

November 2025 Newsletter



"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, [a] and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us."
Hebrews 12:1

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"Family Leave Corner"



FAMILY LEAVE SCHEDULE

November 2025

NOV 2	Pastor Peter Rustico leads worship All Saints' Day
NOV 9	Pastor Peter Rustico leads worship
NOV 16	Pastor Newell Embley leads worship
NOV 23	Pastor Marissa is back in worship! Christ the King Sunday

In case of emergency call
Pastor Jim Goodyear
(Bergstrasse) at
(717) 676-3954



The first week of the Lutheran Soup, Comforter, Bake Sale was a success! The second and final week of the sale is Sunday, November 9th. A reminder, the proceeds will be split between Texas Flood Relief (national project) and Good Samaritan House (local project).

Faith's Christmas project will again be providing gifts and food for four or five families. A request for names has been made to EASS. More information when available.

A reminder to the Social Ministry Committee and any other Faith member who would like to participate, we will write the gift tags for the Christmas Giving Tree on Wednesday, November 19th at 7:00pm. A Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving to everyone!!



If you're able to bring a pie to share, please sign up at the back of the Sanctuary.



Deadline For December 2025 Newsletter Is Sunday, November 23, 2025.

Church Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:00am to 12:00 Noon.

To submit information for the bulletin or newsletter, please email Shirley Sweigart at: grammyss@ptd.net

or grammyss46@gmail.com

or call 717-538-1946

Thursday and Friday,

November 27 and 28, 2025



Newsletters

Newsletters are published following Church Council meetings which are held the first Wednesday of each month.

Please continue to provide the Church Office with your email addresses (changes also) to be used for Newsletters, Schedules, etc.

Email your changes to:

faithunited@ptd.net. Thank You!

WANTED

Recipes, inspirational articles, poetry, gardening tips, household tips, etc. to be used in Monthly Newsletters.

Please put your items in the Secretary's mailbox marked "Shirley Sweigart" in the Coatroom.

Church Office Requests

Please call the Church Office at 717-336-2141 when:

- You are in the hospital or prior to going to the hospital (or have a relative call for you). In order for the pastor to visit, someone needs to inform the Church.
- You are confined to your home for an extended period of time because of illness or accident;
- You are going to a rehab center or a nursing home;
- There is a change in your family status (birth, death, marriage, or divorce);
- You move to a new home, move out of the area, or go away to college;
- You schedule a meeting or an event of a committee. In an effort to be open and communicative with everyone, we would like to include all scheduling on the Church Calendar and in the Weekly Bulletin.

Financial Stewardship

There are many ways you can choose to support our ministry:

1. A physical offering will be collected in the plate next to the bulletins prior to and following Worship.
2. To set up a recurring automatic offering straight from your bank account for the sake of regular stewardship, contact our office at (717)336-2141.
3. To make a one time or to set up a recurring gift online today, visit this link [Give to Faith United](#).
4. You may also mail offerings to the church in lieu of the options listed above.



We invite you to consider setting up a recurring, automatic offering for the sake of regular stewardship. To do so, or to ask questions about this process, contact the Church Office, 717-336-2141, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm for more details.

Photo Use Practice

In attending church events, photos may be taken to help keep shut-ins and friends of the church aware of the life and activities of Faith United. If you do not wish to be photographed, please let us know so we may honor your wishes. As a practice, we consider the privacy appropriate to people with special circumstances, but may not know of all sensitive situations. Your help is required or we anticipate permission is given.



Staff

Pastor — Pastor Marissa Becklin

Organists — Cynthia Kauffman

Sharon Levering Lisa Beard

Grady Daub

Festival Choir Director — Ellen Houser

Office Administrator and

Newsletter Editor — Shirley Sweigart

Custodian — Elizabeth Roman-Reich

From Pastor Marissa Becklin

A Letter From Pastor Marissa on Family Leave

Dear church, I pray that as you read this, you are well!

This is the month that I will return to ministry with you, and I'm looking forward to joining together again as we move into the end of the year.

In November we enter the final weeks of the church year together—we will experience the beauty of lighting candles in honor of the saints at the beginning of the month, move through to the celebration of Christ's lordship over all on Christ the King Sunday, and then we will decorate the worship space and head into the new hope of Advent together.

As we enter these final weeks of the church year, here are my prayers for you:

- That the candlelight of All Saints' Day Worship gives you comfort in the presence of God's Church Triumphant
- That Thanksgiving Eve Worship is a source of hope in our community
- That the Quilt and Bake Sale would be a blessing to you
- That you continue to gather together on Sunday mornings, receiving the sacrament of God's own self and the mutual support of Christian fellowship
- That you hold in prayer our congregants who are visiting the homebound and bringing them that same sacrament this month
- That God would hold you in love and compassion amidst all that hurts and challenges you this month
- That, should you need it, you find the support and care you need from Pastor Jim Goodyear in the face of emergencies
- That you continue to gather for study and reflection opportunities at Sunday Morning Bible Study and 2nd Saturday Bible and Breakfast
- That Peter's Porch continues to be a blessing to our congregation and community as we feed the hungry as Jesus commanded us

Blessings to you as you do God's work together this month!

In Christ's Love, Pastor Marissa



“Casting a Vision for the Church”

(Note: this article came out at the end of July when Presiding Bishop Curry was first elected.)



When Yehiel Curry considers his vision for the future of the church, he sees an important distinction. “Part of the work is naming it, but that next phase is embodying it,” he said.

“When we’re talking about casting a vision, I think people want to be part of a vision because they want to share in the process,” he continued. “But they typically will also share in the burdens as well. So, part of my vision is [about] those things we’ve lifted up as a church that we said we need to do, we’re going to do, and find a way to bring more people to the table so that we might embody that work instead of it just being a written document.”

Curry, who was elected July 30 to serve a six-year term as presiding bishop of the ELCA, knows something about embodying a vision and discerning a call.

Before he became a pastor, then a bishop, then the chair of the Conference of Bishops, and now presiding bishop-elect, he was a social worker, then a teacher, then in sales. “I went from being a social worker to a teacher in the same community where I was helping those families, and in both cases, what I learned is passion is very important. And if you can align a person’s passion with a need, then it doesn’t feel like work sometimes.”

But, he said, “It wasn’t until I was in the church that I said, ‘I could do this for the rest of my life.’”

Curry wrestled with the passion he feels for his current ministry as he discerned his new call in the days leading up to the 2025 Churchwide Assembly. “I take my role [as bishop of] the Metropolitan Chicago Synod very seriously,” he said. “And I started the process of thinking about what the next six months would look like, even the next year. And some people discern differently. I didn’t have some voice saying to me, ‘Here’s what you ought to do.’ But last Friday, what started to happen was the calls of family, friends and mentors—the nudging, the text messages, the emails, served as a form of discernment for me.

“I only arrived at this place Friday or Saturday where I felt like maybe this is something I should do,” he said of being considered for presiding bishop.

Now that Curry has been elected the fifth presiding bishop of the ELCA—and the first presiding bishop of African descent—how does he feel? “That reality hasn’t really set in,” he said. “Even at this moment, I’m feeling a certain kind of way in understanding the weight and the impact.

“I’m hopeful that, if presence matters, me being here does something for allowing others to consider, ‘Someone who looks like me, or is from my community, or speaks with an accent, or their mother tongue isn’t English [could take on a similar role].’ Hopefully that’s what that means.”

