

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

# DAYS PRING

## DECEMBER 2025

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

Log on or tune in to  
**WFMZ (Channel 69)**  
for closing information.

Please always use your best judgment when deciding whether or not to join us.

# WFMZ-TV

## Longest Night

### Worship Service

Struggling with loss, grief, sorrow,  
or depression this holiday season?

Won't you please consider joining us?

**Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**7:00pm**

Lower Saucon United Church of Christ  
1375 Third Avenue Hellertown

**Light Refreshments**

**Hellertown Area Ministerium**



## CHRISTMAS GIFT-GIVING

Not one, but **TWO** opportunities

Gift Tags and Sign-Up Sheets are in the Narthex

**1** for **CHILDREN** of **FOOD BANK**

WRAPPED gifts due by December 7<sup>th</sup>

**2** for **FAMILIES** of **NEW BETHANY**

UNWRAPPED gifts due by December 14<sup>th</sup>



Contact Lois Apple:

610-838-8418

LoisA5332@gmail.com

"Thank you for sharing Christmas Love"

## Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

**4:00pm** *Family Service*

**7:00pm** *Celebration Service*

Candle Lighting & Communion at Both Services

*No service Christmas Day*

Children's Learning Center

610.838.9790

Monday - Friday 7:00am - 5:00pm



Church Office

610.838.0400

Monday - Friday 10:00am - 4:00pm

Closed for Lunch Noon - 1:00pm



# Connections for the Journey...

## *The Kingdom of God is Near*

**Pastor Phil**

We often pray, but may not consciously think about, the words of the Lord's Prayer. "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven". Jesus teaches his disciples this prayer in the hope that their understanding of heaven, being a place of justice, love, compassion and peace, would be brought to Earth as well. In other words, it's Jesus' hope for the Earth.

Recently in our Sunday Morning adult class, we have been studying the "Kingdom of God". The Kingdom of God is the central teaching of Jesus in the Gospels. Too often, Christians think the Kingdom of God has to do with the afterlife, that's not Jesus' understanding! I will show you why most Christians think that the Kingdom has to do with the afterlife.

Matthew is written after the Gospel of Mark. Mark's Gospel is the template for Matthew and Luke. Matthew uses 90% of Mark in his Gospel, and many times when Matthew quotes Mark he changes Mark in consistent ways. Matthew is a Jewish writer, writing to a Jewish audience. Jewish people did not like to "name God", because once you "name God" you control God. When Mark writes stories or parables about the Kingdom of God, Matthew changes them to Kingdom of Heaven. And so, Christians to this day think the Kingdom of God, is simply a place we go after we die.

### **Mark 1:15**

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

### **Matthew 4:17**

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

### **Mark 4:30-31**

Jesus said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth;

### **Matthew 13:31**

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;

### **Mark 10:23**

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

### **Matthew 19:23**

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you; it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven."

This is only the tip of the iceberg when you compare the two gospels side by side. For Jesus, The Kingdom of God, is not a place, as much as it is a mentality, a way of living and being in the world. Rich people will have an afterlife, but will they will have difficulty entering the KINGDOM OF GOD MENTALITY! I believed that Jesus wanted this Kingdom of God mentality here on Earth, a mentality of abundance, love, grace, forgiveness, and dependence upon others. When we are financially rich, it can be difficult to accept our dependence upon others, until of course, we get sick, lose our wealth, or a tragedy occurs, and then we realize money cannot buy a KINGDOM OF GOD MENTALITY.

I am a proud progressive Christian. Jesus was most concerned with how we live, not whether we believe in the virgin birth or inerrancy of scripture. The progressive movement is centered on ORTHOPRAXIS, the standard ways of following Jesus, not ORTHODOXY, the standard beliefs of Christianity. Our actions matter. Jesus calls us to action, not to accept a list of beliefs.

In this season of Advent, I live with HOPE. Hope that followers of Jesus will work at living in such a way that the kingdom of God will be lived out here on earth. That is Jesus' mission, and it is our calling as well.

The Christmas spirit of generosity, goodwill, peace to all, is part of this Kingdom mentality. Be a KINGDOM BUILDER year-round. Jesus is depending on us!

Know God loves you!  
**Pastor Phil**



## Council Corner

Council Corner

Your Church Council last met on November 18th to discuss an agenda including but not limited to:

- Strategic Planning/Mission Discussion
- Creation of New Council Member Booklets
- Congregational Meeting Mission Theme ~ Plan
- Final Approval of Endowment Funds Income Distribution
- Review Preliminary Budget
- Review Council/Team Leaders Retreat/Workshop
- Staff Christmas Bonus
- Preparation of Annual Congregational Agenda Draft
- Plan Leadership Retreat - location, format, content, goals.

