Peter 4:10: *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."* We are all blessed with unique talents and resources, and it is through the wise and loving use of these gifts that we fulfill our role as faithful stewards.

Nurturing God's Gifts: A Call To Action

Our church community is a tapestry woven with diverse talents and passions. As we move through this autumn season of giving thanks together, I invite all of us to consider anew how we can nurture God's gifts within us:

Time: Consider how you spend your time. Can you allocate more moments to prayer, community service, or connecting with fellow members?

Talents: Reflect on the skills and talents you possess. How can these be utilized to serve others, whether through volunteering, leading a ministry, or sharing your expertise?

Treasures: Prayerfully assess your financial resources. How can your financial contributions support the mission and ministries of our church? Remember, it is not the size of the gift that matters, but the sincerity of the heart.

A Season Of Gratitude And Commitment

In the spirit of thanksgiving, let us come together to celebrate the blessings we have received and commit to being faithful stewards. This commitment is not just for ourselves but for the generations that will follow, ensuring that Faith United continues to be a beacon of hope in our community.

In Christ, Pastor Marissa



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.

**Faith United Evangelical
Lutheran Church Council Minutes
Wednesday, October 4, 2023, 6:30 PM**

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

Devotions: Scott Gola read Philippians 2:9-11. What does it mean to bow? We bow to glorify him. He played the song "Here I Bow" by Brian and Jenn Johnson. Devotions ended with a prayer.

Treasurer's Report: Scott reviewed the current amounts in our accounts. Checking: \$90,328.63; Money Market: \$28,408.67; Endowment: \$43,307.53.

Offerings for this year in comparison to last year are still staying even.

Committee budgets are due for the November meeting.

Pastor's Report: Bob Kramer will be supply pastor while Pastor Marissa is away October 6-9.

There will be two (2) confirmed during Reformation Day October 29: Haley Leshner and Gabby Weidner.

Youth Gathering Fundraising: \$2000.00 has been raised so far.

Keeping in her Prayers: Deb Anthony after an unexpected surgery; John Loeber as he is in recovery after having pneumonia. His health has been up and down. Jack Dewald as he is now in personal care.

Scott Gola has asked for the Yannelli Family to be in our prayers for peace and comfort.

Insurance Quotes: Goodville could present savings in our yearly premium. There are more in-depth details to obtain yet.

Winters Scholarship: The Council has approved to take the late application that was submitted.

In the new year, we will have an Activities Fair/Committee Communication to give members the opportunity to join a Committee.

Church Management Software/Directory: Pastor will be researching options on easier software the church can use that also provides directory capabilities.

Committee Highlights:

Social Ministry: Lisa Gable - There has been a request to have Homes of Hope come speak one Sunday. This will be looked into to book a Sunday.

New Business:

Council Member Positions: Tim Wise and Terry Burkholder have agreed to join the Council starting in 2024.

Peters Porch Door: The estimate to improve the door by the lower ramp was double what was expected from Heck Construction. Mike Gable will be obtaining other quotes. Scott Gola recommended Showalter Construction Inc. as an option.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM following the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

**Respectfully Submitted by Kelly Leshner
FUEL Council Secretary**

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Jim Kreider - President
Bruce Carpenter - Vice President
Kelly Leshner - Secretary
Scott Gola - Treasurer
Lisa Gable Bob Gates
Ellen Houser Lori Stover

**Congregation Council
Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 6, 2023
7:30 PM (Note Time Change)**

Ingathering Update

The members of Faith United again made a significant contribution to Lutheran World Relief Ingathering Sunday. We contributed 41 school kits, six (6) personal care kits, and 58 comforters. The money given towards shipping costs was \$178.00. It is of note that LWR is interested in the number of comforters given locally, which is 22.

It is important that we know in 2022 "Lutheran Disaster Response was at work in 42 countries around the world and 26 states and territories in the United States and the Caribbean, responding to hurricanes, tornadoes, conflict and migration, the Russia-Ukraine war and more." (Information from BOUNDLESS, an ELCA publication)

Thank you Faith members for being good neighbors in God's world!

**Upcoming Social
Ministry Projects**

The first of the fall/winter projects is the Lutheran Soup, Baked Goods, Comforter Sale. These items will be on sale in the coat room/vestibule on November 5th and November 12th. If you want to contribute to the Bake Sale, please bring your baked item the morning of the 5th and/or the 12th. The Lutheran Soup will be sold for \$6.00 a quart and \$3.00 a pint, while supplies last. Comforters will be on display and sold for \$35.00. The money from all these sales will be divided between the YOUTH GATHERING FOR 2024 and THE ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE.

Now, CHRISTMAS, the Committee decided to continue our tradition of the Giving Tree. The tree will be on display beginning November 19th with the gift tags from which you may choose. Ephrata Area Social Services will give us the names of the families. All the gifts need to be returned by December 10th.

A new project this year is Christmas Cards for the Shut-Ins. A decorated bag with the name of a Shut-In on each bag will be on display. Our members may drop a card in the bag. The bags of cards will be delivered the week of December 17th.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

Blessings Please remember our 80+ members with a card, visit, or phone call:
on your
Birthday!

James Stewart - November 17 - 806 North Fifth Street,

Denver, PA 17517

Caryll Lausch - December 2 - 126 North Fourth Street, Denver, PA 17517.

Joyce Shoer - 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

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:

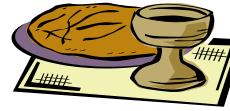
grammyss46@gmail.com or
grammyss@ptd.net or
call 717-538-1946

November/December Food Collection



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

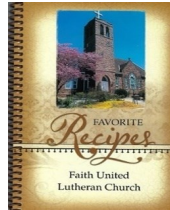
Communion Bread



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—12:00 PM.

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.

Transportation Help

Are you in need of help with transportation? If so, please contact Mary Stewart at (717) 201-4652. If you're interested in helping provide transportation to others, please also let Mary know.

Denver & Ephrata Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner

This is a letter to inform everyone that due to our age and an ongoing health issue with Barry, that we will be unable to hold the Annual Free Thanksgiving Meal at the Ephrata Business Center this year.

