

# BVLP News

Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish

October  
2019

## From Our Pastor...

### MINISTRY IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Jesus began his ministry on earth with a proclamation and a request. The proclamation demanded a new and profound awareness: "the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (NEAR, IN OUR MIDST) (MT 3:17). As Jesus initiated his life of teaching and service to and for others (i.e. what the word ministry means), he called upon his followers to form an awareness of what God was up to in their here-and-now, to see and experience life radically different and life-changing from their past. To hear that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand" in Jesus' presence is to become profoundly aware that one is now in a LIFE-ALTERING situation as a result of God's intent in, by and through Jesus' words and actions.

This awareness of the presence of the kingdom of heaven has profound implications for what the church understands as her ministry. Jesus did not begin his ministry with a call to "go to church," or to worship in particular ways, or to engage in theological conversations and reflections regarding salvation and like matters. Rather, he called upon his followers to gain a new and life-changing

perspective of the world in which they lived by seeing and experiencing God's revealed intent and purpose for all humanity and the created world by following the ways of Jesus. Jesus requests and challenges his followers to "REPENT," that is, to change from the course of the way they had been living and be redirected by the vision Jesus himself represented in order to make better the lives of all in any present need.

The church that proclaims the gospel (the good news) that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand" is to be a church that experiences the life-altering presence of Jesus in their midst, is alert to and hears the cries of those in present need, and responds with unconditional and nonjudgmental compassion and loving help. Before the church's proclamation of the gospel dares assert the promises of God in the great beyond, it first is to attend to the life-threatening issues in the here-and-now. As revealed in and through the words and actions of Jesus, the gospel is good news for the here-and-now; it is about caring and healing, changing peoples' lives through attentive listening and responsive actions demonstrating selfless and sacrificial love for others. The measure of God's

eternal promises as delivered by Jesus and subsequently by the church makes sense to the present world in which we live only as the church is able to reach out to and respond to those in present need; anything less raises further doubts and objections.

After a period of guided instruction on the matters of delivering the gospel in ways of loving care and concern for others (i.e. The Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7) and through the opportunity of witnessing Jesus' own actions directed towards those in need, Jesus sent out his followers to do ministry in the shape and form of the awareness that acknowledges that, indeed, "the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Like Jesus' own ways of ministering to the world in which he walked, his followers were also to not only announce that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand," but were directed to "heal those in sickness, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers (any who would be considered to be outcasts by their visible appearance), and cast out demons" (MT 10:8). Hence, the ministry of the church is fundamentally to be about enhancing, enriching and improving the lives of those to whom it ministers, to so (continued on page 2)

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**Pastor John Yost**

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- **Tom Catherman**, Custodian
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- **Doug Gemberling**, Vice President
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- **Greg Shuck**, CULC

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- **Diane Scott**, Director of Music
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## MINISTRY IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN (continued)

radically change the conditions of those in need in order that they might experience anew the realities of Jesus' presence in their lives and the healing and hope that derives from his presence.

To be sure, the church, the followers of Jesus in our here-and-now, is to be undergirded, supported and sustained in her ministries of worship and catechesis, in her life-long attention to devotion and learning. But a church that is attentive to following the ways of Jesus will find her primary busyness in times beyond the Sunday morning hours by reaching out into the world and being instrumental in providing loving and helpful care to all who are in need. The church that operates in and by Jesus' name and presence is to be a people who will address with concerted attention and action any and all life-threatening concerns (i.e. illness and suffering, discrimination and exclusion fueled by hate and greed, the hurt and pain of violence and vengeance) experienced by those in need and who will minister with compassionate love and life-enhancing care. The church is to be more than a proclaimer of the gospel; she is to minister to the truth of the gospel, that the

kingdom of heaven is at hand, by reaching out and providing help and care to all in need.

