

# Christ's Corner on the News

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**DON'T FORGET! FALL BACK!** Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Remember to turn your clocks back on Saturday night.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:** We're taking orders for poinsettias. They will cost the same as last year: \$10 per plant. An order form is enclosed and also available at the church Welcome Desk or on the church website. **ALL POINSETTIA ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13.** Please include the names of the loved ones you would like to honor/remember with your order.

**CHRISTMAS WREATHS & TREES:** We're looking for individuals or families to sponsor 2 small wreaths (\$30.00 each) & 2 large wreaths (\$48.00 each) for the outside of the church. We need sponsors for the two Sanctuary trees and the big Atrium tree. Pricing for trees is unavailable until they are chosen and cut. *If you're interested, please contact the Church Office at 570.524.0745.*

**DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER** is **Monday, November 17.** The December newsletter will be assembled and mailed out on **Tuesday, Nov. 25** (before Thanksgiving).

**Sun., Nov. 2**

All Saints Day

4:30pm –6:30pm Faith Lab @ CELC

**Thurs., Nov. 6, 13 & 20**

Ladies Bible Study @ 9:30am & 6pm

**Sun., Nov. 9**

Harvest Home Sunday

1:30pm UYG Ping Pong Tourn. @ St. Paul's

**Wed., Nov. 12 & 26**

Theology on Tap

6pm @ Rusty Rail

**Sat., Nov 15**

9:00am –12:00pm

UYG Help @ Beacon Free Shop -  
Beaver UM

**Sun., Nov. 16**

4:30pm –6:30pm Faith Lab @ UIC

**Sun., Nov. 23**

Hanging of the Greens

6:30pm–8:00pm UYG Road Trip  
Bible Study @ St. Paul's

**Thurs., Nov. 27 & Fri., Nov. 28**

Thanksgiving, Church Office Closed

**Sun., Nov. 30** (1 Advent)

6:00pm –8:00pm

UYG Movie Night @ 1st Baptist

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Hebrews 12:1

Dear Christ's Lutheran,

All Saint's is perhaps one of the most profound and beautiful observances in the church year. It is a day marked by both solemnity and by joy. It serves as a sacred pause where we remember the faithful who have gone before us, yet we rejoice knowing that they rest in the eternal presence of God. The author of Hebrews reminds us that these saints, this great cloud of witnesses, are not distant memories, but are present companions in the life of faith.

The image of a "cloud of witnesses" is rich with meaning. It reminds us that we are not alone in our struggles or our journey. The saints who have endured the trials of life, clung to Christ in faith, and now rest in God's grace, surround us. They cheer us on. They remind us that the race is worth running and that the finish line is not death but is resurrection.

The observance of All Saints' dates back to the early centuries of the church. Originally, this day was to honor martyrs who had died for their faith. By the 9th century, the Western Church had established November 1st as the official day of remembrance. In the Lutheran tradition, All Saints' Day is a time to reflect not only on the heroic figures of church history but also on loved ones who lived in faith and now rest in Christ.

On All Saints' Sunday, we give thanks for these witnesses: for martyrs who stood firm in the face of persecution, for reformers who upheld the Gospel, for grandparents who quietly passed on the faith, and for all who lived in Christ and now rest in our Lord. We name them. We give thanks for them. We are shaped by their example and we find ourselves encouraged by their faith.

This day can be a day of great solemnity. We are reminded of the ways that death has touched all of us. We mourn the ones that we have lost. We carry a grief that can be so persistent. In our service, the names of our departed are read aloud, we light candles for many, and perhaps tears are shed. However, this mourning is not without hope. It is a sorrow that is holy, wrapped and carried in the promise of the resurrection. There is joyful hope to hold in tension with our mourning. We celebrate that death does not have the final word! In Christ, the grave is not the end. The saints in glory now know fully what we can only glimpse by faith—perfect communion with God, free from sin, sorrow, and pain.

On this day, we name our grief and give thanks. We light candles for those we've lost, trusting that they are held in the eternal mercy of God. We remember the newly baptized among us, rejoicing in the new life we share in Christ. Life and death, sorrow and joy—all held together in the embrace of the crucified and risen Jesus.

So, I invite you to bring your whole heart to this holy day. If you are mourning a loved one, come and let the community hold space for your sorrow. If you are celebrating a new life in your family, come and rejoice with us. And if you're feeling both at once, you're not alone—All Saints' reminds us that our faith holds room for the full range of human experience, always grounded in God's faithfulness.

As we gather at the table, where heaven meets earth, and we remember all the saints and give thanks for them—for the saints we miss, the saints around us, and the saints yet to come. May you be filled with hope, comfort, and renewed strength to lay aside every burden and run the race that is set before you. Thanks be to God, who makes us one with all the saints in light.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Katy

**THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED** to Blanket Sunday and to our walkers and those who sponsored them in Lewisburg's Annual Hunger Walk.