We have been holding this event for 22 years at various locations and have served many meals including deliveries, sit downs and meals picked up.

We want to thank all the churches, businesses and all volunteers that have taken part of this through the years. We deeply appreciate all of you who helped all this time.

Lastly, we would really like to see this event to keep taking place. It is too late for this year but if anyone would be interested to keep this going, please contact Barry or Carol Haller at 717-336-2512.

Disaster Response Trip Planning Meeting

The first Planning Meeting for the 24th Disaster Response Trip next April will be held on Sunday, November 12th at 2:00 PM in the Community Room at Luther Acres, 600 East Main Street, Lititz.



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November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <p>Adult Education, The Chosen, Season Three Following Worship Service</p> <p>Confirmation For 7th And 8th Graders, Retreat</p> <p>Pop-Up Festival Choir Rehearsal Following Worship</p> <p>Reformation Sunday</p> <p>9:00am Confirmation</p> <p>9:00am Kid's Church</p> <p>9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Reformation Day</p> <p>6:00pm Pack Bags For Peter's Porch</p>	<p>1</p> <p>All Saints Day</p> <p>REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Adamstown Area Library, 110 West Main Street, Adamstown</p> <p>6:30pm Congregation Council Meeting</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Pastor Marissa's Day Off</p> <p>3:00pm REAL Life First Friday Food Drive, Warehouse 916, Main Street, Denver</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:00am Peter's Porch - Faith United</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Adult Education, The Chosen, Season Three Following Worship Service</p> <p>All Saints Sunday</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Ends</p> <p>Lutheran Soup, Baked Goods, Comforter Sale</p> <p>9:00am Kid's Church</p> <p>9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service</p> <p>10:30am Confirmation For 7th And 8th Graders</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Election Day</p> <p>Pastor Marissa Out Of Town - Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry Provides Emergency Coverage, 717-598-5095</p> <p>9:00am Cozy Comforters Sewing Group</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Pastor Marissa Out Of Town - Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry Provides Emergency Coverage, 717-598-5095</p> <p>9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Faith Fellowship Hall</p> <p>1:30pm Swamp Lutheran Church, Reinholds Food Pantry - Call 717-733-0345/717-336-2849</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Pastor Marissa Out Of Town - Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry Provides Emergency Coverage, 717-598-5095</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Pastor Marissa Out Of Town - Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry Provides Emergency Coverage, 717-598-5095</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Pastor Marissa Out Of Town - Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry Provides Emergency Coverage, 717-598-5095</p> <p>Veterans Day</p> <p>8:00am Peter's Porch - Lititz Mennonite Church, 165 East Front Street, Lititz</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Adult Education, The Chosen, Season Three Following Worship Service</p> <p>Deacon Kristen Barnes, Supply</p> <p>Diana Lewis Birthday</p> <p>Lutheran Soup, Baked Goods, Comforter Sale</p> <p>Pastor Marissa Out Of Town - Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry Provides Emergency Coverage, 717-598-5095</p> <p>Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>9:00am Kid's Church</p> <p>9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service</p> <p>2:00pm 24th Disaster Response Trip Meeting, Community Room, Luther Acres, 600 East Main Street, Lititz</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Pastor Marissa Out Of Town - Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry Provides Emergency Coverage, 717-598-5095</p> <p>Suzanne Henkel Birthday</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Pastor Marissa Out Of Town - Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry Provides Emergency Coverage, 717-598-5095</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Pastor Marissa Out Of Town - Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry Provides Emergency Coverage, 717-598-5095</p> <p>REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Adamstown Area Library, 110 West Main Street, Adamstown</p> <p>7:00pm Denver Women's Club Meeting, Faith Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>James Stewart Birthday</p> <p>Pastor Marissa's Day Off</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:30am Bible And Breakfast</p> <p>8:00am Peter's Porch - Zion Lutheran Church, 435 Main Street, Akron</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Adult Education, The Chosen, Season Three Following Worship Service</p> <p>Christmas Giving Tree</p> <p>Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>9:00am Kid's Church</p> <p>9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service</p> <p>10:30am Confirmation For 7th And 8th Graders</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00am Cozy Comforters Sewing Group</p> <p>6:30pm Fall Book Club</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:00pm Community Thanksgiving Eve Service At St. John's United Church Of Christ</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Pastor Marissa's Day Off</p>	<p>25</p> <p>8:00am Peter's Porch - Landis Valley Christian Fellowship Church, 2420 Kissel Hill Road, Lancaster</p>

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<p>26</p> <p>Adult Education, The Chosen, Season Three Following Worship Service</p> <p>Christ The King</p> <p>Christmas Giving Tree</p> <p>Deadline To Order Poinsettias</p> <p>December Newsletter Article Deadline</p> <p>Last Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>Please Pick Up Your 2024 Offering Envelopes</p> <p>9:00am Kid's Church</p> <p>9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>12:00pm In-Person And Online Bible Study And Prayer Group</p> <p>6:00pm Pack Bags For Peter's Porch</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Faith Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Andrew, Apostle</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Pastor Marissa's Day Off</p> <p>3:00pm REAL Life First Friday Food Drive, Warehouse 916, Main Street, Denver</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Caryl Lausch Birthday</p> <p>Joyce Shober Birthday</p> <p>8:00am Peter's Porch - Faith United</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Christmas Giving Tree</p> <p>First Sunday Of Advent</p> <p>Hanging Of The Greens Following Worship Service</p> <p>Please Pick Up Your 2024 Offering Envelopes</p> <p>9:00am Kid's Church</p> <p>9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service</p> <p>10:30am Confirmation For 7th And 8th Graders</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00am Cozy Comforters Sewing Group</p> <p>12:00pm In-Person And Online Bible Study And Prayer Group</p>	<p>6</p> <p>John Loeber Birthday</p> <p>REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Adamstown Area Library, 110 West Main Street, Adamstown</p> <p>7:00pm Advent Midweek Worship Service</p> <p>7:30pm Congregation Council Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>11:00am Helen Shirk Memorial Service, Faith United Lutheran Church</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Pastor Marissa's Day Off</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:00am Peter's Porch - Lititz Mennonite Church, 165 East Front Street, Lititz</p>

What's Happening at Faith United?