The irony that is observed in the awareness that the kingdom of heaven is at hand is ultimately realized by the way of the cross, that is, by laying down one's own life so that others may experience the fullness and abundance of life that God in and through Christ Jesus alone can offer. As Jesus revealed, "For those who want to save their own life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it" (MT. 16:25). The church cannot find its way by skirting around or away from the cross. The church of Jesus exists only for the sake of the gospel, that is, the good news of God expressed in the life and death and resurrection; and is to reach out and minister to all whose lives are threatened in any manner.

This may be why Jesus stated in the shadows of the cross, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me. Then the righteous will

answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And he will answer them, Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are my family of brothers and sisters you did it to me" (Matthew 25:34-40).

The kingdom of heaven that Jesus describes as at hand, in our midst, is God's reign of the favor of the abundance of life for all against anything and everything that threatens or seeks to harm such God-given and God-promised life. To put it quite simply, the church is to do as Jesus does. Nothing less and nothing more than to be vigilantly aware of Jesus' presence, to be attentive to the cries of the needy, and to be responsive with acts of compassionate love by providing helpful and selfless care to "the least of these" and by casting out the demonic presence of that which seeks to bring about harm and hurt. Are we up to the call and the challenge? Jesus believes we are by empowering us by his very Spirit to do so.

Blessings,

Pr. John

### **All services for the month of October will be Parish services held at 10:00 AM at the Elias Church**

The Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish will hold joint worship services at 10:00 a.m. at the Elias Church/Center for the Performing Arts in Mifflinburg on all four Sundays (6th, 13th, 20th and 27th). The Parish Council's goal of these services is to encourage parish unity and emphasize our traditions.

The Elias Center building was originally built in 1806 to house both the German Reform and Lutheran churches in the growing town of Mifflinburg. Since its inception, it has served as a church, the local high school, a storage house and a home. Saved from demolition in the 1990s, the building was painstakingly restored to its original luster and is now home to the Elias Center for the Performing Arts. A fellowship time will follow each week's service.

## 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  
Eric Powell & Family  
Bob Rantz  
Sam & Ethel Schnure  
Delight Showalter  
Kevin Shuck  
Ken Smith  
John Snook  
Wanda Stamm  
Meda Struble  
Helen Troup

### 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

## October Bible Studies

### Monday

10:30 a.m.  
CULC

October 7

October 14

October 21

October 28

### Tuesday

10:30 a.m.  
FELC

October 1

October 8

October 15

October 22

October 29

### Wednesday

7:00 p.m.  
CULC

October 9

October 16

October 23

October 30

## Adult Sunday School At FELC

There will be no adult Sunday School classes held at FELC during the month of October. 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".

## Empty Pill Bottles

We are no longer collecting empty pill bottles at First Lutheran. We ask that you please no longer drop them off outside of the office.

## Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Betty Goss following the death of her mother, Sara Earnest, on July 17 and to Ron & Darlene Ulrich upon the death of Ron's sister-in-law, Bonnie Ulrich, on September 8.

## Heartfelt Thanks

Thank you so much for being part of our Adopt-A-Staff Member program this year!

Thank you for adopting me. Also, thank you for the nice card and prayers. As well as, thank you for the thought and contribution to camp. It means a lot to myself and all of us staff. Thank you for the awesome care package. I loved it and everything will be put to great use.

Zack Zimmerman

(Camp Mount Luther Staff Member)

Thank you to the Scouts for cleaning the Fellowship Hall tables and chairs as one of their service projects. They look much better and it is greatly appreciated!

First Lutheran Church Members

Dear Christ's United, especially Roger, Kim & Sue, Eugene & Katherine, Gary & Janet. Thank you so much for the great food at mother's sale. Our Kathryn was so glad to get to know you and be such a "helper."