An immediate answer comes to mind for Curry when asked about what he believes should be among the top priorities for the ELCA. “I think there’s this unique opportunity around lay equipping and lay education,” he said. “The ethos and the structures of many of our congregations are changing. In some cases, they’ve gone from full-time pastors to part-time pastors; we have leaders who are serving two- and three-point congregations.

“Our lay leaders are being asked to do more. And in many cases, they’re saying, ‘Yes, I want the education—as long as you’re not trying to steer me and tell me I need to be a pastor or a deacon. Tell me how to be a better leader in my community, in my context.’”

Curry’s passion for, and awareness of, equipping lay leaders stems from his own ministry beginnings.

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“Casting a Vision for the Church”

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He was a Chicago Public Schools teacher when he first visited Shekinah Chapel, then a synod-authorized worshipping community. “I didn’t even realize it was Lutheran,” he said. “I was invited by a friend.” What drew him to Shekinah was Safe in My Brother’s Arms (SIMBA), a mentoring program there sponsored by the ELCA. “I had these unique students, and I was interested in services for them. ... There was a worship service I stayed for. And I loved it.”

Curry went home and told his wife, LaShonda, about the great experience he had had there, and they returned together the following weekend. “We came back and joined. And we didn’t understand the organizations of the Lutheran church. We just saw a home, we saw a community.”

Eventually, the community, and the synod staff, asked Curry to consider being a lay mission developer. He was unsure. “I knew I had this thing in my heart, but I didn’t have the right vocabulary for it. I didn’t know that I was actively discerning and that I was being called into this ministry.”

After becoming mission developer, Curry enrolled in the Theological Education for Emerging Ministries [TEEM] program at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and received his ordination certification in 2009. In 2012, when Shekinah became an official ELCA congregation, they called Curry to be their pastor. He served in that role until he was elected bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod in 2019.

“This was a process I was honored to be involved in, because I didn’t think many people knew who I was,” he said. “I was working in poverty ministry in the outskirts of Chicago. So it was an honor to have my name lifted up and to ultimately be elected bishop.” In 2024, he was elected chair of the ELCA Conference of Bishops.

Curry recalled his ministry trajectory, and the initial hesitation he felt in accepting that first role, when he addressed the 2025 Churchwide Assembly following his election.

“I’m what a return on your investment looks like,” he told the assembly. “Perhaps I’m out there in one of you. I never saw myself as good enough, so for two years, I said no. I finally said yes. When I said yes, your support, this church’s support, of that ministry meant everything. So, if you want to know what your benevolence dollars look like, it looks like me. And I want to say thank you. Thank you for your investment.”

Faith United Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Minutes Wednesday, October 1, 2025, 6:30 PM

FUEL Council Members Present: Tim Wise, Terry Burkholder, Scott Gola, Bob Gates, Kelly Leshner, Adrienne Arment, Rich Billings, and Carol Wallace

Devotions: Carol Wallace provided devotions. She read Matthew 5:16. This verse focuses on letting our lights shine through our good works and glorifying our Father.

Treasurer’s Report:

Main Checking Account, \$115,688.00; Money Market Account, \$75,114.00; Endowment Account, \$80,034.00.

Offerings are remaining stable when compared to offerings from last year.

The church received a gift from the estate of Audrey Grill (\$26,421.08).

The Budget to be presented at the Congregational Meeting is complete except for the portion regarding Pastor Marissa’s benefits. The Council members that are currently approved to sign checks each month will stay the same for next year.

Committee Highlights:

Property Committee — Tim Wise

The Property Committee received a contract from Castle to complete the stained glass window project.

The proposal and contract will be presented at the Congregational Meeting in December. The plan is for the work to begin in April.

A snow removal contract was received for this upcoming winter.

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October Council Minutes

Fellowship Committee — Carol Wallace

The soup and game activity held on September 21 was well attended and everyone enjoyed themselves.

The Chalk Talk will be held on October 12 after church. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Coffee and snacks will be provided. The members of Trinity United Methodist Church were invited to attend.

The Annual Quilt, Bake Sale, and Soup Sale will be held November 9.

A Christmas Movie Night will be held on December 28.

Peter's Porch — Terry Burkholder

Peter's Porch will no longer be renting trucks. Terry was able to set up deliveries with Central PA Food Bank and Fruit Tastic. This is a savings of \$500.00 each month.

The budget for Peter's Porch is currently being affected by the increase in food costs. Milk and eggs will continue to be distributed. The number of cans given out each month has been reduced.

The Scouts will do their Annual Food Drive in November and Peter's Porch will receive donations from this.

Old Business:

The distribution of the boxes to the schools for the "Gods Work Our Hands" project was completed. The church received several Thank You notes from the schools.

The Council members discussed the Endowment Committee and how check signing works for this Committee. This discussion will continue.

A discussion regarding planning for Sundays when Acolytes are not present took place. The Council members agreed that someone from the Council should take over this role or find someone in the congregation that is willing to take over this role.

New Business:

The Methodist Church will be giving up their stand at the Denver Fair. There is a possibility that FUEL could run this stand. Further discussions will take place regarding this.

The Church will be represented at Discover Denver Days on October 11. Kelly Leshner will be leading this event. The Council will encourage Church members to assist her.

A motion was presented to paint the nursery a neutral color. Everyone was in agreement.

Prayer Priorities:

Pastor Marissa and Family; Terry Burkholder and Family; Betty Witmer; Sean Griffith (friend of Scott Gola).

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm following the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting will be Thursday, November 6, 2025.

Congregation Council Meeting

Thursday, December 3, 2025

6:30 PM

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Terry Burkholder - President Adrienne Arment

Tim Wise - Vice President Rich Billings

Carol Wallace - Secretary Bob Gates

Scott Gola - Treasurer Kelly Leshner



Birthdays:

November 10: Jennie Weinhold, Crystal Rittle, Jasmyn Reinoehl

November 16: Rebecca Voler

November 20: Blake Daub, Angela Stewart

November 22: Jennifer Frees

November 29: Sarah Hilpmann

Anniversaries:

November 17: Tim and Cynthia Hegeman

November 21: Mike and Lisa Gable



Birthdays:

December 6: Phillip Deibler

December 9: Emily Reed

December 11: Harold Martzall

December 16: Denise Hackman

Anniversary:

December 4: Bruce and Jamie Carpenter

December 26: Steve and Tracey Weidner



80+ Birthdays

Please remember our 80+ members with a card, visit, or phone call:

Donna Gerhart - November 10 - 29
Bunker Hill Road, Stevens, PA 17578.

Diana Lewis - November 12 - 9 Cameron Court, Denver, PA 17517.

James Stewart - November 17 - 806
North Fifth Street, Denver, PA 17517.

Caryll Lausch - December 2 - 126 North Fourth Street, Denver, PA 17517.

Joyce Shober - December 2 - 2548
Orange Ridge Road, Clearmont, FL 34715.



The Cozy Comforters need gently used sheets (no flannel please) or fabric to use for their comforters.

Please put your donations at the back of the Sanctuary or in the Cozy Comforters Sewing Room.

November/December Food Collection



Food, household, and personal items will be collected for the Giving Tree Christmas Families in November and December.

Please deposit the items in the grocery cart.

Connect With Us On Facebook!



For regular invitation to prayer, devotional reflections, and updates, follow us on Facebook:

@faithunitedelca.

Also, consider joining our Private group: Faith United Lutheran Church Community Building, where we are spending time getting to know one another and check in with each other.



Stained Glass Window Fundraiser: Help Us Maintain The Beauty Of Our Sanctuary

We're excited to finally announce a fundraiser in support of preserving the stained glass windows in our Sanctuary.

