

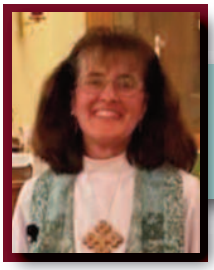
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The Herald



Pastor's Reflection

On October 31, 1517, a 34-year-old monk walked up to the doors of the Wittenberg church and posted a document that history knows as the 95 Theses. It was the equivalent of a modern day post to Substack or YouTube. On that day, Luther did not anticipate the firestorm that would eventually grow to a raging inferno because as bold as this sounds to us today, the reality is that the Wittenberg Church doors were like the bulletin board of the day. If someone wanted to publish a public notice, this was how it was done. Luther did have 95 issues with his church that he wanted to talk to someone about. He just didn't anticipate that someone was going to send a copy to his boss's boss's boss – the Pope. And getting the pope's attention was not necessarily a great thing back in those days. Things like that could get you killed.

But Luther maintained his position. Based on his work in the community, serving at local churches, and encountering a priest who had come to town – selling indulgences, Luther was angry. Luther had experienced a great deal of stress and anxiety in his own faith life. For years, he felt unsure of his salvation. He felt the weight of sin bearing down upon him like a plague or a curse that he could not get rid of. The moment he left the confessional; he wanted to return because another sin came to mind. He did not trust in God's forgiveness, and he lived in a time when terror of hell and damnation was preached regularly, and that terror was a constant companion. Salvation was serious business to Luther.

This is why when he learned about a priest who was selling forgiveness for a price through these indulgences, this was the final straw. Luther demanded a conversation about this and how the church had strayed from the gospel of Jesus Christ. Luther's fury drove him to take a public stand in witness and protest for what he thought was right. And it changed the world.

Luther stands in a faithful lineage of prophets who could not look away when they saw wrongs being done in God's name, inflicting harm on God's people. The ancient prophets – Isaiah, Amos, and Jeremiah give way to John the Baptist and Jesus calling leaders to account for what they have done and what they have failed to do; calling God's people to repentance, to turn and follow the right pathways of God. Demands for change. Demands for accountability. Demands to recognize that the powerful do not have the right to use, abuse, and neglect God's people for their own gain. These protests are timeless. These protests are our heritage, and we live into this lineage, faithful to God, scripture, and prophetic witness when we are willing to make our voices heard when the church and the world have wandered and strayed from the

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President's Paragraph

It's that time again, time for another newsletter, and time to say something that needs to be said to you, the faithful congregation of Christ Lutheran Church.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

It can't be said enough times. Thank you for the never-ending giving of your time, talents, and treasures to support your church. Thank you for your support of your pastor, the church council, and most importantly, each other. We are a family. Every single member of the congregation, in their own unique way, contributes to the life of the church. No one does it for any special recognition; you do it because you love God, your neighbor, and you love each other. Thanks to all of you, Christ Lutheran continues outreach in our community to make our presence known and to let our friends and neighbors know that ALL are welcome here. Thanks to you we are able to support outside ministries when a request is received. Thanks to your incredible generosity, the Noisy Offering for Join Hands Fuel Oil request was significant.

You may be wondering, why all the accolades now? I have to admit, I do have a reason. Even with your generous support, we are not keeping up with the rising costs of everything, and we are FAR behind in our budget. I'm sure you're feeling the pinch as well!

You may or may not have heard of "Giving Tuesday". It's an annual event, a global day of generosity observed on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. This year it is on December 1. Many nonprofits, of which we are one, make a year-end fundraising plea. This year we're doing the same in the hope of making up the deficit in our budget. I know it's asking a lot, but every little bit helps.



Bill Brookhart
Council President

This congregation has always stepped up when a need has been realized. You already do so very much and believe me, it pains me to write this President's Page; however it's crucial that you know the seriousness of our financial situation.

Whether or not you're able to help, Thank You for what you've already done.

Bill

Pastor's Reflection

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good news of the gospel.

Luther stated clearly and boldly what he had come to know. Salvation is not for sale. Salvation is not something we can purchase or earn. Standing alongside the proclamation of the Apostle Paul, Luther added his own voice, to announce in a new day, for a people seeking God and yearning for salvation, we are "saved by grace through the faith of Jesus." Only by Jesus's gracious gift are we freed from the power of sin and the bondage it holds over us. The good news of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection sets us free. And as Luther wrote in 1520, this freedom – the "Freedom of a Christian" – frees us from sin and allows us to be free to serve one another. We seek to live into this freedom today. Freed from self-centeredness and pride, we stand alongside our neighbors to serve, help, comfort, and uphold.