Send your pictures in for
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Blessing Of The Animals



Ingathering Sunday



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FUEL Runs Cocalico Football Concession Stand



Youth Gathering Bingo Fundraiser





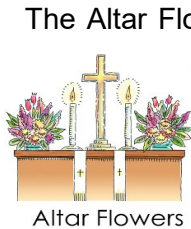
Have you been attending Worship with us online or in-person, and are looking for more information about joining our community in an official way? Membership is a mutual commitment between you and our congregation to love and support one another on our faith journey. If this interests you, please email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

The Upper Room Daily Devotional
November-December, 2023

Christ In Our Home Daily Devotional
October, November, December 2023
Also, A Large Print Version is Available

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

2024 Altar Flower/Bulletin Sponsor Sign-Up



Altar Flowers

The Altar Flower Chart for 2024 is on the board by the Walnut Street entrance. **New Format:** To sponsor flowers, sign your name on the chart; order the flowers from the florist of your choice, pay them and call Jamie Carpenter, 717-286-8821, to arrange to bring them to the Church. You will

receive a paper in the mail to fill out with the wording you want in the Church Bulletin. Put it in the mailbox of "Shirley Sweigart" or call the Church Office, 717-336-2141.

The Bulletin Sponsor Chart for 2024 is on the board by the Walnut Street entrance. **Cost is \$25.00 per Sunday.**

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



Bulletins



Connect With Us On Facebook!

For regular invitation to prayer, devotional reflections, and updates, follow us on Facebook: [@faithunitedelca](https://www.facebook.com/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!

2024 Offering Envelopes

Your 2024 Offering Envelopes will be available for pick up on a table at the back of the Church beginning Sunday, November 26, 2023.

If you were missed, contact the Church Office.

Offering Envelopes

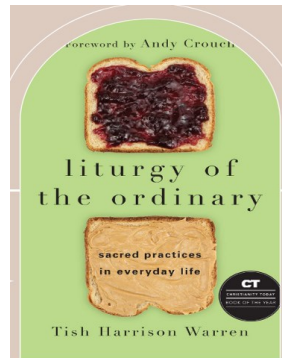


Generic Offering Envelopes are available for use on the table with the bulletins.

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

Fall Book Club Tuesday, November 21st At 6:30 PM



Join Pastor Marissa and fellow congregants in discussing Chapter 3 of **Liturgy Of The Ordinary: Sacred Practices In Everyday**

Life by Tish Warren.

To Join Book Club Online: Click this link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/411053586> and follow the prompts.

You can also call in by telephone to [1-929-205-6099](tel:1-929-205-6099) and enter our meeting ID: 411 053 586.

Come and discover the holiness of your every day.

Coffee And Conversation



Coffee and Conversation is being held following the Worship Service.

Please sign the chart at the back to provide the refreshments.

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

Helen Shirk Memorial Service Thursday, December 7, 2023 - 11:00 AM Faith United





Peter's Porch

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

The First Saturday of Each Month

November 4, 2023

December 2, 2023

January 6, 2024

8:00-10:00 AM

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

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

Bible And Breakfast

Saturday, November 18 - 7:30 AM

Join Pastor Marissa for Breakfast and Bible Study on November 18th. We'll learn together about the history of Christ The King Sunday (Sunday, November 26) and what this day means for our faith.



Please sign the chart on the cabinet ONLY if you are providing a casserole, etc.



The Cozy Comforters need gently used sheets (no flannel please) or fabric to use for their comforters. Please put your donations at the back of the Sanctuary or in the Cozy Comforters Sewing Room.

Memorial Garden Helpers

Our Memorial Garden and both sides of the Church are in need of some tending and weeding. Anyone who would like to make their way to Church and help out with weeding is welcome and encouraged to do so.

Thank You for helping keep our grounds beautiful!



All Saints Sunday

In Memory Of:

Samuel Hornberger, Nora Hahn, Betty McGarvey, and Willard Lausch by Caryl Lausch
Irvin and Harriet Garber, William and Lorraine Kauffman, Linda LaVigne, Ralph and Margareta Newcomer by Cindy Kauffman

COMMEMORATION
of the
FAITHFUL
DEPARTED

Edgar "Skip" Buohl by Lorna Buohl, Lisa and Glenn Beard
Maureen Latanishen and Florence Tobin by Doris Reinoehl
Jay Becklin, Elizabeth and Malcolm Johnson, David Johnson, Clarice and Otto Schmidt, Arlene and Dennis Dienst, Clarence and Margaret Erickson by Pastor Marissa Becklin
Linda Swyhart by Jasmyn Reinoehl
Homer Weaver, Clyde, Elizabeth and Elva Eberly by JoAn Weaver
George Cook by Karlene M. Cook
Bob Fischer by Joyce Fischer
Lew Demler, Jim and Rose Sedinger, Louis and Arline Demler by Deb Demler
Lee Shober by Gloria Shober
William K. Houser by Ellen R. Houser
Michael Konopka, Joseph and Helen Konopka, Joey Konopka, Claire and Edward Zajac, Isiaha Yockey by Diane Konopka
Peggy Dewald by Bruce and Jamie Carpenter
Dorothy Schmeck by Nikki Strohl
RuthAnn Luciani by John Luciani
Richard Frees, Helen and Galen Witmer by Dawn Frees
Bill Monyer, Tony Pisano by Arlene Monyer
Bob, Chris, Cheryl, Frank, Sing and Benedicte by The Hegemans
Barbara Gola, Francis and Josephine Gola, Robert and Rachel Davis, JoAnne Gola, Amanda Hoffert, Robbie Davis, and All Who Served In The Armed Forces by Scott and Lori Gola

In Loving Memory Of:

My Husband Ralph by Ann Roseboro
Dyanne Zorn by Don and June Wolf
Ronald Worline by Jean Worline

In Celebration Of The Life Of:

Lee Arment by Teri Arment



Adult Education Schedule For 2023-2024

Join Pastor Marissa and fellow congregants in learning about our faith together through our different Adult Education Series following Worship this fall and spring. As always, you're invited to drop in to as many sessions as you are able, and do not have to have attended a previous session to come:

Through November 26: *The Chosen* Season 3. Watch episodes of this show together and discuss how media honors and also deviates from scripture (and how we engage with this faithfully).