Your Church Council will meet next on December 16th.

Year to Date thru October 2025

	Church	Learning Center	TOTAL
Receipts	\$536,254	\$729,381	\$1,265,635
Expenses	<u>-\$525,819</u>	<u>-\$752,423</u>	<u>-\$1,278,242</u>
TOTAL	\$ 10,435	-\$ 23,042	-\$ 12,607

Budgeted Giving \$353,605

Actual Giving \$374,229

DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS	7	14	21	28
COFFEE HOUR	Quilters	Brunch	Men's Group	NONE
SOUND TECH	Kurt Rank	Kurt Rank	Kurt Rank	Kurt Rank
A/V TECH	Mark Stana	Kevin Gough	Ken Doremus	Mark Stana
COMMUNION	Sue Gruver Sheryl Caliguire		Quiet Communion Enid Rank	
GREET/USHER	Alice & Mike Karpa	Barbara & Bob Pasternak	Jodie & Scott Raab	Enid & Kurt Rank
READING(S)	TBD	TBD	TBD	Ursula Merriman
PRAYERS	Enid Rank	Tiffany Wilten	Angela Drake	Brad Wagner



# NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## Growing New Communities of Faith: Updates on SAWCs, SAOMs, and Mission Leadership

*Written by: Deacon Kat Tigerman, NEPS Directors for Evangelical Mission*



Every year, the Synod Council re-authorizes our Synod-authorized ministries, typically in October. It is also a great opportunity to hear updates from these ministries, the people they are serving, and the stories of their communities. It is always a powerful testament to God among us – often in ways we might consider “non-traditional” – ministries made possible by our NEPA congregations’ mission support and the mission support to the ELCA.

Synod-Authorized Worshipping Communities (SAWCs for short) are communities committed to worshipping together but who may do so outside the normal “walls” of the church. A SAWC may look like a recovery worship service, dinner church, messy

church, or church on the streets. SAWCs are also communities discerning and taking steps to become formal (known as “organized”) ELCA congregations. They are led by a Mission Developer. Our NEPA Synod currently has 3 SAWCs: Common Ground in Wyomissing, Common Ground in Reading, and the Indonesian Lutheran Church of Scranton (which just became a SAWC in September!).

Synod-Authorized Outreach Ministries (SAOMs for short) are ministries committed to evangelism, outreach, and discipleship. A SAOM may look like a food truck ministry, a small group ministry, or a prison ministry. They are led by a SAOM Leader. Our NEPA Synod currently has 2 SAOMs: Free to Be in Bethlehem and Hope’s Table in Reading. Free to Be is a ministry dedicated to reaching out to moms, families, and folks in recovery by building intentional small groups on the road of faith and discipleship. Hope’s Table was initially a SAWC but is in the process of transitioning to a SAOM. While Hope’s Table continues to offer weekly worship, it is a feeding ministry which builds community and creates a safe and welcoming space for all to find the love, grace, and warmth of Jesus.

Each year, to help support these leaders and connect them to one another, the ELCA hosts a Mission Leadership Training Conference for Mission Developers, SAOM Leaders, Strategic Ministry Leaders, and key leaders of various SAWCs and SAOMs. This year Seminarian April Mulvey was invited to attend as a Mission Developer Scholarship recipient along with Deacon Kat Tigerman as DEM. 118 leaders from across





the country attended the 3-day training in Chicago the last weekend of September.

The first week of October, the Region 7 DEMs (Directors for Evangelical Mission) hosted a 2-day retreat for Mission Developers, SAOM Leaders, and other new ministry leaders. There were 35 participants across the 6 Synods of Region 7 who came together to worship, reflect, connect, learn, and pray. The Retreat was facilitated by the ELCA's Organizing for Mission who grounded the time theologically as well as provided practical on-the-ground skills and tools for these leaders are the margins and cutting edges of Church. NEPA Synod participants included:

- Rev. Lauren Applegate, Free to Be
- Seminarian April Mulvey, Hope's Table
- Rev. Tom Scornavacchi, Common Ground
- Deacon Kat Tigerman (DEM)
- Rev. Dr. Jennifer Hope-Tringali (Director for New Ministries).