The Reformation heritage is powerful and breathes a living word still today – more than 500 years later. That tells us that it is a Spirit-guided mission. The Word of God is a living word, renewing the church in every age, renewing each of us throughout our lives. The church is changing. The church is being reformed. May the church be renewed for the sake of the gospel among us, here in this place and in this time. Protest and change; reform and renewal – a blessing of our heritage.

Pumpkin Roll Sales Support Your Church

Stephanie Hofer will be making pumpkin rolls again this year. The cost is $10 each.

There is an order form on the bulletin board in the Education wing. You may email the church secretary to place an order by using the following email address: cbsecretaryclc@gmail.com.

The deadline to place your order is November 13. Stephanie will be baking on November 21 and delivery will be November 22. You can pick up your pumpkins rolls following worship that day.

Donations of eggs, cream cheese, flour, sugar, 10X sugar, butter, and real pumpkin in the can will be accepted.

All proceeds come back to CLC. Please watch the bulletin for more details.



Harvest Home



This year we will again be collecting for the Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank in New Bloomfield. The food bank has requested some specific items: Canned pumpkin, evaporated milk, boxed pie crust mix, coffee (instant or brewed).

Please bring your donations to church now through Sunday, November 22 .

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 sister,
Helen Huss
Eternal rest grant her, O Lord;
And let light perpetual
shine upon her.

Duncannon Golden Age

CLC will host the Duncannon Golden Age on Thursday, November 12. We will provide a lunch of hamburg bar-b-q, cheesy potatoes, pickled eggs/beets, pumpkin pie and Angel Food trifle. Lunch will be served at noon.





Congratulations to Brianne and Lake!

CLC offers its congratulations, prayers, and blessings for Brianne and Lake Chubb who were married on Saturday, September 19 . We celebrate this joyous time!

Backpack Project



Help us fill a back-pack as part of the Homeless Remembrance project. This year, the Lower Susquehanna Synod is inviting congregations to fill up a back-pack with items that can offer help to those experiencing homelessness or emergency crisis. The synod will be taking these packs to the New York City event. A donation list is available at church. Check it out and see how you can help!

Reformation Highlights

October 31, 1517 – Martin Luther posts the 95 Theses
1521 – Martin Luther called before Emperor Charles V to defend or renounce his views
1522 – Martin Luther translates the Bible into German
June 13, 1525 – Martin Luther and Katharina von Bora marry
1529 – Martin Luther writes the Small Catechism

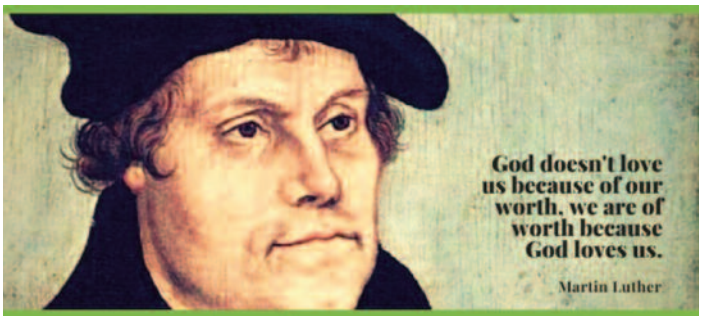


ALL SAINTS' DAY

November 1 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 honor and remember the saints of the church who have followed the risen Christ in faith and hope of the promised resurrection:

Marian Carnes - 12/16/25
Irene Friberg Dussaq - 1/1/26
Joanne Speis - 3/12/26
William Ronald Hoffman - 5/20/26
Helen Huss - 9/22/26

We also remember the 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.



Terry Kuhn & Becky Yohe - The Dynamic Duo

We've all heard of the Superheroes Batman and Robin, more commonly referred to as the "Dynamic Duo." Here at CLC we have our own Dynamic Duo. Their names are Terry Kuhn and Becky Yohe.

On any given Sunday, you'll find them in the back row crocheting anything from blankets, scarves, stuffies (toys), pot holders, dishcloths and more. If it can be made from yarn, one of them can create it. Their hands are never idle.

The majority of their work goes toward fundraising for CLC. They offer their creations at every community event the church participates in, ie: Pioneer Day, Rock the Block, the AT Hiker Festival, as well as a yearly event at the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

They also head up the Fundraising Committee, which includes planning monthly fundraisers. Thanks to their efforts, we get to enjoy Marianna's subs and pizzas, meals at Harshbargers Sub and Malts, Red Robin, ice cream at the Twin Kiss, whoopie pies, and more. Many fundraisers involve coordinating orders, collecting payments, deliveries and pick ups. It's not for the faint of heart!



Becky lives outside of Duncannon with her husband Warren, two dogs, Milo and Tank, and one kitty named Midnight. She is employed at Select Medical as an accountant.

