



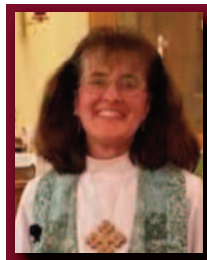
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The Herald



Pastor's Reflection

KINGDOM THOUGHTS

After his arrest, Jesus was brought before the leaders in Jerusalem for interrogation. This included the Chief priests of the temple, the Sanhedrin (legislative and judicial assembly), King Herod Antipas, and Pontius Pilate. The religious and political authorities were demonstrating their power and privilege over Jesus in an attempt to intimidate and coerce him. The powers of the world wanted Jesus to know who was in control. Pontius Pilate served as governor of Judea by Rome's authority. All leaders including the chief priests and Herod served only at the behest of Rome's authority. If Rome decided you were no longer meeting Rome's expectations or serving Rome's needs, you would be out. In order to keep one's place of privilege, one knew that they must serve Rome. As we encounter our gospels, learning about Jesus and his ministry and his saving work, we must keep Rome in our view. Despite our modern cries to keep "politics out of the pulpit," Jesus's ministry had much to say about the Roman Empire who was the governing authority of his time.

It was Pilate's job to ensure the security of this far-eastern colony of the Roman empire. Pilate's job was to ensure the Roman Peace (Pax Romana) was kept. There could be no rebellion, or Caesar would be displeased. Pilate is a man who is used to wielding his authority to keep people in line. When Pilate

interrogates Jesus, he asks him – "Are you the King of the Jews?" (John 18:33). This is a critical question because if Jesus is declaring himself King, he poses a threat to the Roman Empire in which Caesar is the only King, hailed as a Son of God, recognized as a divine ruler – indeed, King of Kings, Lord of Lords as the Roman liturgy celebrates. If Jesus declares himself King, he becomes a traitor against Rome.

But Jesus answers much more cryptically, much to Pilate's frustration. He says, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." (John 18:36). So, Jesus is a leader of a kingdom but not one of this world. Jesus did not come to earth in order to declare himself an earthly king. Jesus spoke often of the Kingdom of Heaven. This is the kingdom that Jesus came to preach and teach about. This is the kingdom to which Jesus calls his followers. This kingdom is ruled over by a servant king who came to bring salvation for God's people. Jesus is a king who invites us to dwell in peace in a kingdom where love is the highest expression of God's will for the world.

But we must not imagine this kingdom to be a faraway, spiritual place, where we go when we die,
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Contract Ministry Update

Christ Lutheran Church remains in a contract relationship with Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Boiling Springs where Pastor Jennifer's time is allocated at 25% to support their ministry. This relationship continues to go smoothly.

Mt. Zion is working with the synod to pursue a shared

ministry with another Cumberland County church where they will call a full-time pastor together. Once that happens, the contract with CLC will come to an end. Based on the current expectations, this is not likely to happen until sometime in the spring or early summer.

At the conclusion of this

contract, another ministry partner option will need to be sought based on CLC's current financial assessment for 2025.

We ask for your prayers for both churches as we work for the sake of the gospel alongside one another!

Transforming Ministry Program

Christ Lutheran Church, along with two other congregations from Lancaster, has been invited by the Lower Susquehanna Synod to participate in a new program that is being led by Pastor Richard Jorgensen, Assistant to the Bishop and Director of Evangelical Mission.

It is clear that the church is in a period of change. We recognize this change in our local congregation as we have seen active membership and Sunday worship attendance decline. We experience difficulty in engaging new generations of leadership and engagement in congregational life. Often this is experienced with anxiety for the future and sadness for "what was." Those emotions are real, but there is also opportunity to inquire and pray about where the Holy Spirit might be calling the church in this new phase of ministry.

While the church is changing, we trust that God is guiding us toward new visions of what is needed for God's people. We hope to find ways to be open to the transforming movement of

the Holy Spirit so that we might continue in our mission to be **"God's Called, Loved children who serve!"**

Several members of Christ Lutheran Church attended our first session in September. Our *continued on page 15*

KINGDOM THOUGHTS *continued from previous page*

when this human life is over. Again, that kind of kingdom would pose no threat to Rome. What matters is what happens here, and we know that is important, because God came here to dwell with us, becoming human to live here. The kingdom has come to earth, and Jesus teaches us that it is for us to work and pray that "thy kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven" – a radical notion, a dangerous proposal – one that will get Jesus killed by the Roman authorities.

As we consider this truth, it brings to mind a lyric from John Lennon's iconic song, *Imagine*, "You may say that I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope some day you'll join us, and the world can live as one." Lennon was not religious. This lyric didn't intend to promote any one faith, yet it still speaks a spiritual invitation – the Holy Spirit can work like that. Sometimes it does seem like a fool's dream to imagine God's kingdom here on earth because it is so far from the reality we live. Jesus knew all of that, knew the difficulties, knew the barriers, knew the sin that keeps us mired in the ways of the world, and he called us to live in the kingdom's way anyway. We are called as followers of this servant king who has brought a new kingdom here on earth and has promised that this will be the way. He asks us to live and follow him and him alone. This means setting aside the ways of this world, and that will be hard. Jesus knows that too, but he says "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:29-30). In God's kingdom there is light and life and peace and love for everyone...."you may say that I'm a dreamer," but this is the kingdom where I wish to live. I hope you do too.