Region 7 was blessed to receive an ELCA grant to help make this retreat affordable to leaders who are serving ministries on the margins. Our Director of New Ministries will be piloting a learning opportunity in early 2026 to work alongside leaders who have a new ministry idea that they want to develop into a plan of action. Interested leaders are encouraged to email Pr. Jennifer at [jennifer@nepsynod.org](mailto:jennifer@nepsynod.org).



Thank you for all you and your congregations do to pray for and support these leaders and these ministries across our Synod and across the country!

**DID YOU KNOW** that your Mission Support helps fund areas of the synod and ELCA like this one and many other important initiatives? Your contributions are making a significant impact and helping others grow in faith, supporting the synod's lanes of Growing Young, Gaining Strength, and Going Beyond Death to Life, along with the directions of loving like Jesus, healing like Jesus, and engaging like Jesus. To learn more, visit [godslove.org/missionsupport](https://godslove.org/missionsupport).

# SAWC & SAOM

[godslove.org/sawc-saom](https://godslove.org/sawc-saom)

Want to learn more about the NEPA Synod's Synod-Authorized Worshipping Communities and Synod-Authorized Outreach Ministries? Visit our website for details.



# *Our Newest Members*

*Received November 16, 2025*



*Welcome*  
to Our Church  


*We welcome you among us here  
with joy that God has brought you near.*

## **Denise Adams**

I was born on September 1st, 1953, in Altoona, Pennsylvania. I now reside in Coopersburg with my husband Bruce, my partner in life for 52 beautiful years. Together, we've raised two daughters and are blessed with three amazing grandchildren who keep our hearts full and our weekends busy cheering from the sidelines.

I've spent my career as a hair stylist in Hellertown, a profession that allowed me to connect with people, listen to their stories, and share their lives. Outside of work, you'll often find me cruising the open waters or celebrating the joys of family life.

Faith has been a cornerstone of my journey. Raised by devout Catholic parents, I grew up attending weekly Mass and receiving the sacraments. I was married in the Catholic Church and baptized my daughters there. However, Bruce was raised Methodist and chose not to attend Catholic services, which led me to explore his tradition. I became a member of the Methodist Church and spent 35 fulfilling years at Salem United Methodist, where I taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, played in the Bell Choir, and participated in Bible Study. That community nurtured my spirit and deepened my love for Christ.

Recently, my daughter Megan, her husband Tony, and their children joined Christ Lutheran Church. Since November 2024, I've been attending services with them, and I've felt a profound sense of belonging. Christ Lutheran is a place of compassion, faith, and community— a reflection of the values I hold dear. I know in my heart that this is where I'm meant to continue my journey in faith. Thank you for welcoming me into this loving congregation. I look forward to growing in Christ alongside all of you.



## Steve Barnes & Teresa Mackey

**Steve** – I was born in Quakertown and raised in Coopersburg. Growing up, I attended God's Missionary Church in Coopersburg. After marrying Teresa in 1991, I attended Roman Catholic Mass with her for about 20 years, and then more recently, St. John's UCC in Coopersburg. I enjoy riding motorcycle, playing pool, woodworking, and watching NASCAR racing.

**Teresa** – I grew up in Sassamansville, PA (about 40 minutes southwest of here). I was raised Roman Catholic, attending Most Blessed Sacrament Church in Bally, PA, various other parishes as Steve and I moved around the country (Michigan, Florida, and New York), and ending at nearby Assumption BVM, Colesville. I left the RC Church several years ago and became a member of St. John's UCC in Coopersburg, from November 2020 until it closed in Spring 2024. I enjoy being out in nature, reading, bicycle riding, sewing, and baking. I am enjoying learning about and being involved in my new church community here at Christ Lutheran.



*In Christian love and purpose true  
this church in faith embraces you.*

## Peggy Marshall

I am a retired Speech/Language Therapist previously employed by IU20 before retirement. I am divorced, the mother of two daughters who are married, one daughter who lives in Mechanicsburg, PA with her husband and her new rescued Pugs and her cats. I have two beautiful grand- daughters, Molly (10) and Madison (8). They live in Manassas, VA with my granddog, Scout. I live in Society Hills and help with the House & Rec. Committee. I enjoy the pool, going to the beach in the summer, reading, time spent with friends and family, and music.