-Scarlett & Steve

## 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.





Sarah Alexander	10/01
Ashley Hummel	10/01
David Swartz	10/01
Kris Ruhl	10/02
Arlene Behrent	10/03
Jennifer Galer	10/03
Gertrude Mitchell	10/03
Parker Scott	10/04
Marie VonNeida	10/05
Michael Christy	10/06
Justin Marshall	10/07
Delight Showalter	10/07
Bryanna Yost	10/07
Judy Shirk	10/08
Quinton Bartlett	10/09

Joan Herman	10/09
Emil Stenger Jr.	10/10
Michael Wagner	10/10
Don Seebold II	10/11
Richard Troutman	10/11
Samantha Orren	10/12
Marjorie Dunkle	10/13
Victoria Harvey	10/14
Idella Zimmerman	10/14
Mary Hassinger	10/15
Nancy Klinepeter	10/15
Kyle Baker	10/16
Eugene Phillips	10/16
Barb Reed	10/16
Mary Wehr	10/16
Jan Beckley	10/17
Preston Hosterman	10/17
Ava McBryan	10/17
Sherry Zimmerman	10/17

Meda Struble	10/18
Doris Moll	10/19
Polly Hornig	10/20
Dryden Yost	10/20
Caleb Gunton	10/22
Shayne Reed	10/22
Barry Spangler	10/22
Christian Boyer	10/24
Gloria Mincemoyer	10/24
Andre Roupp	10/24
Chad Shuck	10/24
Linda Dale	10/25
Gregory Swenson	10/25
Cathy Brungard	10/26
Rebecca Forcheskie	10/26
Lois Elliott	10/27
Shirley Diehl	10/29
Betty Lauf	10/29
Karen Libhart	10/30

## Birthday Shut-Ins

Marie VonNeida  
Wynwood House  
122 Wynwood Dr  
Centre Hall, Pa 16828

10/05

Eugene Phillips  
Maria Joseph Manor  
875 Montour Blud  
Danville Pa 17821

10/16

Shirley Diehl  
105 Willowbrook Blud  
Lewisburg, PA 17837

10/29

Delight Showalter  
53 Showman Farm Lane  
Millmont Pa 17845

10/07

Jan Beckley  
425 Market Street  
Mifflinburg, PA 17844

10/17

Betty Lauf  
11 Tee St  
Selinsgrove Pa 17870

10/29



## Happy Anniversary!

Thomas & Candi Taylor	10/07
Bob & Karen Musser	10/09
Paul & Sherri Klauger	10/10
Eugene & Katherine Hassinger	10/11
Jace & Carla Watson	10/12
Thomas & Shelly Orren	10/13
Linn & Carol Mensch	10/15
Jim & Karen Zimmerman	10/16

30 yrs
36 yrs
44 yrs
60 yrs
30 yrs
29 yrs
64 yrs
43 yrs

David & Dayna Bickhart	10/20	40 yrs
Tom & Judy Mecouch	10/21	47 yrs
Michael & Tracy Mensch	10/21	30 yrs
Fredrick & Linda Dale	10/23	48 yrs
Adam & Mimi Hackenberg	10/24	21 yrs
Ed & Leona Wagner	10/24	67 yrs
Justin & Jodi Marshall	10/27	12 yrs

## OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

**Thank You Pastor John for All You Do For Us!**  
**May God Bless You Always!**

With Love,  
Your family at Christ's United & First Lutheran Churches



# 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.

Open dates for 2019 are October 21 and November 25. For more information, talk to Gary Hackenberg (570-768-2781). The 2020 schedule is available and about 50% complete, and 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

The workday will take place on **Thursday, October 31st starting at 8:00 a.m.** 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. 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](http://www.4bellschurch.com/signup), or call Kim Blyler at 570-716-5601 or email him at [obed@dejazzd.com](mailto: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

# Christmas Pageant

As Director of Music at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, I would like to extend an invitation to PARTICIPATE in a Christmas Pageant to be held at First in a combined worship service at 10:00 on 12/22/19! (Date set is pending parish council approval.)

Twenty-Seven Years ago, I had compiled a "Christmas Pageant" to feature children, choir, and congregation. I have dug it out of the closet, wiped off the cob webs, and revisited with an elated hope of directing it again this year!

I need help in the following areas:

1) Costuming-think nativity and children under 13 dressed as angels, shepherds, or Kings.

