

BVLP News

Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish

November
2019

From Our Pastor...

BEGINNING WITH THANKSGIVING

In many of the Apostle Paul's letters to the various churches, he begins his correspondence with a note of thanksgiving for the people and ministries of these churches. Each thank you normally bears witness to the grace and empowerment received in and through Christ, the constancy of prayer for and recognition of the ministry performed by the church in Christ's name, and hope for continued faithfulness and encouragement for what lies ahead. In 1 Thessalonians, Paul writes, "WE ALWAYS GIVE THANKS TO GOD for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." In Philippians, Paul begins his address by writing, "I THANK MY GOD EVERY TIME I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now."

Thanksgivings, as understood by the Apostle Paul, serve both as a form of remembrance as well as a way of entrance into a

new beginning. These thanksgivings recall what has already occurred under and through the gracious workings of God in Christ and look forward with encouragement and hope for a future of ministry and service empowered by living presence of Christ. In 1 Corinthians, Paul states, "I GIVE THANKS TO MY GOD ALWAYS for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind." Here, Paul acknowledges that thanksgiving provides both awareness and opportunity of what God's grace has already done as well what God continues to do in Christ for the future of the church. As we remember from our past, so too does our future depend upon and is called to rely on the strengthening presence of God's faithfulness and grace as Paul notes, "He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

In Colossians, Paul confirms the powerful relationship of the church's thanksgiving with the gracious work of God

in Christ. Paul writes, "In our prayers for you WE ALWAYS THANK GOD the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven." Paul adds regarding the productive power of this faith and hope in God's grace: "Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God."

As your pastor, I want to take this opportunity to thank God for all of you and for everyone involved in the life of Christ's United Lutheran Church and First Evangelical Lutheran Church. By God's grace, our congregations have had rich and glorious ministries. And as we come to the close of one calendar year and are about to enter into a new year, a new beginning, we will continue to be TRANSFORMED BY THE LIVING PRESENCE OF CHRIST JESUS AS WE SHARE THE GOSPEL and bear witness to what is possible because of God's grace. I want to thank you for the many and various ways you live out your (continued on page 2)

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faith and hope in and through the worship and ministry in our time and place. YOU ARE A BLESSING! And as God directs us into a new year of blessed opportunity may we together continually discern the ways we can demonstrate our commitment to God through our participation in the life of the church as we make abiding and spiritual connections with one another, that we may contribute ourselves and our resources to address any need brought before us by God. Again, thank you for your faithfulness and commitment to the church.

As I conclude this, I leave you with the encouraging words of the Apostle Paul which he shared with the Colossian church: "May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, WHILE JOYFULLY GIVING THANKS TO THE FATHER, who has enabled us to share in the inheritance of the saint in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son."

Blessings,
Pr. John

In Our Prayers:

The Baker Family
Jan Beckley
Dennis Boop
Jim & Florence Boop
Bev Catherman
Roger Dunkle
Mike Flickinger
Doug & Pearl
Gemberling
Barbara Grimooris
Hackenberg Family -
CULC
Dustin Kline
Jerry Mickel
Dr. Bill & Ethel Musser
Eric Powell & Family

Bob Rantz
Sam & Ethel Schnure
Delight Showalter
Kevin Shuck
Ken Smith
John Snook
Wanda Stamm
Meda Struble
Helen Troup
Ed Wagner

In Our Military:

Brandi Gemberling
Thaddeus Miller
Zachary Miller
Cora Reed

Our Shut-Ins:

Jan Beckley
Jim & Florence Boop
Carolyn Bowersox
Shirley Diehl
Barbara Grimooris
Pat Korman
Betty Lauf
Dr. Bill Musser
Ethel Musser
Eugene Phillips
Helen Pirone
Richard Schnure
Marie VonNeida
Connie Wagner



Parish Holiday Worship Service Schedule

Thanksgiving Eve - No Services

December 22nd - 10:00 AM at First Lutheran

Christmas Eve - 4:00 PM at First Lutheran

Christmas Eve - 8:00 PM at Christ's United

December 29th - 10:00 AM at Christ's United



November Bible Studies

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>
<u>CULC</u>	<u>FELC</u>	<u>CULC</u>
Nov 4	Nov 5	
Nov 11-1-PM	Nov 12	Nov 13
Nov 18	Nov 19	Nov 20
No Bible Study Last Week Of November		



Mailbox Reminder

A friendly reminder to all FELC members, please check your mailboxes regularly. If you do not wish to receive a newsletter, please make the office aware so they can make the change.