Previously, I was a member of St. James Lutheran Church in Coopersburg, where I taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. My daughters were confirmed there. I am looking for a church nearer to my home, one that is welcoming, has opportunities for music (singing), and I feel I have found this at Christ Lutheran Church. I am enjoying the more contemporary service and the sermons by Pastor Phil. Praying for a closer connection to God. *(I have started singing with the choir already!)*



## Matt & Bev Piszal

**Matt** – Born and raised as Roman Catholic in NJ with no plans after high school, I joined the USAF serving four years. I left the AF and headed off to Penn State with my wife and daughter, graduating in 1972 with a B.Architecture and a job offer in Maryland. After 15 months, I accepted a job in Allentown and remained in the LV, becoming an active Lutheran at Messiah Lutheran Church. The church went through several changes eventually joining with Rosemont Lutheran. Having moved to Hellertown several years earlier, we decided that it was time for us to change as well. After visiting both Christ Lutheran Church and New Jerusalem, we chose the former.

In past years, I served the church as a council member and president, chairman of the Fellowship Committee and Kitchen Manager. More recently in Four Seasons, I served on our Board of Trustees for six years, three as president, and for the last ten years chaired the Newsletter Committee. My current interest is in learning more about audio-visual equipment to record our quarterly meetings and special events to post online so that residents may view them at home.

**Bev** – Cooking and baking are my hobbies. I was born and raised in Bethlehem in the Lutheran Church. We moved to Hellertown in 2001, retired, and are now looking for a church closer to us. Christ Lutheran is an exciting church with young people to grow the congregation. In our previous church, I was active in Women of the ELCA as a circle leader and president. Now that I am older and not as mobile, I am looking for a small role – congregation member and enjoying church events.

## Lisa Pyles

I'm grateful to have found such a welcoming and open-minded church community. My husband, Matt, and I live nearby in Lower Saucon. We have two children, John, 5, and Penelope, 3, and a 7 year old lab, Morrison. Pastor Phil graciously baptized both kids here years ago...Notably, John's special day took place outside in the parking lot in September 2020 with just our families. It was a difficult journey having a newborn during the first pandemic year, so I knew this was a special place that I would join one day when we were able to make the baptism happen despite the circumstances.

My family loves to go skiing in the winter and hit the beach in the summer. I personally love cooking, running, and reading historical fiction. Adding in to our lives the opportunity to become active congregation members is important to us, and we look forward to volunteering our time in the coming months and years.



# Welcome to Our Church

## Travis & Heather Stahler

**Travis** – I enjoy singing, making music, and building computers. I come to Christ Lutheran Church seeking personal and spiritual growth as well as a sense of purpose. I look forward to connecting with others and actively contributing to the church community.

**Heather** – I love music and performing! I was first interested in the church regarding the yoga programs. When my former student, Josh Gulotta contacted me, I was excited in the church as a whole! As a teacher, inclusivity is very important to me! I have many students and friends who are LGBTQ+, and I want to worship with all of God's children, not just a select few.



## Maureen DeBellis Spiritual Director

email: [spiritdirect@clcht.org](mailto:spiritdirect@clcht.org)

Due to donations from church members, Spiritual Direction sessions will be offered to members of Christ Lutheran at a very discounted rate of \$10. Sessions can be held in-person or online (limit 6 sessions/2025).



- ★ Wondering where God is in your life?
- ★ Struggling to see God's presence in daily activities?
- ★ Feeling a holy disconnect?
- ★ Desiring a deepening life of prayer?

**When these kinds of questions and interests begin to stir,  
Spiritual Direction may be what your are looking for.**

***Maureen DeBellis** is a spiritual director, inter-spiritual companion, a teacher of Heart Rhythm Meditation (HRM) and a retreat guide for the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. She has a BA in Marriage and Family Studies from DeSales University and a Graduate Level Certificate in Spiritual Direction from Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, PA.*

# MARCUS BORG

## Beyond Belief

**"Beyond Belief" with Marcus Borg will be a video discussion series on faith, the church, and our beliefs in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.**

*How does Christianity help us with our living? What is real and true?  
Does our faith call us to live in certain and distinct ways?*

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** Every Sunday Morning  
at 9 o'clock with Pastor Phil in the Church Library or via ZOOM

Christ Lutheran Church  
69 Main Street, Hellertown  
brings its Congregants *AND* Community...



*COMPLIMENTARY* Half-Hour Sessions  
with a Reiki Master

*APPOINTMENTS* highly recommended and greatly appreciated

**Monday, January 5th, 4:15-7:30pm**

Contact Judy Chernikovich-Clemens for details  
and to schedule your appointment today!