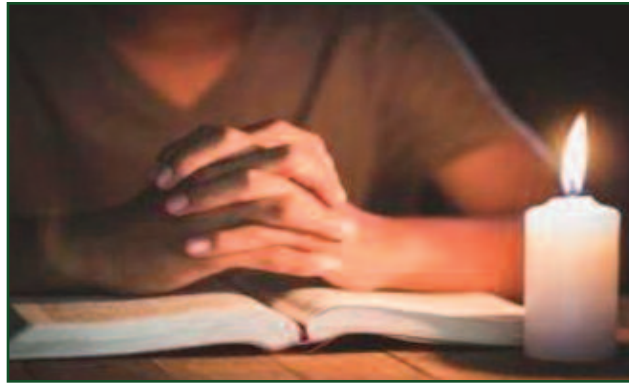
Praying Together

The power of prayer is a mysterious thing. Offering a prayer is not as simple as making a request to God, and God fulfilling our request. It is not simply a transaction between us and God (otherwise, there would likely be a lot more Penn State Championships and lottery winners!). Yet, we see Jesus praying to God in times of difficulty and stress. We see Jesus seeking solace, alone, in prayer to strengthen Him for his work and ministry. We hear Jesus pray for deliverance from the cross only to encounter silence in the garden. We see Jesus lift up a prayer for restoration to life for Jairus's daughter and Lazarus. Some prayers are granted, others are not. Jesus teaches his followers the prayer we have come to know as the Lord's Prayer. Throughout our scriptures we encounter those who seek God in prayer. Prayer connects us to God. Prayer allows us to communicate our deepest hopes, needs, and dreams to God. Prayer allows God to guide us.

During November, we are asking our faith community to pray together in support of those who experience homelessness or housing insecurity as we approach the cold, winter months. Together, we can lift our voices to our God who sees the vulnerable and pray that God will provide for them and that God will guide us all in how we can serve and support our vulnerable needs.

Our practice will be as follows (feel free to modify as feels right to you). Each day throughout November:

- ✠ Light a candle (real or electric!)
- ✠ Offer a time of silence



✠ We pray:

Caring and compassionate God, as the cold creeps in, we remember our neighbors who lack access to housing or dwell in unsafe spaces. We pray that you might guide them to resources who will help ensure their safety and a warm place to sleep. We

pray for those who work in the housing industry that they might prioritize affordable housing and access to resources who can help bridge the gap between homelessness and stable housing. We pray for those who raise awareness and care for those experiencing homelessness, especially Downtown Daily Bread, Bethesda Mission, Perry County Literacy Council, UPMC Street Medicine, the Homeless Memorial Project, Perry County Warming Center, Join Hands, Perry Housing Partnership, Habitat for Humanity, and Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMP). May God grant them guidance and wisdom and compassion. Help us to see the vulnerable among us as our neighbors and inspire us to eliminate homelessness anywhere it exists by the power of our saving Christ.

Amen.

November Homelessness Awareness Month at CLC

During the month of November, we will have guest speakers at worship on each Sunday to help inform us about homelessness and housing insecurity. If you can't make it to church, please be sure to check out the worship services that are available either on the CLC Facebook page or on our website at www.clcduncannon.org/services.

The schedule is as follows:

- ◆ November 3 - Christy Caswell
Perry County Literacy Council
- ◆ November 10 - Laura Martz
UPMC Street Medicine
- ◆ November 17 - Pat LaMarche
Homelessness Memorial Blanket Project
- ◆ November 24 - TBD
Perry County Warming Center

Did You Know?

Justification What does that mean?

One of the core tenets of our Lutheran faith and identity is the bold statement offered by Martin Luther from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans – **We are saved by grace through faith (Romans 3:28)! To this we exclaim Hallelujah – Praise God!**

The Lutheran reformers defined Justification in Article IV of the Augsburg Confession written by Philip Melancthon, attested by a significant number of theologians and other leaders, presented in 1530. It reads as follows:

¹ Also they teach that men cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works, but are

freely justified for ² Christ's sake, through faith, when they believe that they are received into favor, and that their sins are forgiven for Christ's sake, who, by His death, has made satisfaction for our sins. ³ This faith God imputes for righteousness in His sight. Rom. 3 and 4.

Justification is a word that is often used by theologians when describing salvation. In the rite of baptism, we pronounce forgiveness of sins, baptizing in the name of the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit, and that forgiveness is given once and is entirely complete, freely given to sinners in need of redemption.

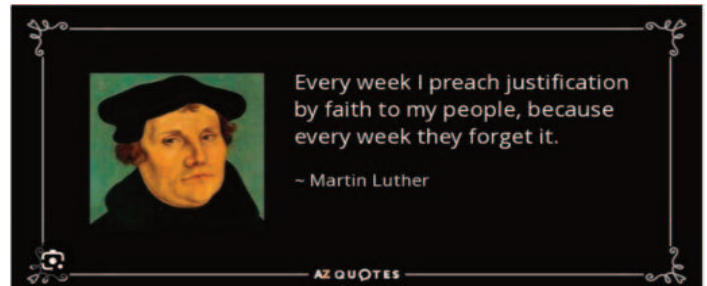
We give thanks to God for this gift offered by the Son through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reformers!



Reformation Sunday - What a blessed day of worship and celebration of our Lutheran heritage. It is a day that inspires us to remember the church in every age continues to grow in faith and respond in love that is grounded in our faith in Jesus Christ.

We are saved by Grace through faith - this is most certainly true!



In Memoriam

Gracious Lord,
in sure and certain hope of the
resurrection to eternal life
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
we commend to God's loving
care, our brother,
Roger Hickoff.
Eternal rest grant him, O Lord;
And let light perpetual
shine upon him.