Terry lives in Shermans Dale with her husband, Fred and a kitty named Rigby. Terry is an RN and worked for Carson Long Military Academy in New Bloomfield until their closure in 2018. She then worked at Trinity High School until retiring last year to become a caretaker for her parents Ron and Marian Hoffman.

Google's definition of a dynamic duo is a pair of people who work together exceptionally well and achieve great success as a team.

This mother-daughter Dynamic Duo exemplifies Google's definition a thousand times over.



On Sunday, November 22, we will celebrate Christ the King Sunday which is the final Sunday in the annual church calendar. Again this year, our liturgy will celebrate the entirety of the church year with scripture and hymns from each season of the year, culminating in the joy that Christ is King!



We remember that Christ's victory on the cross offers us the gift of salvation from all that is broken in the world – in Christ all is made new. Christ's victory showers us with saving grace. Christ's victory frees us from fear and despair because we trust that the power of the Triune God has broken our bondage to sin and death. Be sure to join us in celebration.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Fundraising Committee Update

The fundraising committee remains quite busy and wishes to provide the following update from recent activities:

- Marianna's Subs - earned $247.50
- Yardsale at Marian Hoffman's house - earned $216
- Crochet sales at Scottish Rite Holistic event - earned $216
- Red Robin Fundraiser - earned $229.10

Thanks to everyone who came out and supported our Red Robin fundraiser.

Upcoming fundraisers:

Fundraising may slow down for a bit over the next few months due to the holiday season, however, you won't want to miss our December evert.

- December 4 & 5 - Cookie Sale & Bazaar

Ongoing opportunities:

We are also continually selling Karns gift cards in $25, $50, 100 increments (if interested in a different amount please let Becky Yohe know). You buy the gift cards from Becky at face value, and the church receives 5% of the sales. So if you shop there anyway, it is a win-win for all!

If you have any ideas for future fundraisers, please reach out to Becky or Terry.

As always we just want to continue to thanks you all for all your support and help to continue to make these fundraising efforts possible and with a great outcome!!





Longest Night Service

Jesus says, "Come to me all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) Even amidst the joy of the coming of Christmas, life can feel heavy, wearying, and stressful. Sometimes, even more so than at other times of the year. We feel as though the season calls us to be happy, and our feelings can weigh down upon us. Perhaps it is grief for loved ones who are missed, maybe it is because of financial difficulties, maybe family strife creates more worry than joy at the holidays. Whatever the reason, the Longest Night Service offers a place of rest, quiet, and peace.

This special service will be held on Wednesday, December 23 at 7:00 (in-person and livestreaming) and will include a candle-lighting. Friends and family are welcome!

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

The next few months will be a very busy time according to the church calendar. It will also be a very busy time for your church Council.

Council will approve the 2027 working budget as well as the Benevolence budget and present it to the congregation at the annual meeting. With congregational approval, the finances for the church will be set as we move into the new year. The budget increase is very modest and conservative, however, it is still an increase.

Our costs have increased just as they have for everyone else. With that said, we still have significant progress to make to meet our 2026 budget. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you may help, not only as we wind up this year, but into 2027 as well.

Volunteers are needed to fill a few vacant Council seats for the 2027-2028 term. The church needs council members in order to conduct necessary business. Again, we ask that you prayerfully consider this service to your church. If you are interested in serving, please see Bill or Pastor Jenn. Elections will take place at the annual meeting on November 15. Your new term will begin in January.

Most recently, Council has approved snow removal services, reported that trees have been trimmed and stump removal in underway, and the fire extinguishers have been inspected and approved for another year. Repairs on the ceiling will still happen. The vendor is just running behind schedule. You will be kept in the loop as to when it will take place.

Council wishes to thank each person in this congregation for all you have done over the years to make our church a real home to all. We are certain that you all feel the same - thank you.

Stay tuned for more Council updates.

Statistics from the 2026 Hiker Season

Christ Lutheran fed a 81 through hikers between May and July. This does not include the number of community members and volunteers who participated in this ministry.

Hiker breakdown is as follows:

~ 71 hikers going north

~ 1 hiker heading south

~ 2 hikers who said they were “flip-flopping” (doing portions of both)

~ 29 different states were represented (NV, NY, GA, WA, MA, IN, PA, MT, NH, SC, CO, MD, ME, NC, FL, AL, OR, MI, VA, IL, UT, MS, MN, DE, TN, TX, VT, OH, and the District of Columbia)



~ 8 hikers were from Georgia

~ 6 hikers were from New York

~ 5 hikers were from North Carolina

~ 4 hikers made the trek from foreign land (Brisbane, Australia; St, Thomas, Virgin Islands; Nigeria and Ireland)