2) Organization with a cast list-I'll need names of children who'd like to participate and desired role. (Typically girls are angels-boys are shepherds and Kings. Plus Mary, Joseph, Gabriel (boy), Innkeeper and Innkeeper's wife (my own creative license to add to the story)

2) 2-4 girls who study ballet and would like to be an Angel Dancer! (Again, creative license-not only did the angels exclaim "Glory in excelsis deo! but they also danced!")

3) Flute players-ideally two. I have written an "Angels Dance" to be played by 2 flutists

4) Singers (adult) -To learn songs (mostly lead the carols that comment on the action and one specialty song with the whole cast)

Rehearsal schedule will be Saturday Dec 7, 14, and 21 9-11am at First Lutheran Sanctuary (a more detailed rehearsal TBA)

I can be reached by email: [dianescott@dejazzd.com](mailto:dianescott@dejazzd.com) or text 5770-768-7577.



**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***





## Camp Mount Luther Volunteer Brainstorm

October 6, 2019: CML Volunteer Brainstorm. Be part of a new camp event on Sunday, October 6, 2019, from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Evergreen Center at Camp Mount Luther. Everyone, but most especially campers, parents, alumni staff, camp friends, and anyone interested in our outdoor ministry is invited to come to this new, exciting event. Bring your ideas for camp-summer camp programs, fundraising, marketing, facilities, non-summer events, or anything else you think might benefit Mount Luther. We'll share ideas and organize Camel Crews (task forces) to work on those ideas for the coming year! If you have questions, contact the camp office at 570-922-1587 or [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org).



## Evening at Shade Mountain to Benefit Mount Luther

November 1, 2019: Evening at Shade Mountain to Benefit Mount Luther. Come to Shade Mountain Winery to share fellowship, entertainment, and enjoy locally produced wine, all to benefit Camp Mount Luther. The event runs from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by KJ Reimensnyder-Wagner, a local musician who sings folk music. The menu will include heavy appetizers, dessert, and one glass of wine per person. SPACE IS LIMITED. Please make your reservations with the camp office at 570-922-1587 or [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org). If you choose to purchase any bottles of wine that evening, a portion of the proceeds will be given to Mount Luther. We ask all participants to make a donation to the camp that evening, equal or greater to the food and entertainment provided.



## Fall Women's Retreat

November 2, 2019: Fall Women's Retreat. All local women are invited to be participants at the Fall Women's Retreat sponsored by Camp Mount Luther and the Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization. The day-long retreat will feature a presentation led by Rev. Sarah Hershberger titled, "We All Are One in Mission". The retreat will take place at the camp on Saturday, November 2, 2019. It will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The day will begin with refreshments. The cost of \$20.00 per person includes coffee and tea, snacks, lunch, and the program. You are encouraged to bring a friend! Registration deadline is October 25. To register, contact Mount Luther, 355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844. Checks should be made payable to Camp Mount Luther. If you have questions, call the camp at (570) 922-1587 or e-mail [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org). To view a flyer/registration form, go to <https://www.usselca.org/wpcontent/uploads/2019/07/2019-Womens-Retreat-Flyer.pdf>.



## LIRS Entertaining Angels Training

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) will be hosting an Entertaining Angels training at First Lutheran Church, Mifflinburg, on October 26, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is a new LIRS initiative to accompany people of faith as they hear a call to welcome and love their neighbor and extend hospitality to alien, sojourner, and stranger. Lunch will be provided and registration is \$15 per person. This event is shaped by examining the biblical mandate for hospitality; our Lutheran heritage of hospitality; and social and cultural responses to migrants and refugees. To register, email [brenda@usselca.org](mailto:brenda@usselca.org).





