

Welcome in the name of Christ, whose church this is! If you are seeking a church home, please notify the church office. Contact information is on the front of the bulletin.

To contact Pastor Deb, please call or text her cell @ 570-350-5115.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE: Hearing Assistive Devices are located on the table at the entrance to the worship space. An ADA Compliant restroom and changing station are located in the entrance hallway. A first aid kit, water, juice and snacks are in the kitchenette adjacent to the Parlor (main entrance room).

ABOUT COMMUNION: We are observing pew communion. Please pick-up a pre-filled communion set when you enter church. During worship you will be instructed when to partake of the elements.

FOR SECURITY: During worship, only the upper level main entrance doors are open- all other doors are locked.

Have any questions? An usher will be glad to help you!

Bishop Christopher DeForest of the NEPA Synod has strongly encouraged the wearing of masks at worship services (please see his statement). Our Congregation Council has decided that each of us should use our own discretion as to personal choice. Please consider wearing a mask if you are not vaccinated and everyone practice social distancing. You may worship in the parlor (televised), courtyard (weather permitting-audio only) and from your car in the parking lot at 90.1FM on your radio.

Individual communion cups are ready for pick up for you to use at home. They are inside the front door of the parlor and may be picked up during office hours. Please help yourself. If you cannot come to the church during the hours posted, please call the church office (570-788-1572) to make other arrangements. You may also commune with what you have handy at home; bread, crackers, juice, wine, etc.

Our Sunday morning 10:30am service is on our FaceBook page “Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregation” or catch the service on the website video tab using ‘clconyngham.org’. The bulletin is on the web site using the bulletin tab

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Have mercy on us, O God.

C **We confess that we have sinned against you
and against our neighbor.
We have built walls instead of tables
and have turned away the stranger.
We have sought glory for ourselves
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.
Help us to love as you love,
to welcome those you send,
and to treasure mercy and justice.
Turn us from our ways to your ways,
and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

P God, who makes all things new,
forgives your sins for ✝ Jesus' sake
and remembers them no more.
Lift up your heads and your hearts.
Yours is the kingdom of God.

C **Amen.**

PLEASE STAND

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise and Thanks and Adoration



1 Praise and thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, Son of God, to you we give,
 2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing, com - fort me in pain and strife;



for you chose to serve cre - a - tion, died that sin - ers all might live.
 through my laugh - ter and my weep - ing, lift me to a no - bler life.



Dear Lord Je - sus, guide my way; faith - ful let me day by day
 Draw my fer - vent love to you; con - stant hope and faith re - new



fol - low where your steps are lead - ing, find ad - ven - ture, joys ex - ceed - ing!
 in your birth, your life and pas - sion, in your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

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Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

WORD

A READING FROM ISAIAH

Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L Please join in reading the Psalm - Congregation responses are in **bold** type

Psalm 24

They shall receive blessing from the God of their salvation. (Ps. 24:5)

¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

²**For the LORD has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

³Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's holy place?

⁴**Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**

⁵They shall receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

⁶**Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸**Who is this King of glory?**

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰**Who is this King of glory?**

Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.

A READING FROM REVELATION

Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
 He will dwell with them;
 they will be his peoples,
 and God himself will be with them;
⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
 Death will be no more;
 mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
 for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.”
 Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ^{6a}Then he said to me, “It is
 done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

L The Word of the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God!**

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN THE 11th CHAPTER

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

John 11:32-44

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



PLEASE BE SEATED

SERMON

Pastor Taylor

PLEASE STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY

“For All You Saints, O Lord”

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APOSTLES' CREED (8:00am service)

P Let us join in confessing our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**
**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**
Amen

8:00am service continues with the prayers on page 14

(10:30AM SERVICE) PLEASE BE SEATED

HOLY BAPTISM

P God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Declan baptized into Christ?

Parents respond: I do.

P As you bring Declan to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
 bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
 teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
 place in his hands the holy scriptures,
 and nurture him in faith and prayer,
 so that Declan may learn to trust God,
 proclaim Christ through word and deed,
 care for others and the world God made,
 and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Declan grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents respond: I do.

P Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Declan in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors respond: I do.

P People of God, do you promise to support Declan and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C We do.

PLEASE STAND

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
C **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.*
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
C **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**
PLEASE BE SEATED

BAPTISM

P Declan Christopher Smith, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.
Blessed be God, the source of all life,
the word of salvation,
the spirit of mercy.**

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Declan with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Declan, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

PLEASE STAND

THE PRAYERS

A Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A brief silence.