This project was discussed at the 2024 Annual Meeting. After much thoughtful research and dedication, the Property Committee has successfully located skilled artisans who will be completing the work. Their commitment and persistence have brought us one step closer to this long-awaited project.

Work is set to begin as soon as financially possible, and your support is crucial to making it happen. We are looking to raise around \$20,000.00. Every gift, large or small, will help us preserve the beauty and heritage of our Worship space for generations to come. You can give by using the special offering envelopes in the back of the Sanctuary, or by putting a special line on your regular offering envelope. All gifts will be matched dollar for dollar by our Endowment Fund until our funds are raised.

Stay tuned for updates—and Thank You for being part of this meaningful effort!



Peter's Porch

Faith United Evangelical
Lutheran Church

357 Walnut Street, Denver, PA 17517
Phone: 717-336-2141

The First Saturday of Each Month

December 6, 2025

January 3, 2026

7:30-10:00am

If you are interested in helping on the first Saturday of the month just show up! Bags for Peter's Porch are packed on the last Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm.



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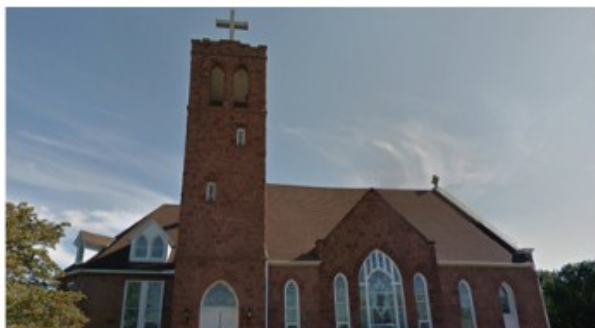
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23 Christ The King/Last Sunday After Pentecost December Newsletter Article Deadline Please Pick Up Your 2026 Offering Envelopes Poinsettias For Christmas Order Deadline Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Kid's Church 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service 10:15am Confirmation For 7th & 8th Graders	24	25 6:00pm Pack Bags For Peter's Porch	26 No Meeting For REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up 7:00pm Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service, St. John's United Church Of Christ, South Fourth Street, Denver	27 Church Offices Closed Thanksgiving Day	28 Church Offices Closed	29

December 2025

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30 First Sunday Of Advent Hanging Of The Greens Following Worship Service Please Pick Up Your 2026 Offering Envelopes 9:00am Kid's Church 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	1 Andrew, Apostle	2 Caryll Lausch Birthday Joyce Shober Birthday 9:00am Cozy Comforters Sewing Group	3 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Adamstown Area Library, 110 West Main Street, Adamstown 6:00pm Advent Midweek Soup Suppers & Services 7:30pm Congregation Council Meeting	4	5 3:00pm REAL Life First Friday Food Drive, Warehouse 916, Main Street, Denver	6 7:30am Peter's Porch - Faith United

What's Happening at Faith United?

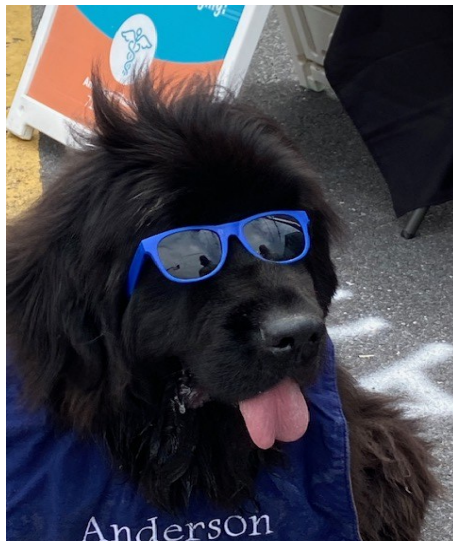
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next month's newsletter!



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Discover Denver 2025



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grammyss@ptd.net or

grammyss46@gmail.com

instead of Pastor Marissa.

Include a short description of the photo.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Effective January 1, 2026, I anticipate being a member of Church Council and therefore I am looking for two people to take over the Fellowship Committee. I will be available to get you started and for any questions you may have but I will no longer be able to chair this Committee. I know we've had a lot of great times in the last few years (approximately seven). I would suggest having two co-chairs for this Committee. If you have a friend that would like to do this with you, that would be great. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in this Committee. It really is a lot of fun planning and getting things going!

Thanks for your support over the last seven years.

Terri Kilrain





Note of THANKS

I wish to Thank You for your prayers, cards, well wishes and visits after my recent hospital stay.

Your kindness and care were most appreciated.

*God Bless and Love to All,
Caryll Lausch*

Young At Heart Meets At Faith United 2nd And 4th Wednesdays

Join folks 60+ from the community in a time of fellowship, games, food, and guest speakers on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Faith United in the Fellowship Hall downstairs from 9:00-11:00am.

There will be no meeting Wednesday, November 26, 2025.



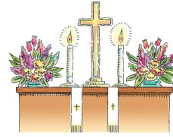
Faith United Ministry Endowment: Grant Applications Now Available For Ministry Projects And Generosity

The Endowment Committee is requesting that anyone with ideas about ministry projects or generosity in the community/world that these funds might would fill out an application for the Committee to consider. Applications are available in the back of the Sanctuary and in the Church Office.



Tuesday,
November 11, 2025

2025 Altar Flower/Bulletin Sponsor Sign-Up



Altar Flowers

The Altar Flower Chart for 2025 is on the board by the Walnut Street entrance.

Format: To sponsor flowers, sign your name on the chart; order the flowers from the florist of your choice, pay them and call the church office, 717-336-2141, to arrange to bring them to the Church. Shirley will call you to find out the wording you want in the Church Bulletin.

The Bulletin Sponsor Chart for 2025 is on the board by the Walnut Street entrance. Cost is \$25.00 per Sunday.



Bulletins

You may call Shirley Sweigart, 717-538-1946 to get your name on either Chart.

Christian Symbol

CIRCLE: The circle is a symbol for God, as well as for eternity, due to its lack of a beginning or an end. It also reminds us of how the church year (not unlike the secular calendar) flows from season to season and moves smoothly from Christ the King Sunday (the culmination of the liturgical calendar) to the First Sunday of Advent (a new beginning). Indeed, the One who rules all is the same One whose first and final comings we anticipate anew during Advent.



Ingathering Statistics

Sixty-four School Kits and 66 Comforters were donated to Lutheran World Relief. Money for shipping expenses to the needy areas was also contributed. That sum will be reported later. This represents a lot of volunteer time and monetary donations.

Thank You to everyone involved!

When Writing Out Checks Please Remember To Use Blue Or Black Ink ONLY. The Bank Will Reject Any Other Color Ink.

Education Opportunities

Weekly Bible Study After Worship

A Weekly Bible Study will be held following Worship each Sunday about the texts from Church that morning. Bring questions you had about the sermon, thoughts and wonderings about the readings, and a heart ready for fellowship!

As the readings from each week are the topic, simply come when you're able.

We Will Be Taking A Hiatus From Tuesday Bible Study Until Pastor Marissa Has Returned From Family Leave.

Bible And Breakfast

7:30-9:00am



Bible and Breakfast has resumed meeting on the second Saturday of every month. The schedule for topics (led by Scott Gola) will be as follows:

Saturday, November 8, 2025:

Social Media And Lutheranism

Saturday, December 13, 2025:

Christmas As A Gift We Receive,
Not Work That We Do

Please sign up on the counter so we know to expect you!