Only December 17: *The Church In Waiting* Advent Study.

December 31-February 11: *By Heart:* Conversations with Luther's Small Catechism.

February 18-March 24: Lenten Study

April 7-May 26: Paul Study

Bible Study

Second and Fourth Tuesdays
In-Person AND Online at Noon

Join us for fellowship and the study of the Gospel of John.

Gather at church, or see below for how to join virtually using Zoom.

To Join Bible Study Online: Click this link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/411053586> and follow the prompts.

You can also call in by telephone to [1-929-205-6099](tel:1-929-205-6099) and enter our meeting ID: 411 053 586.

Bus Trip To Seafarers International House

Jerusalem Lutheran Church is planning the trip on Thursday, November 9. Transportation by Elite Coach. Leave Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 36 Church Street, Lititz at 6:30 AM; Arrive in New York City at 10:00 AM, with a stop along the way; 10:00-11:30 AM, fill Christmas Satchels at Seafarers International House; 11:30 AM-1:00 PM is Lunch (pay your own); 1:00-2:45 PM, Sightsee (\$3.00 charge to ride Subway); 3:00 PM, Bus pickup at World Trade Center. Cost \$83.00 per person, includes bus driver tip. Money due November 5. Please call Brenda at 717-283-9947 with questions or if interested in going.

Hanging Of The Greens



FAITH UNITED MINISTRY ENDOWMENT

GRANT APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE FOR MINISTRY PROJECTS AND GENEROSITY

Faith United Ministry Endowment: Grant Applications Now Available For Ministry Projects And Generosity

After its establishment in 2022, the Faith United Ministry Endowment Fund is now up and running!

The Endowment Committee is requesting that anyone with ideas about ministry projects or generosity in the community/world that these funds might benefit would fill out an application for the Committee to consider. Applications are available in the back of the Sanctuary and in the Church Office.

November Worship

All Saints Sunday Sunday, November 5, 2023

Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12. All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.



Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost Sunday, November 12, 2023

Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70:1-5; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13. Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.



Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost Sunday, November 19, 2023

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30. Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.



Christ The King Sunday, November 26, 2023

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46. On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.



December Worship

First Sunday Of Advent Sunday, December 3, 2023

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37. Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us

in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.



Second Sunday Of Advent Sunday, December 10, 2023

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8. John calls people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing gets in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.



Confirmands Haley Ann Leshner Psalm 16:8



I chose the verse "I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me," because it reminds me that God is always right there with me. It gives me a sense of comfort and relief knowing that he will always

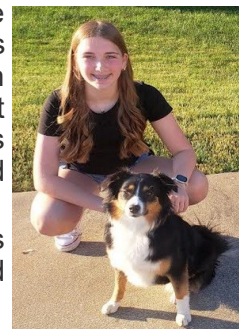
be there for me when I need Him. This verse reminds me that I'm not alone and don't need to be afraid. I think of this verse whenever I'm anxious, worried, afraid, or weak and it helps give me strength and calm me down.

For me, confirmation means growing my faith and taking the time to learn, understand, and ask questions about the Bible and its teachings.

Gabriella Marie Weidner John 14:27

I chose the Bible verse "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you" because I like how it is an uplifting reminder that we are not alone. Whether it's during a hard test or a fight with a friend I feel like hearing that quote can help make us feel less alone and remind us that God is always there for us.

To me confirmation means confirming your faith in God, and growing in your faith journey.



SERVING IN NOVEMBER, DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Date	Lector	Technology	Ushers	Offering Counters
November 5, 2023	Angela Stewart	Tim Wise	Jamie Carpenter Bruce Carpenter	Terri Kilrain Richard Billings Chris Billings
November 12, 2023	Lori Stover	Scott Gola	Mary Stewart Jim Stewart	Dawn Frees Craig Stover Lori Stover
November 19, 2023	Harold Martzall	Deb Demler	Angela Stewart Todd Stewart	Bruce Carpenter Jamie Carpenter Linda Riddell
November 26, 2023	Gloria Shober	Lori Stover	Teri Arment Harold Martzall	Tim Hegeman Robert Gates Gloria Gates
December 3, 2023	Scott Gola	Tim Wise	Cynthia Hegeman Tim Hegeman	Terri Kilrain Richard Billings Chris Billings
December 10, 2023	Deb Demler	Scott Gola	Jennie Weinhold Chris Weinhold	Dawn Frees Craig Stover Lori Stover
December 17, 2023	Cindy Kauffman	Deb Demler	Linda Riddell Jeff Hartman	Bruce Carpenter Jamie Carpenter Linda Riddell
December 24, 2023 9:00 AM	Ann Roseboro	Lori Stover	June Wolf Don Wolf	Tim Hegeman Robert Gates Gloria Gates
December 24, 2023 4:00 PM	Todd Stewart	Tim Wise	Shirley Ludwig Bill Ludwig	XXXXXXXX
December 24, 2023 7:00 PM	Dawn Frees	Scott Gola	Terri Kilrain Ellen Houser	XXXXXXXX
December 31, 2023	Angela Stewart	Deb Demler	Mary Stewart Jim Stewart	Tim Hegeman Cynthia Hegeman Ann Roseboro
January 7, 2024	Lori Stover	Lori Stover	Jamie Carpenter Bruce Carpenter	Terri Kilrain Richard Billings Chris Billings
January 14, 2024	Gloria Shober	Tim Wise	Angela Stewart Todd Stewart	Dawn Frees Craig Stover Lori Stover
January 21, 2024	Harold Martzall	Scott Gola	Teri Arment Harold Martzall	Bruce Carpenter Jamie Carpenter Linda Riddell
January 28, 2024	Scott Gola	Deb Demler	Cynthia Hegeman Tim Hegeman	Tim Hegeman Robert Gates Gloria Gates

Substitute: Melvin Schmeck, 717-336-5792

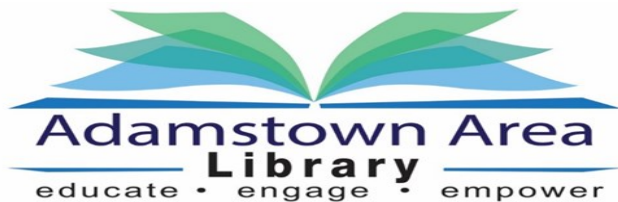
If you are unable to be present to count the offering, please call Melvin.