Fundraising Committee Update

Fundraising activity continued over the last several months with many events happening within the congregation and the community.

□ Our second Harshbarger's event was successful and was enjoyed by a number of people. The church earned \$124. Thanks to all who came out and enjoyed good food and ice cream.

□ The Marianna's sub and pizza sale in August generated \$281, and our most recent sale earned \$302.

□ Turnout for the Tastefully Simple party was a good and the church profited \$360.

□ In September, and in conjunction with the Community Outreach Committee, we participated in Pioneer Day held at the Clarks Ferry Tavern. We had a vendor table, complete with our church banner and service details on display, and sold handmade crocheted items and homemade apple dumplings. The crocheted items brought in \$250 while the apple dumpling sales were \$898, bringing total sales to \$1,148. A huge shout out to Becky Meisel and her helpers for coordinating and making all of the dumplings.

□ Oktoberfest was once again a success and enjoyed by approximately 40 people. Ticket sales generated \$428 for the church.

□ Don't miss our next fundraiser - The Christmas Cookie Sale and Bazaar. See included details.

As always, the fundraising committee would like to thank all who help in any way, whether it be helping at events, donating items, or by purchasing tickets or food from our fundraising activities. We could not make these fundraisers happen without each and every person in the congregation.



Growing In Generosity

Just as we all experience increases in our household expenses, the church experiences those increases too. It can sometimes feel daunting to consider how we can grow in generosity.

Together, we all serve and support Christ's mission here at Christ Lutheran Church. One of the easiest ways in which we can grow in our support of the church's ministry is to commit to a consistent giving amount and then offer that each week, regardless of whether you attend church or not.

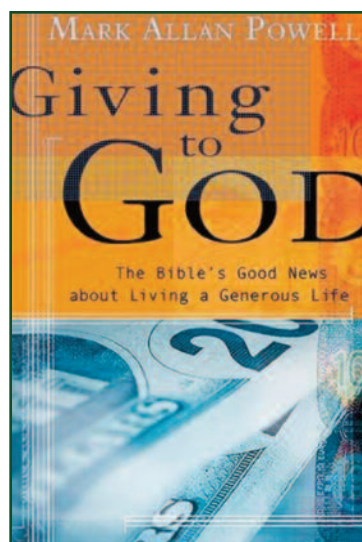
If it would be easier for you, you can set up a monthly or weekly giving amount on our website: www.clcduncannon.org – **GIVE NOW**.

Already giving weekly – could you consider a \$5 increase each week?

Watch for more info!

Beginning in 2025, we will start a monthly seminar that will take place after church one

Sunday per month based on the book *Giving to God: The Bible's Good News about Living a Generous Life* by Rev. Dr. Mark Allan Powell.



Together we will learn to grow our faith, offering our whole selves to God with gratefulness and thanksgiving.

Hiker Season 2024

On July 24, 2024, the CLC Hiker Meal season came to a close. It was another fun year, offering hospitality and a hot meal to those traveling through Duncannon. This ministry continues to be supported by folks who are willing to volunteer to cook, prep, clean, and greet on the days of our Wednesday meals. We also have many who donate salad fixings and scrumptious desserts. The hikers continue to be in awe of the fresh, hot meal with many not having fresh fruit and veggies for several weeks.

Fast facts for the 2024 season:

🌿 Served 93 hikers (not including CLC or other community members)

🌿 PA had the largest number

of hikers at 11

🌿 Georgia – 7 hikers

🌿 Ohio, Florida, and Texas each had 5 hikers

🌿 We served 9 international hikers from the following countries Canada (2), Croatia, England, France, Taiwan, Russia, Germany, (2), and Finland.



THE CHRISTMAS CYCLE

The Christmas cycle, which includes the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, begins the church year. During this time, Christians prepare, celebrate and reflect on the coming of God in Christ.

These three seasons focus on God being close at hand - so close that Christ is called Emmanuel (Matthew 1:23).

The Christmas cycle involves time in three tenses: past, present and future. We celebrate Christ's birth at Bethlehem in the past, Christ's presence in our lives now, and Christ's future coming at the end of time.

THE ADVENT SEASON

Advent, which means coming,

is set aside by the church to be a four-week season of preparation, usually beginning the last week of November. The church does not have the market on preparation at this time of the year. The commercial world, accompanied by Christmas carols, prepares for the shopping season. The academic world prepares for the Christmas holidays with final exams. But only the church prepares for the holiday season by focusing on God's preparation of our world and our lives for Christ's coming.

In Advent worship, we pray for God to stir up our hearts and come. We ask God to disturb

our attention from events that distract us, to rile our senses, so that we might make room in our lives for the one for whom an inn was too crowded.

The Bible readings for Advent, whether from the gospel of Matthew, Mark or Luke, recall the roles played by John the Baptist and Mary the mother of Jesus, as they prepared the world and themselves for God's great birth event. John's vocation was to call the world's attention to the one coming who would "save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). Mary, chosen by God to bear Christ, is a

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Technology Task Force Update

The technology task force meets monthly to discuss enhancements to our website, however, updates are made to the site on a regular basis.

There are currently 60 active pages that contain an abundance of information, pictures, services, and upcoming events, to name just a few. You can find most anything you need for your spiritual journey with Christ Lutheran.

Most recently, a news feed/blog has been added to the home page, which also carries over onto the activities page. The news feed will house a limited number of items, and the activities page will act as an archive for the items that are no longer available on the feed. Make sure you check it often as there will be no specific dates for postings. Updates will be made as items become available. Feel free to send us anything you would like to see out there: birthday or other celebrations, activities/updates of your family, children or grandchildren or anything you think would be of interest to the congregation.