**Candlelight Christmas Eve
Worship, Wednesday,
December 24, 4:00 & 7:00pm**



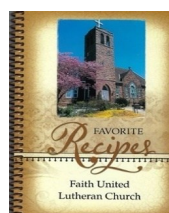
Students entering 7th or 8th grade are invited to join Lay Leader Carol Wallace.

Pastor Marissa will take over classes again when she is back in December!



Join us for a time of fellowship and reflection this Advent! We gather at 6:00pm on Wednesday nights in December for a Soup Supper, followed by a short Worship Service at 7:00pm.

To sign up to bring soup, bread or a dessert, please do so in the back of the Sanctuary.



Church Cookbooks

They are sold for \$10.00 each and are on the counter at the back of the Sanctuary.

Proceeds benefit Faith United Youth Ministry.

November Worship

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, November 9, 2025

Job 19:23-27a; Psalm 17:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38. We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.



Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, November 16, 2025

Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19. The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."



Christ The King
Sunday, November 23, 2025

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46:1-11; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43. Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.



First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 30, 2025

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-9; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44. The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.



December Worship

Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 7, 2025

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12. At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.



Joint Worship Service
with Trinity Lutheran,
Reading (With Baptism
of Baby Becklin):
Sunday, December 28th at
10:00am

On Sunday, December 28th at 10:00am our whole congregation is invited to share in a special Joint Worship Service with the people of Trinity Lutheran, Reading (we will not hold Worship at Faith United on this morning). Baby Becklin will be baptized during this service, and both congregations will have the opportunity to make together the promises of raising this child in the faith. Bishop Herr (Faith United's bishop) will preside over the baptism, and Bishop DeForest (Trinity's bishop) will preach.

A livestream of the Service is available on Trinity's YouTube for those who cannot make it, and a carpool service will be available to all those who'd like to travel to Reading and want to share a ride or avoid driving in the city.

For carpool sign up, please refer to the counter in the back of the Sanctuary after December begins.

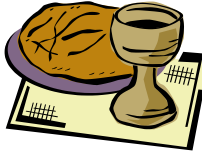


We are hosting Kid's Church during 9:00am Worship.

Children will come up for the Children's Sermon, exit to Kid's Church, and return for Holy Communion.

Communion Bread

Please Sign the chart on the cabinet at the back to provide One Loaf of bread each Sunday.



Please Bring The Bread To The Church By Friday 9:00am—12:00pm. Open Dates: November 23, 30; December 7, 14, 21, 28.


Readers And Candlelighters November 30; December 7, 14 and 21.

Please sign the chart on the cabinet at the back.

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

James 1:17 reminds us about the source of every blessing. According to this verse, how is God described?

- A. The one who changes like shifting shadows
- B. The giver of wisdom to the faithful
- C. The Father of heavenly lights who does not change
- D. The one who rewards those who are generous



Answer: C (See James 1:17)

Denver Women's Club Meeting Wednesday, November 19 7:00pm, Faith Fellowship Hall Randy Gockley

He will detail some of the experiences of being a first responder in Lancaster County...the good things and the bad things. He will relate why it is getting harder to get first responders, both volunteer and career.

Poinsettias For Christmas



Orders for Poinsettias to decorate the Chancel on December 21 and 24 can be placed until the conclusion of Worship on **Sunday, November 23, 2025.**

You can order Red or White (6.5", 5+ blooms), \$7.50.

The order envelopes are available at the back. Please put the completed envelope back in the red container.

2026 Offering Envelopes



Your 2026 Offering Envelopes will be available for pick up on a table at the back of the Church beginning Sunday, November 23, 2025.

Even though you contribute through Vanco, there are envelopes for you for the special days throughout the year.

If you were missed, contact the Church Office.

Generic Offering Envelopes are available for use on the table with the bulletins.

A good alternative is through Vanco which automatically remits your offering to the Church.

Contact the Church Office, 717-336-2141, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm for more details or Shirley Sweigart at:

grammyss46@gmail.com or
call 717-538-1946

**Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, December 14, 2025
Immediately Following
Worship**

SERVING NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

Date	Lector	Technology	Ushers	Offering Counters
November 9, 2025	David Harnish	Tim Wise	Carol Wallace Mike Wallace	Dawn Frees Craig Stover Lori Stover
November 16, 2025	Scott Gola	Lori Stover	Jamie Carpenter Bruce Carpenter	Bruce Carpenter Jamie Carpenter Linda Riddell
November 23, 2026 Christ The King	Deb Demler	Scott Gola	Lori Wise Tim Wise	Tim Hegeman Robert Gates Gloria Gates
November 26, 2025 Thanksgiving Eve	Cindy Kauffman	Deb Demler	Mary Stewart Jim Stewart	XXXXXX
November 30, 2025	Ann Roseboro	Tim Wise	Angela Stewart Todd Stewart	Tim Hegeman Cynthia Hegeman Ann Roseboro
December 7, 2025	Todd Stewart	Lori Stover	Teri Arment Harold Martzall	Terri Kilrain Rich Billings Chris Billings
December 14, 2025	Dawn Frees	Scott Gola	Cynthia Hegeman Tim Hegeman	Dawn Frees Craig Stover Lori Stover
December 21, 2025	Angela Stewart	Deb Demler	Jennie Weinhold Chris Weinhold	Bruce Carpenter Jamie Carpenter Linda Riddell
December 24, 2025 4:00pm	Lori Stover	Tim Wise	Linda Riddell Jeff Hartman	XXXXXX
December 24, 2025 7:00pm	Harold Martzall	Lori Stover	June Wolf Don Wolf	XXXXXX
December 28, 2025	Gloria Shober	Scott Gola	Carol Wallace Mike Wallace	Tim Hegeman Robert Gates Gloria Gates

Date	Acolyte	Communion Bread	Altar Committee	Altar Flowers, Bulletins
November 9, 2025	Jackson Leshner	Mary Stewart	Lori Stover Ann Roseboro	
November 16, 2025	Josh Gola	Mary Stewart	Lori Stover Ann Roseboro	
November 23, 2026 Christ The King	Kellen Strohl		Mary Stewart Joanne Phillips	
November 26, 2025 Thanksgiving Eve	Aaron Wolf		Mary Stewart Joanne Phillips	

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November 30, 2025	Jackson Leshner		Mary Stewart Joanne Phillips	
December 7, 2025	Josh Gola		Dawn Frees Arlene Monyer	Bruce and Jamie Carpenter
December 14, 2025	Kellen Strohl		Dawn Frees Arlene Monyer	
December 21, 2025	Aaron Wolf		Donna Gerhart Michele Lacy	Poinsettias
December 24, 2025 4:00pm	Jackson Leshner	Bruce Carpenter	Donna Gerhart Michele Lacy	Poinsettias
December 24, 2025 7:00pm	Josh Gola	Bruce Carpenter	Donna Gerhart Michele Lacy	Poinsettias
December 28, 2025	Kellen Strohl		Donna Gerhart Michele Lacy	



We ask you to daily pray for the following people and those in your life you know that are in need:

For Comfort:

Robert Ludwig Family
Anne Marie Myer Family

Alyssa Cook family
Rebecca Anderson Family

For Healing:

Terri Macker
Olivia Voler
Lisa Pimble
Madeline Glass

Jean Worline
Terry Burkholder
Shirley Sweigart
Lisa Beard

Betty Witmer
Lori Moyer
Judy Kurtz
Barb Mertz

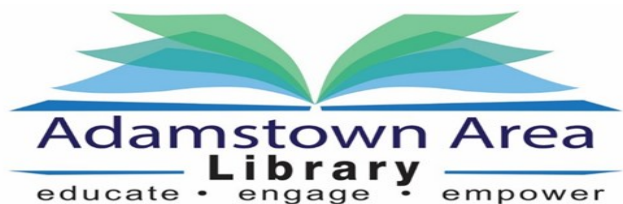
Lorna Buohl
Lynda Landis
Curt Snyder
Gary Weaver

You're Also Invited To Call And/Or Send Cards.

