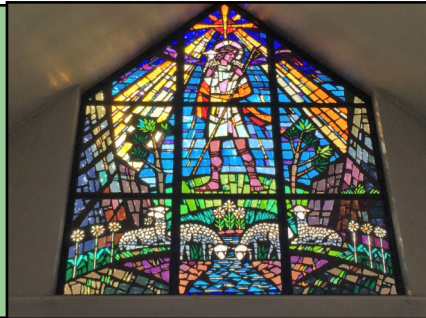


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The



Call

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Eighty-three years: we are rapidly approaching the eighty-three year anniversary of when the United States of America declared war on Japan and against the Axis Powers, Germany and Italy.

Some of you reading this remember those days. First, we declared war against Japan after the attack on US soil at Pearl Harbor. Then, only a few days later, it was against Germany and Italy after they declared war against us.

Six million Jews, people with physical disabilities, people with mental disabilities, homosexuals, political dissidents and others were killed during the holocaust. Over sixty million civilian and military deaths took place, not to mention over twenty-five million wounded in battle. And, according to most authorities, these are conservative estimates that may only scratch the surface of the amount of life that was lost.

More of you, however, only remember the stories. Maybe you were a small child at the time, or maybe you were born just after World War II ended, but you grew up knowing that something serious had happened. Or, maybe you are part of a younger generation that can't even comprehend that enormous amount of bloodshed and violence; a younger generation that can't even imagine the kind of hatred or patriotism that existed at that time.

All things being relative, I grew up thinking that World War II was an eternity ago, so far removed from my upbringing. Now, I realize that it was only thirty-one years before I was born. Today, I am quite a bit older than thirty-one! And, I certainly haven't lived for an eternity. (My, how time changes the way we see things.)

In today's political climate, I meditate more and more on the Lord's Prayer where we pray, "Thy will be done." I meditate on Jesus' command that we love our neighbors as ourselves. I meditate on the words of the prophet Micah that implore us to love kindness. And, I thank God for the faithful people who sacrificed so much so that I, a clergy and a woman, am free to sit at this computer and type a message unedited or censored by any government.

Participate in our political process. Demonstrate how you love kindness. Use your voices to proclaim the love of your neighbors. And pray, my friends, pray that God's will be done.

*Peace, and many blessings,
The Rev. Kathleen J. Baker, STM
Pastor*

Parish Staff:

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Dick Wix, and Rob Wix.

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The editor reserves the right to edit for brevity and clarity.
Deadline for submissions is the third Sunday of the month.



**From Our Treasurer:
September
Financials**

	2024	
	SEPT	YTD
Giving	17,539	178,242
Spending	23,744	176,882
Surplus/(Deficit)	(6,205)	1,360

BALANCES

General Fund	10,960
Exchange (Restricted)	78,668
Memorial	30,015
Mission Investment Fund CD	32,213
Investments	371,043



On November 2 and 3,
we hold in memory those
who have joined the
Church Triumphant
since last All Saints Day
who now rest from their
labors:

**Richard E. Briar
Suzanne N. Crist
Donald H. Heimbaugh
Mildred L. Lindsay
Susan Wright**

Upcoming Events

All Saints Sunday November 2 and 3

We will remember loved ones who have departed aloud in prayer this day.

Congregational Q & A November 3 at 9:45 a.m.

The Congregation Council will be holding a question-and-answer session ahead of the Annual Congregational Meeting (to be held Sunday, Nov. 10 at 10:30 a.m.)

between services on Sunday, November 3 at 9:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

The gathering will be open for comment on the 2025 spending proposal as well as presenting the Congregation Council's revised mandate for our Accessibility Task Force. The ATF mission now includes 1) investigating the possibility of installing air conditioning in All Saints Hall (including the kitchen and the St. Lydia room); 2) investigating the possibility of installing new, larger, and more efficient fans in the Nave; and 3) seeking bids for the installation of streaming capability in the Chapel to allow for viewing live and recorded services held there.