December Happenings You Dont Want to Miss

- **Advent** begins on November 29. Midweek Advent services will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 9, 16 & 23 at 7:00 pm.
- **Family Advent Time** will be held December 6 following worship in the Fellowship Hall. We will work on assembling gifts for our members who are shut in at home or residents at assisted living facilities. We will also be assembling Meal-in-a-Bag kits which will go to the Little Food Pantry at the Trail Laundromat.
- **CLC Christmas Party & Cookie Auction** The Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 13 following the worship service. This is a Potluck so please bring one of your favorites to share. We will again play the popular White Elephant Game. Please bring a wrapped gift if you wish to participate. Do not feel you must spend any money on your gift. It can be anything lying around your house. It can be something useful or something to make us laugh. We will also hold our Cookie Auction to benefit the Indian Mobile Mission in Arizona.
- **Longest Night Service** will be on December 23 at 7:00 pm. This candlelight service, also called Blue Christmas, honors those who have lost loved ones and are feeling sadness during the holiday season. It is a beautiful, reflective service holding out hope and healing.
- **Christmas Eve Service** The December 24 Candlelight Service is at 5:00 pm. There will only be one service.
- **Service of Lessons & Carols** Sunday, December 27, during the worship time. There will be no communion. Readers for the lessons are needed. Please see Pastor Jenn if you are willing to be a reader.

Financial Statement

Christ Lutheran Church
Financial Summary
As of September 30, 2026

CLC's Current Fund income is $97,631 for the first 9 months of 2026, which is $1,315 less than in 2025. During the same period, our total Current Fund expense is $113,377, which is $7,521 higher than 2025. Combined, this amounts to a ($15,745) Current Fund loss so far during 202. This result is $8,836 worse than in 2025.

During January - Sept. 2026 our current fund received $3,338 fundraising income and $18,609 salary income from Mt. Zion Lutheran Church. We are grateful for those who contributed their time and / or resources toward each of our fundraising events, as well as for our Shared Ministry relationship with Mt. Zion. Without these 2 sources of income, our Current Fund loss through Sept. 2026 would be ($37,692), which highlights the importance of both of these sources of income.

Our total assets are currently $58,103, which is $21,243 less than a year ago. Our Current Fund Balance is a positive $3,666, which is $11,763 less than September 30, 2025.

Unfortunately with only 3 months to go in 2026, we have considerable ground to make up our nearly $16,000 deficit for 2026. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you might help in this endeavor to support Christ Lutheran and its ministries over the last few months of this year.

Summary of Income and Expenses

	2026 September YTD	2026 Expense Budget	Over (Under) Budget
Total Current Fund Income	$ 97,631	$ 110,115	$ (12,484)
Total Current Fund Expense	$ 113,376	$ 110,115	$ 3,261
Net Income (Loss) - Current Fund	$ (15,745)	$ -	$ (15,745)

Summary of Assets

	Sept. 30, 2026	Sept 30, 2025	YOY Change
Checking - Members 1st	28	4,574	
Savings - Members 1st	1,006	2,154	
Money Market - Members 1st	4,982	21,704	
Mission Investment Accounts	52,087	50,914	
Total Assets	58,103	79,346	(21,243)

Summary of Current Fund Activity and Balance

	1/1/2026 Beg Balance	Profit (Loss) YTD March 2026	9/30/2026 End Balance	9/30/2025 End Balance
30100 · Unrestricted Current Fund	19,412	(15,745)	3,666	15,429

Called to Serve

The Lower Susquehanna Synod is seeking volunteers to serve on the Synod Council. The church seeks the wisdom and guidance of its members in order to help the church grow, nurture, and serve the gospel here in South Central PA.

Elections will be held in June 2027 at the Annual Synod Assembly.

See Pastor Jenn for more information.

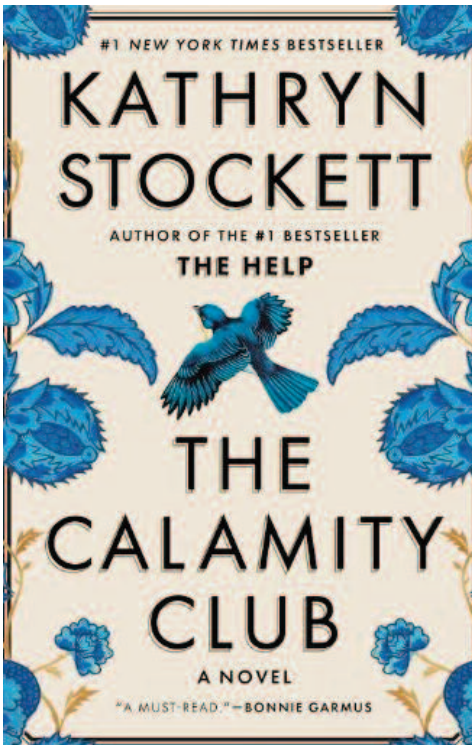



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The Calamity Club

Please join us for the next selection for the CLC and Friends Book Club, now known as the Phila Book Club? We will be reading *The Calamity Club* by Katherine Stockett. The discussion date will be November 23 at 7:00.