☎ 610-657-2607    ✉ [jbird1952@yahoo.com](mailto:jbird1952@yahoo.com)

We have recycling pick up here in Hellertown but there are additional recycling options available for a variety of items. Here are a few choices.

1. Metal objects: Blindermans on Whitaker Street here on the west side of town, they weigh your copper, steel, iron, etc. and pay you for it. It's pretty easy and a great way to get rid of stuff while making a few bucks.
2. Best Buy, there is one off Rt 33 at Freemansburg Ave. They will accept up to 3 electronic devices per visit by you. They don't take huge old tv's, I suggest you check their website for specifics.
3. Visit Aardvark Shoes in the old Orr's building on Main Street in downtown Bethlehem. They take old sneakers for recycling. If they are in good condition they donate to folks in need of shoes. Big bin on right side of the checkout counter (inside) by the store entrance.
4. Fuel oil recycling in Wilson Boro on 25th Street. They will come and drain old fuel tanks, even big ones and their prices are pretty reasonable. Call for an appointment with them: 610-250-8747.
5. Battery Recyclers of America, 1951 Glenwood St, Allentown, 42559, 610-791-6809. Suggest that you call to confirm that they take your particular battery and the hours they are open.
6. Clothing and household items can be dropped off at the second hand store next to McDonald's. They even have a convenient drive through!
7. ReStore on Main Street just down from our church on the other side of Main Street. They have lots of construction materials and tools as well as kitchen wares, clothes, furniture and other good stuff at reasonable prices.

So, that's seven different places to recycle your stuff to. Get rid off the things you don't need anymore, you'll feel better for it than if you've been trashing them!

If you know of any more recycling programs available in our area, please let me know, and I will share that information with everyone in an ECO post. Let's all try to recycle more often!

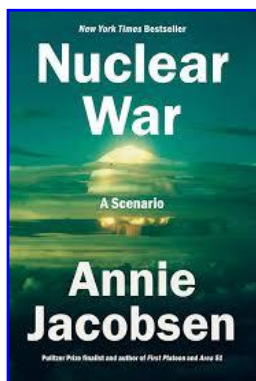
*Angela Drake, ECO Team Editor-at-Large*



# CHRIST LUTHERAN BOOKCLUB

## BookClub Meets **January 12<sup>th</sup>** "Nuclear War: A Scenario"

by Annie Jacobsen



7:00pm in the Church Library or Zoom

**COMPLIMENTARY COPIES**  
available while supplies last

"In *Nuclear War: A Scenario*, Annie Jacobsen gives us a vivid picture of what could happen if our nuclear guardians fail...Terrifying."—*Wall Street Journal*

**There is only one scenario other than an asteroid strike that could end the world as we know it in a matter of hours: nuclear war. And one of the triggers for that war would be a nuclear missile inbound toward the United States.**

Every generation, a journalist has looked deep into the heart of the nuclear military establishment: the technologies, the safeguards, the plans, and the risks. These investigations are vital to how we understand the world we really live in—where one nuclear missile will beget one in return, and where the choreography of the world's end requires massive decisions made on seconds' notice with information that is only as good as the intelligence we have.

Pulitzer Prize finalist Annie Jacobsen's *Nuclear War: A Scenario* explores this ticking-clock scenario, based on dozens of exclusive new interviews with military and civilian experts who have built the weapons, have been privy to the response plans, and have been responsible for those decisions should they have needed to be made. *Nuclear War: A Scenario* examines the handful of minutes after a nuclear missile launch. It is essential reading, and unlike any other book in its depth and urgency.

## Usher/Greeter TRAINING

& for those who do  
for those who would like to

Sunday, December 7th  
Following Worship

## PACESETTERS SUNDAY JANUARY 11 12:00 NOON

Will you be ready for a time out after all the holiday hub-bub? Maybe the holiday blues? Then relax and join in for a fun luncheon at TASTE OF ITALY which just won Lehigh Valley In Style magazine's "Favorite Italian" restaurant award! We will have access to their full menu, so lots to choose from. BYOB; feel free to bring your own spirits. Sign up is posted on the narthex bulletin board.

The restaurant is located in town at 639 Main St. Parking is behind the restaurant or on Main Street. Handicapped entrance is behind the restaurant. Please if you need to cancel call Diane at 610-838-8334. The restaurant is set up and staffed for the numbers provided.

