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Dear friends in Christ,

Autumn blessings to you from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord!

Recently, I've been reflecting upon autumn as a season of transition and preparation, which is made evident by the world around us. The trees change colors and drop their leaves, the daylight grows dim, the air grows cool, and animals burrow away food for the long winter months. Our natural world is preparing for the bareness of winter, a time of hibernation and rest.

One perspective is to look at this season as a time of death and decay as summer's bounty has faded. Yet another, more life-giving perspective is to notice the ways in which creation prepares for the new life of spring. Yes, we must pass through the dark of winter, but we know that new life awaits us on the other side, just as resurrection awaits us on the other side of the tomb.

Like our physical world, much has changed in our communities, near and far. Locally, nationally, and globally, we live in a much different world than we did even five years ago. And as a result, Christ's Church is different too. Ministry initiatives that were popular fifty years ago are not as popular today. Preferred worship practices from forty years ago are now considered outdated. "The way things were" are in flux as the Church adapts to the new reality outside of our doors.

These life cycles of the Church are just as natural as the seasons, yet these times of transition can leave us wondering how God is calling us to "be" Church today.

Therefore, it's in light of this question that we turn to creation for wisdom.

Autumn invites us into a time of preparation, a time of planting with the hope of regrowth and new life. We, as Christ's Church, can model ourselves after the wisdom of nature and prepare, too, for new life to emerge. For example, many of us plant flower bulbs in fall, and then, after the cold winter months, tulips and daffodils burst forth as the first signs of spring. Therefore, just as we till the soil of our gardens, we can till the proverbial soil of our church as we prepare for and pray for new life to emerge.

This leads me to wonder: Where do *you* see God calling us? Where do *you* feel the Holy Spirit working in our community, planting seeds of new ideas and new life? What are some ways we can reach out to our ever-changing world to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ?

Autumn is a beautiful time of year as our world transitions around us. Vibrant greens turn to fiery golds, reds, and oranges as God reminds us that transformation and change doesn't have to be scary, transformation and change doesn't have to be "ugly." Let us experience the beauty of transformation here in our faith community as we work together to plant seeds of new life, seeds that will surely take root and bloom all by the grace of God.

In the peace of Christ,



Pastor Halle Kluever +

# Fall Worship Schedule

In order to help you prepare for worship, we print the lectionary texts for each week. If you are helping a young child prepare for worship, look up the texts and read them together. Below is the lectionary schedule for October and November:

## October 1

18th Sunday After Pentecost  
 8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Holy Communion  
 9:00 A.M. – Sunday School / Confirmation /  
Lessons: Coffee Hour  
 Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32    Philippians 2:1-13  
 Psalm 25:1-9    Matthew 21:23-32

## October 8

19th Sunday After Pentecost  
 8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Service of the Word  
 9:00 A.M. – Sunday School / Confirmation  
Lessons:  
 Isaiah 51:1-7    Philippians 3:4b-14  
 Psalm 80:7-15    Matthew 21:33-46

## October 15

20th Sunday After Pentecost  
 8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Holy Communion  
 9:00 A.M. – Sunday School / Confirmation  
Lessons:  
 Isaiah 25:1-9    Philippians 4:1-9  
 Psalm 23    Matthew 22:1-14

## October 22

21st Sunday After Pentecost  
 8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Service of the Word  
 9:00 A.M. – Sunday School-Bear Creek Camp Day  
 9:00-10:00 AM & 11:30-1:00 PM – Blessing of  
Lessons: the Animals  
 Isaiah 45:1-7    1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
 Psalm 96:1-13    Matthew 22:15-22

## October 29

22nd Sunday After Pentecost/Reformation Sunday  
 8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Holy Communion  
 9:00 A.M. – Sunday School – Reformation Event  
Lessons:  
 Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18    1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
 Psalm 1    Matthew 22:34-46

## November 5

23rd Sunday After Pentecost/All Saints Sunday  
 8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Holy Communion  
 9:00 A.M. – Sunday School / Communion Class /  
 Coffee Hour  
 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. – Community Lunch  
Lessons:  
 Micah 3:5-12    1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
 Psalm 43    Matthew 23:1-12

## November 12

24th Sunday After Pentecost  
 8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Service of the Word  
 9:00 A.M. – Sunday School / Confirmation  
Lessons:  
 Amos 5:18-24    1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
 Psalm 70    Matthew 25:1-13

## November 19

25th Sunday After Pentecost  
 8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Holy Communion  
 9:00 A.M. – Sunday School / Confirmation  
 10:00 A.M. – Congregational Meeting  
Lessons:  
 Zephaniah 1:7,12-18    1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
 Psalm 90:1-12    Matthew 25:14-30

## November 26

Christ the King Sunday  
 8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Service of the Word  
 9:00 A.M. – Sunday School / Confirmation  
Lessons:  
 Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24    Ephesians 1:15-23  
 Psalm 95:1-7a    Matthew 25:31-46  
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## CHURCH ON-LINE



You can watch our Sunday church service “Live” every Sunday at 10:15 A.M. on Facebook. If you are not our Facebook friend, send us a friend request to:

Saint John Lutheran Church and watch the service Live or at whatever time you want.

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**COFFEE HOURS**



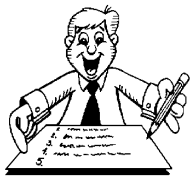
We plan to start coffee hours this fall here at St. John’s. The first coffee hour will be held on Sunday, October 1,

between the services at 9:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall, if we have a sponsor. Coffee hours will be held the first Sunday of the month between the two services, if there are people willing to bake.

Hosts and hostesses are needed each month. Please sign the coffee hour sign-up sheet at the rear of the church if you are willing to help provide baked goods for one of the coffee hours. The coffee and paper products are provided by the Catering Committee.

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**SPONSORS NEEDED**



There are a few open dates this fall to sponsor bulletins and/or flowers for the church services. The cost to sponsor flowers is \$35.00 per Sunday. The cost

for sponsoring bulletins is \$25.00 per Sunday. Payment can be mailed to the church office or placed in your offering envelope on a Sunday indicating the payment is for bulletins and/or flowers.

Open dates for the rest of this year are:

- Flowers: October 8 & 22; and November 5, 12, 19, & 26.
- Bulletins: October 22; November 12 & 26; and December 24 (AM & 7 PM) & 31.

To sponsor bulletins or flowers for any open date, sign your name on the appropriate chart posted on the bulletin board outside the church office or call the office at 610-767-6361.

The 2024 sponsor charts should be posted on the bulletin board outside the church office the first Sunday in December.

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**SECOND CHANCE SHOPPE**



The fall board meetings of the Second Chance Shoppe will be held on Tuesdays, October 10, November 14, and December 12, at 11:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall

Volunteers are needed to help at the shoppe. If you can give three hours of your time, any Tuesday through Saturday, please contact Fianna Christman at 610-751-6842.

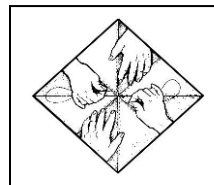


**Clothing Needed** – Second Chance Shoppe needs your assistance. Have your children outgrown their

clothing? Do you have extra clothes in your wardrobe? If so, please consider donating the clothing to “The Second Chance Shoppe”. Since Kmart closed their doors, it is difficult for families to shop close to home. Thank you for your help.

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**SEWING GROUP**



The Sewing Group will meet in the Fellowship Hall this Fall on Fridays, October 13 and November 3 & 10 from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. New members

are welcome. If you can help, please come on the above Fridays.