List Is Refreshed At The End Of Odd Numbered Months. If You'd Like Someone To Stay On The List Longer, Please Contact The Church Office, 717-336-2141.

Continuing Concerns

Susan Hartman, Caryl Lausch, Barb Boose, Dave Harnish, Kim Brugger, Janet Hirneisen, Dave McGarvey, Dorothy Hoyer, Ethel Farrow, JoAn Weaver, Mae Raudenbush, Mel Schmeck, Jim Kreider, John Luciani, Matt Donley, Michele Lacy, Traci Krick, Rob Macker, Ralph Whitcomb, Kristin Means, Susan Means, Florence Rutt, Pennie Gutshall, Beaty Hassler, Fred Leathery; Gloria Hall, Chad Sweigart, Maryann Herr, Jane Imhoff, Patricia Krick, Maggie Carpenter, Stanley and Jeannette Uibel, Joyce Hahn, Dennis Hill, Terry Moyer, Marie McQuate, Glenn Beard Sr., Martha Sheaffer, Jean Wolf, Tracy Augustine, Stan Henderson, Dean Camp, Jed Weidner, Men and Women Serving in our Armed Forces.



Adamstown Area Library Events

The Adamstown Area Library is a passport office for the United States Department of State. Passports are done by appointment only. Please call 717-484-4200 to make an appointment.

The Library is free for PA residents. Bring ID or other proof of address to Adamstown Area Library to get your Library card. Adamstown Area Library is located at 110 West Main Street in Adamstown, next to the Post Office. Regular Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:30am to 8:00pm; Friday, 9:30am to 4:30pm; and Saturday, 9:30am to 2:30pm. Learn more about free events at your Library and register at AdamstownAreaLibrary.org or 717-484-4200.

“Read ‘em Up and Eat ‘em Up” Autumn Reading Program - Through November 29. Kids... you can get a leg up this fall as we head back to school while earning a free kid's meal from Texas Roadhouse. Pick up your log at the Library, read 50 books throughout the fall, and return it for your Certificate of Achievement! (Ages 12 and under)

Blue Jeans & High Heels Dinner and Auction - Saturday, November 8 from 4:00-9:00pm. Join the Friends of the Adamstown Area Library at The Village Haus in Stoudsburg Village for an evening of delicious food and fun to benefit the Library. Only 75 tickets will be sold for this dinner and auction complete with live auction, raffles, 50/50, and wine mystery table. Tickets \$65.00, available at the Library or from a Friends member. For more information, visit adamstownarealibrary.org/blue-jeans-high-heels.

American Girl Bag Pickup - Monday, November 10. Packet filled with fun for you and your doll! Starting that day, you can pick up a kit in the Library foyer. One per family please while supplies last. For ages 5-12 years.

Genealogy Group - Tuesday, November 11 from 6:30-7:45pm. This group meets at the Library on the second Tuesday of each month for short talks from genealogy researcher Ken McCrea, along with lively discussions and research help. For older students and adults. Beginners and walk-ins welcome.

Friends Book Sale - Tuesdays in the Library Community Room. Whatever your favorite genre, you'll find something to love at the Friends Book Sale! Book Sale hours are Tuesdays from 9:30am to 7:00pm, except for the second Tuesday of each month when the sale will end at 5:30pm for a Library Program. November 11, 18. The final Book Sale in 2025 will be on November 18. Sale will restart on January 6, 2026. Books can still be donated during this time.

Family Trivia: Nursery Rhymes - Tuesday, November 11 at 6:00pm. Test your knowledge of nursery rhymes with these fun trivia questions that cover characters, stories, and themes from beloved childhood verses! Winner receives a \$10.00 Amazon Gift Card. For families.

“Budding Bookworms” Preschool Storytime - Wednesday, November 12, 19, 26; December 3. Every Wednesday at 10:00am and 11:00am. Stories and an easy craft for ages 3-6 with adult.

“Twinkling Stars” Baby Storytime - Every Thursday at 10:00am. Simple stories, rhymes, puppets, songs, and fingerplays. For babies with adults. November 13, 20, 27; December 4.

“The Young and the Restless” Toddler Time - Every Thursday at 11:00am. Stories, songs and fingerplays, followed by an easy craft and free play. For toddlers with adults. November 13, 20, 27; December 4. while supplies last. For ages 5-12.

World Kindness Day - Tuesday, November 13 is World Kindness Day. Stop by the Library that day to see how you can help members of our community.

STEAM Saturday - Saturday, November 15, drop-in from 10:00-11:00am. Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math through games, activities, and projects with Miss Maribeth (Ages 5-12).

“Coyote” Discovery Drop-In - Monday, November 17 from 10:00am-4:00pm (Every Third Monday of the month). We will use our senses to explore a different Pennsylvania Game Commission Kit of pelts, wings, skulls, claws, books, activities, and all kinds of other manipulatives. All Ages.

Book Club - Monday, November 17 from 6:00-7:00pm. Join us at Adamstown Area Library for our new monthly Book Club! Share your thoughts on that month's book and get to know other readers in your community. All are welcome, regardless of whether you've finished the book. For our November meeting, we'll be reading "Small Things Like These" by Claire Keegan. Copies of the book are available through our online catalog or by calling or visiting a branch. Please register.

Almost Perfect Crimes - Tuesday, November 18 at 6:30pm on Zoom. Discover “Whodunit!” Upon registration, you will receive the Zoom link and the Mini Murder Mystery Story. Additional clues and evidence will be revealed during our meeting to solve the crime together. For teens and adults due to some graphic content.

Wildlife Wednesdays - Wednesday, November 19 at 6:00pm. Every month, the Lancaster County Parks & Recreation Department will teach us about different wildlife and environmental topics. We will be covering a wide range of topics, so be sure to check out our upcoming events! November: Animals Preparing for Winter. All Ages.

Young At Heart - Wednesdays, November 19 and December 3 from 9:00-11:00am. REAL Life Community Services invites you to Young at Heart, with free events for anyone age 60 and up. Join us at the Library for coffee, chatting, games, crafts, and more on the first and third Wednesday of each month. For more information, call 717-336-7797 or visit REALLCS.org.

Connect With A Social Worker At The Library - Regular hours are every other Wednesday, November 19 and December 3 from 11:30am-2:00pm in the Library's Community Room. Are you facing challenges or seeking support in your life? To make an appointment, call Becca at 717-336-7797 or email her at becca@realcs.org. REAL Life Community Services serves residents of Cocalico School District.

Library Open House - Friday, November 21 from 4:00-6:00pm. The Adamstown Area Library invites everyone to come out to celebrate Extra Give and enjoy fall treats, fun activities for kids, Thanksgiving Basket raffle, and community connections. There will be a mobile coffee cart from Brewed with Purpose and food truck from JR's Brisket with a portion of proceeds donated back to the Library, huge raffle baskets, and the Friends' Book Sale. The Library will also have special guests this year from Swartz Farm from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Get ready to pet, cuddle, and have your picture taken with two adorable mini-Highland cows at the \$5.00 Kissing Booth!