Annual Meeting November 12

Following one service at 9:30 a.m. in the Nave.

Hard copies of the Annual Report are available upon request from the church office.

See the final page of the newsletter for more information.

November Readings

- 11/01 Leviticus 19: 32-37, Romans 3: 21-31, Psalm 119: 1-8
 11/02 Numbers 9: 9-14, Luke 10: 25-37, Psalm 119: 1-8
 11/03 Isaiah 25: 6-9, Psalm 24, Revelation 21: 1-6a, John 11: 32-44
 11/04 Deuteronomy 6: 10-25, Romans 12: 17-21; 13: 8-10, Psalm 51
 11/05 Deuteronomy 28: 58—29: 1, Acts 7: 17-29, Psalm 51
 11/06 Micah 6: 1-8, John 13: 31-35, Psalm 51
 11/07 Numbers 36: 1-13, Romans 5: 6-11, Psalm 146
 11/08 Deuteronomy 15: 1-11, Hebrews 9: 15-24, Psalm 146
 11/09 Deuteronomy 24: 17-22; Mark 11: 12-14, 20-24; Psalm 146
 11/10 Joel 2: 21-27, Psalm 126, 1 Timothy 2: 1-7, Matthew 6: 25-33
 11/11 Ruth 1: 1-22, 1 Timothy 5: 1-8, Psalm 94
 11/12 Ruth 3: 14—4:6, 1 Timothy 5: 9-16, Psalm 94
 11/13 Ruth 4: 7-22, Luke 4: 16-30, Psalm 94
 11/14 Daniel 4: 4-18, 1 Timothy 6: 11-21, Psalm 16
 11/15 Daniel 4: 19-27, Colossians 2: 6-15, Psalm 16
 11/16 Daniel 4: 28-37, Mark 12: 1-12, Psalm 16
 11/17 Daniel 12: 1-3; Psalm 16, Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25; Mark 13: 1-8
 11/18 Daniel 8: 1-14, Hebrews 10: 26-31, Psalm 13
 11/19 Daniel 8: 15-27, Hebrews 10: 32-39, Psalm 13
 11/20 Zechariah 12: 1—13: 1, Mark 13: 9-23, Psalm 13
 11/21 Ezekiel 28: 1-10, Acts 7: 54—8: 1a, Psalm 93
 11/22 Ezekiel 28: 20-26, 1 Corinthians 15: 20-28, Psalm 93
 11/23 Daniel 7: 1-8, 15-18; John 3: 31-36; Psalm 93
 11/24 Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1: 4b-8; John 18: 33-37
 11/25 Daniel 7: 19-27, Revelation 11: 1-14, Psalm 76
 11/26 Ezekiel 29: 1-12, Revelation 11: 15-29, Psalm 76
 11/27 Ezekiel 30: 20-26, John 16: 25-33, Psalm 76
 11/28 Joel 2: 21-27, Psalm 126, 1 Timothy 2: 1-7, Matthew 6: 25-33
 11/29 Nehemiah 9: 16-25, 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-22, Psalm 25: 1-10
 11/30 Nehemiah 9: 26-31, Luke 21: 20-24, Psalm 25: 1-10



Adult Faith Formation November Opportunities

November Birthdays

- Nov. 3: Bernie Crist
- Nov. 7: Carol Siipple
Gary Still II
- Nov. 9 Nancy Cartwright
- Nov. 10: Nathaniel Davis
Zach Gleiter
- Nov. 11: Jackson Stettler
- Nov. 12: Karen Borzok
- Nov. 15: Jack Esworthy, Jr.
- Nov. 17: Colin Koser
Gary Meredith
- Nov. 20: Timothy Pitzner
- Nov. 21: Sandy Baum
Romaine Leedy
Robert Roller
- Nov. 22: Susan Roebuck
- Nov. 23: Gary Wendt
- Nov. 25: Trent DeVerter
- Nov. 26: Donald Rehm
- Nov. 30: Susan Boyne