This event is OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS 55+

## HEARTFELT THANKS...

TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY FOR ALL THE CARDS, PHONE CALLS AND PRAYERS DURING MY RECOVERY. MEALS PROVIDED WERE ALSO VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. SO GRATEFUL FOR OUR FRIENDS AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH.

SINCERELY,  
LEE WAGNER

## Coffee Hour HOSTS NEEDED

Sign-Up Sheet  
in the Narthex

For details or with questions, contact:

Liz Hanson 952-221-2297

hansonje3@hotmail.com

or

Elise Cheung 952-334-6412

elise.m.cheunga@gmail.com

## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

*Each day add an item to a box. At the end of the month  
bring the box to Christ Lutheran for donation to **Hellertown Area Food Bank!***

Dec. 2: jar of peanut butter  
Dec. 3: jar of jelly  
Dec. 4: box of cereal  
Dec. 5: boxed oatmeal/pancake mix  
Dec. 6: bottle/can of juice  
Dec. 7: can of canned pasta  
Dec. 8: box of mac and cheese  
Dec. 9: can of tuna/meat  
Dec. 10: box of crackers  
Dec. 11: can of fruit/fruit cups  
Dec. 12: can of soup  
Dec. 13: can of chili or stew  
Dec. 14: can of mixed vegetables  
Dec. 15: package of rice

Dec. 16: package of noodles  
Dec. 17: can of chicken/meat  
Dec. 18: can of creamed soup  
Dec. 19: can of yams/potatoes  
Dec. 20: package of dried fruit  
Dec. 21: can of green vegetables  
Dec. 22: can of pasta sauce  
Dec. 23: package of pasta  
Dec. 24: your choice!

**Require a Box Pick-Up?**  
**Contact Corky Blake**  
**610-462-2356**  
**corkyb1313@aol.com**



**Make a Difference this Holiday Season for the Less Fortunate!**



# Endowment - 2026

Disbursement of  
Investment Income

## Suggestions

**Investment Income is divided  
equally into Benevolent Funding**

(for projects, activities, and  
organizations outside Christ Lutheran  
Church) **and Christ Lutheran Church  
Funding (*Discretionary Fund*)**

(for projects and ministries within  
Christ Lutheran Church that are not  
normally in the Operating Budget).

## Benevolent Funding

Please list your suggestions for Benevolent Funding:

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## Church Funding

Please list your suggestions for Christ Lutheran Church  
Funding (*Discretionary Funding*):

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Please print your name clearly:

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## CONGREGATION COUNCIL NOMINATING FORM 2026

The Nominating Team invites your input in identifying candidates to serve as Congregation Council members. Space is provided below for you to suggest names of up to six (6) persons. The person(s) you suggest must be a voting member (active and confirmed) of our congregation. Above all, the person(s) should be committed to serving Christ and His church. It is **NOT** necessary to consult the person in advance. The Nominating Team will do this during the selection process should the person(s) receive a nomination. You may, of course, indicate your own desire to serve on Congregation Council by submitting your own name. To submit a form, you must be a voting member of the congregation. Thank you for your interest and participation in the ministry of our church.

YOUR NAME:

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YOUR NOMINATIONS:

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Forms may be placed in the Offering Plate or  
mailed to the Church Office no later than  
Sunday, December 28th.

# DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

THE WORLD'S GREATEST ROLEPLAYING GAME!

2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAYS

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

SAMUEL.RAUP@GMAIL.COM

# BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS

12:15-1:15PM

IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY  
OR VIA ZOOM

# Chair Yoga

with Nancy D

Tuesdays & Thursdays

10:30 - 11:30am

Free Will Offering

Sanctuary

Bring your own non-skid mat



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You are welcome here.

Come join the journey.

share what you love  
about our church

<https://bit.ly/3JQjIUd>



# Food Bank • Collection

*Specially Requested Items in December:*

**Canned Fruit**

**Large Soup Cans**

RED WAGON

Drop-Off

*in the Volunteer Room*



# MEN'S GROUP

TUESDAYS AT NOON

IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

OR VIA ZOOM

# Quilters

Wednesdays 8:30am

Thursdays 5:30pm

**Come Join Us!**

All Skill Levels Welcome

Yoga

~Mind~Body~Spirit

Every Saturday morning at 9:30



# Holiday Greeting Cards

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year!

Won't you consider sending some Holiday Cheer to those at a distance or unable to join us regularly throughout the year?

