



BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH NEWS

NOVEMBER 2024

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

Grace and peace to you!

As I write this article and prepare for an upcoming sermon (October 20th), I have been wrestling with a question that Jesus seems to ask quite often throughout his ministry, “What is it you want me to do for you?” As Christians or humans, we tend to ask, “What’s in it for me?” We need something in return; it should be all about us.

I spend quite a bit of time volunteering with different organizations. I just spent a weekend at Camp Koala with a group of kids who have lost loved ones and close friends. It was a pretty emotional weekend for me because I have recently lost loved ones whom I miss terribly, but the real emotion came when these kids opened up and told their stories. Their stories were heart-wrenching! I thought the pain that I had been dealing with was hard; their stories opened my eyes, and I felt that the pain they were dealing with made mine seem so minute. All weekend, that question Jesus asked, “What is it you want me to do for you?” kept running through my head. At that moment, those kids just needed someone to listen, to laugh with, to cry with, and to be there for them, and that’s what I did for them. I was that person for them.

Maybe we shouldn’t be so concerned about who’s payroll someone is or isn’t on, perhaps we shouldn’t be so worried about someone making a meal for a group of people, or maybe thinking someone wants bigger and better things, perhaps we shouldn’t be so concerned “about what’s in it for me?” Maybe, just maybe, we should give up that question, “What’s in it for me?”

and simply serve others. Serving others gives you an abundant, worthwhile, and meaningful life. Giving up yourself for another, being emptied out in love is an abundant life! The Camp Koala weekend camp began the healing process for a group of kids, and it was definitely a healing process for me. I hope and pray that some of their pain was lifted and they felt what it was like to be a kid again, even if it was for a short while. In all my volunteer work, I never ask, "What's in it for me?" The time that is shared, the memories that are made, and the fellowship that happens are priceless, and I wouldn't trade it for anything!

Peace in Christ,
Rev. Curt Wingert

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**BLESS THEM ABUNDANTLY: A VETERAN'S DAY PRAYER**

*Dear Lord,  
Today we honor our veterans,  
worthy men and women  
who gave their best  
when they were called upon  
to serve and protect their country.*

*We pray that you will bless them, Lord,  
for their unselfish service  
in the continual struggle  
to preserve our freedoms, our safety,  
and our country's heritage, for all of us.*



*Bless them abundantly  
for the hardships they faced,  
for the sacrifices they made,  
for their many different contributions  
to America's victories  
over tyranny and oppression.*

*We respect them, we thank them,  
we honor them, we are proud of them,  
and we pray that you will watch over  
these special people  
and bless them with peace and happiness.*

*In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.*



## ***ALL SAINTS SUNDAY***

### **Christ's United**

On Sunday, **November 3**, we will remember those who have joined the Saints Triumphant during the past year:

***Winifred Aikey (CULC) - February 12, 2024***

***Florence Boop (CULC) – December 7, 2023***

***\*Doug Denisen (CULC) – March 2, 2024***

***Nelson Kahler (CULC) – May 13, 2024***

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.

*\*denotes non-member*

### **First Lutheran**

On Sunday, **November 3**, we will remember those who have joined the Saints Triumphant during the past year:

***Carol Mensch (FELC) – December 12, 2023***

***Cathy Brungard (FELC) – March 15, 2024***

***Wayne Shively (FELC) – March 16, 2024***

***Kenneth Smith (FELC) – October 5, 2024***

## ***FOR YOUR INFORMATION***



### **Daylight Saving Time Ends**

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 3. Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed on **Saturday, November 2**. We want you to be on time for church!!

## ***PARISH NEWS***

### **Pastor Curt**

Pastor Curt will be on vacation **November 26 through December 3**.

### **Bible Study**

The Parish Bible Study continues to meet on **Mondays at 1:30 p.m.** at First Lutheran. They will be studying the Book of Esther beginning in November. All are welcome.