Heartfelt Thanks

Thank you to FELC's Lutheran Church Women for so generously giving \$5000 to the General Fund and \$500 to the Blanket Fund. Many thanks to all of you.



Adult Sunday School At FELC

Classes will resume November 3rd. We will be starting a 7 part series from Max Lucado called, "Grace, More Than We Deserve/ Greater Than We Imagine".



Lance Wagner	11/02
Patricia Emery	11/03
Betsy Fickes	11/03
Don Hower	11/03
Victoria Kahler	11/05
Harry Boyer	11/07
Angela Mincemoyer	11/08
Karen Watters	11/09
Donna Duke	11/10
Jeannie Sawyer	11/10

Alexandria Scott
Nicole Gessner
Linda Schnure
Alexa Hackenburg
Ryan Klose
Aria Gessner
Kyle Galer
Xander Harvey
Keyan Blyler
Amy Shuck
Sybil Spotts
Keith Sawyer
Logan Stenger
Jeremiah Zimmerman

11/10	John Ruhl	11/23
11/12	Tanna Stenger	11/23
11/12	Lori Bailey	11/24
11/13	Alexa Spigelmyer	11/24
11/13	Dwayne Page	11/25
11/14	Ferlin Zimmerman	11/25
11/15	Justin Gemberling	11/26
11/14	Evelyn Rice	11/26
11/15	Diane Valentine	11/26
11/18	Duane Miller	11/28
11/19	Taylor Spencer	11/28
11/21	Maurice Clouser	11/29
11/21	Linda Smith	11/29
11/22	Jim Schwartz	11/30



Happy Anniversary






Curtis & Donna Duke	11/02	45 years	Charles & Arlene Behrent	11/25	14 years
Jim & Sandy Sanders	11/06	43 years	Dwayne & Shayne Reed	11/25	23 years
Jeffrey Crossland & Linda Skinner	11/10	29 years	Dennis & Janet Reed	11/28	48 years
Curt & Mandy Rothermel	11/16	17 years	Craig & Sally Rothermel	11/29	46 years
Kim & Sue Blyler	11/17	47 years	Mark & Julie Alexander	11/30	28 years
Jere & Marianne Motto	11/18	52 years			



All Saints Day

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

<i>In loving Memory</i>	Shirley Kerstetter January 1, 2019	Irene Henninger April 14, 2019	Edna Ammon May 18, 2019
			
Caroline Wenrick December 10, 2018	Jean Buoy March 3, 2019	Lewis Sanden May 1, 2019	Winston Boyer August 18, 2019

All Saints' Day 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.

This year All Saints Day falls on November 3. We invite you to observe this occasion and remember your loved ones by bringing a candle with you to the worship service to light in memory of those we have lost.



Congregational Meetings

On **November 10th**, Christ United's annual congregational meeting will take place following the worship service, which begins at 8:30 a.m. Agenda items include: voting on the 2020 budget and council elections. If you would be willing to be placed on the ballot, talk to Pastor John or any current council member.

On **Sunday, November 24th**, First Lutheran will hold it's semi- annual congregational meeting immediately following the worship service. This meeting is to discuss the 2020 budget and 2020 council elections.



Christ's United Service Time Change

Christ's United's Sunday worship services will be starting at 8:30. a.m. on November 3rd and November 10th. There will be a guest organist playing those two Sundays.



Harvest Home at First Lutheran

Harvest Home at First Lutheran will be on Sunday, November 24th. Please bring "in dated" food items through the week of Nov. 17th. They can be placed on the front pew in the Sanctuary, no later than Friday, November 22nd. The food will be donated to the Kiwanis Christmas Food Baskets.

The following are *proposed* budgets. Budgets will not be final until approved by the congregation and the council of the church. Detailed copies are available now in the CULC office and after FELC Council approval on November 6th.