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**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

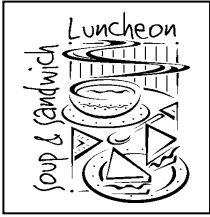


Pastor Halle is hosting a “walk-up” Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 15, between the services from 9:00–10:00 A.M. and after the late service from

11:30 A.M.–1:00 P.M. A blessing station will be set up outdoors in front of the church, and Pastor will bless each animal individually. Please be sure your animal is controlled, either on a leash or in a carrier. Please refrain from bringing animals that exhibit aggression toward others. There is no limit on what animals are invited—all household pets and barnyard friends are welcome to attend!

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**OCTOBER SOUP AND SANDWICH SALE**



The Catering Committee is sponsoring a soup and sandwich sale for October. Orders are due on Sunday, October 15. Pick-up times will be between 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. on Saturday,

October 21, in the Fellowship Hall. The menu is: (Take Out Only)

o *Monte Cristo Sandwich* – Sliced white American cheese, sliced boiled ham, sliced roast turkey breast, shredded lettuce, sliced tomatoes, and French dressing all placed on French toast.  
Price – \$6.50 each.

o *Roast Beef French Dip Sandwich* – Sliced tender roast beef and sliced provolone cheese stacked on a hearty steak roll with au jus and horseradish sauce on the side.  
Price – \$6.50 each.

o *Chicken Bow Tie Soup* – Mix diced celery, diced onions, and shredded carrots and sauté in butter. Blend in a hearty chicken stock. Add tender chunks of chicken, corn, and tender bow tie pasta. Season with black pepper, parsley, and Worcestershire sauce.  
Price – \$7.00 per quart.

o *French Onion Soup* – Place caramelized onions in a beef broth. Add black pepper, Worcestershire sauce, beer, and dry sherry. On the side is a large crouton and shredded mozzarella cheese. Price – \$7.00 per quart.

o *Lasagna Soup* – Sauté lean ground beef and ground sausage with diced onions and fresh basil in olive oil. Add broken pieces of lasagna noodles, marinara sauce, ricotta cheese, grated parmesan cheese, and shredded mozzarella cheese.  
Price – \$7.00 per quart.

To order soup or sandwiches, please fill out the order slip below and either mail or drop off to the church by Sunday, October 15. You can also call your order into the church office at 610-767-6361, call Harrison Williams at 610-216-4284, or e-mail Harrison at [williamshj2514@msn.com](mailto:williamshj2514@msn.com).

**October Soup and Sandwich Sale Order Blank**

(soup pints available upon request)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Monte Cristo Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$6.50 each \_\_\_\_\_

Roast Beef French Dip Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$6.50 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Bow Tie Soup \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7.00 quart = \_\_\_\_\_

French Onion Soup \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7.00 quart = \_\_\_\_\_

Lasagna Soup \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7.00 quart = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**TRICK OR TREAT OUTREACH**



As part of a community outreach/evangelism project, the Youth Fellowship Sunday School class and confirmation students will be organizing and hosting a trick-or-treat station on

the church lawn on Wednesday, October 25, for Slatington’s Trick-or-Treat night. Trick or Treat goodie bags will also include information on church services, Sunday School activities, and congregation programs.

To make this project a success, we are looking for donations of snack sized candy bars. Donations are needed by Sunday, October 22, and can be placed in containers in the narthex, Fellowship Hall, or at the Parent Information Center. If you prefer to give a monetary donation, we will do the shopping. Just put your donation in an envelope marked “Trick or Treat Outreach” and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office.

If you are out trick or treating on October 25, don’t forget to stop by.

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**PLASTIC BAG RECYCLING CHALLENGE**



Do you have an abundance of plastic bags around your home? If so, this recycling challenge is for you! In October, St. John’s will begin collecting plastic

bags and plastic film to donate to NexTrex, a company that turns these recyclable materials into green, sustainable outdoor products.

Our congregation has a goal of collecting 1,000 lbs. of plastic bags in a 12-month period. If we reach this goal, we will be gifted a free outdoor bench, courtesy of NexTrex.

If you are interested in donating, the following are examples of accepted items: grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, newspaper sleeves, resealable storage bags, cereal bags, produce bags, and sidewalk salt bags. Please be sure all bags and plastic film are clean, dry, and free of food residue. Once they arrive, donation bins will be placed in the Fellowship Hall. A dedicated email will be sent to the congregation with more details on this recycling challenge at the beginning of October.

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**REFORMATION DAY**



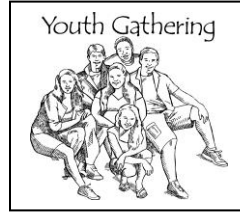
On Sunday, October 29, we will celebrate the 506th anniversary of the Reformation. We will have Holy Communion that day. This is in honor of the day back in 1517, 506 years

ago, when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. The October 31 date is the day most often cited as the start of the Reformation. The color of the day is red – everyone is invited to wear red as a reminder of the Reformation.

Do you want to learn a little more about the life of Martin Luther and the Reformation? Two books, “October 31, 1517” by Martin Marty and “When Lightning Struck” by Dunika Cooley are available in the church library.

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**ELCA YOUTH GATHERING**



Registration has opened up for the ELCA Youth Gathering which is held every three years. The 2024 Youth Gathering will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana from July 16-20, 2024. The theme is “Created to Be”. Any youth currently in grades 8-12 are eligible to attend. Youth who are interested in going to the 2024 Youth Gathering should contact the church office at 610-767-6361.

A lot of planning and fundraising is needed for the trip.

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**COMMUNION CLASSES**



Communion classes for fifth graders and any students in higher grades who have not received communion instruction will be held at 9:10 A.M. on Sunday, November 5, in the church office. The class is taught by Pastor Halle. Parents are encouraged to attend.

On Wednesday, November 15, at 5:00 P.M. students will have practice for communion and then bake communion bread with Pastor Halle.

Students will receive their first Communion on Sunday, November 19. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Halle at 608-333-9878.

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**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**



On All Saints Sunday, November 5, we will be remembering in our prayers those who have died in the past year, as well as others that you would like remembered.

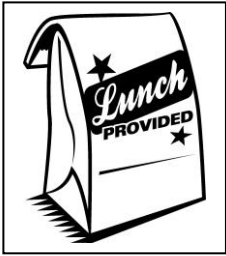
Prayer remembrance slips are available in the back of the church on the rear radiator. Please fill out a remembrance slip and return it to the church office by Reformation Sunday, October 29.

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**COMMUNITY LUNCHEON**

We served 143 at our September luncheon. It was good to see so many people eat in the social hall and connect with other people.

We want to thank Margaret Blose, Fianna Christman, Debbie Cunfer, Sharon Fogelman, Myra Handwerk, Ruthann Mantz, Joanne March, Dennis Rehrig, Nancy Rehrig, and Bruce Sipos. We also need to thank our bakers who provide yummy desserts.



Our next luncheon will be Sunday, November 5, from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. as either an eat-in or a take-out meal. We will be serving chicken marsala, chicken parmigiana, pasta salad, roll, and desserts. Baked goods would be greatly appreciated.

Brian & Debbie Geiger

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**CHURCH BUILDING HOURS**



The church office is open daily Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (except for major holidays or vacation times).

The church building will be unlocked Monday through Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and in the evenings when there are meetings in the church building. The church also will be open Sunday mornings for the Sunday church services and Sunday School. Anyone needing to get into the church building other than the above times, should call the church office (610-767-6361) to make arrangements.

*When Sharon or Pastor Halle are alone in the office, the church doors, including the brown doors by the office, will be locked. There is a doorbell outside the brown doors that you may ring to gain access to the building.*

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**INSTANT POTATO DONATIONS NEEDED FOR HOLIDAY MEALS**



The Northern Lehigh Food Bank was formed in 1987 to help families in our community who need assistance in feeding their family. The need to feed local families is still great in the Northern Lehigh area.