Dates: **November 4, 11, 18, 25**



### **Christmas Season Services**

Christmas Eve Services (Tuesday, December 24):

**4:00 p.m. @ Christ's United**

**7:00 p.m. @ First Lutheran**

**10:00 p.m. @ First Lutheran**

Note: Each congregation will hold its Sunday worship services at its regular times on **December 22 & 29 and January 5.**

### **Bingo Night**

A Parish bingo night is set to take place on **Saturday, January 18, 2025**, at Christ's United, starting at **5:30 p.m.** Players are asked to bring a "white elephant" gag gift less than \$10.00 for prizes. Contact Marianne Motto (570-850-3488) for details.

## ***CULC NEWS***

### **Our Newest Members**

Brenda Flinn and Jim & Karen Adams have recently been received into our church family. A hearty and loving welcome to all.

### **Budget Planning**

Christ's United Council will meet on **Tuesday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m.** to plan for the 2025 budget, followed by its regular meeting.



### **Advent Family Day**

Advent Family Day, when we decorate the church for the Christmas season and where we share lunch together, will be held right after the **Sunday, November 24** service.

You may bring soup and/or sandwiches to share afterwards. If you want more information, talk to Pastor Curt or a council member.

### **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 be holding a food drive at that time, **Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 27**, from **5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The crew will be collecting food, monetary donations and personal care items. The food will be donated to Hope's Haven, and the monetary donations and personal care items may be split between Hope's Haven and Haven Ministry in Sunbury, like they did last year. For more information, contact Joel Blyler (570-768-6582).

### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

Our annual congregational meeting will take place right after the **Sunday, December 8**, church service. The 2025 budget will be on the agenda, as will election for council members. We are currently looking for members willing to have their name placed on the ballot. If interested, please talk to a current Council member or Pastor Curt.

### **Volunteer Needs**

- 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).

### **Upcoming Events**

1. Please be aware that our parking lot will be used for commuter parking during Christkindl Market in December.
2. A Parish bingo is set to take place on **Saturday, January 18, 2025**, at Christ's United, starting at 5:30 p.m. Players are asked to bring a "white elephant" gag gift less than \$10.00 for prizes. Contact Marianne Motto for details.
3. An indoor yard sale is set for **Saturday, February 8, 2025**, benefiting our Parish youth ministries. For more information, contact Teresa Shuck and Idella Zimmerman.

## ***FELC NEWS***

### **Monthly Coffee Hour – Sunday, November 17**

We will be holding our next monthly coffee hour on **Sunday, November 17, following worship**. We have a monthly coffee hour on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. It is held in the MPR following the service. We need 2 or 3 people to volunteer each month by making food items. The set-up and beverages are provided. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please consider signing up.



### **Music at First**

On **November 3**, the flute ensemble from Susquehanna University will be providing special music for worship. If you've never heard a flute ensemble, this group of five will be a captivating treat!

**November 10** will feature Paula Christy and Diane Scott with piano/organ duets.

On **November 17**, the tone chimes will play "We Plow the Fields and Scatter".

**Ending the month** with the choir singing, "Sing a Song of Thanks and Joy."

If you'd like to join either of the groups, we welcome new members! Rehearsals are after church every Sunday, alternating tone chimes and choir. Diane sends out mp3s of the songs and the singers can rehearse at home.

### **Thanksgiving Offering**

Our Thanksgiving offering this year will be designated to support Izzy Kissinger, a teacher at Mifflinburg Elementary School, who underwent brain surgery in June to remove a tumor. Contributions will help with her medical expenses as she proceeds with the next steps to slow down the regrowth of the tumor. 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. You may also give online.

### **Hanging of the Greens**

On **Sunday, November 24**, 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 1**. The purpose of the meeting is the adoption of the 2025 operating budget and capital budget. In addition, the election of council members for a 3-year term will be held. The nominees are: Jeff Mensch (2<sup>nd</sup> term), Kim Sauers (2<sup>nd</sup> term), Drew Christy (1<sup>st</sup> term), Perry Hull (1<sup>st</sup> term). If you are interested in serving on Council, please contact a Nominating Committee member: Harry Boyer, Shirley Heasley, Linda Lewis, or Marianne Motto.



### **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 will be 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.

### **Cookies Needed for December Community Meal**

There will be a sign-up sheet on the hall bulletin board for cookie donations for the community meal on December 7. We are asking for donations of 3 dozen cookies from each one who signs up. Thank you for your help.