CULC Proposed 2020 Budget Presentation

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>2019 Approved Budget</u>	<u>2020 Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Administration & Facilities Total	\$74,700	\$74,050	-\$650
Benevolence/ELCA Total	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0
<i>Changes include a decrease in custodial supplies, office supplies, water and worker's compensation, and an increase in heating oil, insurance and lawn care.</i>			
Mutual Ministry (Parish) Total	\$54,000	\$54,000	\$0
Inreach Ministry Total	\$7,100	\$9,250	\$2150
Worship	\$5,100	\$7,500	\$2400
Education	\$1,000	\$750	-\$250
Youth	\$600	\$600	\$0
Church & Society	\$400	\$400	\$0
<i>Changes include a decrease in license expense, Koinania Kafe and vacation bible school, and an increase in supplies and music ministry.</i>			
Outreach Ministry Total	\$5,100	\$4,700	-\$400
<i>Changes include a decrease in outreach miscellaneous.</i>			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$140,900	\$142,000	\$1100



FELC Proposed 2020 Budget Presentation

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>2019 Approved Budget</u>	<u>2019 Projected Expenses</u>	<u>2020 Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Salary & Benefits Total	\$115,527	\$108,366	\$115,722	\$195
<i>Changes include Church Administrator and Assistant Church Administrator salary changes.</i>				
Worship & Music Total	\$1,250	\$1,020	\$1,550	\$300
Office Expenses Total	\$10,800	\$9,268	\$9,300	-\$1300
Service Expenses Total	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0
Christian Education Exp.	\$1,000	\$642	\$1,000	\$0
Fellowship & Rec. Exp.	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0
Outreach Expenses	\$350	\$140	\$350	\$0
Church Property Expenses	\$40,050	\$40,830	\$40,900	-\$850
<i>Changes include a decrease in telephone and postage expenses. The amount proposed for Church Property is based on if Rooted Relational Therapy agrees to the church's proposal. If this does not happen the proposed 2020 budget would be \$42,950.</i>				
Misc. Expenses Total	\$500	\$74	\$500	\$ 0
Benevolence Exp. Total	\$15,920	\$14,730	\$18,883	\$2,963
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$185,797	\$175,070	\$188,605	\$3,008



Volunteers Needed

Hope's Haven Volunteers Needed

CULC continues to look for volunteers to pick up donated supplies for our Hope's Haven Food Pantry. Monday pick-up locations now include GIANT in Lewisburg, WEIS in Lewisburg and SHEETZ in Mifflinburg. In order to accommodate receiving schedules, GIANT should be the first stop between 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. WEIS pick-up should be between 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. SHEETZ in Mifflinburg can be the final stop on the way to the church. Pick-up locations for GIANT and WEIS are at the receiving doors at the rear of the stores. Ring the buzzers to be admitted. Volunteers should have a vehicle capable of hauling a substantial load... sometimes up to 400 pounds.

One open date remains for 2019. The date is November 25th. For more information, talk to Gary Hackenberg (570-768-2781). The 2020 schedule is available and about 50% complete. Our goal is to have 2020 fully scheduled before the end of 2019. Thanks for your help in continuing to make this vital ministry successful.



Facebook Manager

CULC Church Council is still looking for a member of their congregation willing to volunteer to manage the church's Facebook account. Anyone interested can contact any member of the Church Council.



FELC Church Council

FELC Council Candidates are needed. Term will start in January of 2020. Please prayerfully consider helping the church by serving on the church council. See Jeff Mensch or Harry Boyer if you would like to serve or know of someone who may want to serve.

FALL POT PIE SUPPER AT CHRIST'S UNITED

A potpie supper is planned for November 2 at Christ's United. Serving will begin at 3:30 p.m. Tickets will only be sold at the door.

Adults - \$9.00

Children (6 - 12) - \$5.00

Children (5 and under) - No Charge

Take Out Meals - \$9.00

Quarts of Potpie - \$8.00

A workday will take place on **Thursday, October 31st starting at 8:00AM**. Please come out on Thursday to help make pickled cabbage, cut meat, peel and cut potatoes, mix broth, etc.