**OUR ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE** for those gone from us in the last year will be observed on **November 2**.

**HARVEST HOME SUNDAY** is **November 9**: Every year we collect non-perishable food to fill the shelves of our Emergency Food Pantry in the weeks leading up to Harvest Home Sunday. The donations are displayed at our worship services that day. A shopping cart in the Main Lobby is ready to receive your contributions. Any canned or packaged non-perishable food items are welcome.

**THE SEASON OF ADVENT**: We'll decorate the church for the holiday with the Greening Event on **Sunday, Nov. 23** after the worship service in preparation for the start of Advent on Sunday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be provided. Cookie donations appreciated. All are welcome.



On **Sat., Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>** the United Youth Group will be helping out at the **Beacon Free Shop** at Beaver Memorial United Methodist Church in Lewisburg. The Beacon Free Shop provides personal care products and household supplies to those that need them free of charge.

This summer, they broke a record for number of households helped! As this number grows so do expenses. We can help them keep their shelves stocked sending monetary donations to BMUMC, 42 S 3rd St, Lewisburg (noting "Beacon" on the memo line), or contributing the items listed on the side of our barrel in our Atrium. Items collected here will be taken to the Beaver Memorial United Methodist Church.

**The Union County Giving Closet** is a nonprofit organization that provides new or gently used clothing to children age newborn through grade 12 whose families are enrolled in the Union County Food Bank program. Please think of them if you're cleaning out your closets for fall and have items to donate. They're currently in need of pants for boys, size 6 & 7, and men's S,M,L pants and tops. There is a designated barrel in the Atrium for donations.

NOVEMBER 80+ BIRTHDAYS		NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES	
<b>1</b>	Helen Bostian	<b>2</b>	Tracy & James O'Brien
<b>16</b>	Beverly Harvey	<b>11</b>	Brenda & Eric Semke
<b>20</b>	Dawn Moyer	<b>12</b>	Michael & Sally Kobus
<b>23</b>	Bonita Hettenbach	<b>13</b>	Tom & Sharon Booth
		<b>15</b>	Craig & Nanette Jarrett
		<b>20</b>	Barry & Sharron Metzger





## **Faith Formation Information for November**

**Faith Formation Team Meeting** – Wednesday, November 5 at 6:00 pm in the parlor. We will work on winter plans as well as plans for fundraisers for the 2027 youth gathering. Anyone interested in youth ministry and/or Christian education is invited to join the team. The workload is minimal and fun!

**Faith Lab** – Faith Lab is the program we are doing in conjunction with United in Christ Lutheran to provide faith formation for students across our congregations and larger community. Faith



Lab welcomes students from pre-k through 6<sup>th</sup> grade to join the fun! Each month we will gather for Bible study, games, crafts, and a free family dinner sponsored by the host congregation! There is also a Bible study class for the parents. Faith Lab takes place on the first Sunday of the month at Christ's Lutheran from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Then on the third Sunday of the month we meet at United in Christ Lutheran on Churches Road.

**Gift Cards** - Once again this year we will be selling gift cards. Gifts cards for Giant, Weis, and Davey's Market are sold before and after the service every Sunday. We take orders for other gifts cards several times throughout the year. You get the amount you want, and the youth get a percentage of the funds from the different companies. The funds raised will support the youth and leaders going to Winterfest in Lancaster in January. There are order forms in this newsletter. Orders will be due Sunday, November 9. The gift cards will arrive early in December.

**United Youth Group** - The United Youth Group had an active October with the Walk for Hunger, a murder mystery, a mission project, and a Road Trip Lesson! During November we will be even more active. On November 9th we will participate in the ping pong tournament. On November 14<sup>th</sup> we will have an overnight traveling from the various churches. On November 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to noon, we will help at the Beacon Free Shop. On the 17<sup>th</sup> they will help with the Christmas shoe boxes. There will be a Road Trip Bible lesson on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Paul's UM from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We will finish off the month on the 30<sup>th</sup> with a movie night at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist church from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.



**SYNOD YOUTH EVENT – Ping Pong Tournament at Sharon Lutheran in Selinsgrove from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Sunday, November 9 for 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders**

**Mini Mission Monday** – On Monday, November 17 at 6:00 pm the Mini Mission activity will take place. We will be packing the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes for Samaritan's purse. We will meet in the lower church hall where we can spread out all the supplies. For Operation Christmas Child we will wrap and pack the boxes with the items that have been donated. There is a donation box by the faith formation bulletin board. We are asking for small toys, combs, wash clothes, hair accessories, socks, tissues, flashlights, and school supplies. Folks of all ages are invited to join us for this festive project.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL SESSIONS** - Sundays at 10:45 am for children and youth! We have a class for preschool through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and a class for 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. On November 30<sup>th</sup> all children and youth will be combined for a lesson for Advent with their parents/families.

