

BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH NEWS
NOVEMBER 2023
PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

Grace and peace to you!

As October ends, I want to thank everyone who sent me a message, a card, and a gift for Pastor Appreciation Month! Your kindness and generosity meant so much; I am truly blessed to serve as your pastor.

Now we look to November and remember all the Saints who have gone before us, and we also give thanks for what we have on Thanksgiving. I look back over this last year; we have lost some beloved members of our congregations and communities. Many of these people have impacted our lives, and there is not a day that goes by that I don't think of one of them. Many of you still struggle with the loss of your loved ones, or maybe they were a friend; know that I am here for you, and if you need someone to talk to, I am here to listen! But we thank a genuinely loving God who sent His only Son who took on our sins, burdens, pains, and sorrows, to the cross and gave us eternal life! And for that, I am truly thankful! May you know that your loved one is wrapped in the loving arms of Christ!

I pray you all will have a blessed Thanksgiving! This year, I will travel to Nebraska to spend the holiday with my dad, my sister, and her family. In the coming weeks, remember those Saints that have gone before you and share their stories. Also, in the coming weeks, remember what you are thankful for and pray a prayer of thanksgiving to God!

Peace in Christ,
Rev. Curt Wingert



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Christ's United

On Sunday, **November 5**, we will remember those who have joined the Saints Triumphant during the past year:

Douglas Gemberling (CULC) – February 27, 2023

Barbara Grimooris (CULC) – April 21, 2023

Gertrude Mitchell (CULC) – November 10, 2022

Connie Wagner (CULC) – June 16, 2023

Jeff Wenrich (CULC) – July 30, 2023

Tharifah Wenrich (CULC) – July 30, 2023

All Saints' Day falls on the first Sunday of November. It is a day when we commemorate those we have lost, as well as the Christians who have lived before us and have testified to their Christian faith.

Lighting a virtual memorial candle is a symbolic way to honor someone's life and mourn their death. For some, a virtual memorial candle can represent a prayer. For others, it is simply a way to show that someone's spirit lives on in the hearts they have left behind.

We invite you to observe this occasion and remember your loved ones by bringing with you to the worship service a candle to light in memory of those we have lost.

In addition, this year you are encouraged to bring a picture of your loved one(s). The pictures will be displayed on the window sills.

If you want more information, talk to Pastor Curt.

First Lutheran

On Sunday, **November 5**, we will remember those who have joined the Saints Triumphant during the past year:

E. Edward Henry (FELC) - November 6, 2022

****Barbara Hackenburg (FELC) - January 15, 2023***

James Randecker (FELC) - January 31, 2023

Mary Alice Deihl (FELC) - April 20, 2023

Helen Troup (FELC) - June 11, 2023

**denotes non-member*

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### **VETERAN'S DAY PRAYER**

*Dear Heavenly Father,*

*In every age, You call certain persons to defend the human family from oppression, tyranny, and evil. Since our founding as a nation "conceived in liberty," countless American men and women have stepped forward to defend our country and many others from aggressors, and to liberate those held captive.*

*Today we revere all our veterans: those who rest in honored glory, those who still suffer from the wounds of war, and those who, with us, enjoy the blessing of living in the land of the free and the home of the brave.*

*O God, thank You for the selfless sacrifice of these veterans and of their families. Help us to remember them, to pray for them, and to care for them. Please bring all our departed veterans into Your kingdom, and console their families with Your unfailing love. Please heal our wounded veterans through the power of Your Holy Spirit, and give to all our veterans the satisfaction of having served You even as they have served us.*

*Thank You for Your gifts of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. May we fight to keep these rights available to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen*





***FIRST LUTHERAN CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS***

Poinsettias will decorate the church sanctuary beginning Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> and may be picked up after the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. The flowers will be ordered from Reiff's Greenhouse, with free gold pot sleeves. Completed order forms and payment must be to the office no later than **Sunday, November 26th.**



**Poinsettia Order Form**

**6 1/2" pot (5+ blooms)      \$10.00 each**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Red**      \_\_\_\_\_ **White**      \_\_\_\_\_ **Burgundy**

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Remembered by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Remembered by: \_\_\_\_\_

Total plants ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



***CHRIST'S UNITED POINSETTIAS***

Poinsettias have been a holiday favorite for generations. Every year we enjoy the beauty of this plant at our Christmas Eve service. This year will be no exception. If you want to provide a plant or two (plants may be taken home following the service on Christmas Eve), fill out the following and return it to Janice Wagner or Margie.