Each church has been given one item for the Thanksgiving and Christmas meal baskets. Our church's responsibility is 200 bags/boxes of instant potatoes for each holiday. **Donations for the Thanksgiving baskets are needed at church by Thursday, November 9** (basket distribution is Saturday, November 11). **Donations for the Christmas baskets are needed at church by Thursday, December 7** (basket distribution will be on Saturday, December 9). There are about 200 food bank families who will receive meals for Thanksgiving and for Christmas.

We will be collecting the boxes/bags of instant potatoes here at St. John's until the due dates, because there is no room at the food bank to store the holiday foods.

If you wish to donate a turkey or a ham, your donation is welcome, but you need to hold it at your home until closer to Thanksgiving and/or Christmas or call the Northern Lehigh Food Bank at 610-767-9525 to get it there.

The Northern Lehigh Food Bank is currently in need of the following foods: canned fruit, canned soup, canned vegetables, spaghetti sauce, spam, and tuna. Food donations can be placed in the basket in the narthex. The food donations are delivered to the food bank.

Financial donations are always needed and welcome for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. You can send your financial donation directly to the food bank or include it with your offering. The church sends financial donations quarterly to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

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**W.I.S.H. BASKET SOCIAL**



The W.I.S.H. (Women Involved with Sharing & Helping) Circle is bringing back it's Basket Social with a twist. This

year we will hold the basket social on Sunday, November 12 , from 11:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. as a walk-in event. We will also have a bake sale and 50/50 drawing. All baskets will be displayed in the Fellowship Hall. You can drop your tickets in the containers any time between 11:30 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. If you come to the early service, you may drop your tickets after church. You will be notified later that day via phone call if you have won a basket. If you are a winner, you can pick up your basket any of the following times: Sunday, November 12, from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.; Monday, November 13, from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M.; or any weekday from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. in the church office.

This is our only fundraiser of the year. The proceeds will be used to help our youth attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July 2024 as well as help the ministry of the Breakfast Bunch.

We are looking for the following donations:

- A gift basket (value \$20.00 or more).
- Baked goods for the bake sale (donations can be brought Saturday, November 11, or day of the basket social).
- Gift cards.
- Items for a basket (we will put into a basket).
- Financial donation (any amount) to purchase items for a basket.
- Empty baskets, basket bags, or basket filler.

All types of items/baskets are welcome. Here is a list of some basket themes from prior years' socials:

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| Baby      | Hair Items      |
| Baking    | Holiday Items   |
| Bath      | Italian         |
| Beanies   | Lottery Ticket  |
| Bird Feed | Money Tree      |
| Breakfast | Movie           |
| Car Wash  | NASCAR          |
| Casino    | Northern Lehigh |

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| Christmas                        | Paperback Books |
| Cleaning                         | Pasta           |
| Coffee/Tea                       | Pet Items       |
| Crafts                           | Restaurants     |
| First Aid                        | School Supplies |
| Gift Cards                       | Snack items     |
| Gardening                        | Sports Teams    |
| Gourmet                          | Thanksgiving    |
| Any Children-related Items/Books |                 |

Donations can be dropped off in the Sunday School office on Sundays, given to any W.I.S.H. member, or dropped off in the church office during normal business hours (Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.). Donations are needed no later than Friday, November 10.

We are also looking for the following help:

- Assemble baskets and set up on Saturday, November 11, at 9:00 A.M.
- Sell tickets and write down contact information for people purchasing tickets on the day of the social.
- Watch the bake sale table.

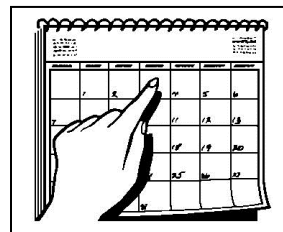
There is a sign-up sheet on the usher tables in the back of the church for any one able to help.

Basket social tickets will be \$5.00 or five tickets for \$20.00 and can only be purchased the day of the basket social.

Thank you for your continued support of our W.I.S.H. basket social!

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**MASTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

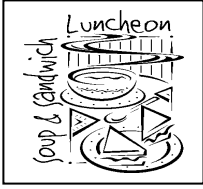


A master calendar of all events held on the church premises is retained in the church office to avoid double booking the available rooms in the church and ensure the

building is unlocked. Please make sure all meetings or events that your committee/ group/organization holds in the church are reserved with the office. Contact Sharon in the church office at 610-767-6361 (Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.) to reserve space in the church for your event.

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**NOVEMBER SOUP &  
TURKEY DINNER SALE**



The Catering Committee is sponsoring a soup and turkey dinner sale for November. Orders are due on Sunday, November 12. Pick-up times

will be between 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, November 18, in the Fellowship Hall. The menu is: (Take Out Only)

o *Heat & Eat Turkey Dinner* – Roast turkey, filling, gravy, buttered corn, dinner roll with butter, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie for dessert. Price – \$15.00 each.

o *Amish Chicken Corn Chowder* – A blend of diced celery, diced onions, shredded carrots, and cut sweet corn sautéed in butter. Thicken with flour. Blend in a hearty chicken broth and diced tender chunks of chicken. Season with black pepper and parsley flakes. Add whole milk and extra wide egg noodles for a delicious chicken corn chowder. Price – \$7.00 per quart.

o *Halupki (Stuffed Cabbage) Soup* – Sauté ground beef, garlic, onions, and green cabbage. Blend with a hearty beef broth, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, salt, black pepper, and tender rice. Price – \$7.00 per quart.

o *Hearty Beef Barley Soup* – A blend of diced celery, diced onions, and shredded carrots sautéed in butter. Blend with a hearty roast beef broth and diced chunks of beef. Add corn, peas, green beans, lima beans, diced cabbage, diced tomatoes, and barley. Season with black pepper, parsley, and Worcestershire sauce. Price – \$7.00 per quart.

To order soup and/or turkey dinner, please fill out the order slip below and either mail or drop off to the church office by Sunday, November 12. You can also call your order into the church office at 610-767-6361, call Harrison Williams at 610-216-4284, or e-mail Harrison at [williamshj2514@msn.com](mailto:williamshj2514@msn.com).

**November Soup & Turkey Dinner Sale  
Order Blank**

(Pints available upon request)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Heat & Eat Baked Turkey Dinner  
\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Amish Chicken Corn Chowder  
\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7.00 quart = \_\_\_\_\_

Halupki (Stuffed Cabbage) Soup  
\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7.00 quart = \_\_\_\_\_

Hearty Beef Barley Soup  
\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7.00 quart = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED**



The Nominating Committee is looking for several candidates to serve on the Congregation Council. We will be electing a few people to serve for three-year terms. Please nominate one or more people you think would be a good council member on the sheet below. You may place the form in the offering plate. Please return the form to the church office by Sunday, November 12.

**NOMINATION FORM**

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# OFFICIAL NOTICE

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
*TO ELECT CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ADOPT 2024 BUDGET*  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19**  
**at 10:00 A.M. in the church.**  
**(There is an 8:00 A.M. service that day.)**

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### MOVING?



If you are moving, or have just moved, please notify the church office of your new address

and phone number so that our records are accurate. We do receive address corrections from the post office *at a fee*. Help us keep mailing costs down by giving us address changes before you move.

Please keep us updated on contact numbers as more people are going to cell phones only. If you have any changes, please complete an orange slip on the windowsills in church and put it in the offering plate or drop it off in the church office. You can also call the church office (610-767-6361) or e-mail the church at [stjohnslatington@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnslatington@gmail.com).