### **Advent by Candlelight**

Advent by Candlelight will be held on **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** this year. Please let either Liz Loss (570-412-5598) or Libby Loss (570-966-1606) know if you would like to host a table.

### **Upcoming Program**

Starting **Sunday, December 1, through Sunday, December 22**, 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.

### **Christkindl**

Our church will once again host many events for Christkindl, which will be held December 12-14. Sign-ups for volunteers will begin in December. Watch for more information in the December newsletter.

### **Kiwanis Food Drive**

The Mifflinburg Kiwanis Club will again be collecting canned and boxed food items, as well as paper products for needy families in the community. We ask that you **bring your donations to the church by Sunday, Dec. 15th and place them in the hallway closest to the office.** Thanks in advance for your help in caring for those less fortunate. Contact Sally Rothermel if you have questions.



### **Christmas Offering**

Our Christmas offering this year will be designated for Lutheran Disaster Response (to assist with recent Hurricane Helene disaster relief) and the Helping Hands Fund, which assists local people with rent, utilities, car repairs, etc. All loose offering, and designated monies collected during the Christmas Eve services will be split 50/50 to benefit these ministries.

### **Sunday School**

An adult Sunday School class is being held at FIRST in the multipurpose room from 9-10:15 am. Contact Janet Shoemaker at 570-966-0494 with questions.

### **Word in Season Devotionals**

The Word in Season devotionals for October - December 2024 are available in the back of the sanctuary.

### **Altar Flowers**

The cost of altar flowers is now \$50 for 2 vases instead of \$40.

### **Empty Coffee Cans Needed**

We are in need of empty #1 coffee cans for altar flowers. You may place them on the pew in the office hallway.

### **Weis/Wenger's Gift Cards – Updated Information**

Gift cards are available in denominations of \$25, \$50, or \$100 and make wonderful gifts for any occasion. **Beginning on Oct. 1, Kim Sawyer will be selling the cards.** The cards will be available on Sundays, before or after church; at her home; in the church office when the secretary is in; and she will also deliver. Contact her at 570-713-4577.

We feel that this mission fund has provided thousands and thousands of dollars for 3 major group work camps in our own town with 400-500 campers every time serving hundreds of homes; 2 trips to Haiti; Montana Indian reservation; Puerto Rico, and now Rwanda. We've also supported outreach around our community. It's so important to keep this active.

Make checks payable to "First Lutheran Church" and use them as cash or the recipient can do the same. **YOU receive the card's full value, and Weis gives 5% and Wenger's 10% of purchase to our mission fund!** Many thanks to all who support this mission.

### **Note of Appreciation**

To the Lutheran Church Ladies & Men,  
A special thank you to all who helped with the meal after our father's service. We were so happy to see such a good turnout to honor Ken; Pop; Dad. The food and decorations were perfect. It was very much appreciated by all of us. ~ Sincerely, The Smith family



### ***UPCOMING MEALS***

#### **Free Community Meal at FIRST**

First Lutheran will be serving a free community meal on **Saturday, November 2, from 11:00 – 12:30**. All are welcome! Please enter the door in the alley behind the church. Meals for the remainder of the year will be held on **December 7**.

#### **Fall Pot Pie Sale at Christ's United**

A 'Drive Through' Pot Pie 'Quart Only' Sale is planned for **November 2** at Christ's United. Beef, Chicken and Ham will be available. The time is **3:30 p.m. until sold out**. Advance Orders will also be taken. Please check our website at [www.4bellschurch.com](http://www.4bellschurch.com). The cost is \$12 per quart. We will also be offering Pickled Cabbage for \$5 per pint.

The workday will take place on Friday, November 1, starting at 9:00 a.m. Please come out on Friday to help peel and cut potatoes, make pickled cabbage, mix broth, etc.

Help is also needed on the day of the pot pie sale. At 8:00 a.m., help is needed to roll pot pie and cook potpie. 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 cleaning up.

If you are experienced, that is great; if not, we will provide training!