TEEN “Spice of the Month” - Monday, November 24 (every Fourth Monday of the month). Young adults that like to cook and bake can pick up a packet at the desk that includes this month's spice, recipes, and more. Library staff would love to taste your culinary adventure! One packet per teen family while supplies last.

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Mystery of the Stolen Ruby - Monday, November 24 at 1:00pm. Calling all detectives! Miss Jess needs your help to solve the mystery! We will reveal pop-up evidence, lift flaps for secret facts, and spin the wheel for suspects and clues to find our criminal! Attendees could possibly win an Usborne Flap Book. Ages 8-15.

DinoVember Cartoon Movie Afternoon - Tuesday, November 25 at 2:00pm. An animated adventure about an orphaned dinosaur who travels with four other dinosaurs to find food and water. Rated G - 69 minutes. For all ages.

Mini Pumkin' Chuckin' - Wednesday, November 26 at 2:00pm. Hands-On STEM activity where children predict the flight direction and distance of small squishy pumpkins. This program teaches physics concepts, forming hypotheses, and measuring results. Ages 5-11.

Castaneda's Library Fundraiser - Wednesday, November 26 from 11:00am to 8:00pm. On the last Wednesday of each month, 10% of all proceeds at Castañeda's Mexican Restaurant in Denver will go to the Adamstown Area Library! (excludes alcohol). Dine in or take-out that day to enjoy great food while supporting the Library! 323 Main Street, Denver.

Library Closed - Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28. The Library will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Black Friday.

Adamstown Grove Tree Lighting with Santa - Sunday, November 30 at 4:30pm. (Santa to arrive at 5:30pm.) Music, crafts, cookies, hot chocolate, and Miss Maribeth reading holiday stories while we wait for Santa!

Mah-Jongg Group - Monday, December 1 from 6:00-8:30pm. Experienced players as well as people wanting to learn are invited to drop in to play Mah-Jongg on the First Monday of each month. For adults and teens.

Doggie Downtime - Wednesday, December 3 at 10:45am. Do you need some tail-wagging tranquility in your life? Gaze into "Twinkle's" big, beautiful, calming eyes to help wash your troubles away! (Therapy Dogs International). For all ages.

"Pond Life" Play & Learn Center - All Autumn. Stop in at the Library to enjoy our Story Corner. The Play & Learn Center is a great place to hang out for some educational fun with toys, puppets, vocab, figures, blocks, and more all with a "Pond" Theme. Paid for with the CAP Stem Connections Grant.

Teen Question Board - All Autumn. We invite teens to stop in the Young Adult Section to vote for "Fall...Would You Rather?" Add a sticker dot to select your favorite. Results will be posted on our Facebook page.

Mitten & Accessory Tree - Through Saturday, December 6. Donations of NEW, unwrapped mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, etc. will be accepted through December 6 and distributed to local families and children in need.

Marine Corps Reserve "TOYS FOR TOTS" - Through Thursday, December 11. Donations of new, unwrapped gifts are being accepted in the box located near the Circulation Desk through December 11.



IMMEMORATION
of the
AITHFUL
EPARTED

All Saints Sunday

In Memory Of:

Donna Deibler by Phil Deibler

Jack and Peggy Dewald by Bruce and Jamie Carpenter

Irvin and Harriet Garber, Bill and Lorraine Kauffman, Linda LaVigne by Cindy Kauffman

"Skip" Buohl by Lorna Buohl, Lisa and Glenn Beard

Husband Bob by Joyce Fischer

Lew Demler, Lewis and Arline Demler, Jim and Rose Sedinger by Deb Demler

Lee B. Shober by Gloria Shober

RuthAnn Luciani by John Luciani

Richard P. Frees, Husband, Dad and Grandpa, by Dawn Frees Family

Bill Monyer and Tony Pisano by Arlene Monyer

Patricia Quinn Updegraff by Robert Updegraff

Bill Ludwig by His Family

Donald Walter by Carol and Mike Wallace

Mark and Lela Miller by Debbie, Miriam and Becky

James and Kathryn Hackman and Joyce and Donald Gable by Mike and Lisa Gable

Joyce Doster by Gerry and Joanne Phillips

Bob and Doris Hegeman (Dad and Mom);

Bob Hegeman Jr. (Brother); Chris

Hegeman (Sister); Frank and Cheryl

Markel; Brother Sing by The Hegemans

Barbara Gola; Francis and Josephine Gola;

JoAnne Gola; Robert, Rachael and

Robbie Davis; and All Our Servicemen

and Servicewomen by Scott and Lori Gola

In Loving Memory Of:

My Wife Dorothy Schmeck by Melvin Schmeck

Ralph Roseboro by Ann Roseboro

My Wonderful Husband Lee by Teri Arment



Diane Konopka

Phyllis Dellinger

Jack Dewald

Bill Ludwig

As we are taking all necessary precautions for the health and safety of our patients and families, staff, volunteers and visitors our support group will be held In-Person and via

Zoom. Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to receive Zoom credentials.

ADULT DROP-IN GROUPS

These free meetings, held online via Zoom and In-Person, include a presentation and an informal time to talk with others. Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to discuss with a bereavement counselor who will also provide the log-in information.

In-Person at Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. Groups are led by Master's-level counselors and volunteers who have experienced the same type of loss. They provide time to share experiences and ask questions. Groups are designed for those within the first two years following the death of a loved one. Call to register. **Registration deadline is one week prior to the group. Register online at pathways.hccnet.org/groups or call the Pathways Center.**

Coping With The Loss Of A Child (Of Any Age): Monday, November 17, 6:00-7:30pm.

Coping With The Loss Of A Spouse Or Partner: Tuesday, November 11, 6:00-7:30pm; Tuesday, November 25, 2:00-3:30pm.

Coping With The Loss Of A Parent Or Sibling: Tuesday, November 18, 6:00-7:30pm.

Age 50 & Under - Coping With The Loss Of A Spouse Or Partner: Wednesday, November 19, 6:00-7:30pm.

GRASP (Grief Recovery After A Substance Passing): Tuesday, November 18, 6:30-8:00pm.

Newly Bereaved Program (3 Week Series): Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17, 6:00-7:30pm, Virtual. If your loss was recent, this series provides an overview of common grief responses and will help you to begin to identify coping tools. Space is limited. Call to discuss with a bereavement counselor to determine if the group will meet your needs. **Registration Deadline: one week prior to the start of the group.**

Light Up A Life: Wednesday, December 3, Music begins at 6:30pm. Program begins at 7:00pm. Outdoors at The Essa Flory Center, 685 Good Drive, Lancaster. (Parking at the Ann B. Barshinger Cancer Center, shuttle service is available). **Celebrate the life of your loved one by purchasing a light for this year's Light Up a Life Tree-Lighting Ceremonies.** For a gift of \$25.00 per light, a light is placed in memory or honor of your loved one on graceful evergreen trees. Make your gift online at www.HospiceLights.org or call (717) 295-3900. By purchasing a light, you are also providing the gift of care for patients and families facing end of life.