SERVING IN NOVEMBER, DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Date	Acolyte	Communion Bread	Altar Committee	Altar Flowers, Bulletins
November 5, 2023	Aaron Wolf	Bruce Carpenter	Mary Stewart Joanne Phillips	
November 12, 2023	Kellen Strohl		Janet Hirneisen Dawn Frees	
November 19, 2023	Jackson Lesher	Dawn Frees	Janet Hirneisen Dawn Frees	
November 26, 2023	Josh Gola	Dawn Frees	Donna Gerhart	
December 3, 2023	Lily Arment		Donna Gerhart	Carpenter
December 10, 2023	Aaron Wolf		Teri Arment Joyce Fischer	
December 17, 2023	Kellen Strohl		Teri Arment Joyce Fischer	
December 24, 2023 9:00 AM	Jackson Lesher		Jamie Carpenter Bruce Carpenter	
December 24, 2023 4:00 PM	Josh Gola		Jamie Carpenter Bruce Carpenter	
December 24, 2023 7:00 PM	Lily Arment		Jamie Carpenter Bruce Carpenter	
December 31, 2023	Aaron Wolf		Jamie Carpenter Bruce Carpenter	
January 7, 2024	Kellen Strohl		Karlene Cook Doris Reinoehl	
January 14, 2024	Jackson Lesher		Karlene Cook Doris Reinoehl	
January 21, 2024	Josh Gola			
January 28, 2024	Lily Arment			

Coffee & Conversation - November 12, 2023 - Terri Kilrain

Coffee & Conversation - December 3, 2023 - Lori Wise



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. Regular 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. Learn more and register for events at:

AdamstownAreaLibrary.org

“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.

American Girl Bag Pickup - Monday, November 6 while supplies last. 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. One per family please. For ages 5-12 years.

Friends Book Sale - Every Tuesday in the Community Room. Hours are from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM every Tuesday except on the second Tuesday of the month, when the sale will end at 5:30 PM due to a Library program. November 14 will be the last sale date in 2023.

Bedtime Stories - Tuesday, November 7 at 6:30 PM at the Library. Enjoy stories, a craft and snack on the first Tuesday of each month. Don’t forget to wear your pajamas! Ages 2-6.

“Twinkling Stars” Baby Storytime - Every Thursday at 10:00 AM. Simple stories, rhymes, puppets, songs, and fingerplays. Bring along your 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten packets to help achieve your goal! For babies with adult. November 2, 9, 16.

“The Young And The Restless” Toddler Time - Every Thursday at 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 toddlers with adult. November 2, 9, 16.

Young At Heart - Wednesday, November 15 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 - Every Wednesday at 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM. Stories and an easy craft for ages 3-6 with adult. November 8, 15.

LEGO® Activity Bag Pickup - Monday, November 13 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. 1 per family please. For ages 5-12 years.

Drop-In STEAM - Tuesday, November 14 drop-in from 2:00-5:00 PM. Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math through games, activities, and projects with Miss

Maribeth on the second Tuesday of each month. An adult is required to accompany children under 8.

Genealogy Group - Tuesday, November 14. from 6:30-8:00 PM. This group meets at the Library on the second Tuesday of each month for lively discussions, research help or short talks from genealogy researcher Ken McCrea. For older students and adults.

Digital Device Clinic - Friday, November 10 from 1:00-3:00 PM. Library staff will provide community members with one-on-one support in using their eReaders, tablets, smartphones, or other electronic devices this fall. Appointments are free and open to members of the public, but advanced registration is required. Thirty-minute appointments are available between the hours of 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM on the second Friday of each month. Register online at calendar.lancasterlibraries.org/ or contact the Library at 717-484-4200.

Take and Make Packet Pickup - Monday, November 20 while supplies last. No longer just for teens! Get creative with our ready-to-go kits on the third Monday of each month. Supplies are limited!

Almost Perfect Crimes - Tuesday, November 21 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. Third Tuesday of each month. For ages teen/adult due to some graphic content.

MJWK (Miss Jess wants to Know) - 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.



Impossible Pumpkin Cheesecake

Heat oven to 350°. Spray 9 inch glass pie plate with cooking spray.

In a blender place:

1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin (not pumpkin pie mix)

1 - 8 ounce cream cheese, softened and cut in small pieces

1/4 teaspoon vanilla

3 eggs

3/4 cup sugar

1/2 cup Bisquick

1 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice

Blend about two (2) minutes, scraping several times. Pour into pie plate. Bake 45 minutes. Cool 10 minutes.

Mix Topping:

1 cup sour cream


2 tablespoons sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla

Carefully spread on cheesecake. Refrigerate, covered.

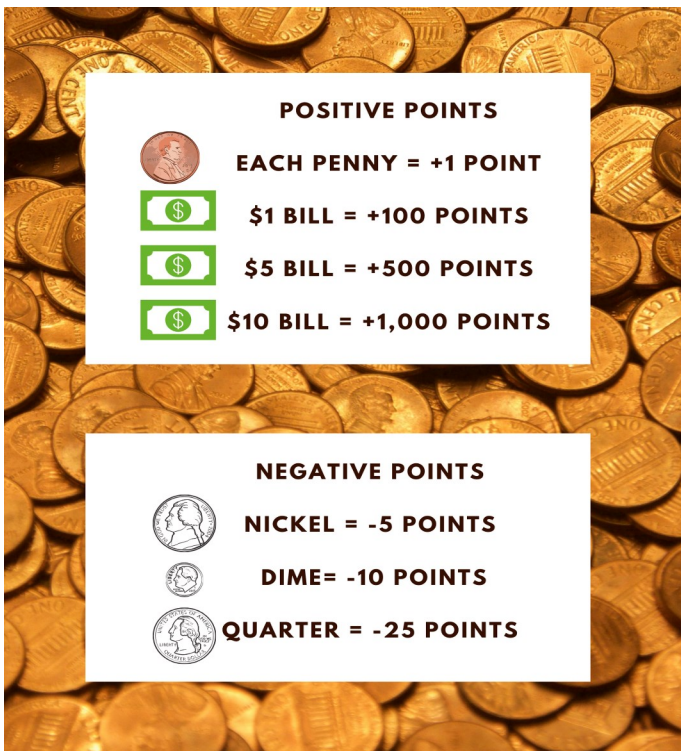
Confirmation for 7th and 8th Graders

Meets after Sunday worship from 10:30am-11:30am on the following Sundays of each month:


- September 10 (Parents AND Students)
 - September 24
 - October 15
 - October 29: Retreat
 - November 5
 - November 19
 - December 3
 - December 17
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- January 14
 - January 28
 - February 11
 - February 25
 - March 10
 - March 24
 - April 14
 - April 28
 - May 12
 - May 26


Penny Wars Youth Gathering Fundraiser: November


Throughout the month of November, there will be two plastic containers in the back of the Sanctuary: one labeled "men", and the other labeled "women". To add points to your own jar add pennies and bills, and to add negative points to your opposing jar add silver coins. Points will be counted at the end of the month. All proceeds donated to this competition will benefit the Youth Gathering. For point information, check display at the back of the Sanctuary! See the picture for point information.




POSITIVE POINTS


 **EACH PENNY = +1 POINT**


 **\$1 BILL = +100 POINTS**


 **\$5 BILL = +500 POINTS**

 **\$10 BILL = +1,000 POINTS**

NEGATIVE POINTS

 **NICKEL = -5 POINTS**

 **DIME = -10 POINTS**

 **QUARTER = -25 POINTS**

Fundraising For ELCA Youth Gathering: July 16-20, 2024

Every three years, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) holds their Annual Youth Gathering. In the summer of 2024, the Gathering will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana. This is an amazing time to Worship with approximately 30,000 other Lutheran youth and adults. There will be times of service, fellowship and Worship throughout the four days we are in NOLA.

We need your help! We are looking to raise around \$1700/person for this trip, and could be sending up to 11 people total. We will have a fundraiser each month of the year as we look forward to this important event!

September's Fundraiser: 144 Envelopes

Instructions: Head to the back of the Sanctuary, take an envelope off of the wall, and fill it with the dollar value that is on the envelope (return to offering plate). Feel free to take more than one envelope—your generosity will help us send our teens to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July 2024. If we fill all of the envelopes with the corresponding donation, together we can raise \$10,440.00 for our Youth!

Hershey Handbell Concert Fellowship Event

On Sunday, December 10 at 3:00 PM, the Hershey Handbell Ensemble will be performing at First United Methodist Church (64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey, PA).

A free will offering will be collected during the Concert.

Those from Faith United interested in attending together (and possibly carpooling) are invited to sign up in the back of the Sanctuary (sign-up will be out mid-November).

Young At Heart Meets At Faith United 2nd And 4th Wednesdays

Join folks 60+ from the community in a time of fellowship, games, food, and guest speakers on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Faith United in the Fellowship Hall downstairs from 9:00-11:00 AM.

Children's Bulletins

ARE AVAILABLE

On Table At The Back Of The Sanctuary

Smile

There is one thing in life that's priceless,
That helps to make each day worthwhile.
It will cost you nothing and take just a moment,
To give someone a pleasant smile.

A smile is a way to say hello
To someone you may not know.

A friendly greeting you can take with you
Wherever you may go.

When you give it to a stranger,
You may become the best of friends.
A smile has united many lovers
Until their life journey ends.

A smile can bring rest to the weary,
Sunshine to a cloudy day.

An antidote for trouble,
That can chase a tear away.

Sometimes a smile turns to laughter,
And puts joy within our soul.
It's a precious gift from God bestowed,
To both the young and old.

A smile freely given will brighten your day
And tribulation may be ignored.
It gives pleasure to those you met on your way
And brings happiness as a reward.

When you see sadness on a lonely face,
You can make their life worthwhile,
And the world will be a better place,
All because of your smile.

R. Whitcomb

Thrivent Action Team

Celebrate your special day (birthday) by leading your Thrivent Action Team. Thrivent will support eligible members who have not yet led their Thrivent Action Teams with a kit containing digital tools, to-shirts, and a Community Impact Card with up to \$250.00. Gather a team for a fundraiser, service project or educational activity. Once approved you will receive your Thrivent Action Team Kit.

Visit thrivent.com/actionteam to start planning. If you need help you can contact Tim Hegeman, 717-475-3530.



Orders for Poinsettias (6.5", 5+ blooms) to decorate the Chancel on December 17, 24, 25, 2023 can be placed until the conclusion of Worship on **Sunday, November**

26, 2023. 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.



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?" —Psalm 22:1

Dear church,

As Lutherans, we are accustomed to holding tension between two truths. Thus the ELCA denounces the egregious acts of Hamas, acts that have led to unspeakable loss of life and hope. At the same time the ELCA denounces the indiscriminate retaliation of Israel against the Palestinian people, both Christian and Muslim.

For the past week we have borne witness to the horrors of the escalating crisis between Israel and Hamas. We also watch a growing humanitarian crisis in Gaza as Israel blocks food, water, fuel and medical supplies and as airstrikes continue to cause unbearable civilian casualties ahead of a just-announced ground assault. We see Israelis and families around the world in the agonizing wait for word about the fate of loved ones killed or taken hostage by Hamas. We are in anguish, grieving and praying for all people who are living in trauma, fear and uncertainty.

Among us are Palestinian Lutherans who are fearful for their families, their communities and their homeland. In our communities we have Jewish and Muslim neighbors, who are also facing the horrors of this crisis and its impact on their loved ones.

It is difficult to find words that suffice in the complexity of this moment, and in the web of relationships that bind us together, as church, with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and our interreligious partners. Yet God has called us to be a people who stand with others amid suffering.