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### HELP DECORATE OUR CHURCH



The Altar Guild is again planning to decorate the church with poinsettias this Christmas season. Donations to the decorations fund are \$8.00. Forms, with payment, can be given to any of the Altar Guild members (Stephanie Beers, Fianna Christman, Sharon Fogelman, Sue Freed, Linda Humanick, Denise Miller, Erin Snyder, or Sharon Stehly), placed in the offering plate in a sealed envelope, or mailed/returned to the church office. There will be no telephone orders. The donation deadline is **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26.** **NO ORDERS CAN BE TAKEN BY THE GROWER AFTER THE NOVEMBER 26 DEADLINE.**

Below is a form which you can use when making your donation to the decoration fund:

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 In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Courtesy Of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving For: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Poinsettias:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Red @ \$8.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ White @ \$8.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Pink @ \$8.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOTAL DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

You may pick up poinsettias any time after the late Christmas Eve service through Sunday, January 7, 2024. There will be a list for anyone to confirm what poinsettia(s) you ordered.

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# PIG STOMACH DINNER SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Eat-in Buffet Style or  
Take-out Available  
Time: 3:30 to 6:00 P.M.

**Menu:**

- Pig Stomach
- Pickled Cabbage
- Applesauce
- Dinner Rolls and Butter
- Homemade Desserts

**Tickets:**

- Adults – \$12.00
- Children (6-12) – \$4.00
- Children 5 and under – Free

Tickets will go on sale in mid-October and can be purchased from any Catering Committee member, on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall, or from the church office during the week during normal business hours.

Anyone interested in helping at the dinner, please contact Chad Miller at 484-201-8814. Youth can sign up to help on the sign-up sheet in the Youth Fellowship classroom.

**DONATIONS OF BAKED GOODS  
ARE NEEDED AND WOULD BE  
GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

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**BEST/SELL SCHOLARSHIP**



Money from the Martha Best estate and the former Florence A. Sell estate were combined in 2013 to make a new scholarship – the Best/Sell Scholarship. This scholarship is in honor of both Martha Best and Florence Sell, who endowed our church money from their estates and felt strongly about the education of our youth.

Applications for the Best/Sell Scholarship are available in the church office for students who are completing at least their first semester of higher education by January, 2024, as well as any student who needs to make any significant changes to their original application (such as school transfer, tuition change, major, etc.). The scholarship is available to anyone in college, community college, graduate, or trade school.

If you have filed an application before for the Best/Sell Scholarship and have no changes, please call the church office at 610-767-6361 to indicate your desire to be considered for the scholarship. *The deadline for applications is Sunday, December 3.*

The Scholarship Committee will select a limited number of recipients using the criteria Florence Sell set forth when the Sell Scholarship was established: (1) need, (2) ability, (3) personality, and (4) religious attitude.

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**MISSION SUPPORT OFFERING**

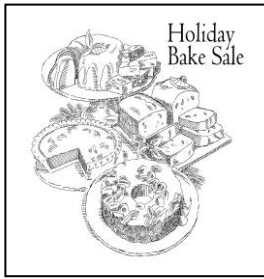


Part of your weekly offering can be designated for Mission Support by indicating that on the “For:” line on your envelope. The church mails Mission Support/World Hunger/special appeal donations into the synod office each quarter.

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**ORDER YOUR HOLIDAY BREAD**



The Youth Fellowship group is selling holiday bread for Christmas again this year. Bread choices are: banana, blueberry, apple raisin nut, and pumpkin chocolate chip.

Mini loaves of holiday bread are \$3.50 each. Place your order with Brian or Debbie Geiger, in the church office (610-767-6361), or by writing your name on the order form on the rear radiator of the church. ***The deadline for orders is Sunday, December 10.***

Breads will be baked on Friday, December 15, and on Saturday, December 16, starting at 8:00 A.M. by the youth and their advisors. Breads can be picked up on Sunday, December 17, after the church services. Thank you for supporting the Youth Fellowship fundraiser.

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**HOSPITALIZATIONS**



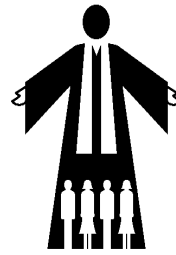
Please call the church office (610-767-6361) whenever a family member, neighbor, or friend who is a member of St. John's is hospitalized or moves from one hospital

to another or to a rehab facility. Due to stricter privacy laws, hospitals do *not* notify the church when a member is admitted to the hospital. Please give the hospitals our church code of "290" when being admitted. Please call the church to keep us informed of any hospitalizations so Pastor Halle can visit and keep people in our prayers.

*Please tell us if you do not want your name published.* The prayer list in the bulletins each week will be emptied periodically. We will maintain people recently in the hospital on the list or those dealing with long-term health issues.

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**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS NEEDED**



We are in need of people to help with various duties during our worship services. The duty and the number of volunteers would determine how often you would be scheduled during the year.

We are especially in need of Communion Assistants, Lectors, and Ushers.

Please consider signing up for at least one duty or an additional duty to what you are presently doing. If you are willing to volunteer for any of these duties, please complete the sheet below and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office by Sunday, December 10.

New participants would not be scheduled until January. If you have any questions on any of the positions, please contact the church office at 610-767-6361.

**Worship Service Participants**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

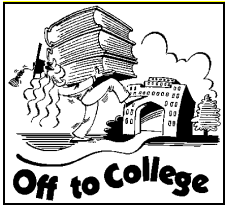
Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate Service Preferred

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:15</u>	<u>Either</u>
Communion Assistant	_____	_____	_____
Lector	_____	_____	_____
Usher	_____	_____	_____
Altar Guild		_____	



**OUR YOUTH IN COLLEGE/SERVICE**



We are including this list of students from St. John’s who are in any post-high school schooling (college, trade schools, the service, etc.).

- Egan Bellesfield – Rocky Mountain College, Billings, Montana
- Alexandra Feifel – Temple University
- Alexis Henninger – Tom Savini Special Effects Program, Monessen PA
- Brandon Humanick – National Guard
- Ronnie Humanick – National Guard
- Madison Kocher – Bloomsburg University
- Jesse Mackaravitz – National Guard
- Riley Nothstein – Kutztown University
- Colby Rehrig – Penn State-University Park
- Dylan Smoyer – U.S. Navy

If you know someone who is in college or in the service, please give us their e-mail address so we can add them to our newsletter e-mail list. You can e-mail us at [stjohnslatington@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnslatington@gmail.com) with the information.

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*Maela Renee Charles*

Daughter of Hadyn Alexander Charles & Mollie Renee (nee Rohrbach) Charles was born on July 18, 2023

The information in the September newsletter on the birth announcement had that Maela Renee was the son – she is a little girl! so she is the daughter of Hadyn and Mollie. Her birth year was incorrectly listed as 2022 not 2023. Above is the correct information. Sorry for the typos.

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**THANK YOU NOTES**



Thank you to our “lawn rangers” who cut the grass at church and the parsonage this summer: Josh Kluever, Connor McWilliams, Hunter Miller, and Emma Snyder.

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I would like to thank everyone who has purchased cemetery logs in the past. Unfortunately I will no longer be making them for sale. It has become harder and harder to do them for me and to get empty logs at a reasonable price. Sorry for the inconvenience this might cause for you.

Brian Geiger

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Dear Church Members,

Many thanks for the phone calls, cards, flowers, and prayers sent my way during my recuperation from a total knee replacement. I am about half way through my therapy, but am so looking forward to returning to church services, activities, and my duties at the Second Chance Shoppe. Your kindness has brightened my days – thank you.

Judy Muthard

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Dear St. John’s,

As I celebrate 65 years of Gospel Ministry and 90 years of life, I need to thank St. John’s, Pastor Mark Lauchnor, Pastor Earl Kreidler, and the members of St. John’s for the encouragement and sustaining love for the response and service to our Lord and to all the Lord brought into my life all these many years and for the churches that I have been privileged to serve.