Help is also needed the day of the pot pie supper. Beginning at 8AM, help is needed to roll potpie, cook potpie, dish out applesauce and pickled cabbage, prepare dining room, etc. Help is also needed as the day goes on for other duties including serving eat ins and take outs as well as clean up.

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

We are also asking for donations for many of the needed supplies.

To volunteer to help, or to donate supplies, you can sign up online at www.4bellschurch.com/signup, or call Kim Blyler at 570-716-5601 or email him at obed@dejazzd.com.



CULC Church Council

We are looking for congregational members willing to be placed on the ballot for the council election that will take place at the upcoming annual meeting in November. Please prayerfully consider volunteering beforehand or agreeing, if asked, to have your name placed on the ballot. If you have questions, talk to Pastor John or any council member.



Volunteers

BANQUET HELP WANTED

We will soon be serving banquets once again. What you may not be aware of is **'Help is always needed'**.

Help is needed in the dining room to serve the meals. We serve family style, so it is a matter of getting the dishes of food to each table. Once they have eaten, cake is served. Someone is needed to serve coffee at larger banquets as well. At smaller banquets, each server will cover their own tables. Servers are usually asked to arrive 45 minutes before serving time.

Help is needed in the kitchen as well. Some people are needed to come early, sometimes as early as 7:00 a.m. or 8:00 a.m. to start cooking the meat. Others are needed to come about 3 hours before serving time to cut meat. Several are needed about 2 hours before serving time to dish up the pickles, olives and applesauce. About an hour before serving time, others are needed to dish up the foods that will be taken to the tables.

All are encouraged to stay for dishwashing and clean-up!

Everyone is welcome! Experience not necessary! Training provided!

Donations of cakes are also appreciated. If you are a cake baker, please consider donating.

Please talk to one of these people to volunteer your help.

To help in the Kitchen: contact Kim Blyler

To help in the Dining Room: contact Bev Catherman

To donate a cake: contact Darlene Ulrich



Hanging of the Greens

Hanging of the Greens at First Lutheran will be held on Sunday, November 24, following the Congregational Meeting. Please consider staying to help decorate the church for the Christmas season.

Nativity Scene

On **Saturday, November 30th**, Christ's United will be setting up the outdoor Nativity Scene in front of the church. Ask Linda Smith and Dianne Shuck for details, time, etc.



Advent Fellowship Day

Advent Fellowship Day will be held on Sunday, December 8, at Christ's United, right after worship. We plan to decorate the church and sanctuary for the Christmas Season. Those interested in helping are encouraged to bring sandwiches and/or desserts to share.



Bon Bons

Christ's United will be making Bon Bons on Monday, December 16th. They will be made to order **ONLY**, so if you would like to get some, please order in advance.

Order forms will be on the bulletin stand, at Christ's United, for your use in obtaining orders from family and friends. There will also be a sign-up form on the bulletin board for those who would like to place an individual order.

Help is needed at 9:00AM on Monday, December 16th when the Bon Bons will be mixed and shaped. This is an easy and fun project. Please come out to help.

Then starting between 5:00PM and 6:00PM the Bon Bons will be dipped and packaged. This also is a lot of fun. Just show up.

Any and all help you can give will be greatly appreciated.



Calling All Bakers & Volunteers

November Community Meal

The Community Meal on November 2nd, at First Lutheran, will be a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with pumpkin pie for dessert. If you would be willing to bake one or more pies, please let Libby Loss or Sue Jows know, or sign-up on the bulletin board in the church hallway at First Lutheran. Thank you!



Youth Christkindl Cookie Stand

The youth group is asking for volunteers to donate Christmas cookies for their stand at the Christkindl Market. They are accepting any kind of homemade cookies and as many as you would like to donate. The past two years, your donations were so popular they ran out of cookies early! Many people plan to return this year to purchase more cookies! Bake now and freeze them until Christkindl. In November, sign up sheets for cookie donations, packing cookies and stand volunteers, will be posted in the church hallway. Money raised will benefit youth group activities and trips.