CLCduncannon.org has been active for more than a year now and we are able to garner comparative activity statistics.

Activity through the full year of 2023 reflects 1,771 views, 688 visitors and 2.57 views per visit. To date (October 31, 2024) web activity stands at 2,124 views, 972 visitors and 2.39



Check out the CLC home page and view the new feature, then continue through and browse the whole site. There is plenty to see and more to come!

views per visit. With two months remaining in this year, we are on track to almost double last year's activity.

A huge thank you to Jason Ford, Lisa Dubay and Charlene Lentvorsky for the time and effort they put in to keeping our site current and informative.

Continuing with the communication theme, this is the final newsletter of 2024. We will publish our first issue of 2025 in February.

Community Outreach Committee Update

What and who do you think of when you hear the words, community outreach? Do you think it is just reaching out to and getting involved in activities in the town of Duncannon? Or, do you think it is just reaching out to active members within our church? Or, are your thoughts somewhere else?



No matter your thoughts, they are likely correct. The Community Outreach committee at CLC reaches out to the surrounding community

by way of participation in various events and activities. We also reach out to our inactive and shut-in community via cards, emails, phone calls, and visits. And, outreach to currently active members is on the list as well. How do we do that, you ask. Well, we keep you up to date with what we do, we ask for your input, support and help; we involve you to limits you wish to be involved.

Throughout 2024, we continued with our many outreaches that were started two years ago. We believe we have seen measured results and will continue this ministry into 2025. If you would like to feel the servitude we feel, let us know!

Send a Holiday Card to Brighten a Day

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Asper Hall #45W
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Pat Dallago
Promedica of Sinking Spring
3000 Windmill Road
Sinking Spring, PA 19608

Karen Ersoz
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New Buffalo, PA 17069

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202 Park Drive
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Worship & Music Committee News

The Worship and Music Committee met recently to plan for the remainder of 2024. Ingathering Sunday was October 6. The quilts, which were created by the LWR quilters, were blessed during the worship service and were then sent to Lutheran World Relief for distribution.

Reformation Sunday was October 27. Be sure to check out the photo that appears in this newsletter and on our web site of the CLC reformers!

All Saints Sunday was November 3. Members of our congregation who passed in 2024 are Ardena Kauffman, Audrey Hite, Ellwood Frye and Roger Hickoff.

November 10 was "Red Hymnal Sunday".

Many folks enjoyed singing the old hymns that are found in the "Favorite Hymns of Praise" songbook.

Advent begins on Sunday, December 1. Midweek Advent services will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 11 and 18. Family Advent Time will be held on December 8 following the worship service. You may choose one of several activities in



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Financial Statement

Christ Lutheran Church Financial Summary As of September 2024

Through the first 9 months of 2024, our Current Fund income is \$13,690 greater than the same period last year. For the same period, our total current fund expense is \$4,313 less than 2023. Combined, this amounts to a \$18,004 improvement over the first 9 months of 2023.

Unfortunately, our Current Fund expenses are still \$2,083 greater than our Current Fund income through September.

Our total assets are currently \$64,255, which is \$11,472 greater than a year ago. Our Current Fund Balance is a positive \$7,430, which is \$12,116 greater than one year ago.

We should be very thankful for the improvements in our financial position over the past year. Several reasons for improvement are:

- Monthly payments from Mt. Zion, Boiling Springs for 25% share of our Pastor's compensation expense (\$11,384)
- Fundraising Income from Pioneer Days, Sandwich Sales, Harshbarger's , Tastefully Simple, Pampered Chef, etc. (\$5,172)
- Contributions into the Current Fund for Memorial gifts (\$5,020)

It is important to understand that these 3 items total \$21,576, and without these income items in 2024, our Current Fund loss would be nearly \$24,000 for the 9 months ended September 30, 2024.

As the Finance Committee contemplates our planned budget for 2025, it is assumed that we will continue to share our Pastor at least 25% through 2025. A 2025 budget has been presented to our congregational council for further discussion and consideration at the November Council meeting. The approved budget will be presented during our Congregation Meeting in November.

Summary of Income and Expenses

	2024 September YTD	2024 YTD Expense Budget	Over (Under) Budget
Total Current Fund Income	\$ 100,095	\$ 99,045	\$ 1,050
Total Current Fund Expense	\$ 102,178	\$ 99,045	\$ 3,133
Net Income (Loss) - Current Fund	\$ (2,083)	\$ -	\$ (2,083)

Summary of Assets

	Sept. 30, 2024	Sept. 30, 2023	YOY Change
10150 · Checking - Members 1st	2,518	920	
10200 · Savings - Members 1st	2,082	2,005	
10250 · Money Market - Members 1st	10,122	15,556	
10710 · Investment Accounts	49,533	34,301	
Total Assets	64,255	52,783	11,472

Worship & Music Committee

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which to participate. We will be assembling gift bags for our members who are shut in or in assisted living, as well as putting together the Christmas food boxes. The Christmas tree in the sanctuary will also be decorated that day.

The Longest Night Service will be held on

Sunday evening, December 22 at 7:00 pm.

Please note, there will be only one Christmas Eve Candlelight Service this year. It will be held at 5:00 pm.

Our Service of Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday, December 29.

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model for all who faithfully carry Christ to others.

Many Christians in their churches and homes use an Advent wreath as a symbol of the light of Christ which comes in the midst of winter's darkness. Four candles arranged in a circle of pine greens comprise the Advent wreath. The candles represent the four Sundays in Advent. With the lighting of another candle, the light continuously grows each week until the full glow of Christmas.