- **The Adult Formation Class** is in recess Sundays, November 3 and 10. Class resumes **November 17 at 9:45 a.m.** in the Gathering Room and will begin a new discussion topic, “Seeing Christians through the sights, sounds, and scents of Advent and the Nativity.” Each week a different participant (s) in the Christmas story will be the focus of discussion. John Switaj will lead the class.
- **Pastor’s Bible Study** meets **Tuesday, November 19 at 7 p.m.** in the Gathering Room to continue the study of 2 Corinthians, beginning with chapter 4:16 through chapter 5.
- **Living Room Dialogue** continues its discussion of “The World I Live In & Optimism,” an essay compilation by Helen Keller, on **Sunday, November 24 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Gathering Room.

Community Day Update

Proceeds from our September 14 Community Day totaled \$2,945. These monies have been donated as follows:

\$1,000	Family Promise
\$ 500	Paxtang Elementary (for purchases of gift cards for families in need)
\$ 450	Christian Churches United
\$ 300	Holy Spirit/Christ Lutheran Church
	Medical Outreach
\$ 300	Beacon Clinic for Health and Hope
\$ 195	NAMI (Alliance for Mental Health)
\$ 100	Paxtang Lions Club
\$ 50	Cub Scout Pack 42
\$ 50	Schnauzer Homeward Bound Rescue

Thank you to all who supported this annual event, benefitting the outreach of our neighbors and partners in the community.



Order of Saint Luke

Are you looking for a way to upgrade your prayer life? While researching prayer I came across The Daily Office and The Order of St. Luke and it has changed my life in ways I couldn't imagine.

The Order of St. Luke, founded in 1946, is a “dispersed, ecumenical, religious community; lay and clergy, regardless of gender, dedicated to sacramental and liturgical scholarship, education, and

practice.” Membership in the Order of Saint Luke is based upon an intentional commitment to our Rule of Life and Service. I joined in 2007 and have been attending annual retreats, local Chapter meetings (mostly on Zoom), Zoom prayer meetings and serving the local church here at Good Shepherd.

Praying the Daily Office is one of our commitments. The Daily Office is not personal devotions. It's a form of liturgical prayer, prayed across the globe 24 hours a day. The Order has developed a Daily Office of prayers, both in books and now online. I use both “A Lukan Book of Hours” and the WADO (Web Amplified Daily Office) found at saint-luke.net/wado. You can pray Morning and/or Evening Prayer, Mid-morning, Mid-day and Mid-afternoon prayer. You can also find a section of Daily Prayer (pages 298-328) in the Lutheran Worship Book if you prefer.

Join Christians from around the world in praying the Daily Office and renew your spiritual life! If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Cartwright.



—Nancy Cartwright



On October 22, Pastor Baker, along with Penn State Harrisburg Lecturer Professor Neil Leifert (left) and Chisuk Emuna Congregation Rabbi Ron Muroff (right), participated in a panel discussion of the PBS documentary, “Repairing the World: Stories from the Tree of Life” following a special screening at Penn State Harrisburg. The event, hosted by WITF, was held ahead of the documentary’s airing on October 27.

The documentary may be viewed on PBS Passport—for more information, go to pbs.org.



Good Shepherd is a giving church. Women of the ELCA and Workshop are grateful that as church we definitely answer the ...“call to discipleship ...to promote healing and wholeness in the church, society and the world”. Join us as we ask for your help in doing more. We’re requesting donations for Personal Care Kits. Please check this message, Sunday Bulletins and church bulletin boards for what to donate. The donation bin is in the Breezeway. Remember that in times of disaster, climate change and wars kits are an answer to prayer.
 —Lois Griffiths

W/ELCA Upcoming Events

W/ELCA Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 5
2:30 p.m.
in the Gathering Room

W/ELCA Gathering
Monday, November 11
9:30 a.m.
in the Gathering Room

A special offering for the Prison Fellowship ministry, Angel Tree Christmas, will be received.