December Community Meal

First Lutheran will again be giving each family that attends our December Community Meal a plate of Christmas cookies. We are looking for donations of 3 dozen cookies. (Please do not arrange them on a plate as we will be making assorted plates.) They can be dropped off between 10 and noon on Friday, December 6th. Please put them in the kitchen. There will be a sign-up sheet on the hallway bulletin board. Thank you.



Advent By Candlelight

The 6th Annual Advent by Candlelight will be held on Sunday, December 8th. Doors will open at 6:00 PM and the event will start at 6:30 PM. We look forward to this wonderful opportunity to relax, meet new friends, enjoy a delicious dessert, and meditate with our sisters in Christ as we focus our hearts on the true meaning of Christmas, the celebration of Jesus' birth. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending this event.



College Care Packages

As in previous years, at the end of November, we will be sending care packages to the college youth to aid them in their studies for final exams. Adults are needed to create a shoebox care package to be sent to our college youth. If you would like to help but do not want to put together a shoebox, a donation of \$20 towards a shoebox care package will also be accepted. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the hallway



Christmas Caroling

There will be a parish Christmas Caroling event on Sunday, December 22, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The plans are to visit members of our parish who are in nursing homes and shut-in. More details will be forthcoming.



SENIOR MEMBER DINNER

Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what the heck happened!

If you were born in or prior to 1957, you, along with a guest, are invited to attend our annual Senior Member Dinner on **Sunday, November 17, at 12:00 noon**

Reservations are not necessary, but would be very helpful to us in planning the meal. Just fill out the attached and return it to the church office by **November 1**.

Mark your calendars and plan to be present for a yummy meal and first-rate fellowship.

SENIOR MEMBER DINNER

**November 17, 2019
12:00 noon**

Number of reservations _____

Signed _____

Telephone _____

(Return by November 1)

MINISTERIUM BACKPACK PROGRAM



The churches of the Mifflinburg Ministerium are providing backpacks of food for students in the Mifflinburg School District for weekends when they may not have a hot meal.

The Ministerium is asking for help with this program through donations of the following items:

- Single Serving Pudding Cups
 - Single Serving cereals
 - Peanut Butter or Cheese Cracker Packs
 - Single Serving Applesauce or Fruit Cups
 - Individual Microwavable Macaroni & Cheese
 - Gummies - Dried Fruit - Granola or Protein Bars
 - Individual Microwavable Chef Boy R Dee Products
 - Microwavable Individual Pasta Meals (e.g.: Chef Boy-R-Dee, Mac & Cheese)
- No Pop Tarts or Canned Goods please.***

We will be in charge of filling and distributing backpacks in, December for Christ's United, and April, for First Lutheran.

The following churches are participating in this year's Ministerium Backpack Program:

- Buffalo Valley Church Of The Brethren***
- Christ's United Lutheran Church***
- First Evangelical Lutheran Church***
- Mifflinburg Church of The Nazarene***
- Mifflinburg United Methodist***



Youth News and Events

FALL 2019 YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT/MACY NEWS

Please consider the two 2020 summer trips that are powerful and LIFE CHANGING!

Youthworks Mission Trip to Lynn, MA (near Boston) June 19-26

Adults and Youth slots available – Contact Cindy Harvey @ 570-541-1977 ASAP

Harvey Cedars Bible Conference, July 12-18. Current 8th graders through 12th grade eligible. Contact Kim Sawyer or Kristy Sones by January 15th.

November 2nd - Community Meal @ First Lutheran Church basement 11-1 - Help needed to serve the meal and cleanup!

November 3th - Meet @ Methodist Church lot at 12 Noon to TAG HOMES for annual Thanksgiving Food Drive - Need lots of help - recruit friends! Easy exercise!

November 10th - Meet at Methodist Church lot at 12 Noon to PICKUP food and then sort in the church gym - Need lots of help to get ready for the Thanksgiving distribution.

November 24th - Progressive FRIENDSGIVING Dinner & Devos at 6:00 PM at Sawyer's and we will travel from that point and return for pickup!

Mini MACY

- Mini MACY will not meet in November. Join us in the Parish Family Bowling night on November 24th



Children's Church

The FELC Christian education committee would like to encourage anyone with an interest, to help lead or assist with the new Children's church process. If you are already an individual who has been involved with children's church in the past, but you are reluctant to lead a lesson for the children's church group, please consider offering yourself as an assistant to the lesson leader. We foresee that 2 people will now be recommended for children's church.