Blue, the color of hope, is often the color used in parameters for the altar and pulpit, and in the candles of the Advent wreath. Christians know Christ as the hope of the world.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Christmas season, beginning with Christmas Eve on December 24, is the occasion for telling the old and well-loved story of Christ's birth.

Until the reading of the account from Luke 2 on Christmas Eve, many congregations refrain from singing Christmas carols, for there is not yet a nativity that calls forth our response. Hearing the words "she gave birth to her firstborn son" (Luke 2:7), the church joins the chorus of angels and fills the air with "Glory to God in the highest" (Luke 2:14). For the next days of the Christmas season, Christians cannot keep from singing at home, at church, at work, or at play.

Christmas, despite our joy and our festivities, still remains God's event. Our carols and

candles, decorations and dinners, gatherings and gifts are a response. Like the shepherds of old, we are invited to come and see how God keeps a promise.

The season of celebration continues for 12 days. Until Epiphany, January 6, the church continues to delight in the birth of God's Son, our Savior. Light remains the central image. Christ has come into the world as the light no darkness can overcome (John 1:5).

White, the color for festivals of Christ, is the color for the Christmas season. The color suggests light, joy and gladness.

THE EPIPHANY SEASON

The early church chose January 6 to begin the season of Epiphany. At that time, this date marked the winter solstice, the pivotal time when days became longer. The word *epiphany* means to make known. The early church intended for all the

world to know that Christ was its light.

During the Epiphany season, we reflect on the significance of Christ becoming flesh and dwelling among us. The season begins with the Day of Epiphany, continues with the festival of Christ's Baptism on the first Sunday after the Epiphany, and extends as many as nine weeks until the Lenten season begins.

In Sunday worship, we hear Bible stories beginning with the journey of the Magi, the Wise Men from afar (Matthew 2:1-12), when God's message went out offering salvation to all people and nations. Each gospel story - Christ's Baptism (Matthew 3:13-17) or Christ's first miracle at Cana's wedding (John 2:1-12) - makes known God's presence in the person of Jesus.

In the Epiphany season, we also come to know that God

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Christ Lutheran
Invites You To Worship With Us
This Advent/Christmas Season

Mid Week Wednesday
Advent Service - 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service -
5:00 p.m.

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Meet SHAINA STANTON

Shaina and her daughter became a members of our church family on the Day of Pentecost, May 19, 2024. What better way to officially join this congregation than on the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit!

In her own words:

Hello, I'm Shaina Stanton. This past lent season of 2024 myself and my daughter, Emma, were graciously welcomed into the CLC Family.

We have experienced different, wonderful volunteering opportunities, such as spaghetti night with different hikers that come from all over the world, helping Clyde and Judy run the CLC stand during the Appalachian Trail festival, and making new friends while helping sew quilts.

Coming from a rough background we are grateful to find our paths with God with CLC. We



have found the Bible study group on Sundays to be very helpful along with Pastor Jenn's teaching and can't wait to hear more from both.

We hope to be able to volunteer and help CLC more in the future.

Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark II:24



Jonathan is almost finished with his training at the PA State Police Academy. Graduation will be held on December 6. He is pictured here in some of his riot gear during a recent training class.

After graduation, he will be stationed at the Newport Barracks (yay!!). He will begin his full duties on December 16. Prayers for his (and all) continued safety.



Birthday Wishes!

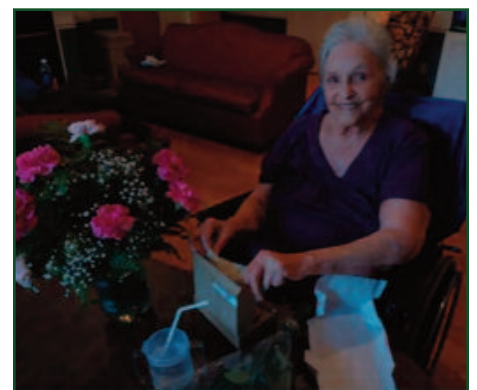


Carrie Hoffman recently celebrated her 86th birthday with a celebration at the home of her son, Jody. According to Jody, it was the first party she has ever had.

Congratulations, Carrie. We are glad you had a great day and wish many more birthday parties for you.

Joanne Speis also celebrated a birthday with flowers, family and friends all around.

Many more birthdays coming your way!



The Things We Do



From top left: God's Work, Our Hands delivery to Neighbors Helping Neighbors; Clothing drop off at Community Aid; Blessing of the Quilts; Christie Caswell, Perry County Literacy Council guest speaker; Apple Dumplings in the making; All Saints Day; Oktoberfest food; Trick or Treat; and. Possible New Usher Uniforms??

Thanksgiving Service



The Thanksgiving service, sponsored by the Duncannon Council of Churches, will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Bernadette Catholic Church.

Lutheran World Relief

Lutheran World Relief was started in 1945, the same year as the Quilt Ministry. Last year LWR shipped 551,700 quilts and kits to 14 different countries. Over the last 80 years, the ministry has grown considerably.

LWR is expanding to reach neighbors in need in the United States, as well as the people in need who live abroad. The newest partners include Lutheran Services of the Carolinas and Lutheran Family Services of the Rocky Mountains. These new organizations reach people who are affected by disasters, coping with crises, or struggling in poverty.

Christ Lutheran Church Quilters made and sent 48 quilts this year, plus one quilt that was made last year. We thank everyone who helped make this ministry possible this year. We have started to purchase more fabric for 2025. If you are able and willing to help with these purchases, it will be very appreciated.