The description of the book is as follows:



Oxford, Mississippi, 1933.

Abandoned by her mother one Christmas Eve, eleven-year-old Meg Lefleur has learned the hard way to rely on no one. Now one of the unadoptable "big girls" at the Lafayette County Orphan Asylum, she fights each day to keep her spirit unbowed.

Birdie Calhoun, unmarried and outspoken, has come to Oxford to ask her socialite sister to help the struggling family she's left behind. But as the Depression tightens its grip, Birdie discovers her sister's seemingly charmed life is a tapestry of lies.

Then, Birdie encounters Charlie, a woman running low on luck with little left to lose. When their fates—and Meg's—converge, Charlie comes up with an audacious plan for them to take control of their lives. But in a place and time where hypocrisy is rife and women's freedom is fragile, even the smallest act of defiance can have dangerous consequences.

The *Calamity Club* will make you laugh, cry, and cheer—an epic testament to underestimated women who know that calamity can be the spark of new beginnings. This is Kathryn Stockett at her most confident, heartfelt, and hilarious—the triumphant return of one of the most beloved storytellers of our time.

Memorial Blanket Project

Make a banket. Honor a life. Warm a neighbor. This is the mission and guiding light for the Homeless Remembrance Blanket Project.

This year, the public display of blankets will take place in New York City on Monday, December 21.

You can find more information on the event and how to contribute a blanket at their new website: www.memorialblanket.org.

Advent Season is Upon Us

As the fall leaves are erupting into a riot of beautiful colors, we savor the final days of warmer weather and lovely blue skies. But, the earlier sunsets and cool nights begin to remind us that the coming winter days are nearing. Our seasonal calendar shifts as our church calendar moves ever-closer to another new cycle. In Advent, the church year begins again. We are brought back to stories of the beginning of all things and God's intention to do a new thing among us. The first Sunday of Advent is November 29. We begin to prepare our hearts for the coming of the One who will bring God near to us enfleshed in this human experience, born a baby and yet a king. The hymns begin to build inside us. *O Come, O Come Emmanuel. Prepare the Royal Highway. Go Tell it On the Mountain.* Come worship, pray, sing, and wait. Midweek Advent services will begin on Wednesday, December 2 at 7:00 (and streaming through Facebook)



"Winter is the time
for comfort,
for good food and warmth,
for the touch of a friendly hand
and for a talk beside the fire:
it is the time for home."
– Dame Edith Sitwell



Advent Sunday School

Beginning November 29, we will start a four-week Advent Study using the book T*he Redemption of Scrooge*. Join us at 7:00 on Sunday evenings (via Zoom) to encounter Jesus amidst the well-known Christmas story by Charles Dickens. By journeying alongside Scrooge, we search for the eternal Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

Is redemption possible for Ebenezer Scrooge? Pastor and author Matt Rawle believes so as he discovers the teachings of Jesus in the words of the Charles Dickens classic *A Christmas Carol.* Rawle dives deep into the dark, sad, greedy world of Scrooge and discovers a man in dire need of a second chance. Along with Scrooge,

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Can You Name Them?

The newsletter committee was able to identify almost everyone in the picture. Can you put a name with a face for the ones who are listed with a question mark? Let us know if you know who they are.



CLC Primary Department Sunday School Class of 1972
Row 1: *(l to r) Jody Hoffman, Mary Kay Hoffman, Lisa Kistler*
Row 2: *Tracy Kenee, Erica Delancey, Patty Hoffman, Christine Ryan, ?, ?, James Hoffman, Michelle Kenee, ?*
Row 3: *David Clouser, Terry Hoffman, Kathy Leiter, Charlie Ryan, Susie Carnes, Kelly Britcher, Jody Ford, Shelly Mutzabaugh, Ross Sterner*
Row 4: *Charles Hoffman, ?, Bob Spicher, ?, ?, ?, Sherri Kistler, ?, Cathy Travitz, Becky Malseed, Christal Ford, Gina Huss, Charlene Ryan*
Row 5: *Marian Hoffman, Carrie Hoffman, Gail Frye, Terry Clouser, Shirley Hoffman, Mary Stansfield, Sarah Jane Hickoff*

Sunday School

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we meet the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future and in the process learn about living with and for others in a world blessed by Jesus. Rediscover and reinvigorate your Christian faith this Advent and Christmas season and look at this familiar classic through the lens of faith.