**Poinsettia Order Form**

**6 1/2" pot (5+ blooms)      \$10.00 each**

**Order Deadline: December 3  
Return with Payment to:  
Janice Wagner or Margie Dunkle**

\_\_\_\_\_Red    \_\_\_\_\_White    \_\_\_\_\_Burgundy

GIVEN BY \_\_\_\_\_

in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

to the Glory of God \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Plants Ordered \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



## ***PARISH NEWS***

### **Pastor Curt**

Pastor Curt will be on vacation November 20 through November 28.

### **Parish Youth Apple Dumpling Sale**

The Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish Youth are now selling apple dumplings! The funds raised from the sale will help our youth travel to the ELCA National Youth Gathering next summer in New Orleans!

***See attached youth news for more details!!***

### **Parish Christmas Program**

Buffy Umholtz-Boyer has graciously volunteered to organize and lead the Parish Christmas Program on the stage at Four-Bells. It will be held on **Saturday evening, December 9.**



### **Christmas Season Services**

This year **December 24** falls on a Sunday. Morning worship service times and locations have not been finalized. However, the Christmas Eve services will be held as follows:

- 4:00 p.m. ~ Christ's United**
- 7:00 p.m. ~ First Lutheran**
- 10:00 p.m. ~ First Lutheran**

**December 31 - Lessons and Carols - 10:00 a.m. ~ First Lutheran**

## **Bible Studies**

This month's Bible study will take place at First Lutheran as follows:

**Mondays at 1:30 pm**

**November 6 – No Study**

**November 13**

**November 20 – No Study (Pastor on vacation)**

**November 27 – No Study (Pastor on vacation)**

We are studying the Book of Romans. All are welcome.

### **Texting Program for the Parish**



I am going to be trying a new texting program for the parish called Text in Church. With this program, I will be able to send out mass/individual text messages to church members reminding them that church services have changed, share upcoming events, notify that church has been cancelled due to weather, remind committees of meetings, prayer requests, etc.

I am going to do a two-month trial to see how we like it and then I will make a decision if we would like to keep it. If you would like to sign up for this program, please email/call me with your cell phone number. Also, if you do sign up, the text messages that you receive will come from the following number: 814-527-3720. ~ Pastor Curt

### **Video Project**

Pastor Curt is seeking volunteers to help with a video project he is working on. For this project, he will ask you two easy questions in advance. Then he wants to record you answering those two questions and post the video on social media. If you are interested in participating, please let him know.

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A slower-paced life means making time to enjoy your mornings, instead of rushing off to work in a frenzy. It means taking time to enjoy whatever you're doing, to appreciate the outdoors, to actually focus on whoever you're talking to or spending time with — instead of always being connected to a Blackberry or iPhone or laptop, instead of always thinking about work tasks and emails. It means single-tasking rather than switching between a multitude of tasks and focusing on none of them.



CULC NEWS

Our Newest Member

On Sunday, October 8, we received **Naleia Lani Auld** into our church family through Holy Baptism. Naleia was born April 2, 2021 to Ashley Anne Wenrich & Brandon Keolamikalani Spitz-Auld. She is the great-granddaughter of Ben Wenrich. Extended family members include Dianne Shuck, Greg & Teresa Shuck, Janice & Lance Wagner, as well as numerous Wenrich family members.

Budget Planning

A Budget Planning Meeting will take place before the **November 21** Council Meeting, starting at **6:30 p.m.** Non-Council members are invited. Food will be provided.