Bereavement Workshop: Gold In Our Memories—Coping With Grief During The Holidays: Monday, December 8, 6:00-7:30pm, Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. Inspired by Kintsugi, the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery with gold, this free workshop invites participants to mend and create anew from broken ceramic pieces. As we reflect on the holiday season after a loss, we will explore how the broken fragments of our lives can be 'joined with gold,' allowing us to forge a new path forward. All materials will be provided; no experience needed. Space is limited and registration is required. **To register, call (717) 391-2413 or (888) 282-2177 by December 1.**

Walk The Pathways Labyrinth: Weekdays, December 1-31 (excluding December 25), 8:00am-5:00pm, Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. Labyrinth walking is an ancient practice used by many different faiths for spiritual centering, contemplation and prayer. You are invited to visit the Pathways Center weekdays during the month of December to walk our indoor labyrinth as you remember your loved ones throughout this season. **No registration needed.**

International Survivors Of Suicide Loss Day: Saturday, November 22, 9:00am-12:00 Noon, Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. Come together with fellow survivors for a video presentation and group discussion of Life Journeys—Reclaiming Life After Loss. You'll hear insights from a local panel of survivors and receive helpful information on available resources and support. **Register online at <https://mount-joy-pennsylvania.isosld.afsp.org/> or call Elaine Ostrum at 717-391-2413.**

Children's Grief Awareness Day: Thursday, November 20. Children's Grief Awareness Day is a time to recognize the profound impact a loved one's death has on a child's life. To learn more, please visit childgriefday.com.

Coping Kids & Teens: Pathways Center counselors recognize that grief is experienced by the entire family—children, teens and adults. When there is a serious illness or death, children are often overlooked, yet their needs are significant. The Coping Kids & Teen program provides a safe atmosphere for children, teens and families to learn about grief, develop coping skills and build self-confidence. **Call the Pathways Center for more information or to set up an appointment.**

Support For Caregivers: If you are caring for a loved one, who is caring for you? Hospice & Community Care offers an online support group for caregivers of a loved one who is seriously ill. This group offers a place to share your experience with others who may understand. Offered the third Thursday of every month, 6:30-8:00pm, the sessions are facilitated by a Master's-level counselor and a trained volunteer who has been a caregiver. To receive the link to participate in this free virtual opportunity, call (717) 391-2413 to speak with a counselor.

Individual Grief Support: The Pathways Center offers individual grief consultation at no cost for adults, children, teens and families. In-person support sessions are provided in Mount Joy. Individual sessions by phone or online via Zoom are also an option. Counselors are available any time Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00pm. Evening appointments may sometimes be arranged. Call the Pathways Center, (717) 391-2413, for more information or to set up an appointment.

Social Dine-Out Option: The Pathways Center offers a variety of social options to choose from. Each participant pays for their own meal. These gatherings are facilitated by trained bereavement volunteers who have also experienced loss in the past.

Ladies Lunch: Wednesday, December 10, 11:30am-1:00pm, Loxley's Restaurant, 500 Centerville Road, Lancaster. RSVP to Marie Roach at 717-823-9889 (text or telephone) or pathways@hospicecommunity.org by noon the day before the event.

Men's Breakfast: Wednesday, December 3, 8:00-9:30am, Centerville Diner 1, 100 South Centerville Road, Lancaster. RSVP to Dan Farmer at 717-435-8023 or pathways@hospicecommunity.org by noon the day before the event.

Dinner Out (For Men And Women): Saturday, December 13, 2:00pm, Hoss's Steak & Sea House, 3604 East Market Street, York. RSVP to Connie Whitacre at 717-577-1138 or pathways@hchoiceshealth.org at least three days prior to the event.

Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to request the log-in address or phone number to participate in a Zoom group or to schedule a private Zoom meeting with a Pathways counselor. Visit our website at www.PathwaysThroughGrief.org for updated information about support groups.



**Thursday, November
27, 2025**



KID'S PAGE

Thankful garland

Celebrate the season of gratitude by creating a colorful Thankful decoration.

What you need:

- Construction paper in a variety of fall colors
- Pencil, marker, or crayons
- Yarn, ribbon, or raffia
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Spray bottle filled with water
- Real leaves (Optional)
- Wooden or plastic beads, cereal with holes (Cheerios, Froot Loops, etc.), or any dried pasta with a hole (Optional)



What you do:

1. Draw or trace leaf shapes onto construction paper.
2. Lay the paper flat and spray with water until the paper is completely wet.
3. Crumple the wet paper into balls.
4. Open the paper and let the sheets dry flat.
5. When dry, cut out each leaf.
6. On each leaf, write the name of one person or thing you're thankful for.
7. Punch a hole in each leaf.
8. Lace the leaves, beads, cereal, and pasta onto the yarn, ribbon, or raffia.
9. Tie the ends and hang your garland.

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)


PUZZLE



GIVE PRAISE

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, circle the word that doesn't belong. Then write the circled words on the lines below.

1 Give Take Grab	2 peanut praise pear	3 temple house LORD	4 proclaim past present	5 name boy lad	6 ruin destroy make
7 pine acorn known	8 train nations bus	9 done donut muffin	10 Sing Sleep Yawn	11 she him girl	12 sun praise moon
13 tell fast slow	14 red all blue	15 horrible dreadful wonderful	16 acts sisters aunts		

_____ to the _____, _____ his _____;
 1 2 3 4 5
 _____ among the _____ what he has _____.
 6 7 8 9
 _____ to _____, sing _____ to him; _____ of
 10 11 12 13
 _____ his _____
 14 15 16

PSALM 105:1-2, NIV

Answer: Give, praise, Lord, proclaim, name, make, known, nations, done, sing, him, praise, tell, all, wonderful, acts

Where Are You From?

Spaghetti and meatballs can reveal your homeland

By the spots on your shirt collar or sleeve.

It would be a safe bet if they are still wet—

You're either Italian or Chinese.

If a plate of raw fish could grant your wish,

But it's not part of the head cooks plan; It would give a clue to me about you—

You're from Korea or Japan.

If a kangaroo steak is what it would take

To give you the feeling of euphoria,

No need to disclose, we can suppose,

You're from New Guinea or Australia.

If no sauerkraut pie would make you cry,

Or lack of woodpecker stew make you rowdy,

No need to confess, we can guess,

You're from Pennsylvania's Lancaster County.

Ralph Whitcomb

thrivent® News

Added to this year's Congregational Meeting will be a report of Thrivent projects and funds the congregation was involved with over the past year. In order for the report to be accurate I will need all "Action Team" project reports by November 30.

If you are a Thrivent member you are able to do two "Action Team" projects a year. Please, let me know of your projects to I can include them in my report.

"Thrivent Choice Dollars" are reported to FUEL separately at the end of the year. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. Tim Hegeman, 717-475-3530; HegTim55@gmail.com.

Children's Bulletins

ARE AVAILABLE

**On Counter At
The Back Of
The Sanctuary.**

The Upper Room Daily Devotional

November-December, 2025

Christ In Our Home Daily Devotional

October, November, December, 2025

Also, A Large Print Version is Available

Please call Shirley Sweigart, 717-538-1946 to set up an appointment to pick one up.

Community Events

Advent Day Apart at The Wittel Farm

Saturday, December 6, 2025
9am - 2pm

All are invited to a day of prayer and meditation in preparation of the birth of the Christ child.



There is a \$15 registration fee.
Lunch will be provided.

Please call 717-677-8211 or visit
www.LutheranCamping.org to register by November 28.