Chapters include: Bah! Humbug!, The Remembrance of Christmas Past ,The Life of Christmas Present ,The Hope of Christmas Future.



Lower Susquehanna Advent Mini Retreat



When we encounter Mary in the opening chapter of Luke's Gospel (Luke 1:26–56), we meet a young woman whose life is about to change in ways she could never have imagined. An angel arrives with extraordinary news, and Mary responds with questions, wonder, and ultimately, words of trust: "Let it be with me according to your word." This Advent, we invite you to set aside a few hours to spend time with Mary's story as we listen more deeply to the familiar words of Scripture, making room to consider what her experience might teach us about the surprising ways God meets us in our lives.

This event will be hosted at Trinity Lutheran Church, Camp Hill, located at 2000 Chestnut St, Camp Hill. The event is free. You can register at the Synod website: https://www.lss-elca.org/event/let-it-be-with-me-an-advent-journey-through-marys-story-an-advent-mini-retreat/

Epiphany Celebration

Mark your calendars!

On Wednesday, January 6, 2027, we will gather to celebrate the Festival of Epiphany. This is the date the church traditionally celebrates the coming of the Three Wisemen who followed the bright, shining start to Bethlehem bringing a new season to the church of revelation and light.

We pause to bless the New Year and pray for one another and the world for the year to come.



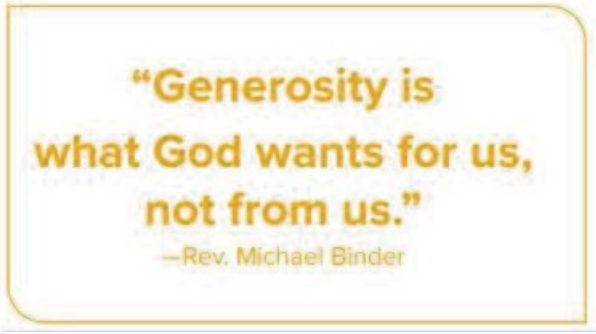
What Is Your Why?

What Is Your 'Why'? From the ELCA Foundation

- *Why do we love the people we love?*
- *Why do certain sounds or smells stir our souls?*
- *Why do we care about the causes we care about?*

"Why" is a word that drives us. It does more than ask a question — it defines a connection, a relationship.

The answer always comes with a story. It's the best part about "why." The relationship you have



with your church and the ELCA and its ministries is driven by your unique "why." There may be a deeply personal reason you care so much about our mission and ministry, a story that compels you to make a difference in the life of the church and strengthens your connection to the gospel of Jesus. Your "why" also reinforces your values.

Values have a source — an inspiration — and they connect you to your faith on a personal level. Our faith is lived out in real places that value what you value. The church connects the gospel to your life in the world. These values and connections can extend beyond our own lifetimes in service to the work of Jesus for generations to come.

The ELCA Foundation has free consultation and resources to help you with financial planning and how you can leave a legacy that serves those places and organizations that have shaped and fulfilled your life.

You can contact them any time. The ELCA Foundation is here to help. You cab visit Foundation.ELCA.org/contact to find your regional gift planner to get started today. You can also contact them at 773-380-2774 or giftplanning@elca.org.

The Joy of Generosity

The Bible makes a claim that may be striking for those living in a consumerist society: there is more joy to be found in generosity than in accumulating goods. As Paul quotes Jesus in Acts 20:35, "There is more happiness in giving than in receiving" (Good News Translation).

Our world sends a different message: happiness lies in striving for more wealth and accumulating things that more money can buy. Lives can be dedicated to the pursuit of more — which, of course, is an endless pursuit. When "more" is the goal, we can never have enough. Like a mouse on an exercise wheel, we run and run, striving to reach a goal that, by definition, is unreachable.

The Bible tells a different story, arguing that God provides enough and that pursuing more and more is what makes no sense. Think of the rich man in Luke 12. He would be considered successful by all worldly standards, yet God calls him a fool. Jesus explains, "One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions" (Luke 12:15). For followers of Jesus, the endless accumulation of "more" is a fool's errand. (Excerpted from "The Joy of Generosity Program" created by the ELCA)

Toys for Tots

During several special services this year, toys were collected as offering to benefit the Toys for Tots program. Our final collection date wil be December 6, at which time all of the toys will be bagged up and delivered to the Marine drop off center in Carlisle. The toys will be distributed to children in Cumberland and Perry counties.