Venturing Crew Plans

CULC sponsors a Venturing Crew group which consists of youth interested in outdoor activities. They are planning a “homeless campout” on our church grounds and will collect food donations for Hope’s Haven on **Wednesday & Thursday, November 22 & 23** (Thanksgiving Eve & Day). More information can be secured from Joel Blyler (570-768-6582).



Advent Family Day

After worship on **Sunday, November 26**, Advent Family Day will take place. It is the day on which we will decorate the church for Christmas. You may bring soup and/or sandwiches to share afterwards. If you want more information, talk to Pastor Curt or a Council member.

Volunteer Needs

- Council is looking for members willing to be placed on the ballot for the upcoming election for congregation Council positions. If interested, please talk to a current Council member or Pastor Curt.

- We are looking for at least one member willing to volunteer to teach/lead adult Sunday School after our worship services. If interested, please reach out to Pastor Curt. He has access to materials and videos.
- We are still in need of additional offering counters after worship services. If interested, contact Barry Spangler (570-966-0406).

October 8 Congregational Meeting Minutes

A special congregational meeting of Christ's United Lutheran Church was held on Sunday, October 8, 2023 following the 8:30 a.m. worship service. Church Council President Jennifer Keister called the meeting to order.

As mentioned in a prior mailed letter and announcements at the beginning of two prior Sunday worship services, Council received a bid of \$11,900.00 from Nu-Look Driveway Sealing to seal parking lot cracks, reseal the parking lot, and paint the parking stall lines. Teresa Shuck moved that the congregation accept Nu-Look Driveway Sealing's bid, as described above, and seconded by Idella Zimmerman. After a brief discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

Also mentioned in advance via mailed letter and worship service announcements, Christ's United Worship & Music Committee met and recommended to our Council that we hold communion at the communion rail during Sunday worship once a month. Council decided to receive congregation input by placing this to a vote. When asked which Sunday of the month, Pastor Curt responded that if approved it would be on the first Sunday of the month and would start in November. Glenn Spangler moved to resume communion at the communion rail once a month. Seconded by Linda Smith and the motion passed via voice vote.

NOTE! The work on the parking lot was completed October 11-13 by Nu-Look Driveway Sealing.

Beginning November 5 and continuing the first Sunday of subsequent months, we will be communing at the rail.



FELC NEWS

Upcoming Program

Starting **Sunday, December 3, through Sunday, December 24**, we will once again be collecting winter hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens to help keep our local school children warm. A small Christmas Tree and a collection box will be set up in the hallway in which to place your donations. Thank you in advance for helping to provide this service to our school-age students.

Christian Ed Info

We will only have a SPECIAL Young Followers Church on the **SECOND** Sunday of each month following the Children's message. We will be using the Sparks Story Bible that corresponds with the weekly scripture.

These monthly lessons will include Sparks Story Reading, Coloring Page, and a Craft.

- **November 12** Sparks Story [Matthew 25:1-13](#) *The story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids*
- **December 10** Sparks Story [Mark 1:1-8](#) *John appears from the wilderness (Advent/Christmas Special Ideas too)*
- **January 14** Sparks Story [John 1:43-51](#) *The calling of the first disciples*
- **February 11** Sparks Story [Mark 9:2-9](#) *Revelation of Christ as God's beloved Son*
- **March 10** Sparks Story [John 3:14-21](#) *The lifting up of the Son of Man (Lenten/Easter Special Ideas too)*
- **April 14** Sparks Story [Luke 24:36b-48](#) *Eating with the risen Christ*
- **May 12** Sparks Story [Acts 1:15-17, 21-26](#) *Matthias added to the apostles*
- **June, July, August – off**

Young Followers Church Volunteer Schedule

November 12 – Kim Sawyer
December 10 – Ann Beckley
January 14 – Barb Randecker
February 11 – Nicole Klose
March 10 – Shirley Heasley
April 14 – Christian and Buffy Boyer
May 12 – Kortney McBryan

If you are unable to fulfill your month, please try to make an exchange with another month's volunteer. If that is not possible, contact one of the following substitutes: Sally Rothermel, Liz Loss, Sherri Neece, Mandy Rothermel, Libby Loss. If you are still unable to get a replacement, contact Ann Beckley.