# It's Apple Dumpling Time!!!

Many volunteers are needed every Thursday from 5:00PM (or earlier) until 9:00PM and Friday from 7:00 AM until 5:00 PM to help with making apple dumplings again this year. There are jobs for everyone. If you are interested in assisting in rolling dough, please bring your own rolling pin. If you are interested in paring apples, you may want to bring your favorite knife. All other items for this project will be available in the kitchen. Even if you are not interested in having a job, please come and enjoy the fellowship


Dumplings are again being sold in pans of two for \$6.00. You will find the 2019 Apple Dumpling Order Form enclosed in this newsletter. Please use this form when taking orders. Extra forms can be found in the bulletins each week, in the back of the church and in the church office.

The proceeds of the 2019 Apple Dumpling sale will benefit:

- 👉 The Eric Powell Family
- 👉 The Casey Murray Family
- 👉 The Nina Croll Family
- 👉 MACY and Mini MACY

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: ALL ORDERS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN 2:00 PM THE TUESDAY BEFORE THE PICK-UP DATE. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED THIS YEAR. ANY ORDERS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM TUESDAY WILL GO WITH THE ORDERS FOR THE NEXT WEEK. ORDERS MUST BE PAID AT OR BEFORE PICK-UP.**

Thank you all!!!! We are looking forward to another successful Apple Dumpling sale!!!!



## Apple Dumpling Fundraiser

Purchaser or Member Name

Purchaser or Member Phone Number

Order Date (Circle One)

October      4      11      18      25

Homemade Apple Dumplings—Available in 2 to a pan for \$6.00

NAME	PANS ORDERED	TOTAL \$ DUE
TOTALS		

Orders are due NO LATER than 2:00PM the Tuesday prior to the order date.

Orders received after the deadline will be put on for the next order date.

**ALL REGULAR ORDERS MAY BE PICKED FRIDAY FROM 12-5 P.M. IN THE BASEMENT**

# Youth News and Events

## FALL 2019 YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT/MACY NEWS

**October 4th** – Allan Scott Band performing in Boalsburg – Leaving Mifflinburg @ 5:00 for 6:30 concert! RSVP to Kim if you plan to go as we need enough drivers!

**October 5th** – Community Meal @ First Lutheran Church basement 11-1 – Help needed to serve the meal and cleanup!

**October 6th** – 6-8 PM - Dinner & Devos @ Sawyer's (904 Mountview Road in Mifflinburg) – Doug & Morgan Richard, Rooted Relational Therapy will be our guests!

**October 13th** – 2:00 @ Selinsgrove Airport Tour! Contact Gail Erickson @ 570-716-1085 for this opportunity!

**October 27th** – No Tricks Just Treats Event – 6:00 PM First Lutheran rear church parking lot – dress comfortably and be ready for fun! Need adult drivers!

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.

## Mini MACY

- The next Mini MACY meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 27th**, from **3:00 PM - 5:00 PM** at Christ's United. The activity for October will be carving/painting pumpkins.

## Children's Church

***\*There will not be a separate Children's Church during the month of October.***

***Pastor John will incorporate the lessons into the service.\****

The 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 Sherril Neece.



***Reminder that Cherub Choir rehearsals are now Sundays following the church service.***  
***Cherubs will NOT meet in the month of October.***



# Buffalo Valley Conference Events

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

Wednesday, October 9, 10:30 AM: Jolly Bunch Program – “*Alvira and the Ordinance: An American Dream Denied.*” The village of Alvira and the massive TNT plant built there at the onset of World War II are the subject of a 30-minute film presentation by Steve and Martha Huddy of Williamsport. Historical and contemporary photographs, and interviews with survivors of the ordeal bring to life this previously unknown piece of local history and its connection with the greater picture of the war. The Huddys, retired educators, have spent the last decade documenting every available detail of this history. Lunch will follow at an area restaurant. Please contact the church office by Monday, October 7, if you plan to attend.

Saturday, October 19, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Pot Pie Dinner: Adult \$10.00, kids 6-12 years old \$6.00, kids under 5 free

Thursday, October 31, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Trunk-or-Treat: Church members will be set up in the parking lot to hand out treats to the children. Many come in costume and decorate their vehicles. The Youth Group will provide drinks and hospitality.