A Merciful God, we give thanks for all missionaries who have brought your message of hope to new communities and wiped tears away. Continue to raise up courageous missionaries to share your gospel of hope. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Creating God, we praise you for abundant harvests and the goodness of creation. Create communities of care for your earth so that all land, water, and soil will be celebrated and cherished by future generations of saints. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of peace, we give you thanks for nations of peace that serve as a refuge for all whose homelands are afflicted with violence. Strengthen those who continue to work for peace and support all veterans who carry the scars of war. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of healing, we give you thanks for health care workers who labor around the clock to answer cries for help. Bring wholeness to all who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, addiction, and all who long for healing in any way t. Especially we pray for Betty Lou, Shirley, Jean, Wilma, Emily, Dawn, Mark, Bob, Theresa, Betsy, George, Barbara, Dina, Joanne, Rich, Clyde, Carol, Rodney, Bonnie, Pauline, Carl, Larry, Patt, Dennis, Viola, Janice, Gail, John, Sandy, Al, Maryanne, Janet, Rich, Deb, Vivian, Eileen, Justin, Madelyn, Pam, Drew, Samantha, Emily, Evelyn, Bob, Sue and Ezra. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of justice, we praise you for the feeding ministries and for all meals that bring people together for nourishment and fellowship. Bless chefs, bakers, servers, dishwashers, communion assistants, and meal ministry coordinators. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of the ages, we give you thanks for the saints of this congregation who have inspired, challenged, loved, and taught us; John Wright, Frank Hauze, Andrew Baymor, Anthony Middleton, Ruth Smith, John 'Jack' Oliver, Lavina Heller, Ethel Welliver, Neil Longo and other we hold in our hearts. Wipe away our tears and lead us by their example until we feast together on your holy mountain. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you. Please wave to each other or share the peace sign.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A In thanksgiving for our offerings, let us pray.
 Holy God,
 the earth is yours and everything in it,
 yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures.
 Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine,
 and strengthen us to be your body for the world
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn

The musical score is written on five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

The second staff continues the lyrics: might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

The third staff continues: Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

The fourth staff continues: comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

The fifth staff concludes with: high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:
 surrounded by evil and bordered by death
 we appeal to you,
 our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge.
 We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace
 and promised an end to injustice and harm.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
 the sacrifice of his life and death
 and the victory of his resurrection,
 we await with all the saints
 his loving redemption of our suffering world.
 Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine
 and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son:
 teach us your mercy and justice,
 and make all things new in Christ.
 Through him all glory and honor is yours,
 Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
 in your holy Church,
 both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P A feast of love is offered here
for you and for all the saints.

COMMUNION

C Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace.
C Amen.

CANTICLE

☩ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
 one what God has done. Let all who seek the
 Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
 lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A* Blessed Jesus,
at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.
Now send us forth to extend our tables
and to share your gifts
until that day when all feast together
at your heavenly banquet.
- C** Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

- P* God, the beginning and the end,
who has written your name in the book of life,
✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace
from this time forth and forevermore.
- C** Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Insert

DISMISSAL

- P* Led on by the saints before us,
go in peace to serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Praise God!”

Hugh Livingston, Jr.

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Worship Helpers**8:00am**

Acolyte	Andy Cwierniewicz
Asst. Minister	Jean Frye
Reader	Maizie Kurtz
Ushers	Ashley Marsicano & Jim Schneider

10:30am

Acolyte	Frankie Martinelli
Asst. Minister	Marty Kellow
Reader	Jo Cvammen
Ushers	John Ruch & Rick Walck

The flowers are offered to the glory of God by Maria Smith and family in memory of Buddy Smith.

The bulletins are offered to the glory of God by Rev. Richard Hinkle in memory of Gladys.

Calendar of Events for the Week of November 7, 2021

Monday-	5:00pm	Karate
	7:00pm	Congregation Council
Tuesday -	1:00pm	Willing Workers
Wednesday -		
Thursday -	5:00pm	Karate
	6:30pm	AA Meeting
Friday -		
Saturday-		

NEXT WEEKEND**November 13 & 14, 2021****TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST****Saturday Worship Service 5:00pm****Sunday Worship Services 8:00am & 10:30am****Sunday School 9:15am**

WE REMEMBER TODAY WITH CANDLES

John Wright, Frank Hauze, Andrew Baymor, Anthony Middleton, Ruth Smith, John 'Jack' Oliver, Lavina Heller, Ethel Welliver, Neil Longo, and those we hold in our hearts

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21st AT 9:15AM**

Please mark the date and time on your calendar and attend this important meeting. Discussion and approval of the 2022 budget and election of Congregation Council and other committee members will be on the agenda. All confirmed members have a vote in these issues and are urged to be participants in the decision making of our church.

VETERANS REMEMBRANCE NOVEMBER 13 & 14

Next weekend, bring a picture of your loved one(s) to place on the stand in front of the altar who served or are serving in the Armed Forces.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

We are forming a Congregational Care Team here at Christ Lutheran Church. If you are interested in taking the Sacrament of Holy Communion to your siblings in the congregation, please call Pastor Deb or the church office.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – NOVEMBER 15-22

It is shoe box time again. Go to samaritanspurse.org/buildonline to fill a shoe box from items shown on the web site, or have them fill a box for you. If you wish to fill your own box, pick up a pamphlet from the table in the back of the church and follow the steps there. Boxes need to be dropped off at Faith Assembly of God church on the dates and times listed in the back of the church by the pamphlets. Please do not bring the boxes here to the church.