To volunteer to help, please call Kim Blyler at 570-716-5601 or email him at [kim@4bellschurch.com](mailto:kim@4bellschurch.com). If you have any questions, please talk to Kim.



## FELC CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias will decorate the church sanctuary beginning Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> and may be picked up after the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. The flowers will be ordered from Reiff's Greenhouse. The price includes gold pot sleeves. Completed order forms and payment must be to the office no later than **Sunday, November 24th.**



### Poinsettia Order Form

6 1/2" pot (5+ blooms)    \$10.50 each

\_\_\_\_\_Red    \_\_\_\_\_White    \_\_\_\_\_Burgundy    \_\_\_\_\_Jingle Bells

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

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

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

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

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

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



## ***CHRIST'S UNITED POINSETTLAS***

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.

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### **Poinsettia Order Form**

**4 1/2" pot (5+ blooms)      \$6.00 each**

**Order Deadline: November 25  
Return with Payment to:  
Janice Wagner or Margie Dunkle**

\_\_\_\_\_Red      \_\_\_\_\_White      \_\_\_\_\_Marble

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 \_\_\_\_\_



## *In Memoriam*



Kenneth L. Smith, 92, of Mifflinburg, entered into rest Saturday, October 5, 2024, at home.

He was born May 27, 1932, in Danville, the son of the late Harry L. and Lois I. (Lytle) Smith. On June 9, 1951, in Mifflinburg, he married the former Patricia Zimmerman, who survives.

Ken was a 1950 graduate of Mifflinburg Area High School. He served in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict, from 1951 until his honorable discharge in 1955.

Ken was employed by the Mifflinburg Post Office where he served as a rural mail carrier for 42 years.

He was a member of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mifflinburg, where he served on church council. Ken was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and coached Little League Baseball in Mifflinburg for many years.

Surviving in addition to his wife of 73 years, are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Daniel & Anne Smith, Scott & Sue Smith; Stephen "Fred" Smith and Sam Smith; one daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth "Betsy" and Dominic Wickline; 13 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; and one sister and brother-in-law, Carol & Bruce Graham. He was preceded in death by a sister and brother-in-law, Nancy & Wane Shively.

A memorial service and Masonic service were conducted on October 11 at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mifflinburg, with Rev. Curt Wingert, officiating.

Private interment was held in the Mifflinburg Cemetery, where military honors were accorded by American Legion Post 410 and VFW Post 1964, both of Mifflinburg.

Arrangements were by Roupp Funeral Home, Inc., 8594 Old Turnpike Road, Mifflinburg.



**VETERANS DAY CEREMONY**  
**Union County WW 2 Honor Roll**  
**Mifflinburg Pa**  
**Saturday, November 9, 2024**  
**11:00 a.m.**

**Speaker:** Missy Weidensaul

In case of bad weather: Nazarene Church, 12 Market St., Mifflinburg

To purchase a memorial brick or make a tax deductible donation to help maintain the monument: Union County Veterans Foundation, 916 Washington Ave, Lewisburg Pa 17837  
[mazeppa@ptd.net](mailto:mazeppa@ptd.net) 570-713-8919



Once again we are including a benefit with our Veterans Day celebration in Mifflinburg. The veterans home in Hollidaysburg has become our permanent place to help. The wonderful thing is that 100 % of what is donated 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, sweat pants and tops size small to 3x.

Any donations can be dropped off at our Veterans Day ceremony in Mifflinburg or by contacting us. Checks can be made out to: Hollidaysburg Veterans Home. This is a tax deductible donation and their tax number is 23 - 6002830.