Lesson plans will be e-mailed to you two weeks prior to your assigned month.

Thanksgiving Offering

Our Thanksgiving offering this year will be designated for the Community Meal. A free meal is provided once a month for anyone from our community who shows up. Please give generously to help us to continue providing this ministry. To give to this outreach, please write "Thanksgiving" on your checks or envelopes or use the designated "Thanksgiving Offering" envelope from the table in the back of the sanctuary.



Free Community Meal at FIRST

First Lutheran will be serving a free community meal on **Saturday, November 4, from 11:00 – 12:30**. All are welcome! Please enter the door in the alley behind the church. The next upcoming meal will be held on **December 2**.



Cookies Needed for December Community Meal

There is a sign-up sheet on the hall bulletin board for cookie donations for the community meal on December 2. We are asking for donations of 3 dozen. Thank you for your donation.

Hanging of the Greens

On **Sunday, November 26**, following the service, we need adults to help to decorate the sanctuary and the exterior of the church for Christmas.

Congregational Meeting



The meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, December 3**. The purpose of the meeting is the adoption of the 2024 operating budget and capital budget. Copies will be available in the church office. In addition, the election of council members for a 3-year term will be held. The nominees are: Shirley Heasley, Linda Lewis, and Barb Randecker. Nominations from the floor may only be made if the nominee has agreed.

Monthly Coffee Hour

There has been some interest in having a monthly coffee hour. In order to make this happen, we need folks to volunteer by making food items. We would like to have it the 3rd Sunday of each month. It will be held in the MPR following the service. We will need 2 or 3 people to volunteer each month. The set-up and beverages will be provided. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please consider signing up.

Ways to Volunteer in December

December is a very busy month in our church. We are asking all church members to check the hall bulletin board. There are a variety of sign-up sheets. Please take the time to check the board and consider volunteering and/or donating to one or more of these requests. Thank you.

Christkindl

Our church will once again host many events for Christkindl, which will be held December 14-16. Sign-ups for volunteers will begin in December. Watch for more information in the December newsletter.

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*I need to be forgiven, Lord,  
So many times a day.  
So often do I slip and fall;  
Be merciful, I pray.*

*Help me not be critical  
When others' faults I see,  
For so often, Lord,  
The same faults are in me.*



## ***YOUTH NEWS***

### **Apple Dumpling Sale**



The Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish Youth are now selling apple dumplings! The funds raised from the sale will help our youth travel to the ELCA National Youth Gathering next summer in New Orleans! The apple dumplings are \$5 each and will be available for pick up on **December 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> after 3 p.m.** at Christ's United Lutheran Church. Please click on the following link to place your order: <https://forms.office.com/r/VAk0aV8HPi>

If you don't want to place your order online we will have sign-up sheets available at each church.

### **Young Followers Activities**

**Sunday, November 5** – Food Collection after church (noonish). We will be collecting food from the homes we tagged on October 29. Meet in the FELC parking lot. We can always use extra hands, feet, and drivers for the food collection.



***REMINDER: Young Followers Monthly Church will be held Sunday, November 12, immediately after the YF message with Pastor Curt. This month we will be looking at the Sparks Story from Matthew 25:1-25 (the story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids). Hope to see all our youth there!***

### **Hanging of the Greens**

**We Need Help** from our YOUNG FOLLOWERS on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023!!! We will be decorating the Church for the upcoming Advent and

Christmas Seasons. Please plan to attend church this Sunday to help out. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

### **Young Followers Activities**

If you would like to be added to the group texts, please contact Liz at 570-412-5598.