Love,

Carl Schmoyer

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# Marriage Announcements

Taylor Morgan Moore & Hunter David Miller  
5-4-2023

Julia Tilly McAloon & Brandon Michael Miller  
9-9-2023

Stacy Sayers & Wayne Lee Rauch  
9-16-2023

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**Birthday Greetings are extended to our "80 & Over" Group Members**

Edwin Stephen (Slatington) celebrating his 92nd birthday on October 21.

Janet Byler (Goshen, Indiana) celebrating her 82nd birthday on October 27.

Althea Symons (Village at Willow Lane, Macungie) celebrating her 101st birthday on November 6.

Hope Roberts (Wallingford PA) celebrating her 94th birthday on November 6.

Richard Muthard (Northampton) celebrating his 80th birthday on November 7.

Ray Christman (Slatington) celebrating his 83rd birthday on November 18.

Janice Beck (Whitehall) celebrating her 82nd birthday on November 28.

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## ELECTRONIC GIVING

Enjoy the convenience of electronic giving which allows you to make donations on a scheduled automatic basis. If you are writing checks and preparing envelopes every week, you will enjoy electronic giving. It is convenient for you and provides much needed donation consistency for St. John's.



To get started, simply scan the QR code above with your smart phone. It will take you to our mobile online giving page. Create a profile and log in to set up automatic donations from a checking/savings account or credit/debit account. If you need further information, we can connect you to someone who presently uses on-line giving.

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## ALUMINUM TABS



Aluminum tabs that are collected here at St. John's Lutheran Church benefit the Shriners Hospital for Children which provides free medical care. No child is turned away because of the inability to pay at a Shriners Hospital.

If you know of a child that needs medical care, contact any Shriner for more information. Please continue to bring the tabs to St. John's for pick up. Clarence Smith collects tabs for the Shriners Hospital.

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## **Donations to the Current Fund**

In Memory of *Ronald Reitz* from Vigilant Fire Co. #2 of Slatington

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# Celebrating

*An Anniversary This Month*

Harold and Betsy Rauch  
55th on October 5  
Robert and Jacqueline Kuba  
45th on October 7  
Mark and Julie Wehr  
45th on October 7  
Carl and Wendy Bachman  
43rd on October 11  
Peter and Candace Reese  
40th on October 8  
Charles and Janice Wasilkowski  
40th on October 8  
David and Pamela Imler  
30th on October 30  
George and Wanda Haas  
24th on October 4  
Chad and Michelle Horn  
24th October 16  
Christopher and Kristin Hayduk  
22nd on October 13  
Troy and Bobbi Jo Kline  
20th on October 4  
Theodore and Deborah Strohl  
16th on October 20  
Jamie and Lauren Scanlon  
13th on October 23  
Michael and Jill Rex  
10th on October 12  
Hadyen and Mollie Charles  
5th on October 13  
Adam and Michelle Sigley  
1st on October 15

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## CHECK YOUR E-MAIL



Make sure to check your e-mail every Friday for the weekly e-update from St. John's. If you

do not receive our weekly e-update, give us your e-mail address and we will add you to the list. Send information to [stjohnslatington@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnslatington@gmail.com). Also check St. John's out on Facebook and at our website: [stjohnslatington.org](http://stjohnslatington.org).

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Ray and Fianna Christman  
55th on November 9  
Robert and Linda Mack  
53rd on November 14  
Joseph and Brooke Dugan  
41st on November 27  
Jeffrey and Audrey Heintzelman  
38th on November 25  
Daniel Howard and Anne Casey-Howard  
24th on November 6  
Scott Knappenberger and  
Marcy Queen-Knappenberger  
24th on November 20  
Michael and Kayla Rhoda  
12th on November 11

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## REDNER'S TAPES

Thank you to everyone who turns in their tapes from Redner's Markets for the Sav-A-Tape program. The money earned from this program helps fund the cost of supplies for our coffee hours. If you don't have a Sav-A-Tape card, you can get a card on your next visit to any Redner's store. The same card is scanned for the Sav-A-Tape program and the gas points and can be scanned anytime during checkout. Please continue to support the Sav-A-Tape program by turning in your entire Redner's receipts.

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## CHURCH EQUIPMENT SIGN-OUTS

Anyone wanting to borrow church equipment (tables, chairs, coffee pots, etc.) for any outside events must call the church office at 610-767-6361 to reserve the equipment ahead of the date the equipment is needed. When picking up the equipment, you must sign out the borrowed equipment on the sign-out sheet maintained in the church office. When returning the equipment, please sign your name with the date the equipment was returned. Sharon keeps the sign-out sheet in the office.

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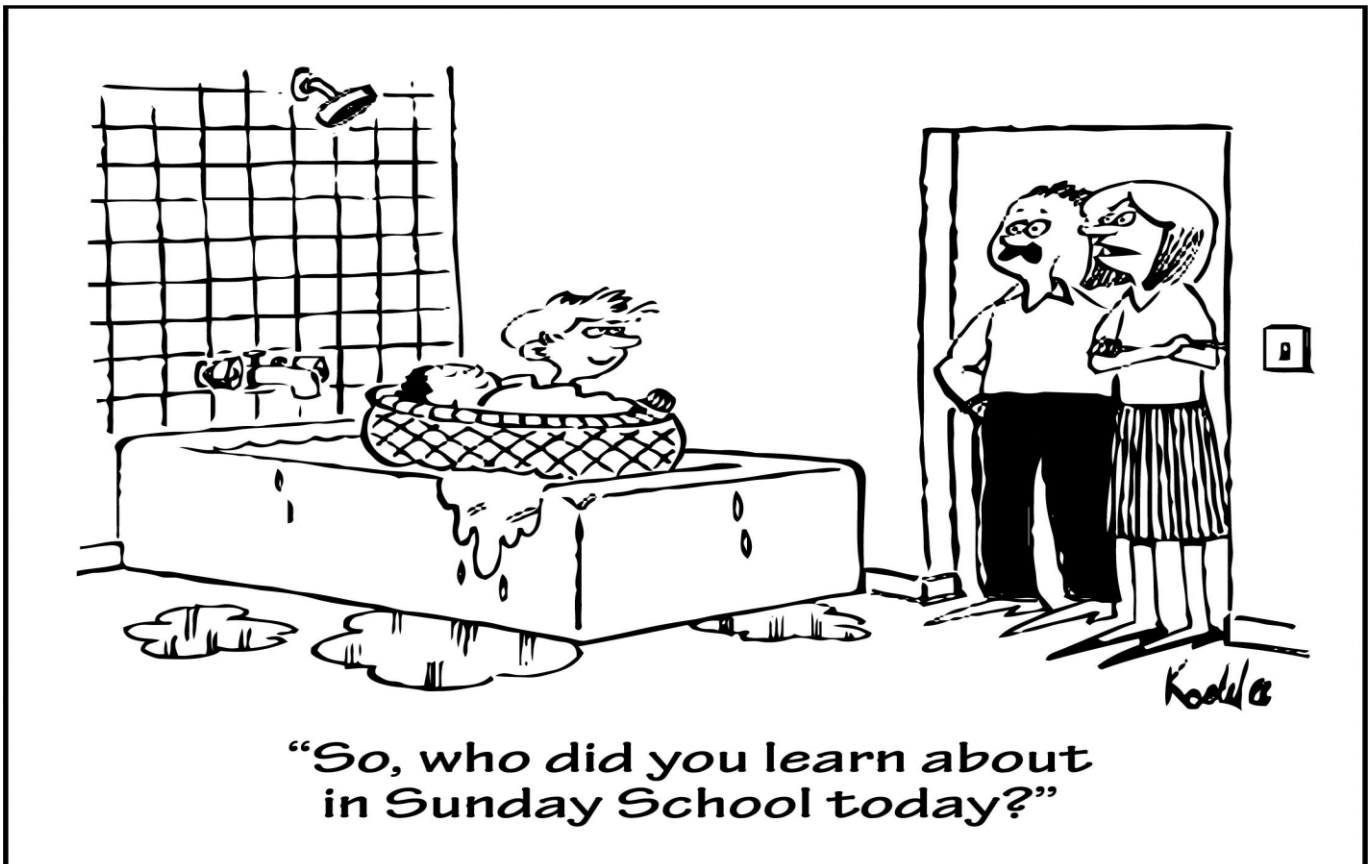
# \$\$\$FINANCIAL INFORMATION\$\$\$