Thank you to all who donated. Your generosity will bring joy to many children this holiday season.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 12 - Duncannon Golden Age will meet at CLC
November 12 - Church Council Meeting - 6:30
November 13 - Pumpkin Roll order deadline
November 14 - Annual Turkey Dinner - 4:00
November 15 - Annual Congregational Meeting following worship service
November 22 - Harvest Home
November 22 - Pumpkin Roll Pickup
November 23 - Philia Book Club - 7:00
November 26 - Happy Thanksgiving
December 1 - Giving Tuesday (think CLC)
December 2 - Midweek Advent Service - 7:00
December 4 - Christmas Cookie Sale & Bazaar - 4:00-6:00
December 5 - Christmas Cookie Sale & Bazaar - 9:00-2:00
December 6 - Family Advent following worship service
December 9 - Midweek Advent Service - 7:00
December 16 - Midweek Advent Service - 7:00
December 23 - Midweek Advent Service & Longest Night Service - 7:00
December 24 - Christmas Eve Service - 5:00
December 25 - Merry Christmas
January 1 - Happy New Year
January 6 - Epiphany Celebration
January 17 - February Newsletter Deadline

Why Jesus Is Better Than Santa Claus

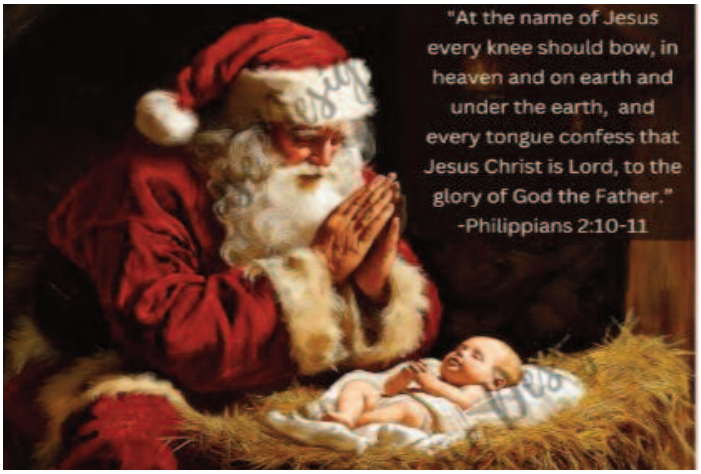
Santa lives at the North Pole...
Jesus is everywhere.

Santa rides a sleigh...
Jesus rides on the wind and walks on the water.

Santa comes but once a year...
Jesus is an ever present help.

Santa fills your stockings with goodies...
Jesus supplies all your needs.

Santa comes down your chimney uninvited...
Jesus stands at your door and knocks, and then enters your heart when invited.



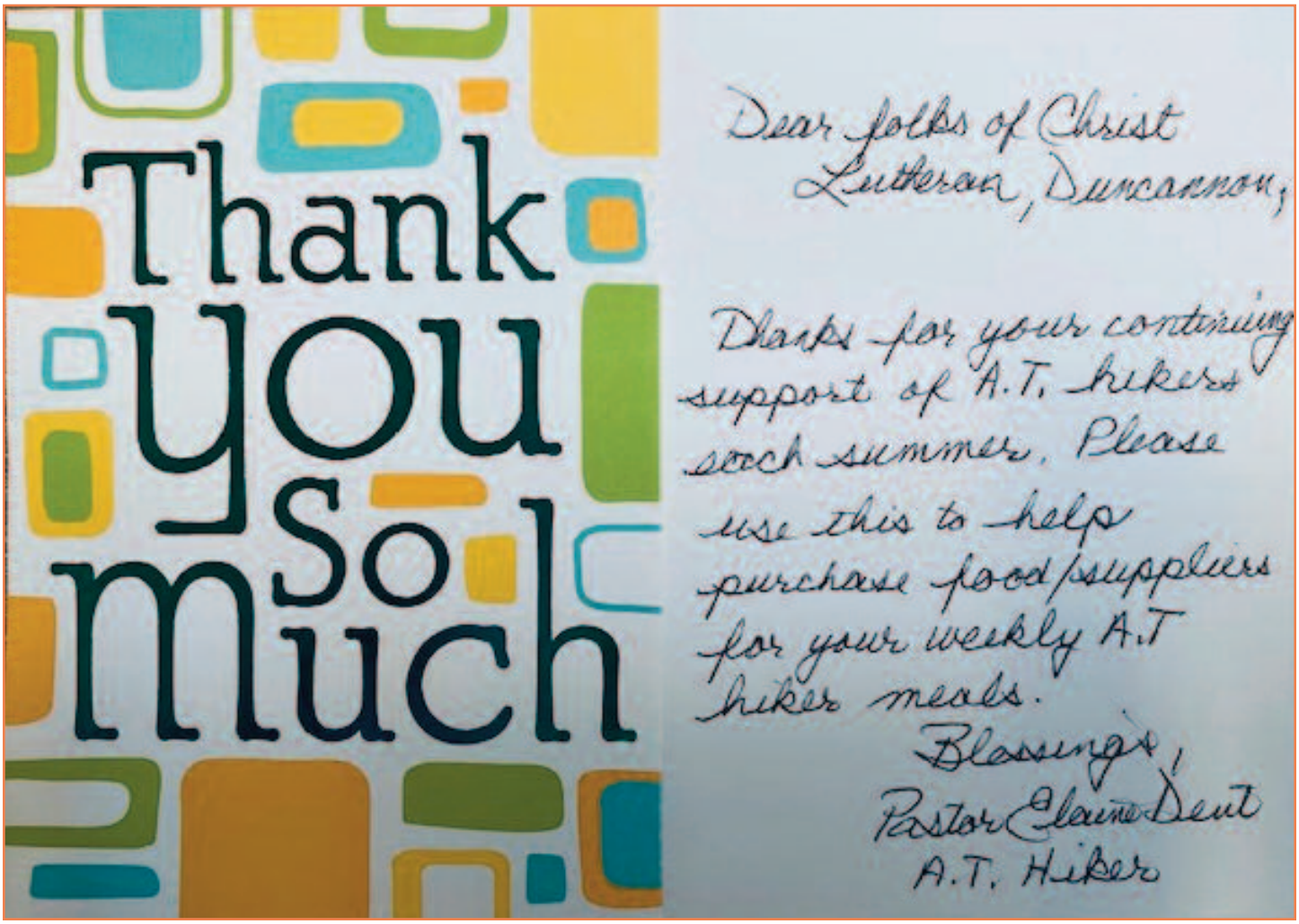
You have to wait in line to see Santa...
Jesus is as close as the mention of His name.