### **Share Your Faith with Our Youth**

If you wrote a devotional, what would it sound like? I am looking for some adults to share their faith journey, how they found faith, or where they have seen Jesus in their lives with our Young Followers (grades 6-12). Instead of having these youth read a devotional, I would like for them to hear a "live" devotional. Please reach out if you would be interested. Thank you! Liz: 570-412-5598.

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I'VE LEARNED (BY ANDY ROONEY)...

I've learned...that the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I've learned...that just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day.

I've learned...that having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I've learned...that being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned...that you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I've learned...that I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.

I've learned...that sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I've learned...that simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.

I've learned...that life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I've learned...that we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

I've learned...that the Lord didn't do it all in one day. What makes me think I can?

I've learned...that everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

I've learned...that there's nothing sweeter than sleeping with your babies and feeling their breath on your cheeks.

I've learned...that the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

I've learned...that opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

I've learned...that when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I've learned...that I wish I could have told my Dad that I love him one more time before he passed away.

I've learned...that a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've learned...that I can't choose how I feel, but I can choose what I do about it.

I've learned...that it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned...that when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, that you're hooked for life.



UPCOMING MEALS

Free Community Meal at FIRST

First Lutheran will be serving a free community meal on **Saturday, November 4, from 11:00 – 12:30**. All are welcome! Please enter the door in the alley behind the church. Upcoming meals for the remainder of the year will be held on **December 2**.

Pot Pie Sale

A 'Drive-Through' Pot Pie Sale ('Quart Only') is planned for **Saturday, November 4**, at Christ's United. The time is **3:30 p.m.** until sold out. Advance orders will also be taken. Please check our website at www.4bellschurch.com. Cost is \$10.00 per quart.

A workday will take place on **Friday, November 3, starting at 9:00 a.m.** Please come out on Friday to help peel and cut potatoes, mix broth, prepare meat, etc.

Help is also needed the day of the pot pie sale. At 8:00 a.m., help will be needed to roll and cook pot pie. Help is also needed as the day goes on for other duties including filling the quarts and taking them to the cars, as well as clean up. If you are experienced, that is great; if not, we will provide training!

If you have any questions, or to volunteer to help, please call Kim Blyler at 570-716-5601 or email him at kim@4bellschurch.com.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Newsletter Deadline

Information for the December newsletter is due in the church offices by **November 20.**

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 5. Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed on **Saturday, November 4.** We want you to be on time for church!!

Weis/Wenger's Gift Cards Offer

Gift cards make wonderful gifts for college students, birthdays, weddings, ♥ day, holidays, birth of a new baby, a new neighbor....the list is endless....such a useful gift!

First Lutheran - offers cards in denominations of \$25, \$50 or \$100. Simply make checks payable to "First Lutheran Church" and use them as cash or the grateful recipient can do the same. Don Seebold will even deliver! Give him a call at 966-0727 or 412-1505. ***YOU receive the full value of the card and then Weis gives 5% & Wenger's gives 10% of the purchase to the FELC mission fund!***

Christ's United - Grocery cards can now be purchased from Idella Zimmerman. Available grocery cards in denominations of \$25 or \$50 will be for Weis Markets, L & L Marketplace, and Wenger's. If you would like to pay by check, it should be made payable to "Christ's United Lutheran Church" and put "Grocery cards" on the memo line.





CHRIST'S UNITED

Winifred Aikey
Paul Brann
Phil Crosbie
Roger Dunkle
Darlene Endy
Rozelle DeDe Ensminger
Amy Evers
Annette Feltman
Gary Gemberling
Pearl Gemberling
George (Mick) Guffey
Gary & Janet Hackenberg
Scott Hummel
John Keister
Roy Laudermilch
John Morrison
Harry Moyer
Dave Oberlin
Eve Rantz
Louise Ritter
Larry Sampsell
Sam & Ethel Schnure
Lee & Kathy Spangler
Tom Watters
Jessica Wheeler
Glenn Wiand

The Shut-Ins:

Winnie Aikey, Florence Boop, Betty Goss,
Helen Pirone, Dottie Rathfon.