Lutheran World Relief also helped the people who were stranded on cargo ships on March 26, 2024, when the cargo ship named Dali crashed into the Francis Scott Key Bridge, causing the bridge to collapse and killing six construction



workers. This ship trapped 10 other ships for weeks. The people, without visas, couldn't leave the ships and were without essential supplies. LWR stepped in and provided 150 quilts and health kits to these stranded sailors. These men were extremely thankful for these kits and quilts.

Indian Mobile Mission

Our two Navajo Indian children, Kailyn Tallsalt and Theo Jy Chee, celebrated their birthdays this fall. Kailyn's birthday was on Sept. 11 and Theo's birthday was on October 20. A hearty THANK YOU to everyone who signed their birthday card and contributed to their birthday gift. Sylvia Webb shops at a Walmart for the necessary things they need. Without all your help these two children would not be celebrating their birthday.

Christmas will soon be here, so Bev will soon ask Sylvia for a list of things the children need for Christmas. Again, without sponsors the children would not be getting anything for Christmas. The children are so happy and thankful for everything we do to support them.



THE CHRISTMAS CYCLE

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reaches out to all people who are estranged. The Epiphany season is a time for Christians to proclaim to the whole world what they know is true: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16).

White, the color of the Christmas season continues as the color for the Day of Epiphany and the festival of Christ's Baptism. Green, the color for growth, is the color for the remaining Sundays after Epiphany. Christ's righteousness becomes ours through growth in God's grace.

Light continues as the central symbol for the season. Christ, the light of the world, is represented by the star which led the Magi.



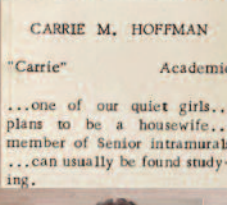


Through preparation, celebration and reflection, the Christmas cycle proclaims Christ is with us forever and ever.

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Throwback Gallery

2013
 Camp Nawakwa
 Becca Still, Briane Chubb, Jonathan Lentvorsky,
 Kaitlyn Masser, Josie Brajkovich, and Kendra Masser.



	<p>CHARLES A. HOFFMAN</p> <p>"Fuzz" Academic</p> <p>...likes hunting and fishing... Food Fair worker...spends a lot of time in Lemoyne...band member.</p>	
		<p>JOSEPH A. KISTLER</p> <p>"Joe" Academic</p> <p>...future pilot...playsbasket- ball...band member...another of our cafeteria workers.</p>
	<p>1956 Senior Class Members Susquenita High School Carrie Hoffman, Chuck Hoffman and Joe Kistler</p> <p>Miss Taylor was as one of their teachers</p>	
<p>ETHEL TAYLOR</p> <p>B. A. English Latin</p>		



A mug from the 100th anniversary of Zion Lutheran Church in Marysville. Zion used to be the sister church of CLC.

Let's GO to the Movies!

The Fellowship Committee has planned a movie day on Sunday, November 17. We will be going to the Regal Theatre for the 4:00 showing.

Meet at the church at 3:15 to carpool or meet at the theater - the choice is yours.

THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER

The Herdmans are the worst kids in the history of the world! They go to Sunday School for the first time after being told the church offers

snacks. They've never heard the Christmas story but are determined to be in the pageant and take over the lead rolls. "It might be the first Christmas pageant where Joseph and the Wisemen get into a fight and Mary hightails it with the baby."

"Five bucks says they burn down the manger." But as the director mom reminds all the disapproving church folks: "Jesus was born for the Herdmans as much as he was for us. We'll be missing the point if we turn them away."

The Herdman's end up teaching the entire town the true meaning of Christmas.

Transforming Ministry Program

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representatives include Lisa Dubay, Charlene Lentvorsky, Sue Masser, Shaina Stanton, and Pastor Jennifer. We will be meeting approximately every other month over the next year. We look forward to bringing conversations and insights from these sessions to our congregation



**Lions
RECYCLE
For Sight**

If you have old eyeglasses that you no longer need and wish to part with, please bring them to the church for recycling.

Sue Masser has been in contact with an individual who will collect old eye glasses and give them to the Lions Club. They, in turn, will determine if they are usable for distribution to optical missions around the world. This service not only aids those in need, it minimizes landfill waste.


to engage the wider faith community.

Please see any representative for more details and be on the lookout for more information in the months to come! If you are interested in participating in this program, please see Pastor Jennifer.

Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee continues to work with the Fundraising Committee. However, we recently planned the annual Turkey Dinner, which was held on Saturday, November 9.

The Christmas Party, Cookie Auction and White Elephant Game will be held on Sunday, December 15 following the worship service.



**I PRAY
I WILL FIND A
GOOD PARKING SPOT**

A man was late for work and began praying desperately for a parking spot. He promised to go to church, give up drinking - just give me the spot, he prayed. Miraculously, one opened! "Never mind, God," one just opened he said. While funny, the moral is that God is not to be bargained with. Ask humbly and with confidence.

Transforming Ministry Insight

Although the church is changing, we remain steadfast in our faith in Jesus Christ and the cruciform life that he taught us.

What is a cruciform life? A life that is centered and grounded in the cross. Jesus calls us to a cross-shaped life in which love and service to our neighbors is our intentional focus. Who is our neighbor? Those in our faith community, those in our local community, and those

who we serve in mission and outreach. We live the gospel by learning to be a church "on the margins" who seeks the vulnerable, the lost, the sick, and the needy.

We do this because Jesus did it first. We model and reflect his ministry in order to share the good news and shine the light of Christ into a world too often filled with darkness caused by sin, sadness, and difficulty.