We must also call a thing a thing. The power exerted against all Palestinian people—through the occupation, the expansion of settlements and the escalating violence—must be called out as a root cause of what we are witnessing. We are committed to our long-standing accompaniment of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.

The God who liberates us calls us to be a liberating witness. May it be so.

In Christ,

Elizabeth A. Eaton

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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:

Helen Shirk Family

Michael Konopka Family

Minerva Bitner Family

Pastor Bob Kurz Family

For Healing:

Karlene Cook

Debbie Anthony

Lisa Beard

Sally Wise

Robin Althouse

Sara Holzinger

Helen Johnson

Gayle Weidner

Sallie Eachus

Keiser Family

Eileen Norton

Stanley and Jeannette Uibel

Mae Raudenbush

Rob Macker

Deb Kozlowski

Sharon Levering

Craig Harting

Matt Hershey

Jane Imhoff

Peg Perella

Gloria Eitnier

Julianna Beck

Lydia Bearinger

Joyce Hahn

Mel Schmeck

Cindy Kauffman

Dawn Smith

Mary Zimmerman

Rachel Fisher

Evelyn Nace

Christine Diener

Elaine Ream

Roland Gehman

Jared Snyder

Arlo Schmidt

Maggie Carpenter

John Loeber

Jenn Frees

Brenda King

Wilmer Thomas

Jennie Tomlinson

Merv Nolt

Dan Roseboro

Marlene Ferry

Patricia Krick

Beverly Kilmer

Victor Rodriguez

Carl Haberman

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

Continuing Concerns

Caryll Lausch, Jack Dewald, Diane Konopka, Lillian Troutman, Jean Worline, Bill Ludwig, Ethel Farrow, Jim Kreider, Donna Deibler, Betty Witmer, Dave Harnish, John Luciani, Matt Donley, Audrey Grill, Dorothy Hoyer, Michele Lacy, Traci Krick, Terri Macker, Lorna Buohl, Ralph Whitcomb, Sue Henkel, Susan Means, Florence Rutt, Susan Hartman, Dave Steiner, Elsie Becker, Marlene and Joe Battisti, Day Fasnacht, John Werner, Reaser Family, Ginger Brubaker, Jim Kelly, Dennis Hill, Janice Houp, Cathy McQuate, Terry Moyer, Betsy Sensenig, 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.

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.

Denver Women's Club Meeting

Wednesday, November 15

7:00 PM

Jill Marie (Sturgis) Thomas

"Twisted: Mindful Pretzel Consumption"

At the same time the United States was brewing a Civil War, Julius Sturgis was establishing America's first commercial pretzel bakery in Lititz. As his great-granddaughter, Jill has a lot to say about pretzels! In this fun presentation, based on her book, find out everything you want to know about this iconic snack food!

Faith United Fellowship Hall
Everyone Welcome



Veterans Day

**HONORING
THOSE WHO
SERVED**

**Saturday,
November
11, 2023**



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 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 20, 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. **Registration deadline is one week prior to the group.**

Coping With The Loss Of A Parent Or Sibling: Tuesday, November 7, 6:30-8:00 PM, Via Zoom. 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. **Registration deadline is one week prior to the group.**

Age 50 & Under - Coping With The Loss Of A Spouse Or Companion: Fourth Wednesday Of Every Month, 6:00-7:30 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. **Registration deadline is one week prior to the group.**

Newly Bereaved Program (3 Week Series): Tuesdays, November 14, 21, 28, 2:00-3:30 PM, In-Person at Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy; Tuesdays, December 5, 12, 19, 6:30-8:00 PM, Via Zoom. If your loss was recent, this series provides an overview of common grief responses and will help you to begin to identify coping tools. Space is limited; registration required. Call to discuss with a bereavement counselor to determine if the group will meet your needs. **Registration deadline: one week prior to the start of the group.**

GRASP (Grief Recovery After A Substance Passing): Tuesday, November 21, 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.

Coping With The Holidays: Tuesday, November 14, 6:30-8:00 PM - *Holiday Survival Guide*; Tuesday, November 21, 2:00-3:30 PM - *Holiday Survival Guide*; Tuesday, November 28, 6:30-8:00 PM, *Practicing Gratitude*; Tuesday, December 12, 6:30-8:00 PM, *Ways To Remember*, In-Person at Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. Wednesday, November 15, 6:30-8:00 PM, *Holiday Survival Guide*, Via Zoom. Registration required.

International Survivors Of Suicide Loss Day: Saturday, November 18, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, In-Person at Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. Join other survivors, ages 14+, for a video presentation and discussion on the unique aspects of grief from different populations. Hear from a local panel of survivors and receive information on resources and support. There will be a separate break out discussion for teens. Register online at <https://mount-joy-pennsylvania.isolsd.afsp.org> or call Elaine Ostrum at (717)391-2413.

Light Up A Life: Wednesday, December 6, Music Begins at 6:30 PM, Program Begins at 7:00 PM, Outdoors at The Essa Flory Center, 685 Good Drive, Lancaster. Celebrate the life of your loved one by purchasing a light for this year's Light Up A Life Tree-lighting Ceremony. For a gift of \$25.00 per light, a light is placed in memory or in honor of your loved one on graceful evergreen trees. Make your gift online at www.HospiceLights.org or call 717-295-3900. By purchasing a light, you are also providing the gift of care for patients and families facing end of life.

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 Option: 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.

Ladies Lunch: Wednesday, November 22, 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.

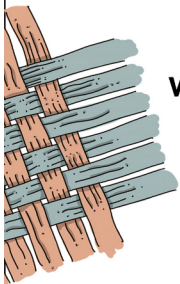
Dinner Out (For Men And Women): Saturday, November 11, 2:00 PM, Silver Spring Family Restaurant, 3653 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster. RSVP to Connie Whitacre at (717)577-1138 or paths@hospicecommunity.org at least three days prior to the event.

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.

KID'S PAGE



Handicrafts can spark appreciation for simple items. Weave this basket as a gift.