In an effort to keep the prayer list current, Christ's United will clear their current list on a quarterly basis. A new list will begin in January, April, July, and October. If you want to continue an existing prayer request or have a new prayer concern, please contact Margie.

FIRST LUTHERAN

Cathy Hower Brungard
Amanda Galer
Logan Roush
Ken & Pat Smith

The Shut-Ins:

Mary Lib Dunkle
Lois Elliott
Carol Mensch
Doris Moll
Ethel Musser
Barb Reed
Dotty Seebold
James Shipton
Nancy Ulrich
Trena Zeller

The Troops:

Thaddeus Miller
Zachary Miller



CULC BIRTHDAYS

11/02 Lance Wagner
11/03 Patricia Emery
11/05 Victoria Kahler
11/09 Karen Watters
11/10 Donna Duke
11/13 Ryan Klose
11/14 Gina Buttorff, Xander
Harvey
11/15 Keyan Blyler
11/22 Jeremiah Zimmerman
11/23 John Ruhl
11/24 Alexa Spigelmyer
11/25 Ferlin Zimmerman
11/26 Justin Gemberling, Evelyn
Rice, Diane Valentine
11/28 Duane Miller, Taylor
Spencer
11/29 Maurice Clouser, Linda
Smith
11/30 Stacey Veley

FELC BIRTHDAYS

11/03 Don Hower, Betsy Fickes
11/07 Harry Boyer
11/10 Jeannie Sawyer
11/12 Nicole Gessner Klose, Linda
Schnure
11/13 Alexa Hackenburg, Zoey
Long
11/14 Aria Gessner
11/15 Kyle Galer
11/19 Sybil Spotts
11/21 Keith Sawyer, Logan
Stenger
11/23 Tanna Stenger
11/24 Lori Bailey
11/25 Dwayne Page
11/30 Jim Schwartz



CULC ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/04 Jeff & Jen Ruhl (2017)
- 11/06 Jim & Sandy Sanders (1976)
- 11/17 Kim & Sue Blyler (1972)
- 1/02 Curtis & Donna Duke (1974)

FELC ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/10 Jeff Crossland & Linda Skinner (32 yrs.)
- 11/16 Curt & Mandy Rothermel (20 yrs.)
- 11/18 Jere & Marianne Motto (55 yrs.)
- 11/25 Dwayne & Shayne Reed (26 yrs.)
Charles & Arlene Behrent (17 yrs.)
- 11/28 Dennis & Janet Reed (51 yrs.)
- 11/29 Craig & Sally Rothermel (52 yrs.)
- 11/30 Mark & Julie Alexander (31 yrs.)





VOLUNTEERS

CULC

Date:	Greeters:	Lay Reader:	Communion Assistants:
11/05	Joe Dressler	Lisa Lapp	Judy Moyer
11/12	Dave & Dayna Bickhart	Glenn Spangler	Glenn Spangler
11/19	Jim & Karen Adams	Greg Shuck	Greg Shuck
11/26	Idella Zimmerman	Maurice Clouser	Janice Wagner

Sound System: Dave Bickhart

Altar Guild: Maurice & Barb Clouser

Ushers: Boop Family

REMINDER! You are responsible for finding a substitute if you are unable to be here when scheduled. Altar Guild Members, Sound System Operators & Ushers are responsible for any special services scheduled during the month.

FELC

Date:	Lay Reader:	Ushers:	Young Followers:
11/05	Don Seebold II	Harry Boyer/Jeff Hackenburg	
11/12	Sally Rothermel	Craig/Sally Rothermel	Kim Sawyer
11/19	Tom Orren	Andy Long/Libby Loss	
11/26	Barb Randecker	Tom Orren/Kim Wagner	

Acolytes:

11/05 – Colby Loss 11/12 – Ava McBryan
11/19 – Aria Gessner/Colbie Loss 11/29 – Hannah Boyer

Chief Ushers: Shirley Heasley/Jane Moore

Money Counters: Sue Jows/Craig Rothermel **Altar Guild:** Carol Klose/Kim Wagner

Volunteers, Please Note: If you are scheduled to help with the service and are unable to fulfill your responsibility, please contact the head usher. If you are scheduled to count money and are unable to do so, please find a substitute.



VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY
UNION COUNTY WW 2 HONOR ROLL
MIFFLINBURG, PA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023 11 AM

SPEAKER: MISSY WEIDENSAUL
GOLD STAR FAMILIES
NAZARENE CHURCH SINGERS
SHIKELLAMY JROTC
UNION COUNTY 4-H CLUBS
ROSIE THE RIVETER
CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
GIRL, CUB, AND BOY SCOUTS LEADING THE PLEDGE

IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER:

NAZARENE CHURCH - 12 MARKET ST., MIFFLINBURG, PA

**TO PURCHASE A MEMORIAL BRICK OR MAKE A TAX DEDUCTIBLE
DONATION TO HELP MAINTAIN THE MONUMENT:**

**UNION COUNTY VETERAN'S FOUNDATION,
916 WASHINGTON AVE., LEWISBURG, PA 17837**
mazeppa@ptd.net 570-713-8919



ONCE AGAIN, WE ARE INCLUDING A BENEFIT WITH OUR VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM IN MIFFLINBURG. THE VETERANS' HOME IN HOLLIDAYSBURG HAS BECOME OUR PERMANENT PLACE TO HELP. THE WONDERFUL THING IS THAT 100 % OF WHAT IS DONATED, WHETHER IT BE MONEY OR GIFT CARDS, IS UTILIZED BY THE RESIDENTS.

WE ARE ACCEPTING MONEY DONATIONS, ALONG WITH GIFT CARDS FROM WEIS MARKETS, GIANT, AND WALMART. ALL 3 STORES ARE REPRESENTED IN THE HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA AND CAN BE USED THERE.

WE ARE ALSO ACCEPTING: NEW, WITH TAGS, SWEATPANTS AND TOPS, SIZE SMALL TO 3 X.

ANY DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT OUR VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY IN MIFFLINBURG OR BY CONTACTING ME.

CHECKS CAN MADE OUT TO: HOLLIDAYSBURG VETERANS' HOME. THIS IS A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION AND THEIR TAX NUMBER IS 23 - 6002830.

THESE VETERANS ALREADY DID THEIR PART TO ENSURE OUR FREEDOMS AND THE LEAST WE CAN DO IS SAY THANK YOU BY BRIGHTENING THEIR LIVES. WE ARE TRYING OUR BEST TO MAKE THIS A TRUE COMMUNITY EVENT WHERE WE NOT ONLY HONOR OUR HEROES, BUT DO SOMETHING TANGIBLE TO HELP THEM. MIFFLINBURG, WHERE EVERYDAY IS VETERAN'S DAY!

DOUG & TRACY WALTER – UNION COUNTY VETERAN'S FOUNDATION

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Young Adult Fellowship

Camp Mount Luther's Young Adult Fellowship meets via Zoom on the last Wednesday of every month. On **November 29**, we will meet at **8:15 p.m.** for check-ins and Bible study. If you consider yourself a young adult, you can join us! Questions or want the link? Email jim@campmountluther.org.

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### Thanksgiving Blessing Mix

#### Ingredients

**2 cups Bugles brand corn snacks**  
**2 cups small pretzels**  
**2 cups of Goldfish Crackers**  
**1 cup candy corn**  
**1 cup dried fruit bits or raisins**  
**1 cup peanuts or sunflower seeds**  
**1 cup candy pumpkins**  
**1 cup of Skittles**  
**1 cup M&Ms-brand chocolate candy**  
**16 Hershey's-brand chocolate kisses**

#### Thanksgiving Blessing Mix Poem

**Bugles:** Shaped like a cornucopia or Horn of Plenty, a symbol of our nation's abundance.

**Small Pretzels:** Arms folded in prayer, a freedom sought by those who founded our country.

**Goldfish:** The blessing that the abundant sea life provided for early settlers. Fish was a big part of the Native American diet.