### Youth Activities Coming in December



- Sunday, December 7 – 2 pm to 4 pm - Synod Youth Christmas Party at Camp Mount Luther
- Sunday, December 7 – 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm - Faith Lab at Christ's
- Sunday, December 14 – 6:00 pm - Youth Christmas Party/Dinner/Gift Exchange

**WINTERFEST** - High school youth and college-aged young adults have been invited by the Lower Susquehanna Synod to join them for their faith formation conference. The theme is Better Together. It is being held at the Wyndam Resort in Lancaster from January 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be time for worship, learning, and fun. Cost per youth is \$235.00 but the church and the synod will pick up a portion of the cost. Youth only need to pay \$100.00. Let Charlene know if you are interested in going by giving her a deposit of \$50.00 by the end of November.



**From the Music Team-Brandy & Joanne**  
**Proposed Worship Schedule for November**  
**(Subject to change due to schedules of musicians)**

**Sunday, Nov. 2** - *All Saints Sunday* - ELW Setting # 2

9:30 am Worship - Prelude & Communion Anthem by Parish Choir

**Sunday, Nov. 9** - *Harvest Home Sunday* - ELW Setting # 2

9:30 am Worship - Prelude & Communion Anthem by Bob Lamparter, violin; Offertory by Youth Drumming Ensemble

**Sunday, Nov. 16** - *23rd after Pentecost* - ELW Setting # 2

9:30 am Worship - Pre-Service Music & Prelude by Parish Peal Handbell Choir; Communion Anthem by Pop-Up Choir -  
"When Peace Like a River" (It is Well With My Soul) - ELW # 785,  
all interested singers welcome to take part!  
Anthem by Children & Family Choir - (Tentative)

**Sunday, Nov. 23** - *Christ the King Sunday* - ELW Setting # 2

9:30 am Worship - Prelude & Communion Anthem by Parish Choir  
Anthem by Children & Family Choir - (Tentative)

**Sunday, Nov. 30** - *Advent 1* - ELW Setting # 1

9:30 am Worship - Anthem(s) by Bob Lamparter, violin  
Additional anthem - TBA?



## **Choir & Ensemble Updates - Contact Brandy and Joanne**

- 1) **Parish Choir** - Will be providing anthems on Sunday, Nov. 2 and Nov. 23. Rehearsals continue on select Monday evenings at 7:15 pm. New singers welcome at any time! Interested? Need more information or the rehearsal schedule. Contact Brandy.
- 2) **Youth Drumming Ensemble** - Will provide the offertory on Nov. 9. Rehearsals continue during the Sunday school hour. All middle and high school youth welcome! Contact Brandy for more information.
- 3) **Parish Peal Handbell Choir** - Will provide anthems on Nov. 16. Rehearsals will continue on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm. Ringers are asked to check e-mail for updates to the rehearsal schedule. Anyone interested in learning to ring handbells is asked to contact Joanne.
- 4) **Pop-Up Choir** - Will provide the communion anthem on Nov. 16. Anthem will be "When Peace Like a River" (It is Well With My Soul) - ELW # 785. All interested singers welcome! Simply come forward when indicated in the bulletin. All ages and experience levels welcome!
- 5) **Children and Family Choir** - Rehearsals will continue during the Sunday school hour in preparation for sharing an anthem in worship in Nov. Date TBD based on schedules of families. Contact Brandy.
- 6) **Special Music** - Folks in the congregation are welcome to provide anthems for worship. Anthems may be vocal and/or instrumental. All ages and experience levels welcome! Ideas include solos, duets, ensembles, etc. If interested, contact Joanne.

**THANKS** to all musicians who shared their talents in worship during the month of October.





## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER



We are taking orders for Christmas poinsettias. They will cost \$10.00 per plant. Please include a commemoration with your order—the names of the loved ones you would like to honor/remember by the display of these gorgeous holiday blooms. All poinsettia orders MUST be received at the CELC Church Office by: Thurs., Nov. 13th



Name(s) of Donor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Offering Envelope Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to order # \_\_\_\_\_ plants at \$10.00 each. Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Red \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_

I will pick up plants: YES or NO  
(circle one)

In loving memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

# Family Order Form

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## Christ's Youth Group

We're ordering Gift Cards to raise funds for a youth conference. Get some cards for places you go or buy some for gifts. Stock up for Christmas. These are just some options. For more go to the website - [RaiseRight.com](http://RaiseRight.com). Orders due by Nov. 10.