*Please direct any questions to Enid Rank, Faith Community Nurse*

**Larry & Kathryn Achey**  
135 E Chestnut St  
Hellertown PA 18055

**Helen Borovies**  
950 Front St #310  
Hellertown PA 18055

**Bill Bergstresser**  
3640 Lower Saucon Rd  
Hellertown PA 18055

**Joe Meier**  
839 Willow Road  
Hellertown PA 18055



**Dan Fitel**  
950 Front St #106  
Hellertown PA 18055



**Michael Colavita**  
Saucon Valley Manor SUC-4  
1050 Main St  
Hellertown PA 18055

**Gloria Laub**  
318 Main St  
Hellertown PA 18055

**Mary Ann Kolumber**  
650 Northampton St Apt 605  
Hellertown PA 18055

**Dorothy Seeds**  
1688 Pleasant View Rd  
Bethlehem PA 18015

**Shirley Leidich**  
803 N Wahneta St #217A  
Allentown PA 18109

**Mr. James Pallante**  
4005 Green Pond Rd #44  
Bethlehem PA 18020

**Mel & Kathie Jones**  
800 Hausman Rd Apt G102  
Allentown PA 18104

**Kathleen Einherst**  
801 N Wahneta St #37  
Allentown PA 18109

**Joyce Staats**  
522 Rentzheimer Dr  
Hellertown PA 18055



**Nancy Eckert**  
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## Are you attending events at CLC?

Hello, my name is Debbi Pereira and I am the Communication Specialist at Christ Lutheran Church, Hellertown.

I design ads for the church and post them currently on Social Media, Saucon Source, create the Sunday Brunch Placemat, and maintain our website.

**If you are taking pictures at any event and would like to share, please send them to [dpereira@clcht.org](mailto:dpereira@clcht.org) with any details, including the event name and dates, and I will post them for you!**

Thank You

# December Birthdays

**Emma Eisenbraun 1st**

**Kerry Kemmerer 1st**

**Joe Nork 1st**

**Randy Raab 1st**

**Stacy Werkheiser 2nd**

**Charlie Kimble 3rd**

**Jan Ackerman 4th**

**Marcia Fogel 4th**

**Noelle Lynn Kukel 4th**

**Justin Petrucelli 4th**

**Elaine Thode 5th**

**Mikayla Bauer 6th**

**Louise Wagner 6th**

**Dyvonne Nevil 7th**

**Bryan Gerhab 8th**

**Erna Branco 9th**

**Garrett Deppert 9th**

**Shirley Leidich 9th**

**Chris Myers 9th**

**Stephen Penske 9th**

**Monica Willard 9th**

**Julia Rose 10th**

**Beth Fenoff 11th**

**Reese Wilten 12th**

**Dale Hazel 13th**

**Bryce Lamper 13th**

**Calvin Lamper 13th**

**Aiden McNeish 13th**

**Henry Penske 13th**

**Anthony Stoeckley 13th**

**Chris Anthony 15th**

**Julianne Jacoby 16th**

**Teagan Young 16th**

**Ken Doremus 17th**

**Mike Karpa 17th**

**Adelaide Butterfield 20th**

**Sharon Coe 20th**

**Joyce Daschke 21st**

**Tanner Traub 21st**

**SueAnn Knoebel 22nd**

**Lauren Lamper 22nd**

**Jim Pallante 22nd**

**Joann Koller 23rd**

**Kathleen Einherst 24th**

**Angela Drake 25th**

**Ursula Merriman 25th**

**Jeanette Boos 26th**

**Stephanie Hamman 27th**

**Ali Myers 27th**

**William Fogel 28th**

**Mary Ann Hagey 28th**

**Dave Kmetz 28th**

**Michael Merriman 28th**

**Carlton Wetzel 28th**

**Connor Deppert 30th**

**Lisa Pyles 31st**

**Ryan Salmon 31st**

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

**Lisa & Chris Kulp 12/10/1995**

**Monica & Dave Willard 12/19/1970**

**Laura & Tom Braxmeier 12/20/2014**

**Beth & Terry Fenoff 12/21/1997**

**Fran Corl & Regina Sands-Corl 12/24/2013**

**Elise & Phil Cheung 12/28/2013**

**Kaitlin & Tyler Washburn 12/28/2018**

**Jessica & Bryan Flock 12/29/1984**



# NATIONAL DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH

Visit our Information Room off the Narthex for Educational Materials

## Enid Rank

Faith Community Nurse

If you have any questions or would like any additional information on anything listed on this page, please don't hesitate to contact me.