| AUGUST 2023 |                   |                    |                   |              |               |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|
| DATE        | CHURCH ATTENDANCE | OFFERING           |                   | CURRENT FUND | BUILDING FUND |
| 8-6         | 58                | \$ 1,852.97        | July 31 Balance   | \$ 358.66    | \$ 10,637.59  |
| 8-13        | 35                | 1,446.63           | August Income     | 31,636.04    | 63.00         |
| 8-20        | 42                | 1,073.00           | August Expenses   | 19,313.53    | 13,335.00     |
| 8-27        | 39                | 1,163.00           | August 31 Balance | \$ 12,681.17 | (\$ 2,634.41) |
|             | <b>Totals</b>     | <b>\$ 5,535.60</b> |                   |              |               |

| Offering for Operational Expenses Through August 2023 |                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Needed Each Week                                      | \$ 3,700.10                  |
| Average Weekly Received                               | \$ 2,065.14 / \$ 4,293.71    |
| Budgeted to Date                                      | \$ 129,503.50                |
| Received to Date                                      | \$ 72,280.01 / \$ 150,280.01 |
| Expenses to Date                                      | \$ 142,935.25                |
| Income-to-Date vs. Expenses-to-Date                   | (\$ 70,655.24) / \$ 7,344.76 |

\*\*\*\* Two sets of figures for “Income-to-Date vs. Expenses-to-Date” above indicate the following:

- (1) the left side is the difference between offering received and expenses paid to date, excluding \$62,000 from Mildred Hetzer Fund interest + \$16, 000 from Second Chance Shoppe.
- (2) the right side is the difference between offering received and expenses paid to date, including \$62,000.00 from Mildred Hetzer Fund interest + \$16,000 from Second Chance Shoppe.



# **SUNDAY SCHOOL PULSE**

## **OCTOBER SCHEDULE –**

**October 1** – Monthly Munchies.

Pre-school-Grade 6 – Regular lesson. Learn songs for November 12.

Confirmation Class with Pastor Halle.

Youth Fellowship – Various projects. Help with songs.

**October 8** – Pre-school-Grade 6 – Regular lesson. Learn songs for November 12.

Confirmation Class with Pastor Halle.

Youth Fellowship – Various projects. Help with songs.

**October 15** – Pre-school-Kindergarten – Regular lesson. Join Bear Creek Camp Day for music.

Grade 1-Youth Fellowship – Bear Creek Camp Day.

Come and learn about all the opportunities available at Bear Creek Camp from April Krempasky (camp ambassador) plus students from our congregation who have gone to camp, and learn songs the campers sing at camp.

**October 22** – Pre-school-Grade 6 – Regular lesson and practice songs for November 12.

Confirmation Class with Pastor Halle.

Youth Fellowship – Assemble Trick-or-Treat bags.

**October 25 (Wednesday)** – 5:30 to 8:15 P.M. – Trick-or-Treat outreach.

**October 29** – Reformation Sunday – ***Wear Red Today!***

Pre-school-Grade 6 – All About Reformation – story, game, and craft.

Confirmation Class/Youth Fellowship – Help with All About Reformation event.

Last day to guess the identity of October Mystery Person.



**TRICK OR TREAT OUTREACH** – As part of a community outreach/evangelism project, the Youth Fellowship Sunday School class and confirmation students will be organizing and hosting a Trick-or-Treat station on the church lawn on Wednesday, October 25, for Slatington’s Trick-or-Treat night. To make this project a success, we are looking for donations of snack-sized candy bars. Donations are needed by

Sunday, October 22, and can be placed in containers in the narthex, Fellowship Hall, or at the Parent Information Center. If you prefer to give a monetary donation, we will do the shopping. Just put your donation in an envelope marked “Trick-or-Treat Outreach” and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. If you are out trick or treating on October 25, stop by!



**MYSTERY PERSON** – Each month (except December) we will feature an adult or a student from St. John’s. A new clue to this person’s identity will be given each week. On the last Sunday of the month, you will write your guesses on who the mystery person is, give it to your teacher who will then place it in the offering bag.

## **HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL FRIENDS**

Emily Balliet on October 14

Isaac Raber on October 19

Gabriel Laros on October 19

Taylor Lyon on October 22

# **THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PULSE**

(Continued)

## **NOVEMBER SCHEDULE –**

**November 5** – Monthly Munchies.  
Pre-school-Grade 3 – Regular lesson and practice songs for next week.  
Grade 4 & 6 – Regular lesson and practice songs for next week.  
Grades 5 – Communion Class with Pastor Halle and parents.  
Confirmation Class & Youth Fellowship Class – Plan Birthday Social  
and Rock-a-thon. Choose charity for Rock-a-Thon.  
Help practice songs for next week.  
11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. – Community Luncheon.

**Thursday, November 9** – Donations of instant potatoes due for Thanksgiving baskets for Food Bank.

**November 12** – Pre-school-Grade 6 – Regular lesson and practice today's songs.  
Confirmation Class with Pastor Halle.  
Youth Fellowship – Various projects. Help practice today's songs.  
10:15 A.M. – We sing in church. Sidewalk Chalk Contest prizes awarded.

**Wednesday, November 15**, at 5:00 P.M. – Communion practice and bake communion bread with  
Pastor Halle for First Communion students.

**November 19** – Pre-school-Grade 6 – Regular lesson.  
Confirmation Class with Pastor Halle.  
Youth Fellowship – Various projects.  
Grade 5 – Students take First Communion at either service.

**November 26** – Christ the King Sunday.  
Pre-school-Grade 6 – Shut-in Christmas Projects.  
Confirmation Class with Pastor Halle.  
Youth Fellowship – Help with shut-in projects.  
Last day to guess the identity of November's Mystery Person.

## **HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL FRIENDS**

Jayden Rehrig on November 2

Logan Long on November 3

Layla Truett on November 29

## **HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY TO OUR CRADLE ROLL MEMBER**

Malorie Snyder (4 years old) on November 17



# **THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PULSE**

(Continued)

## **LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER –**

### ***December 3*** – First Sunday in Advent

Monthly Munchies.

Pre-school – Practice for Christmas Program and Christmas Eve.

Kindergarten–Grades 6 – Advent/Christmas Lesson.

Try costumes on and practice lines for Christmas Program.

Practice songs for Christmas Program and Christmas Eve.

Confirmation Class with Pastor Halle.

Youth Fellowship – Help in classrooms. Help practice songs. Service projects.

### ***December 10*** – Second Sunday in Advent

Pre-school – Practice for Christmas Program and Christmas Eve.

Kindergarten–Grades 6 – Advent/Christmas Lesson.

Try costumes on and practice lines for Christmas Program.

Practice songs for Christmas Program and Christmas Eve.

Confirmation Class with Pastor Halle.

Youth Fellowship – Help in classrooms. Help practice songs. Service projects.