VALLEY FOOD PANTRY CHRISTMAS BASKETS

For Christmas we have been asked to donate all kinds of **baking items**; flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, vanilla, cocoa, cookie mixes, any baking item you can think of. **Due by Sunday December 12th.** Coffee is always needed, too. Place your donations in the grocery cart inside the front door. Thank you

POINSETTIAS AND HUNGER APPEAL DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR CHRISTMAS

Orders for poinsettias are now being taken. There will NOT be a sign-up sheet. Please use the envelopes from the basket on the table in the narthex. And, make sure the information on the envelope is complete and clear. Place it in the offering plate or return to the church office. Fifty poinsettias will be purchased and the balance of money received will go to the Hunger Appeal. All gifts will be listed in the bulletin on Christmas Eve. The cost of a poinsettia is \$10.00, but any amount of your donation is appreciated. All donations must be in the church office by **Sunday December 12th.**

CHRIST CHURCH RESUMES RECYCLING!

We have already restarted the recycling of office paper, that is, the paper which comes from any printer or copier. Please take note of the labeled containers located in the Narthex and Cindy's office for collecting worship bulletins and other office quality paper.

In November, we will be phasing in the recycling of #1 plastic bottles and jugs, steel cans, glass bottles and jars, and corrugated cardboard. Look for recycling bins in the kitchen. Please breakdown unwanted boxes and we will stage them in the shed until the next recycle drop off. If you have questions or suggestions or would like to help with this effort to be good stewards of creation - please contact Fred Jaxheimer or Mike Ziegler.

CHOIRS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVE

We hope to have a seasonal bell choir and singing choir for the Sundays in Advent and Christmas Eve. If enough people are interested, rehearsals will be Thursday evenings (starting date and times will be announced). Bell ringers should have some experience. Please contact Patt Derr (570-956-2068) if you are interested and worship services to ring/sing will be determined by interest shown.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Please note the deadline for all articles, information, etc. for the December newsletter is **November 14th!!**

2022 CALENDARS

Calendars for the new year are on the table in the back of the church. Please help yourself. *Thank you to Krapf & Hughes Funeral Home and Crematory for sponsoring our calendars*

STEPHEN MINISTRY NEWS UPDATE

Training for our Stephen Ministers began in October. The first week of study, “The Person of the Caregiver,” was an introduction to the training ahead and exploring the Christ-centered foundation of Stephen Ministry. In the following weeks we learned about “Feelings: Yours, Mine, and Ours” in which we explored how feelings are a gift from God and how to help people recognize, accept, and express feelings so they can experience God’s healing and wholeness. We also studied “The Art of Listening” which is an essential part of Stephen Ministry. We learned how to use a variety of active listening skills to help hurting people share what they’re going through and move toward healing. We ended the month with a day long retreat studying “Distinctively Christian Caring”. This training focused on the essentials of using our Christian faith in caring for hurting people and learning practical ways to live out the reality that “The Stephen Minister is the caregiver, and God is the Curegiver.”

Please keep the trainees and leaders in your prayers as they learn to be equipped to bring Christ’s care to hurting people and continue to lift them up as they nurture their gifts and expand their knowledge as they grow in their ability to provide caring ministry on behalf of our congregation. Please contact Deb Jones or Pastor Deb for information on Stephen Ministry or if you have any questions.

LIVING NATIVITY DECEMBER 4th AND 5th
5:00pm – 7:00pm each evening (note time change)

Set-up dates and times

Saturday November 27th at 9:00am
Saturday December 4th at 8:00am
Sunday December 5th at 3pm (re-set)

Costumes

Thursday December 2nd for set-out at 9:00am
Saturday December 4th and Sunday December 5th at 4:30pm to help people
get into costumes

Clean-Up

Saturday December 4th @7:00pm
Sunday December 5th at 7:00pm
Saturday December 11th at 9:00am for final clean-up

*Look for sign-up sheets on the table in the back of the church for these areas
and for a WISH LIST of items needed and a COOKIES AND SNACKS sheet
for the days of the Nativity.*

Sign-up poster boards for the scenes are on the bulletin board in the back of
the church.

FESTIVALS, COMMEMORATIONS

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For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;

we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .

all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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For All Your Saints, O Lord

1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
 2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
 3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
 4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
 5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,

who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
 who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
 learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.
 that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.
 the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

Text: Richard Mant, 1776-1848, alt.
 Music: William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

1 Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing;
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
 4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
 send forth the stir - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain

Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce!

5 At last the march shall end;
 the wearied ones shall rest;
 the pilgrims find their home at last,
 Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,
 the Lord whom we adore:
 the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
 one God forevermore. *Refrain*