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Clothing & Accessories			
Product	%	QTY	Total
American Eagle® \$25.00	10%		\$
Gap \$25.00	14%		\$
Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$
T.J.Maxx/ Marshalls/ HomeGoods/ Sierra \$100.00	8%		\$
Department Store			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Bedco's \$25.00	8%		\$
Koh's \$25.00	7%		\$
Dining - Casual			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Applebee's® \$25.00	8%		\$
Bob Evans Restaurants® \$25.00	10%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$10.00	8%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$25.00	8%		\$
Checker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$
Darden Restaurants \$25.00	8%		\$
Denny's \$10.00	7%		\$
Longhorn Steakhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Olive Garden \$25.00	8%		\$
Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$
Red Robin \$25.00	8%		\$
Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Discount Store & Outlets			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Five Below \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Electronics & Office			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Best Buy \$25.00	4%		\$
Entertainment			
Product	%	QTY	Total
AMC Theatres \$25.00	8%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10.00	8%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$
Fast Food			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$
Burger King \$10.00	7%		\$
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10.00	8%		\$
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$25.00	8%		\$
Deiry Queen \$10.00	6.5%		\$
Domino's \$25.00	8%		\$
Dunkin' \$10.00	3.5%		\$
Dunkin' \$25.00	3.5%		\$
Long John Silver's \$10.00	8%		\$
McDonald's \$10.00	3%		\$
McDonald's \$25.00	3%		\$
Panera Bread \$10.00	8%		\$
Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$
Papa John's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$
Starbucks \$10.00	4.5%		\$
Starbucks \$25.00	4.5%		\$
Subway Restaurants \$10.00	8%		\$
Wendy's \$25.00	8%		\$
Gas & Auto			
Product	%	QTY	Total
AutoZone \$25.00	7%		\$
Sheetz \$25.00	3%		\$
Shell \$25.00	1.5%		\$
Sunoco \$50.00	1.5%		\$
Wawa \$25.00	2%		\$
Health & Beauty			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	12%		\$
Health & Beauty			
Product	%	QTY	Total
CVS Pharmacy \$25.00	7%		\$
Great Clips \$25.00	8%		\$
Home Improvement			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Lowe's \$25.00	4%		\$
Online Shopping			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Amazon \$25.00	1.5%		\$
Specialty Retailer			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Michaels \$25.00	7.5%		\$
Sporting Goods & Outdoors			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$
Travel			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Disney \$25.00	3%		\$
Universal Prepaid Cards			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$25.00	1.25%		\$
Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$50.00	1.25%		\$

Make Checks Payable To: *Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church*

Total Due All Columns:

\$

### Worship Assistants for November 2025

<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>November 2 All Saints Day</b>	<b>November 9 22 Pentecost</b>	<b>November 16 23 Pentecost</b>	<b>November 23 Christ the King</b>	<b>November 30 1 Advent</b>
Worship Asst.	Heather Miller	Sarah Patte	Joseph Martin	Heather Miller	Dale Biesecker
Lector	Miriam Milbrand	Patti Faux	Carole Bollinger	Devlynn Williams	Laura Faux
Acolytes	Ruth Miller Maddy Hauck	Lilly Patte Aaron Hershberger	Violet Hauck Devlynn Williams	Olivia Koontz Maddy Hauck	Claire Hershberger Violet Hauck
Communion Ushers	Beckie Stahlnecker Colleen Nevil	Bill Borys Jackie Cvik	Mel Wunder Judy Cotner	Tim Goff Cordell Dean	Jim Snyder Ken Stitley
Communion Assistants	Gregg Wetzel	Tess Trowbridge	Jackie Goff	Patti Faux	Rick Faux
Usher Team	Tom & Miriam Milbrand	Wayne Hook & Tim Goff	Colleen Nevil & Laura Adams	Rick Faux & Tim Varney	Cherie Jarrett & Mary Lou Shedden
Communion Pourers	Bill & Carole Bollinger	Mark & Adelyn Elliott	Laura Faux Carole Bollinger	Darlene Rowe Jackie Cvik	Tim & Carol Apple
Welcome Desk	Janie Keiser	Laura Adams	Beverly Harvey	Pam Baker	Miriam Milbrand
Altar Guild	Jackie Goff				
CPIC	Heather Miller & Joseph Martin				

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TAKE NOTE:** Please check in with the Council person in charge (CPIC) when you arrive on Sunday morning to serve. If you are unable to be here, please try to switch with someone else ahead of time if possible. If changes have been made or assistance is needed, please call the Church Office at 570-524-0745 or email [christchurch@dejazzd.com](mailto:christchurch@dejazzd.com). Thank you-God bless you abundantly for your service to Christ and His Church!