*Whether you have been helping with children's church or you are new to the role, please be sure that your clearances are current and that we have them on file.

If you are assigned to a Sunday that you cannot fulfill and you switch with another individual, please be sure to let Pastor John know so he can get the material to that newly assigned person.

If you have any questions, please see Pastor John, Gary Girton or Sherri Neece.

Reminder that Cherub Choir rehearsals are now Sundays following the church service.

Christmas Pageant

Plans are under way to produce a Christmas Pageant 2019 set for combined church service at First Lutheran on 12/22 at 10am. Diane Scott has written both the script and compiled the music for the staging of the Christmas Story. Help is needed in finding out who is interested in participating. Needed are both Young and OLD! Look for a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

- Children up to 14 years can be cast, both speaking and non speaking.
- Adults are needed to sing in the choir. And don't worry, there's congregation participation too!
- Costumers
- 2 Flute players

Here are the roles:

Children (under 14)

Mary
 Joseph
 Gabriel (Boy)
 Joseph's Angel (Girl)
 Innkeeper
 Innkeeper's wife
 Shepherds
 Angels
 2-3 dancing angels (if any girls are taking ballet-this is a good role for them)
 3 Kings

Adults:

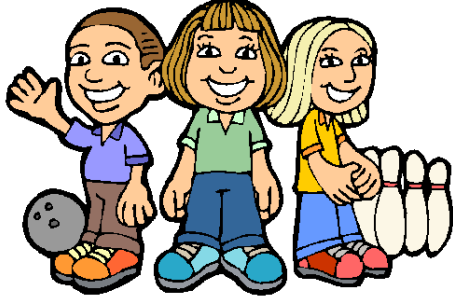
Choir

Rehearsals for children are:

Saturday 12/7 9:30-11:30am at First (not all are needed for the entire 2 hours- detailed rehearsal TBA)
 12/14 9:30-11:30am at First (not all are needed for the entire 2 hours-detailed rehearsal TBA)
 12/21 11am-12:30 at First (This is a dress rehearsal with costumes, choir, and cast! Call time is 11am)

PERFORMANCE: 12/22 9:30 call time
 10am service

Rehearsals for choir are: Wed 12/11 7:15-8:15pm
 Wed 12/18 7:15-8:15 pm
 Sat 12/21 11am-12:30



Family Bowling Night

The Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish will be hosting a Parish Family Bowling Night on Sunday, November 24th. Lanes are reserved from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, at Best Bowl, 2208 US 522, Selinsgrove. Snacks will be pizza and soda. The charge will be \$5.00 per person, which will be collected at the bowling alley. A sign-up sheet will be posted so we have an idea of how many are coming. Come join us in an evening of fun!

Buffalo Valley Conference Events

Zion Lutheran, 39 Paradise ST, Turbotville, PA 17772: Phone: 570-649-5195

St John's Lutheran, 6590 Musser LN, Watsontown, PA 17777: Phone: 570-538-2015

Now through December 2019: We are collecting for the Christmas-at-Sea (Seafarers International)

United in Christ Lutheran, 1875 Churches RD, Lewisburg, PA 17837: Phone: 570-568-2254:

OAKS Senior Center Events (10:00 AM):

Wednesday, November 13 – Women of Weikert by Emilie Jansma, Union County Historical Society

Wednesday, December 11 – Christmas crafts

First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 400 Main Street, Watsontown, PA 17777: Phone 570-538-5300

Saturday, November 9th, 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM: Free Veteran's Breakfast -Veteran's and their guests are invited to enjoy a FREE breakfast as we honor their service in times of war and peace. Breakfast menu will consist of pankackes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit and juice. The breakfast will be served buffet style. All monetary donations, not necessary or expected, will be donated to Operation Home Front. Operation Homefront assists military families during difficult financial times by providing food assistance, auto and home repair, vision care, travel and transportation, moving assistance, essential home items, and rent-free transitional housing for wounded veterans and their families. Veterans may enter a FREE drawing for a chance to win a Patriotic Quilt!