Doug & Tracy Walter – Union County Veterans Foundation  
916 Washington Ave, Lewisburg, Pa 17837  
570-713-8919 cell email [mazeppa@ptd.net](mailto:mazeppa@ptd.net)  
Facebook: union county ww2 honor roll – mifflinburg pa



## ***IN OUR PRAYERS***

### **CHRIST'S UNITED**

|                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Ashley Blank            | Louise Ritter          |
| Paul Brann              | Larry Sampsell         |
| Roger Dunkle            | Sam & Ethel Schnure    |
| Darlene Endy            | Sabrina Sickle         |
| Dorothy Furgison        | Lee & Kathy Spangler   |
| Gary Gemberling         | Chuck Spurr            |
| Pearl Gemberling        | Dave & Linda Swartz    |
| Gary & Janet Hackenberg | Kerm & Joyce Wagner    |
| Tom Janaes              | Gary & Marline Walters |
| Roy Laudermilch         | Tom Watters            |
| Tonia Longer            | Donald Weller          |
| Kay Martin              | Jesica Wheeler         |
| Harry Moyer             | Glenn Wiand            |
| Steve & Judy Moyer      | Alicia Zimmerman       |
| Dave Oberlin            |                        |

**The Shut-Ins:** 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**

#### **The Shut-Ins:**

Millard Boyer  
Mary Lib Dunkle  
Lois Elliott  
Doris Moll  
Ethel Musser  
June Ocker  
Barb Reed  
Dotty Seebold  
James Shipton  
Pat Smith  
Nancy Ulrich

#### **The Troops:**

Thaddeus Miller  
Zachary Miller

**Also:** The Family of Ken Smith





### **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 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

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

### FELC ANNIVERSARIES

11/10 Jeff Crossland & Linda  
Skinner (34 yrs.)  
11/16 Curt & Mandy Rothermel  
(22 yrs.)  
11/18 Jere & Marianne Motto  
(57 yrs.)  
11/25 Dwayne & Shayne Reed  
(28 yrs.)  
Charles & Arlene Behrent  
(19 yrs.)  
11/28 Dennis & Janet Reed  
(53 yrs.)  
11/29 Craig & Sally Rothermel  
(54 yrs.)  
11/30 Mark & Julie Alexander  
(33 yrs.)

*It takes a second  
to fall in love  
but a lifetime  
to prove its worth...  
Happy Anniversary*



## ***VOLUNTEERS***

### **CULC**

| <b><i>Date:</i></b> | <b><i>Greeters:</i></b>   | <b><i>Lay Reader:</i></b> | <b><i>Communion Assistants:</i></b> |
|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 11/03               | Dave & Dayna Bickhart     | Lisa Lapp                 | Dianne Shuck                        |
| 11/10               | Jim & Karen Zimmerman     | Greg Shuck                | Greg Shuck                          |
| 11/17               | Maurice & Barbara Clouser | Barry Spangler            | Barry Spangler                      |
| 11/24               | Turk & Sally Kline        | Maurice Clouser           | Janice Wagner                       |

***Sound System:*** Dianne Shuck

***Altar Guild:*** Maurice & Barb Clouser

***Ushers:*** Eugene Hassinger & Barry Spangler

***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**

| <b><i>Date:</i></b> | <b><i>Lay Reader:</i></b> | <b><i>Ushers:</i></b>       | <b><i>Acolytes:</i></b> |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 11/03               | Don Seebold II            | Dewey Reed/Kim Wagner       | Hannah Boyer            |
| 11/10               | Karen Boyer               | Carol Klose/Libby Loss      | Brynn Umholtz           |
| 11/17               | Jeff Mensch               | Jeff Hackenberg/Jeff Mensch | Harry Boyer             |
| 11/24               | Sally Rothermel           | Craig/Sally Rothermel       | Jane Moore              |

***Chief Ushers:*** Shirley Heasley/Jane Moore

***Money Counters:*** Craig/ Sally 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.



## ***SYNOD NEWS***

### **January 3-5, 2025: ELCA “Winterfest”**

Winterfest is an annual gathering hosted by the Lower Susquehanna Synod at the Wyndham Resort in Lancaster, PA, on January 3-5, 2025. Winterfest gathers youth in grades 9-12, college students on winter break, and their congregational advisors for a weekend immersion in Christian community, focused around a central theme. Large group gatherings feature keynote speakers and live music that introduce the theme, and help inspire youth and young adult attendees to think critically about how the theme intersects their daily lives. Small group conversations allow participants to go deeper, and to explore the ways God may be speaking to them through the theme and the surrounding Christian community. And in between these two things are lots of opportunities for fun and fellowship!