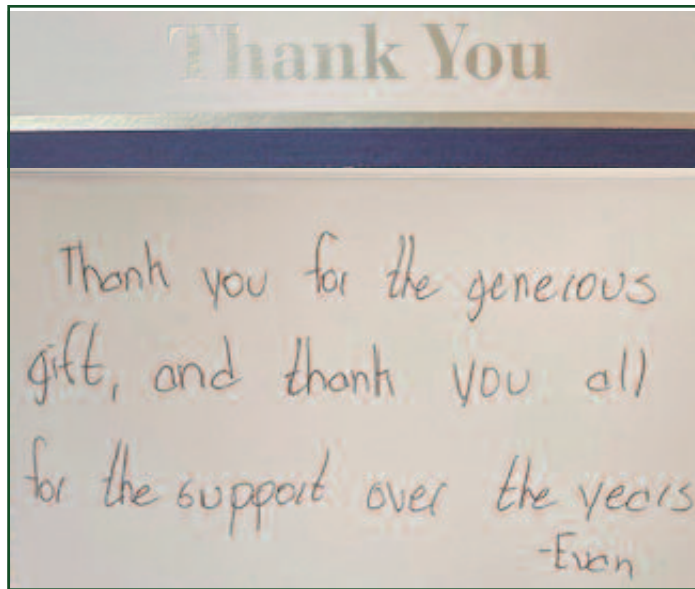
A LIVING CHURCH – MOVING WITH THE SPIRIT



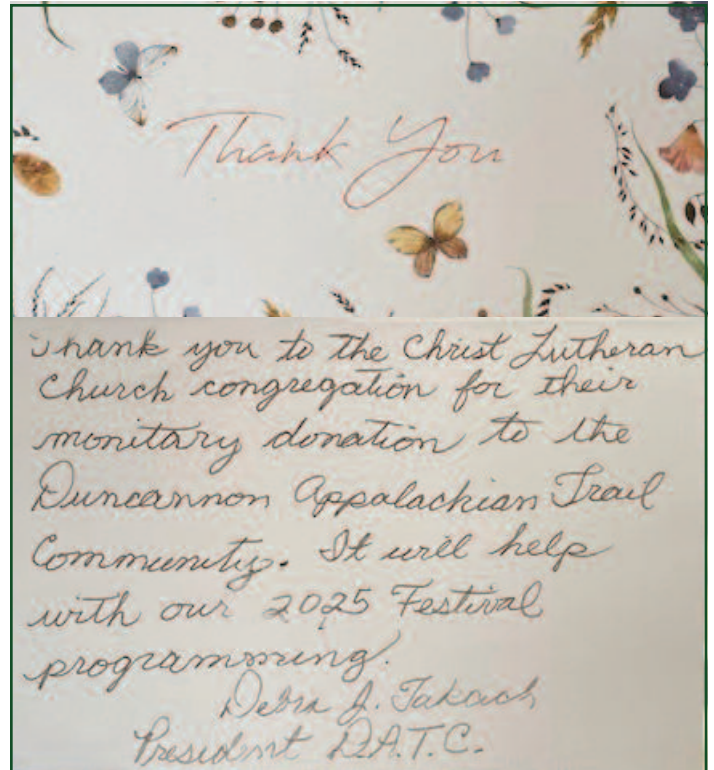
Social Ministry Committee Update

The Social Ministry Committee has been busy planning for the remainder of the year. Activities for November include Harvest Home, 10 Thank-giving baskets and the Golden Age luncheon.

December plans include angel tree gifts for the elderly through Join Hands and gifts for our homebound members.



If you would like more information on how you can help with these or any other projects through social ministry, please reach out to Sue Masser.



The Babe of the Manger

Do we worship the Christ of the manger,

But not as the Saviour of men?

Do we see the sweet Babe in His beauty,

But not Him who is coming again?

Do we bring Him the gold and the perfume

And hold back our lives that He bought?

Do we honor the Baby Jesus,

But as Saviour set Him at naught?

It is easy to kneel at the manger,

But not at the foot of the cross;

For there we accept Him as Saviour

Counting everything else only dross.

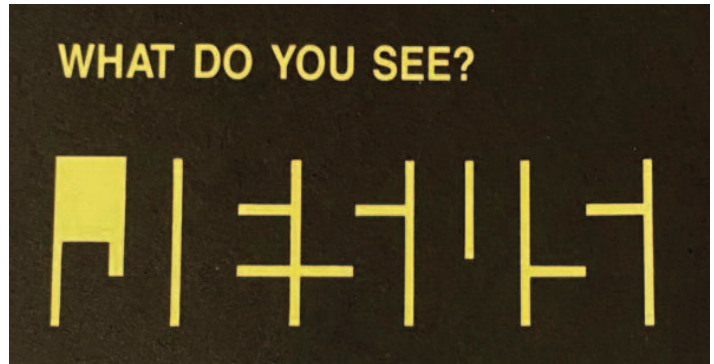
But the angel proclaimed Him the Saviour

And this we are taught in the Word;



Who truly would bow at the manger
Must accept Him as Saviour and Lord.

The flower chart for 2025 has been posted in the Sunday School hallway. Reserve your Sunday before it fills up.



During several special services this year, toys were collected as offering to benefit the Toys for Tots program. In December, all of the collected toys will be taken to the Marine Barracks in Harrisburg. The toys will bring joy to many local children. Thanks to all who donated.