### ***Saturday, December 16*** –

Kindergarten-Grade 6 – 10:00-11:00 A.M. – Christmas Program practice.

Confirmation/Youth Fellowship:

8:00-10:00 A.M. – Help with holiday breads. Assemble Sunday School treat bags.

10:00-11:00 A.M. – Practice for Christmas Program.

11:00-11:30 A.M. – Practice for Christmas Eve.

11:30 A.M.-12:00 Noon – Decorate Christmas tree and church.

12:00 Noon – Lunch.

12:30-1:00 P.M. – Assemble shut-in bags.

1:00-1:30 P.M. – Assemble luminaries.

Lunch and snacks provided.

### ***Sunday, December 17*** – Third Sunday in Advent

9:00 A.M. – Pre-school-Youth Fellowship – Practice for Christmas Program and Christmas Eve.

6:00 P.M. – Christmas Program – Students should be in their class by 5:45 P.M.

### ***Saturday, December 24*** – 9:00 A.M. – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL.

*Christmas Eve* – 7:00 P.M. service. We sing before the service at 6:45 P.M. and after the offering.

### ***Sunday, December 31*** – No Sunday School. Have a Happy New Year!



## CHRISTMAS INGATHERING



The annual Christmas Ingathering of the Northern Lehigh Mission District will once again be held in person at Union Lutheran Church in Neffs. All churches will gather with their donations on Thursday, December 7. A list of items needed for the various organizations is listed below and on the next page. All donated items need to be at St. John's by Friday, November 17. Social Ministry will divide the items donated among the various organizations.

If you are interested in attending Ingathering on December 7, please let Debbie Geiger know. The ladies at Union Lutheran would like to know how many individuals will be there to help organize the donations. In addition we will be sorting bags of items for the children at Kids Peace and wrapping gifts for the residents of Kids Peace.

If you have any questions, contact Debbie Geiger at 610-760-1374 or 484-241-0402.

**THANK YOU!**

### 2023 WISH LISTS

**ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION (ALL MEN – NO LIQUID SOAP!)**

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Canned chicken        | Granola and cereal bars   | Shampoo                     |
| Canned collard greens | Liquid bleach             | Shaving cream               |
| Canned spinach        | Liquid laundry soap       | Single serve beverages      |
| Canned vegetables     | Low sodium soup           | Supermarket gift cards      |
| Coffee (NO K-cups)    | No sugar baked beans      | Toilet paper                |
| Coffee creamers       | Paper towels              | Trash bags (45 & 55 gallon) |
| Corned beef hash      | Powered eggs              | Tuna fish                   |
| Deodorant             | Scouring cleanser (Comet) | Window cleaner              |
| Disposable razors     |                           |                             |



**GRACEDALE –**

**ITEMS WE CANNOT ACCEPT:** Adult briefs/Depends, bar soap, and medical equipment (walkers, canes, etc.)

Gifts for All:

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Body spray/perfume             | Large print word search books<br>(NO crosswords or sudoku) | Shampoo/conditioner                   |
| Change purses/wallets/purses   | Markers (washable)                                         | Shower gel                            |
| Coloring books (adult & child) | Notebooks/notepads                                         | Skin moisturizer                      |
| Colored pencils                | Pens                                                       | Slippers with sturdy bases/good tread |
| Combs/hairbrushes              |                                                            | Socks                                 |



**THE KINDNESS PROJECT** (new charity) Their mission is to provide a brighter future for children in foster care by offering free essential resources and enrichment opportunities. We ask that all items be NEW.

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Baby swings                   | Diapers (size 4, 6, & overnight)/Pull-ups | Mattresses for beds                   |
| Bago duffel bags              | Diaper pails                              | Old Spice/Axe/Harry men's products    |
| Bath towels & wash clothes    | Diaper rash cream                         | Pacifiers                             |
| Beds (crib/toddler/twin/bunk) | Formula (unopened)                        | Pack 'n Play-newer excellent shape    |
| Bed-in-bag (twin & toddler)   | Games/cards/puzzles (for teens)           | Perfumes/body sprays for girls        |
| Bibs                          | Gift cards (restaurant or retail)         | Products for natural hair (ex. Cantu) |
| Book series (all ages)        | High chairs                               | Skin care (sensitive-Cerave/Cetaphil) |
| Bras                          | Insulated water bottles                   | Socks                                 |
| Car seats (all kinds)         | Journals/sketchbooks & pens               | Underwear                             |
| Clothing/shoes (with tags)    | Large reusable shopping bags              | USPS stamps                           |

## 2023 INGATHERING WISH LISTS (Continued)

**KIDSPACE – NO WIRE BOUND BOOKS, SCARVES, DRAWSTRINGS, OR STRINGS ON SWEATSHIRTS! !**

| <u>Art Supplies</u> | <u>Clothing</u>                 | <u>Personal Care Items</u> | <u>Gift Cards</u>    |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Clay                | Hats                            | Brushes/Combs              | All kinds specially: |
| Coloring books      | Mittens                         | Deodorant                  | Books stores         |
| Crayons             | Pajamas                         | Flavored Chapstick         | I-Tunes              |
| Gel pens            | Socks                           | Scented lotions            | Movie theaters       |
| Paints & brushes    | Sweatshirts & pants (all sizes) | Shampoo                    | Target               |
| Sketch pads         | (ages 6-18)                     | Shower gels                | Walmart              |

Miscellaneous: Board games and Legos



**LUTHERAN HOME AT TOPTON**

| <u>Men</u>                   | <u>Women</u>                 |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Aftershave/Cologne           | Beauty products              |
| Flannel shirts (Med. to 2XL) | Purses                       |
| Hats                         | Slippers w/soles & backs     |
| Pajamas (Small to XL)        | Socks                        |
| Skin care products           | Sweaters (Small to 3XL)      |
|                              | Sweatpants (Small to 3XL)    |
|                              | Pull-on jeans (Small to 3XL) |

Gifts for All: Blankets Home Décor (non-breakable) Stuffed Animals Watches



**RIPPLE COMMUNITY CENTER (Senior Center)**

|                            |                       |                              |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Baby wipes                 | Hot chocolate packets | <u>Individually wrapped:</u> |
| Batteries (AA, AAA, & D)   | LANTA bus passes      | Applesauce                   |
| Book bags & reusable totes | Laundry pods          | Chips                        |
| Chapstick                  | Ponchos               | Cookies                      |
| Clorox/Lysol wipes         | Quarters              | Crackers                     |
| Coffee                     | Tea bags              | Fruit Cups                   |
| Deodorant                  | Umbrellas             | Mac n Cheese                 |
| Flashlights                | Wawa gift cards (\$5) | Ramen noodle cups            |



**SAYRE CHILD CENTER – CHILDREN'S ITEMS ONLY (Special Needs Children) – NO STUFFED ANIMALS!**

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| Batteries (AA, C, & D)     | Finger paint & Tempera paint    | Single fruit or vegetable infant foods<br>(stage 2 - nothing mixed!) |
| Bibs (all sizes)           | Glue sticks                     | Stickers                                                             |
| Board books/washable books | Infant cereal (rice or oatmeal) | Tissues                                                              |
| Bubbles                    | Kitchen dish towels             | Toddler-size forks and spoons                                        |
| Colored pencils            | Plain paper for drawing         | Wash cloths for classroom use                                        |
| Construction paper         | Play-Doh                        | Waterproof markers                                                   |
| Diapers & wipes            | Playground balls                |                                                                      |