The Upper Susquehanna Synod is currently assembling a group of youth and advisors to journey together through Winterfest. If you're interested in attending, please reach out to [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org) and let us know! We'll work on coordinating registrations soon.

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*"Someone painted pictures on my
Windowpane last night --
Willow trees with trailing boughs
And flowers, frosty white,*

*And lovely crystal butterflies;
But when the morning sun
Touched them with its golden beams,
They vanished one by one." -
elen Bayley Davis, Jack Frost*



COMING UP!

November 1, 2024: [Evening at Shade Mountain](#)

November 3, 2024: [Fall Frisbee Fun Day](#)

November 17, 2024: [Youth Ping Pong Tournament](#)

December 3, 2024: Giving Tuesday

December 15, 2024: Advent Holy Hike and Youth Christmas Party

January 3-5, 2025: [Winterfest](#)

Evening at Shade Mountain

You are invited to an Evening at Shade Mountain Winery, 16140 Route 104, Middleburg, *on Friday, November 1, 2024, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.* *It's always a fun evening of food, fellowship, and music.* **Toni Gessner, our hospitality manager**, will serve up heavy appetizers and desserts. Shade Mountain provides a complementary glass of wine. You bring your "fun" attitude and a few friends to complete the evening. Space is limited and reservations are required. Please contact [**cml@campmountluther.org**](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org) or call 570-922-1587 to secure your seat. We do not charge a fee. The "cost" is a donation. All proceeds benefit Camp Mount Luther. We also receive a portion from all bottles of wine purchased that evening.

Fall Frisbee Fun Day

Whether you are a fan or have never thrown a disc, you are invited to CML's; Fall Frisbee Fun Day on Sunday November 3. The gathering will start at 2:30 p.m. with a round of Frisbee Golf. There are discs available so if you don't have one, no worries.

Youth Ping Pong Tournament

Where: Sharon Lutheran Church, 120 S Market St, Selinsgrove, PA

When: Sunday, November 17, 2024 ~ 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH

The Rev Curt Wingert, Pastor

Pastor Curt's cell phone: 1-814-876-0974

Pastor Curt's e-mail: pastorbuffalovalleyparish@gmail.com

Parish Council Members: Shirley Heasley, Jennifer Keister, Terry Kline,
Linda Lewis, Marianne Motto, Barry Spangler

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Daylight Savings Time Ends November 3 December Newsletter Articles Due November 20 Pastor Curt will be on vacation November 26 through December 3 | | | | | 1 9:00 Potpie Wokday-CULC | 2 8:00 Potpie Wokday-CULC 11-12:30 Community Meal- FELC 11:00 Veterans Ceremony-Mfbg Park 3:30 Potpie Supper-CULC |
| 3 All Saints 8:30 Worship- CULC 9:00 Adult SS-FELC 9:30 Koinonia Kafe-CULC 10:30 Worship- FELC Rehearsal-FELC | 4 1:30 Parish Bible Study --FELC 6:00 Parish Council 6:00 Kiwanis-FELC | 5 Election Day | 6 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC 6:30 Council- FELC | 7 1:00 WELCA- FELC | 8 | 9 |
| 10 8:30 Worship- CULC 9:00 Adult SS-FELC 10:30 Worship- FELC Rehearsal-FELC | 11 Veteran's Day Kitchen Reserved-- CULC 1:30 Parish Bible Study-FELC | 12 Kitchen Reserved- CULC | 13 Kitchen Reserved- CULC | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 8:30 Worship- CULC 9:00 Adult SS-FELC 10:30 Worship -FELC Coffee Hour-FELC Rehearsal-FELC | 18 1:30 Parish Bible Study-FELC 3:00 Dessert Roll Pickup-CULC 6:00 Kiwanis-FELC | 19 3:00 Dessert Roll Pickup- CULC 7:00 Council-CULC | 20 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC Venturing Crew- Campout-CULC | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 8:30 Worship- CULC Advent Fellowship Day 9:00 Adult SS-FELC 10:30 Worship- FELC Hanging of Greens Rehearsal-FELC | 25 1:30 NO Bible Study-FELC | 26 | 27 | 28  Offices Closed | 29 | 30 |

