

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

**CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
NOVEMBER 21, 2021
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
8:00am & 10:30am Worship Services**

PRELUDE **“Lead On, O King Eternal”**
Henry Smart/arr. Melody Bober

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

PLEASE STAND

GATHERING HYMN **“Come, Thou Almighty King”** **Page 20 of bulletin**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father,
 and of the ✝ Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED

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

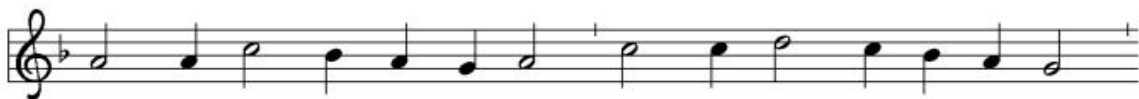
Praise and Thanks and Adoration



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.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634-1703; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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 DANIEL

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹As I watched,
 thrones were set in place,
 and an Ancient One took his throne,
 his clothing was white as snow,
 and the hair of his head like pure wool;
 his throne was fiery flames,
 and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued
 and flowed out from his presence.
 A thousand thousands served him,
 and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
 The court sat in judgment,
 and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions,
 I saw one like a human being
 coming with the clouds of heaven.
 And he came to the Ancient One
 and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

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 93

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

- ¹The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.
- ²**Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting.**
- ³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- ⁴**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**
- ⁵Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore.

A READING FROM HEBREWS

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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 18th CHAPTER

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "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." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

p The Gospel of the Lord.



PLEASE BE SEATED

SERMON

Pastor Taylor

PLEASE STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Rejoice. For Christ is King!"

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APOSTLES' CREED

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**

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 God, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering. 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, Eileen, Justin, Madelyn, Pam, Drew, Samantha, Emily, Evelyn, Bob, Ezra, Bob and Marilyn. Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community. Renew them in their work. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. Empower us to join their witness. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God our hope 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 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.

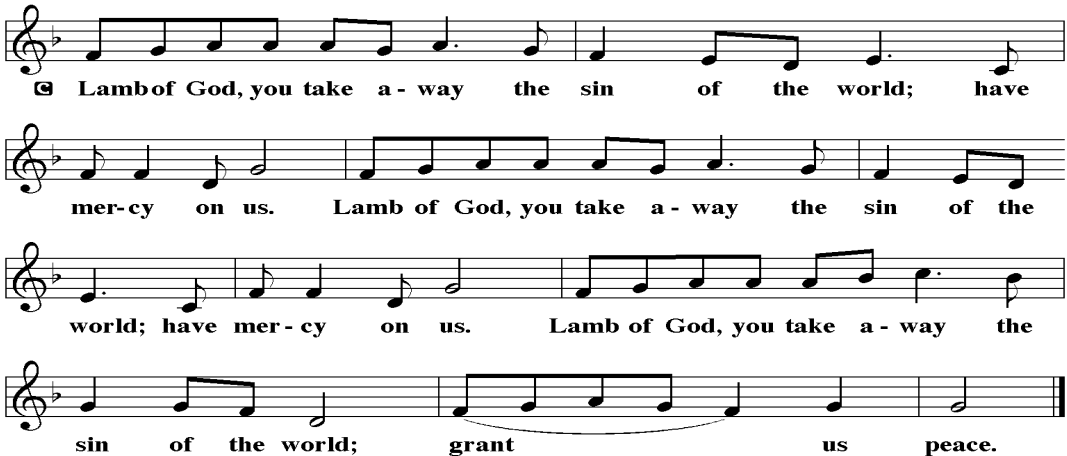
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

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

“Jesus Shall Reign”

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Gardini/arr. Sam Ellson

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Worship Helpers**8:00am**

Acolyte	Nicholas Cwiertniewicz
Asst. Minister	Ashley Marsicano
Reader	Margie Yost
Ushers	Kurtz/Cwoertniewicz Family

10:30am

Acolyte	Christian Smith
Asst. Minister	Cindy Thorne
Reader	Dawn Smith
Ushers	Bobrowski Family

The flowers are offered to the glory of God by Ken & Shirley Ikeda in honor of their wedding anniversary.

The bulletins are offered to the glory of God by Jim & Joyce Bradbury in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Calendar of Events for the Week of November 21, 2021

Today	2:00pm	Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
Monday-	5:00pm	Karate
Tuesday -		Stephen Ministry Training
Wednesday -	2:00pm	Choir Practice
Thursday -	<i>Have a Blessed Thanksgiving</i>	
Friday -		
Saturday-	9:00am	Living Nativity Set-up

NEXT WEEKEND**November 27 & 28, 2021**

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
Saturday Worship Service 5:00pm
Sunday Worship Services 8:00am & 10:30am
Sunday School 9:15am

ANGEL GIFTS

On the table in the back of the church are cards with information about a child and their requests for Christmas gifts. Please consider taking a card or two and shopping for the child(ren) to make their Christmas happy. Make sure the card is on the package when you return the gifts by **December 12th**. Mark your name and the card number on the clipboard provided. Thank you for being a part of this special ministry.

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for the new year are on the table in the parlor.
Please take your pack

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.

VFW AUXILIARY 8161

is sponsoring an All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast **this morning** at the Post home on Banks Ave. in Conyngham from 7AM-12PM. Cost is \$10.00.

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.

PAVILION PROJECT

The church council is gathering information needed to plan the construction of a pavilion to be erected somewhere in the grassy area behind the row of trees in the back parking lot. We are forming a committee to research the size, the purpose and location of where the pavilion would be located before obtaining bids for completing the work. If interested in helping to design and decide on what to include in the pavilion, please contact Mike Ziegler, property committee chair by text or call to 570-956-1540,

HOLY TRINITY

Come, Thou Almighty King

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1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
 hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
 ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Rejoice, for Christ Is King!

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1 Re - joyce, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
 2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
 4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit

re - joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
 and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

Refrain

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -

joyce, a - gain I say, re - joyce!

END TIME

Jesus Shall Reign

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1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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 Caregiver.”

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. There are lots of areas that need to
be filled!!!!**