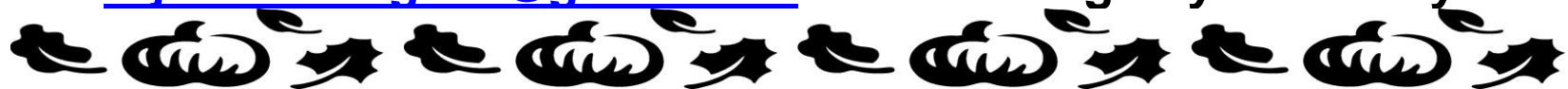




## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS (OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2023)

| Date                                 | Service | Acolyte           | Lector         | Altar Guild                       | Deacons/Ushers                                       |
|--------------------------------------|---------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| October 1 (C)                        | 8:00    | Cameron Chruscial |                |                                   | Sue Freed & Ron Kuntz                                |
| October 1 (C)                        | 10:15   | Chase Moyer       | Sharon Stehly  | Fianna Christman & Linda Humanick | Devon Sabene (DIC), Ruthann Mantz, & Sharon Stehly   |
| October 8                            | 8:00    | Cole Chruscial    |                |                                   | Joe Krempasky & Fianna Christman                     |
| October 8                            | 10:15   | Meadow Sly        | Cheryl Burke   | Sue Freed & Denise Miller         | Erin Snyder (DIC), Lynne Fedorcha, & Sharon Stehly   |
| October 15 (C)                       | 8:00    | Dawson Newhard    |                |                                   | Chad Miller & Jessica Rehrig                         |
| October 15 (C)                       | 10:15   | Izabella Snyder   | Jackie Kuba    | Sharon Fogelman & Sharon Stehly   | Kayleigh Snyder (DIC), Dennis Rehrig, & Ken Staller  |
| October 22                           | 8:00    | Elaina Ray        |                |                                   | Hunter Miller & Alex Sigley                          |
| October 22                           | 10:15   | Connor McWilliams | Lynne Fedorcha | Stephanie Beers & Erin Snyder     | Tom Campbell (DIC), Debbie Cunfer, & Ron Humanick    |
| October 29 (C)<br>Reformation Sunday | 8:00    | Jayden Rehrig     |                |                                   | Devon Sabene & Jessica Smoyer                        |
| October 29 (C)<br>Reformation Sunday | 10:15   | Kylee Truett      | Ruthann Mantz  | Fianna Christman & Linda Humanick | Sue Freed (DIC), Ruthann Mantz, & Sharon Stehly      |
| November 5 (C)<br>All Saints Sunday  | 8:00    | Cameron Chruscial |                |                                   | Scott Raber & Sharon Fogelman                        |
| November 5 (C)<br>All Saints Sunday  | 10:15   | Chase Moyer       | Jill Schaffer  | Sue Freed & Denise Miller         | Joe Krempasky (DIC), Lynne Fedorcha, & Sharon Stehly |
| November 12                          | 8:00    | Cole Chruscial    |                |                                   | Jessica Rehrig & Fianna Christman                    |
| November 12                          | 10:15   | Meadow Sly        | Jackie Kuba    | Sharon Fogelman & Sharon Stehly   | Chad Miller (DIC), Dennis Rehrig, & Ken Staller      |
| November 19 (C)                      | 8:00    | Dawson Newhard    |                |                                   | Alex Sigley & Ron Kuntz                              |
| November 19 (C)                      | 10:15   | Connor McWilliams | Sharon Stehly  | Stephanie Beers & Erin Snyder     | Hunter Miller (DIC), Debbie Cunfer, & Ron Humanick   |
| November 26<br>Christ the King       | 8:00    | Elaina Ray        |                |                                   | Sue Freed & Erin Snyder                              |
| November 26<br>Christ the King       | 10:15   | Izabella Snyder   | Ruthann Mantz  | Fianna Christman & Linda Humanick | Scott Raber (DIC), Ruthann Mantz, & Sharon Stehly    |

**It is your responsibility to find a replacement if you cannot serve on a Sunday and notify the church office at 610-767-6361 or e-mail at [stjohnslatington@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnslatington@gmail.com) of the change by Thursday.**





# NOVEMBER 2023

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | MONDAY                                                                    | TUESDAY                                                         | WEDNESDAY                                                                                         | THURSDAY                                                                                | FRIDAY                                                    | SATURDAY                                                                                                        |
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| <b>10/29 Reformation Sunday</b><br>8:00 & 10:15 Holy Communion<br>9:00 Sunday School-Reformation Day Event<br>6:00 N.L. Pool Meeting<br>8:00 A.A.<br><b>PASTOR HALLE &amp;</b>                                                    | <b>10/30</b><br><br><b>JOSH ON</b>                                        | <b>10/31 Reformation Day / Halloween</b><br><br><b>VACATION</b> | <b>1 All Saints Day</b><br><br>10:00 Chair Yoga<br>7:00 Choir                                     | <b>2</b><br><br>8:00 A.A.                                                               | <b>3</b><br><br>9:30 Sewing<br><br><b>Sharon-Vacation</b> | <b>4</b><br><br><b>TURN CLOCKS BACK</b>                                                                         |
| <b>5 23rd Sunday after Pentecost All Saints Sunday</b><br>8:00 & 10:15 Holy Communion<br>9:00 Sunday School/Communion Class/Coffee Hour<br>11:30-1:00 Community Lunch<br>8:00 A.A.                                                | <b>6</b><br><br><b>Sharon-Vacation</b>                                    | <b>7 Election Day</b>                                           | <b>8</b><br><br>10:00 Chair Yoga<br>7:00 Choir                                                    | <b>9</b> <i>Instant Potatoes for N.L. Food Bank Due</i><br><br>6:00 IMPACT<br>8:00 A.A. | <b>10 Martin Luther's Birthday</b><br><br>9:30 Sewing     | <b>11 Veteran's Day</b><br><br>9:00 Basket Social Set-up                                                        |
| <b>12 24th Sunday after Pentecost Soup &amp; Turkey Dinner Orders Due</b><br>8:00 & 10:15 Service of the Word<br>9:00 Sunday School/Confirmation<br>11:30-2:00 Walk-in Basket Social<br>4:00 High School Bible Study<br>8:00 A.A. | <b>13</b><br><br>4:00-7:00 Basket Winners Pick-up<br>7:00 Finance Meeting | <b>14</b><br><br>11:00 Second Chance Meeting                    | <b>15</b><br><br>10:00 Chair Yoga<br>5:00 Communion Class-Bake Bread<br>7:00 Church Council/Choir | <b>16</b><br><br>8:00 A.A.<br><b>December/January Newsletter Deadline</b>               | <b>17</b><br><br><i>Ingathering Gifts Due</i>             | <b>18</b><br><br>9:00 Social Ministry Thanksgiving Basket Prep.<br>9:00-11:00 Soup & Turkey Dinner Sale Pick-up |
| <b>19 25th Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>8:00 & 10:15 Holy Communion<br>9:00 Sunday School/Confirmation<br>10:00 Congregational Meeting<br>8:00 A.A.                                                                              | <b>20</b><br><br>6:30 Women's Club                                        | <b>21</b>                                                       | <b>22</b><br><br>10:00 Chair Yoga                                                                 | <b>23</b><br><b>THANKSGIVING CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b><br>8:00 A.A.                      | <b>24</b><br><br><b>CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED</b>            | <b>25</b>                                                                                                       |
| <b>26 Christ the King Sunday</b><br><i>Poinsettia Orders Due</i><br>8:00 & 10:15 Service of the Word<br>9:00 Sunday School/Confirmation<br>8:00 A.A.                                                                              | <b>27</b>                                                                 | <b>28</b><br><br>1:00 Collate October/November Newsletter       | <b>29</b><br><br>10:00 Chair Yoga<br>7:00 Senior Choir                                            | <b>30</b><br><br>8:00 A.A.                                                              | <b>12/1</b>                                               | <b>12/2</b>                                                                                                     |