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

Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM: Fellowship Meal

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, October 9 – First US Census Snapshot in 1790 Snapshot by Bruce Temple, Union County Historical Society

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

Wednesday, December 11 – Christmas crafts

## **Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 100 South Third Street, Lewisburg, PA: Phone: 570-524-0745**

Wednesday, November 13th: Bus trip to Sight & Sound Christmas Show at Ronks near Lancaster. This invitation goes out to all. The cost is \$82.00, which covers the bus ride and theater ticket. Contact Carol Bollinger at 570-490-2695 for more information and reservations.

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

Saturday, October 12th, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM: Free Family Fall Festival held at the Watsontown Community Park. Hot dogs, Smores, cider, pumpkin decorating and more...

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 panckakes, 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.



# OCTOBER 2019

## Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish Mifflinburg, PA

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 10:00 Hope's Haven  7:00PM: Council Meeting - FELC  7:15PM: Chancel Choir - FELC	3 5:00PM: Apple Dumpling Prep - FELC	4 7:00AM: Apple Dumplings - FELC  5:00 PM - MACY - Allen Scott Band in Boalsburg	5 8:00AM: Men's Breakfast-Old Turnpike  11AM-12:30PM: Community Meal - FELC
6 10:00 AM Parish Worship/HC at Elias Church  6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - MACY - Dinner & Devos @ Sawyers	7 10:30AM: Bible Study-CULC  5:00PM: Clarity Prep-CULC	8 10:30AM: Bible Study-CULC	9 10:00 Hope's Haven  7:00PM: Bible Study - CULC  7:15PM: Chancel Choir - FELC	10 5:00PM: Apple Dumpling Prep - FELC  7:00PM Men's Ministry MP Room - FELC	11 7:00AM: Apple Dumplings - FELC	12 8:00AM: Men's Breakfast—Ard's
13 10:00 AM Parish Worship/HC at Elias Church  2:00 PM - MACY - Selinsgrove Airport Tour	14 10:30AM: Bible Study-CULC  5:00PM: Clarity Prep-CULC	15 10:30AM: Bible Study - FELC  7:00PM: Council Meeting - CULC	16 10:00AM: Hope's Haven CULC  3:00PM: Clarity Prep - CULC  7:00PM: Bible Study - CULC  7:15PM: Chancel Choir - FELC	17 5:00PM: Apple Dumpling Prep - FELC	18 7:00AM: Apple Dumplings - FELC	19 8:00AM: Men's Breakfast-Carriage Corner
20 10:00 AM Parish Worship/HC at Elias Church	21 10:30AM: Bible Study-CULC  5:00PM: Clarity Prep-CULC	22 10:30AM: Bible Study -FELC	23 10:00AM: Hope's Haven -CULC  7:00PM: Bible Study - CULC  7:15PM: Chancel Choir - FELC	24 5:00PM: Apple Dumpling Prep - FELC  7:00PM Men's Ministry MP Room - FELC	25 7:00AM: Apple Dumplings - FELC	26 8:00AM: Men's Breakfast-Old Turnpike  9:00 AM - 3:00 PM: LIRS Entertaining Angels Training - FELC
27 10:00 AM Parish Worship/HC at Elias Church  3:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Mini MACY @ CULC  6:00 PM - MACY - No Tricks Just Treats	28 10:30AM: Bible Study-CULC  5:00PM: Clarity Prep-CULC	29	30 10:00AM: Hope's Haven -CULC  7:00PM: Bible Study - CULC  7:15PM: Chancel Choir - FELC	31 8:00AM Potpie Work-day - CULC  5:00PM: Apple Dumpling Prep - FELC		

### October Volunteers Christ's United & First Lutheran

*There will not be assigned volunteer positions for the month of October, due to the worship services being held at the Elias Church. A couple volunteers may still be needed each service. If you would like to volunteer, if needed, please let Pastor John know as you enter the church that day.*