Santa lets you sit on his lap...
Jesus lets you rest in His arms.

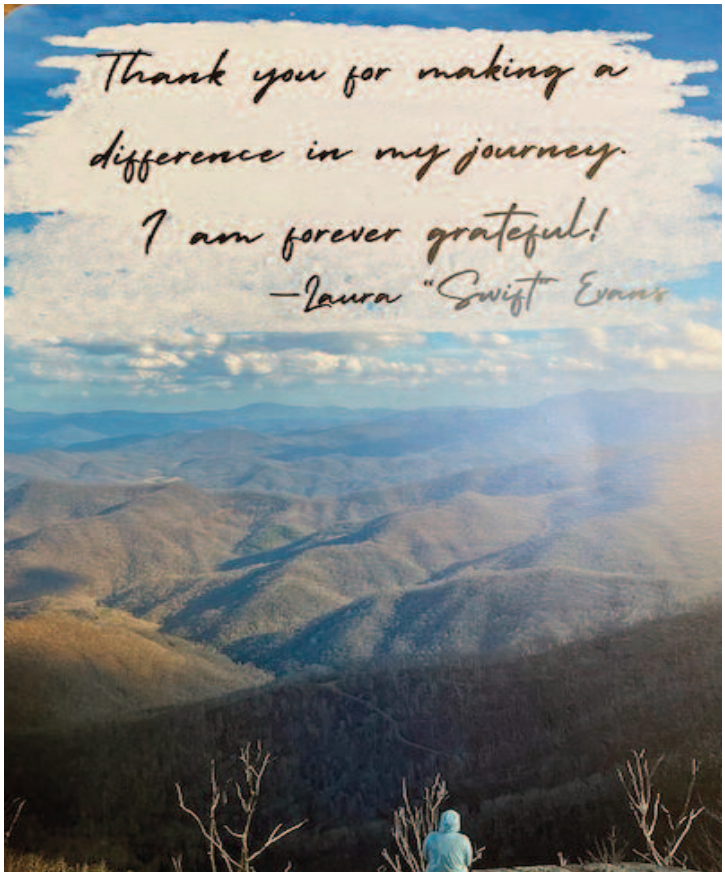
Santa doesn't know your name, all he can say is, "Hi little boy or girl, What is your name?"
Jesus knew our name before we were born. Not only does He know our name, He knows our address too. He knows our history and future, and He even knows how many hairs are on our heads.

Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly...
Jesus has a heart full of love.

All Santa can offer is HO HO HO...
Jesus offers health, help and hope.
Santa says, "You better not cry"...
Jesus says, "Cast all of your cares on me for I care for you."


Thank you so much
Dear folks of Christ Lutheran, Duncannon;
Thanks for your continuing support of A.T. hikers each summer. Please use this to help purchase food/supplies for your weekly A.T hiker meals.
Blessings,
Pastor Elaine Dent
A.T. Hiker


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february 16, 2026-September 8, 2026


Thank you for making a difference in my journey.
I am forever grateful!
—Laura "Swift" Evans

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