What you need:

- Paper plate
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Yarn (different colors)

What you do:

1. In the center of the plate, trace something round. Draw 9 lines (evenly spaced) from the circle to the plate's edge.
2. Cut along each line, stopping at the center circle. Trim more of the plate off so the cuts make a gradual V shape.
3. Fold the plate's sides upward to form basket sides. Keep these upright as you weave a bowl-shaped basket.
4. Begin weaving a length of yarn at the circle's base. Hold the end of the yarn in place as you spread the length over and under each side of the plate.
5. Switch colors to make a pattern. Keep the yarn tight as you weave up the sides.
6. To finish, bend down any remaining paper. Leave a tail of yarn and tuck it under a woven portion. Share your craft with a friend!

PUZZLE TRAIN THANKS-FILLED GIVING

The virtues of gratefulness and generosity are connected. When we're truly thankful for all God provides, we want to sow generous seeds in other people's lives. What will be the harvest?

Directions: Solve the clues associated with each picture. Then write the words in the correct spaces to complete 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV.

This becomes a plant _____



Willing to give _____

The result of planting seeds _____



The act of gratitude _____

Food made from wheat _____



Now he who supplies _____ to the sower and _____ for food will also



supply and increase your store of _____ and will enlarge the _____



of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be

_____ on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result



in _____ to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV



Answers: seed, bread, harvest, generous, thanksgiving

Community Events

Join us at Peter's Porch!



- 1st Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am
Faith United Lutheran Church
357 Walnut Street
Denver, PA 17517
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.



Highland Dorothy Rose Smith Concert



Highland Chancel Choir

Sunday, December 10, 2023, 4:00 pm

In a change of pace, the choir will present its annual concert at Christmastime this year. *O Holy Night - A Weary World Rejoices* focuses on a familiar carol as its inspiration. Together with guest musicians, we will celebrate the birth of Christ as our long-awaited hope for redemption.

Highland Presbyterian Church
500 East Roseville Road,
Lancaster
717-569-2651

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



BOOK SALE
Adamstown Area Library
(110 W Main St, Adamstown)
Every Tuesday
11 AM to 7 PM
(With the exception of the 2nd Tuesday of the month when sale closes at 5:30 PM)

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

discover

The Hive

grow

thrive

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

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday,
December 7, 2023

11:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Farm Crest
Community Room
1100 Farm Crest Drive,
Ephrata, PA

For Appointment,
Call Central PA
Blood Bank
800-771-0059

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 REALLCS.ORG.



REAL Life Community Services

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.

FOOD ITEMS:

- Canned chicken
- Salsa (mild)
- Green Chilis (4 oz cans)
- Black olives
- Egg noodles (1 pound)
- Ramen Noodles
- Mushrooms
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Relish
- Gluten Free food items – soup, pasta.

OTHER ITEMS:

- Body Wash
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Picnic products –
 - Plates
 - Napkins
 - Cups
- Sun Screen



Music At Jerusalem
Two Rivers Chamber Music String Quartet
Sunday, November 19, 2023
3:00 PM
Free Will Offering Will Be Received
Church Building Is Handicap Accessible
Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church
36 Church Street, Rothsville

SCHOENECK FIRE COMPANY

Craft Show and Bake Sale

SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 18TH, 2023
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

125 NORTH KING ST.
DENVER, PA 17517

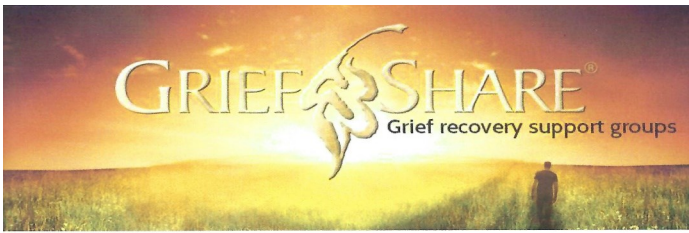
FOOD PROVIDED BY
THE SCHOENECK FIRE CO. AUX.
SOUP SOLD BY THE QUART

FOR QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION
CALL MARLENE 717-278-7981

OVER 30
TABLES OF
HAND
MADE CRAFTS!



Community Events



GRIEF SHARE
Grief recovery support groups

New Group Forming

Begins: September 10, 2023

Time: 3-4:30pm

Location: Mohn's Hill Church

Second Location at Lighthouse Community Center

239 Main St. Denver, Pa. 17517

Begins September 6, 2023

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Contact: Mohn's Hill EC Church

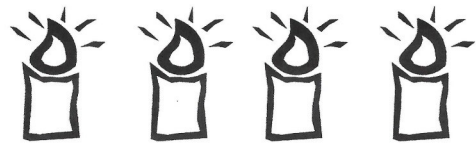
610-775-3667

www.mohnshill.org

Advent Day Apart at The Wittel Farm

Saturday, December 9, 2023
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 December 1.



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



Please join us for our

HOLIDAY BAZAAR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, November 18
Luther Acres Towne Center
250 St. Luke Drive, Lititz PA

Holiday Bazaar | 8 AM - 2 PM

Handmade Crafts / Jewelry
Hand-carved Wooden Caricatures
Unique Items by Local Artisans
Knitted & Crocheted Items / Baked Goods
Christmas Gifts / Quilt Raffle

Pancake Breakfast | 8-10 AM

Fuel up before you shop!
2 Pancakes, 2 Sausage Links, Juice, Coffee & Tea
\$8.00 (cash only)

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

717.626.1171 | www.Luthercare.org



THE LANCASTER CHORALE
In Concert
Hallelujah! Amen!
100 Voice Choir
30 Piece Orchestra
Dr. Bruce Gerlach Conductor
Jan Stauffer, Accompanist
Guest Soloists:
Dr. Jeffrey Martin & Abigail Martin
**Hallelujah Choruses
by Beethoven,
Bach, and Handel.**
And numerous other
glorious pieces of praise,
new and old. Much of
the music will have a
holiday theme.
LancasterChorale.org
Friday, Nov 17, 7pm &
Saturday, Nov 18, 3pm
Lititz Church
of the Brethren
300 W. Orange St. Lititz, PA
Doors open 30 minutes before concert time.
Free admission. A free-will offering will be received.

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357 WALNUT STREET
P O BOX 157
DENVER PA 17517-0157

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