Thursday, November 28th, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM: Free Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Reservations helpful but not required. Phone the church office and please leave a message indicating how many will join us for food and fellowship. Thanksgiving Meal with all the trimmings: turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, corn, applesauce, cranberry sauce, pie and beverage. Take out dinners available. An outreach to those seeking fellowship and a meal this Thanksgiving Day. Donations are gratefully accepted to benefit: Neighbors Helping Neighbors, the local food bank.

Veteran's Day Program

Veteran's Day Ceremony, Union County WW II Honor Roll, will be held at the Mifflinburg Park, on Saturday, November 2nd, at 11:00 AM. The speakers will be Vietnam Veterans, Michael Balducci and Buzz Meachum. Area Scouts will lead the pledge. Other guests will be: Nazarene Church Singers, Shikellamy JROTC, Children of the American Revolution, Rosie The Riveter and Gold Star Families. In case of bad weather, the Ceremony will be held at the Nazarene Church, 12 Market Street. To purchase a brick or make a tax deductible donation to maintain the monument grounds, please contact, Union County Veterans Foundation, 570-524-4367, 1009 Buffalo Road, Lewisburg, 17837.

Once again, a benefit will be included with the Veteran's Day Program. The VA Nursing Home in Hollidaysburg has become the permanent place to help. The wonderful thing is that 100% of what is donated, whether it be clothing, gift cards or money, is utilized by the residents. As in previous years, a collection of, "new" pocket t-shirts, sweat tops and sweat pants sizes small to 5xl is being taken. In addition, gift cards to Giant, Weis Markets and Wal-Mart are also being accepted. All stores are represented in the Hollidaysburg area and can be utilized there. Any donations may be dropped off at the November 3rd Veteran's Day Ceremony in Mifflinburg or by contacting Doug Walter. Checks can simply be made out to : Hollidaysburg Veterans Home. This is a tax deductible donation, and their tax number is 23-6002830. They already did their part to ensure our freedom and the least we can do is say thank you by brightening their lives. Help us make the best of this event to not only honor our heroes but do something tangible to help them. Doug Walter: 916 Washington Avenue, Lewisburg, PA 17837, 570-713-8919, mazeppa.ptd.net

FELC Christmas Poinsettias

Completed forms and payment must be to the office no later than
Sunday, November 10th.



Poinsettia Order Form

6" pot (4-5 blooms) - \$9.50 each

☐ Red

☐ White

☐ Pink

☐ Marble

☐ Jingle Bells

☐ Burgundy

7" pot (2 plants in pot - 8-10 blooms) - \$17.50 each

☐ Red

☐ White

☐ Pink

In Honor of: _____

Remembered by: _____

In Memory of: _____

Remembered by: _____

☐ I will pick up my poinsettia.

☐ I will donate my poinsettia to a shut in

Total plants ordered: _____ Total Amount Due: \$ _____

*Poinsettias will decorate the church sanctuary on Christmas Eve
and may be picked up after the worship service.*

Christ's United

Altar Guild

Dianne Shuck
Janice Wagner

Greeters

3 - Kris & Carla Ruhl
10 - Doug & Pearl Gemberling
17 - Tom & Judy Mecouch
24 - Judy Moyer

Lay Readers

3 - Mike Flickinger
10 - Kathy Spangler
17 - Barry Spangler
24 - Maurice Clouser

Sound System

Lee Spangler

Ushers

Maurice Clouser
Eugene Hassinger

Music Providers

3 - Guest Organist
10 - Guest Organist
17 - Dave Swartz
24 - Diane Valentine

Communion Assistant

3 - Bev Catherman
10 - Lee Spangler
17 - Barry Spangler
24 - Judy Moyer



First Lutheran

Chief Usher

Jim Schwartz

Acolytes

3 - Emily Seebold
10 - Erica & Hannah Boyer
17 - Paige Bartlett & Barb Randecker
24 - Jadyen Rothermel & Sally Rothermel