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania
Kortzwood, Hanover, and The Wittel Farm
PO Box 495, Arendtsville, PA 17303
717-677-8211 • www.LutheranCamping.org

Hershey Handbell Ensemble Christmas Concerts

Friday, December 5, 2025 Concert - 7:30 PM
Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
2164 Mount Zion Road, York, PA

Sunday, December 7, 2025 Concert - 3:00 PM
First United Methodist Church
64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey, PA

Friday, December 12, 2025 Concert - 7:30 PM
St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church
140 North Beaver Street, York, PA

Saturday, December 13, 2025 Concert - 3:00 PM
St. Bartholomew's United Church - ELCA
1204 Grand Valley Road, Hanover, PA

Sunday, December 14, 2025 Concert - 3:00 PM
Grace Lutheran Church
517 North Queen Street, Lancaster, PA

A small donation for admission or a free-will offering may be collected.
info@hersheyhandbellensemble.org - (717) 295-7071 hersheyhandbellensemble.org

Luther Acres
A LutherCare Community

Please join us for our

Holiday Bazaar & Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, November 22
Luther Acres Towne Center
250 St. Luke Drive, Lititz, PA

Holiday Bazaar | 8 AM - 2 PM
Handmade Crafts / Jewelry / Christmas Gifts
Unique Items by 20+ Artisan Vendors
Knitted & Crocheted Items / Baked Goods
Silent Auction featuring Artwork & Collectibles

Pancake Breakfast | 8-10 AM
Fuel up before you shop!
2 Pancakes, 2 Sausage Links, Juice, Coffee, Tea
\$9.00 (cash only)

All proceeds benefit the LutherCare Caring Fund.
Event sponsored by the Luther Acres Residents' Council.
717.626.1171 | www.LutherCare.org

Trinity Lutheran Church, New Holland 300th Anniversary Events

Saturday, November 29, 2025 3:00pm

Trinity's Handbells and Trinity's Youth and Family Handbells Will Perform For New Holland's Christmas on Main

Sunday, December 14, 2025 3:00pm

A Community Christmas Carol Sing-Along
Featuring Trinity's Linda Binder on Organ
Trinity Lutheran Church

221 East Main Street, New Holland; 717-354-4976

Community Events



GriefShare

Wednesdays starting April 2nd

Time: 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm

The Lighthouse Community Center
239 Main St. Denver, PA 17517

This is a 13 week cycle to help navigate from a grief journey to a healing destination.

For more information

Please call 610-775-3667



New GriefShare

Sundays @ Mohn's Hill Church Cafe

Time: 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Starting September 8, 2024

Navigating through our grief journey and bringing us to a healing destination.

Let the healing begin



Please join us every Monday

At the Living Room

5:00pm-6:30pm

409 N State St

Ephrata, PA 17522

OR

At City Gate

7:00pm-9:00pm

Location: 100 E. Main St.

Ephrata, PA 17522

Are you struggling with a Hurt, Habit or Hangup?

Celebrate Recovery is a safe place for you to come!

For more information call 610-775-3667



Seeking Safety

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE THAT SEEK SAFETY FROM TRAUMA AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE.

Seeking Safety is an evidence-based group therapy program that focuses on coping skills in the present moment for persons with past trauma and substance abuse.

Many people affected by trauma may turn to addictive behaviors to try to manage difficult feelings. Learn to navigate triggers and successfully build a life of safety, security and wellness. People do not share stories of their traumas, but instead look towards the future and practice new ways to cope, safely.

Seeking Safety is a free, open-enrollment group. Participants may join the group at any point, and receive a certificate after participating in 10 complete sessions. This program is open to the community.

Class (led) in part by the Lancaster County Children and Youth Agency.

COBYS Please register >>> www.cobys.org/family-support/programs-offered

HELP YEAR-ROUND

Help Via Zoom

Wednesdays

7:00-8:00 p.m.

Registration is required - please do so at www.cobys.org/family-support/programs-offered.

Questions? Contact education@cobys.org or 717-435-8139.

Join us at Peter's Porch!



gatherings happening...

• 1st Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am

Faith United Lutheran Church

357 Walnut Street

Denver, PA 17517

717.336.2141

www.FaithUnited-elca.org

• 2nd Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am

Lititz Mennonite Church

165 East Front Street

Lititz, PA 17543

717.626.8327

www.LititzMC.org

• 3rd Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am

Zion Lutheran Church

435 Main Street

Akron, PA 17543

717.859.2100

www.ZionAkron.org

• 4th Saturday (STARTING 7/28/18), 8:00 - 10:00am

Landis Valley Christian Fellowship Church

2420 Kissel Hill Road

Lancaster, PA 17601

717.569.6051

www.LandisValleyFellowship.org

Providing a free breakfast and a bag of food for our neighbors

There is donated clothing at Lititz and Akron Peter Porches

REINHOLDS, ADAMSTOWN AND SURROUNDING COCALICO AREA

FOOD PANTRY

EASS has a satellite location at

Swamp Lutheran Church

every 2nd Wednesday of the month

1:30 PM- 5:30 PM

Call 717.733.0345 or 717.336.2849 to let us know you are coming



First Friday Food Drive

On the 1st Friday of each month

Between 3pm - 5pm

Drop off items at Warehouse 916

FOOD ITEMS:

- Canned chicken
- Salsa (mild)
- Green Chilis (4 oz cans)
- Black olives
- Egg noodles (1 pound)
- Ramen Noodles
- Mushrooms
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Relish
- Gluten Free food items - soup, pasta.

OTHER ITEMS:

- Body Wash
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Picnic products -
- Plates
- Napkins
- Cups
- Sun Screen



Annual Wellspan Health Diabetes Day Event At Fairmount Tuesday, November 11, 2025 2:00-4:30pm

There will be food samples, exhibitors and a presentation offering practical suggestions for living with diabetes.

Farm Crest Community Room
333 Wheat Ridge Drive, Ephrata
Registration is Required By Calling
717-721-8790, Extension 0



REAL Life COMMUNITY SERVICES

We are a non-profit community services ministry serving Northern Lancaster County. We do everything possible to connect the community to Hope through partnerships, collaborations, and building purposeful relationships by meeting people's physical and emotional needs.

What We Offer:

- Faith-Based Social Services
- Affordable Housing Units
- Homelessness Prevention
- Food Distribution
- -Power Packs
- -Client Choice Shopping
- -Emergency Food Boxes
- Momentum - a Youth Mentoring Program
- Young at Heart - a Program for those 60 and older
- Parent as Teacher (PAT) Program
- Operation Warm
- Project Christmas Presents
- Back to School Backpacks
- Volunteer Opportunities, and More...

Scan here to visit our website



240 Main St., Suite B, Denver, PA 17517 717-336-7797 or email info@realcs.org

Take Out Only Community Meals

No Charge

Thursday, November 13, 2025

Pre-Order Required by Friday, November 7, 2025

Pickup Time 5:30-6:00 PM

Trinity United Methodist Church
420 Main Street, Denver
(Rear Entrance)

Call 717-336-6748

Or Email:

swampcf@ptd.net



Lighthouse YOUTH CENTER

Come join us at the Lighthouse Youth Center!

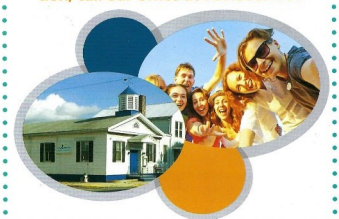
Must be Cocalico School District Middle or High School students

Youth Night: Tuesday 6:30pm - 8:30pm

To register, go online at

realcs.org/youth-center

Or if you would like more information, call our office at 717.336.7797



REALCS.ORG

Music At Jerusalem

Duo Harpyn

Lois Bliss Herbine, Flutist; Rong Tan, Harpist

Sunday, November 9, 2025

3:00pm

A Freewill Offering Will Be Received.
Church Building Is Handicapp Accessible.

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church
36 Church Street, Rothsville

For More Information, Call 717-626-8972

FAITH UNITED EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
357 WALNUT STREET
P O BOX 157
DENVER PA 17517-0157

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