**Candy corn:** Sacrifices of the Pilgrims' first winter. Food was so scarce that settlers survived on just a few kernels of corn a day.

**Dried fruits:** Harvest gifts of our bountiful land.

**Nuts or seeds:** Promise of a future harvest, one we will reap only if seeds are planted and tended with diligence.

**Candy Pumpkins:** God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washed all the dirt off you. He opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff including the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc., then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see.

**Skittles:** The color of the rainbow to remind us that God keeps his promise.

**M&Ms:** Memories of those who came before us to guide us to a blessed future.

**Hershey's Kiss:** The love of family and friends that sweetens our lives.



## ***SYNOD NEWS***

### **July 26-20, 2024: ELCA Youth Gathering “Created to Be”**

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering is being held in New Orleans, Louisiana on July 16-20, 2024. Every three years, thousands of high school youth and their adult leaders from across the ELCA gather for a week of faith formation and fellowship known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through inspiring speakers, conversations with partners, Bible study and being immersed in the host city, young people will be inspired, challenged, and called to live out their faith in their daily lives. Additionally, young people will have opportunities to explore their vocation and discern where they are being called into this world. The 2024 Gathering theme is "Created to Be" which is centered around Psalm 139 with emphasis on verse 14 "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well". Questions? Comments? Laments? Celebrations? Contact the Upper Susquehanna Synod Gathering Synod Champion, Charlene Rineer ([ckrorange@yahoo.com](mailto:ckrorange@yahoo.com) or 717-880-2872), who would love to journey through this Gathering experience with you.

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November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Daylight Savings Time Ends November 5 December Newsletter Articles Due November 20 Pastor Curt will be on vacation November 20 thru November 28			1 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC 6:30 Council-FELC No Rehearsal – FELC	2 1:00 WELCA-FELC	3 9:00 Potpie Wokday-CULC	4 9:00 Potpie Wokday-CULC 11-12:30 Community Meal-FELC 11:00 Veterans Ceremony-Mfbg Park 3:30 Potpie Supper-CULC
5 All Saints 8:30 Worship-CULC 9:30 Koinonia Kafe-CULC 9:30 Sunday School-CULC 10:30 Worship-FELC Tone Chime Rehearsal after church-FELC 12:00 Young Followers Food Collection	6 NO Bible Study – FELC 6:00 Kiwanis-FELC	7 Election Day 6:30 Scouts-FELC	8 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC No Rehearsal-FELC	9	10 9:00-1:00 Mobile Health Unit-FELC	11 Veteran's Day
12 8:30 Worship-CULC 9:30 Sunday School-CULC 10:30 Worship-FELC	13 1:30 Parish Bible Study-FELC	14 6:30 Scouts-FELC	15 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC 6:30 Parish Council-FELC 6:30 Chancel Choir-FELC	16	17	18
19 8:30 Worship-CULC 9:30 Sunday School-CULC 10:30 Worship-FELC	20 NO Bible Study-FELC 6:00 Kiwanis-FELC	21 6:30 Scouts-FELC 7:00 Council-CULC	22 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC No Rehearsal-FELC Venturing Crew-Campout-CULC	23  HAPPY THANKSGIVING Offices Closed Venturing Crew Campout-CULC	24	25
26 8:30 Worship-CULC 9:30 Sunday School-CULC Advent Fellowship Day 10:30 Worship-FELC Hanging of Greens-FELC	27 NO Bible Study-FELC	28 6:30 Council-Messiah 6:30 Scouts-FELC	29 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC 6:30 Tone Chimes-FELC	30	<u>Weather Lore</u> A foggy autumn, a snowy winter.	