Altar/Communion

Sheryl Fetter & Carol Klose

Announcements

Don Seebold II

Lay Readers

3 - Karen Boyer
10 - Tom Orren
17 - Linda Lewis
24 - Norm Conrad

Children's Church

3 - Nicole Gessner & Kim Sawyer
10 - Sherri Neece & Sally Rothermel
17 - Barb Randecker & Mandy Rothermel
24 - Shirley Heasley & Jane Moore

Offering Envelopes

Craig & Sally Rothermel

Ushers

3 - Gifts & Endowments Committee
10 - Harry Boyer, Linda Lewis
Earl Michael, Barb Randecker
17 - Jeff Crossland & Linda Skinner
Sue Jows, Jeff Mensch
24 - Dave Weaver, Andy Long
Liz Loss, Jeannie Sawyer

NEW

Communion Tray Helpers

3 - Lillie Casilla & Aria Gessner
10 - Jaydon Girton & Brynn Umholtz
17 - Connor & Marla Hicks
24 - Ava McBryan & Kendall Neece

NOVEMBER 2019

Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish
Mifflinburg, PA

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov 2nd: Nov 3rd: Nov 5th: Nov 11th: Nov 28th:	Turn Clocks Back End Daylight Savings All Saints Sunday Election Day Veteran's Day Thanksgiving Day				1	2 8:00AM: Men's Breakfast--Ard's 8:00 Potpie Workday 11AM-12:30PM: Community Meal - FELC 3:30 Potpie Supper <i>TURN CLOCKS BACK</i>
3 ALL SAINTS <i>End Daylight Savings</i> 8:30 Worship - CULC 10:00 Koinonia Kafe 10:15AM: Sunday School - CULC 10:30 AM: Worship/ HC - FELC Cherubs rehearse after service- FELC	4 10:30AM: Bible Study- CULC 5:00PM: Clarity Prep- CULC	5 ELECTION DAY 10:30AM: Bible Study- CULC 	6 10:00 Hope's Haven 7:00PM: Council Meeting - FELC 7:15PM: Chancel Choir - FELC	7 1:00PM - LCW - FELC 7:00PM Men's Ministry MP Room - FELC	8	9 8:00AM: Men's Breakfast--Carriage Corner
10 8:30 Worship 9:15AM: Adult SS- First 10:00 Annual Meeting SS CULC: TBA 10:30 AM: Worship/ HC - Youth SS during service - FELC Fellowship Hall Re- served - CULC	11 1:00 PM: Bible Study- CULC 5:00PM: Clarity Prep- CULC 	12 10:30AM: Bible Study - FELC	13 10:00AM: Hope's Haven CULC 3:00PM: Clarity Prep - CULC 6:30PM: Cherub Choir - FELC 7:00PM: Bible Study - CULC 7:15PM: Chancel Choir - FELC	14	15	16 8:00AM: Men's Breakfast--Old Turn- pike 7:00PM: Snyder Co Tractor Pullers Assn Banquet - CULC
17 9:00 Worship - CULC 9:15AM - Adult Sun- day School - FELC 10:15 Sunday School - CULC -Cherubs Sing 10:30 AM: Worship/ HC - Youth Sunday School during service - FELC 12:00 Senior Member Dinner	18 10:30AM: Bible Study- CULC 5:00PM: Clarity Prep- CULC	19 10:30AM: Bible Study -FELC 7:00PM: Council Meeting - CULC	20 10:00AM: Hope's Haven -CULC 7:00PM: Bible Study - CULC 7:15PM: Chancel Choir - FELC	21 7:00PM Men's Ministry MP Room - FELC	22	23 8:00AM: Men's Breakfast--Ard's
24 9:00 Worship - CULC 9:15AM - Adult SS - FELC 10:15 Sunday School - CULC 10:30 AM: Worship/ HC - Youth SS- FELC Semi-Annual Meeting: Following Worship Hanging of the Greens following meeting - FELC Cherubs rehearse after meeting 4PM-6PM: Parish Bowling 6PM: Youth Friends- giving	25 5:00PM: Clarity Prep- CULC	26	27 10:00AM: Hope's Haven -CULC	28 <i>Office Closed</i> 	29	30 8:00AM: Men's Breakfast--Carriage Corner

THANK YOU to ALL the men and women of our congregations, and this country, who have risked their lives and given their lives for our freedom.