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## Meal Ministry Monday December 29th

*Lite fare delivery to the homebound*

## Christmas Carol Communion Service Saucon Valley Manor

1050 Main Street Hellertown, PA 18055

**Thursday December 18th**

**2:00pm** Parishioners welcome to join Pastor Phil, Josh, Bonnie, and Enid for some worshipping, singing and mingling!



## SAVE THE DATE

**Caroling, Caroling, Now We Go**

**Sunday, December 14th @ 12 Noon**

**Post Caroling Party at The Ranks!**

## GIGGLES

Girls In God Growing Loving Eating Sharing

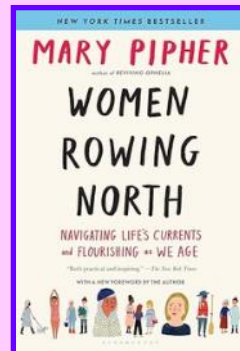
### Women's Group

December/January

Book of the Month

**"Women Rowing North"**  
by Mary Pipher

**Holiday Party**  
**December 3rd**  
**"Taste of Italy"**  
**Noon - 2:30pm**  
**RSVP to Enid**  
**by November 28th**



GIGGLES will not meet  
for Holidays December 24th & 31st

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PERFORMING ARTS  
DE SALES UNIVERSITY

The Game's Afoot  
Sunday • December 7th • 2pm


# THE GAME'S AFOOT

**SOLD OUT**

\$27 • Ticket  
Church Office

# DECEMBER CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** **MONDAY** **TUESDAY** **WEDNESDAY** **THURSDAY** **FRIDAY** **SATURDAY**

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10:30am Chair Yoga Noon Men's Group	<b>3</b> 8:30am Quilters 10am GIGGLES	<b>4</b> 10:30am Chair Yoga 12:15pm Bible Study 5:30pm Quilters	<b>5</b> 5pm Tree Lighting	<b>6</b> 9:30am Yoga
<b>7 ADVENT #2</b> 9am Adult Education 10am Sunday School 10am Worship w/Communion 11am Usher/Greeter 11:15 am Choir 11:30am Prayer Bead Workshop 2pm Game's Afoot <i>DeSales</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10:30am Chair Yoga Noon Men's Group	<b>10</b> 8:30am Quilters 10am GIGGLES	<b>11</b> 10:30am Chair Yoga 12:15pm Bible Study 5:30pm Quilters	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:30am Yoga 10am Hanging of the Greens
<b>14 ADVENT #3</b> 9am Adult Education 10am Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Brunch 11am D&D Noon Caroling Caravan	<b>15</b> 6:30pm Choir	<b>16</b> Noon Men's Group 7pm Church Council	<b>17</b> 8:30am Quilters 10am GIGGLES	<b>18</b> 12:15pm Bible Study 2pm Communion Service <i>SV Manor</i> 5:30pm Quilters	<b>19</b> 4pm Learning Center Holiday Show	<b>20</b> 9:30am Yoga
<b>21 ADVENT #4</b> 9am Adult Education 9:15am Choir 10am Sunday School 10am Worship 7pm Longest Night <i>Lower Saucon UCC</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24 CHRISTMAS EVE</b> 4pm Traditional 7pm Contemporary	<b>25 CHRISTMAS DAY</b> 	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> 9:30am Yoga
<b>28 LESSONS &amp; CAROLS</b> 9am Adult Education 10am Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Quiet Comm 11am D&D	<b>29</b> 11am Meal Ministry	<b>30</b>	<b>31 NEW YEARS EVE</b>			



# Youth & Family Minister

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Josh Gulotta

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## Celebrate Advent with Christ Lutheran

I'm sure you've had this feeling before: not having *enough* to do during the Christmas season!

Between all the holiday shopping, cookie baking, and party guesting, I hope you and your family will join us at Christ Lutheran to share in the festivities!

Join us for our annual **Light Up Night** on December 5th from 5:00 - 6:00pm for a night of arts and crafts, Christmas snacks, caroling, and the lighting of our new Christmas tree!

Need some extra presents? Join us in confirmation class for Nancy DeVogel's **Prayer Bead Crafting Workshop** on December 7th from 11:30am - 1:00pm.

We could always use extra decorators at our annual **Hanging of the Greens** on December 13th from 10am - Noon.

And don't forget that YOU can be part of our ongoing **Pop Up Christmas Pageant**: We'll be sharing a bit of the story every Sunday starting December 7th and going all the way to the 4pm Christmas Eve worship service!

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