FOR UNTO US
a child is born
 ——— ISAIAH 9:6 ———

Memorial Blanket Project

The Homeless Remembrance Blanket Project began as an art installation in Carlisle, PA on December 21, 2021. This day was selected as it is the longest night of the year – when there is more darkness than light and often extremely cold temperatures which inspire us to think, not only of those who live unstably housed, but also of those who die that way. Project leaders carried this project to Washington, DC on December 21, 2022, covering

the lawn outside the Capital steps and then to the steps of our state’s capitol in Harrisburg in 2023. This year, the installation will take place on December 21, 2024 in Philadelphia at Independence Hall.

Generous blanket makers knit, crochet, and quilt special gifts for total strangers experiencing homelessness. The blankets are then distributed to those in need. Would you like to make a blanket? There is still time! Find more information at

www.memorialblanket.org.

Also, on Sunday, November 17, Pat LaMarche, one of the founders of this project will be speaking during Sunday morning worship. Come hear about this wonderful project and her important insights regarding homelessness and how we can help.



Harvest Home



Harvest Home will be held on Sunday, November 24. We will be collecting the following items for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets: **Stuffing Mix, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Applesauce, Turkey Gravy, Cake Mix, Cans of Frosting, Crushed Pineapple, Canned Green Beans or Corn, Small Bottles of Vegetable Oil.** Any donations of a turkey for the Thanksgiving baskets or a small ham for the Christmas baskets would be a huge help. Please bring your donations to the church any time during November and December.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 16 - Join Hands Bingo
November 17 - Congregational Meeting
November 17 - Movie Day at Regal Theater
November 18 - Book Club
November 19 - Bible Study
November 24 - Harvest Home
November 26 - Bible Study
November 26 - Community Thanksgiving Service
December 1 - Christmas Tree lighting in Duncannon
December 3 - Bible Study
December 7 - Christmas Cookie Sale & Bazaar
December 8 - Family Advent Time following worship
December 10 - Bible Study
December 12 - Council Meeting - new members should attend
December 15 - Christmas Party and Cookie

Auction

December 17 - Bible Study
December 22 - Longest Night Service-7:00 pm
December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 5:00 pm
December 25 - Merry Christmas!
December 29 - Service of Lessons and Carols
January 1 - Happy New Year!
January 20 - MLK Online Service
January 26 - February Newsletter Deadline

All Saints Day Remembrance

November 3 was All Saints Day. The title of Saint is given to us by God as an expression of his love for us.

On this day, we honored and remembered the Saints of our church who have followed the risen Christ in faith and hope of the promised resurrection: Ellwood Frye, Roger Hickoff, Audrey Hite, and Ardena Kauffman.

We also remembered Saints who have touched our lives, from any time, and now live with God.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them.



2025

Calendars for Transitions Healthcare

We are again collecting wall calendars for the nursing home in the cove.

Transitions Healthcare will accept new calendars to be used by the residents of the nursing home. If you receive unwanted calendars, please bring them to the Church and they will be taken to Transitions Healthcare.

You may give the calendars to Bev Reifsnnyder or put them on the large tables in the large Sunday School room. Thank you all for the beautiful calendars.

2023 Reverse Advent Calendar

Filling Up Rather Than Counting Down!

As you are shopping this month and into December, use the below calendar as a guide to fill a box of food that we can donate to the Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food bank at the beginning of the new year. We will include a “blessing of the boxes” at our worship service on Sunday, January 5. Feel free to make substitutions -- be creative and have fun!

DECEMBER 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Box of Cereal	2 Peanut Butter	3 Jelly <small>(plastic jar)</small>	4 Boxed Potatoes	5 Macaroni & Cheese	6 Granola Bars	7 Canned Tomatoes
8 Canned Tuna	9 Dessert Mix	10 Apple-sauce	11 Jello	12 Stuffing Mix	13 Canned Pasta	14 Box of Crackers
15 Rice	16 Oatmeal	17 Box of Pasta	18 Spaghetti Sauce <small>(plastic)</small>	19 Canned Soup	20 Canned Fruits	21 Canned Beans
22 Canned Vegetables	23 Microwave Popcorn	24 Cookies Fruit Snacks Other Treats	25 Enjoy Your Christmas	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

Homemade

Book Club

You won't want to miss our next book club (November 18) reading! It's hot off the press and will be quite enlightening if you are an Elvis fan.

Here is a partial description from Oprah's Book Club Pick: Born to an American myth and raised in the wilds of Graceland, Lisa Marie Presley tells her whole story for the first time in this raw, riveting, one-of-a-kind memoir faithfully completed by her daughter, Riley Keough.

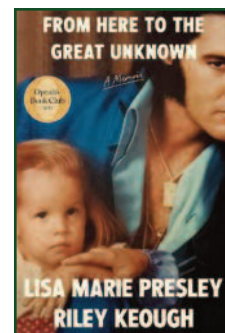
In 2022, Lisa Marie Presley asked her daughter to help finally finish her long-gestating memoir.

A month later, Lisa Marie was dead, and the world would never know her story in her own words, never know the passionate, joyful, caring, and complicated woman that Riley loved and now grieved.

Riley got the tapes that her mother had recorded for the book, lay in her bed, and listened as Lisa Marie told story after story... about the unconditional love she felt from her father... About getting dragged screaming out of the bathroom as she ran toward his body on the floor. About living in Los Angeles with her mother, ... Riley knew she had to fulfill her mother's wish to reveal these memories, incandescent and painful, to the world. To make her mother known.

This extraordinary book is written in both Lisa Marie's and Riley's voices, a mother and daughter communicating...

Details found on our web site.



What Are You Thankful For? - Color It