**LUTHERAN
 WORLD RELIEF**

Items needed for Personal Care Kits



BATH TOWELS:
 Between 20” X 40” and 52” X 27”— dark colors recommended



BARS OF SOAP:
 4-5 OZ., in original wrapping



TOOTHBRUSHES:
 one adult-size toothbrush in original packaging



STURDY COMBS:
 unpackaged, no picks



NAIL CLIPERS:
 Metal, unpackaged, attached file optional

Items may be placed in the black collection bin labeled “Personal Care Kits” located in the Breezeway.



L Almighty and gracious God,
P You have so richly blessed us, but
 we pray for more, much more.

L We pray for grateful hearts, for a
 humble awareness of our abundance
 amid all the world's poverty and
 pain.

P Lord, we pray for more.

L We pray for the courage to give
 generously of our resources—our
 imaginations, our time and abilities,
 our material wealth.

P Lord, we pray for yet more.

L We pray for the strength to reject the
 rationalizations which lead to
 indifference and silence in this
 climate of entitlement and insatiable
 desire.

P Lord, for much more we pray.

L We pray for confident hope, in the
 presence of such overwhelming
 needs, to know that each offering of
 money, quilts, and kits makes a
 welcome difference to others, and to
 you.

P For still more, Lord, we pray.

L We pray for lifestyles of justice and
 mercy, living more simply, being
 advocates for those more needful
 than we, supporting Fair Trade,
 being compassionate in our role as
 citizens.

P Lord, yet again we pray for more.

L We pray for your promised
 forgiveness for the fears, the
 selfishness, the thoughtlessness, the
 suspicions, the self-righteousness
 which hinder our loving service, and
 then pray for grateful and greater
 obedience to mark our thanksgiving.

P Yet for one more thing we pray.

L We pray you would bless those who
 labor on our behalf through all the
 work of Lutheran World Relief and
 its partners, that we would uphold
 them with our prayers, our
 encouragement, our gifts, our
 willingness to learn and to invite the
 support of others.

P In the name of our Lord who encouraged
 us to ask boldly when we pray, Amen.

*Litany written by Pastor Emeritus Ed Whetstone,
 Salem Lutheran Church, Catonsville, MD.*



Workshop News

First of all, THANK YOU, for the wonderful In-Gathering this year. We created and shipped **60 full size quilts, 30 personal care kits, 12 fabric kits, and 177 School kits.** This is impressive for the size of our congregation! You should be very proud of yourselves. Workshop sews and packs the bags, but YOU always respond to our requests for the items to full these kits. We cannot do all this without the support of the members of this congregation. THANK YOU!!

Workshop may be adding an activity to our Tuesday morning gatherings. We are in the process of acquiring 2 small weaving looms for use on Tuesday mornings. We are tentatively beginning this in January. These plans and preparations are still in the planning stages. If you think you may be interested in learning a new skill or just helping out in some way, **please contact Georgia.** We are trying to assess how much interest there may be in this new activity.

—Georgia Rehm



UPDATES

A HUGE “thank you” to EVERYONE who

helped make our October Host Week a success! Even though we only had a mom and her 11 year old son, YOU did make a difference in their lives. They were most grateful and appreciative of all the ways you were able to help them!

Mark your calendars for our next Host Week. Tentatively it will be the week of January 12-19. The dates will be confirmed by the end of the year. We ALWAYS need folks to prepare and serve an evening meal, overnight hosts (Just come and sleep. Not too difficult!), and van drivers. Please consider helping in one of these ways. I think you will be glad you did!

—Georgia Rehm

Health Ministries Wish List

Christ Lutheran Church

124 South 13th Street, Harrisburg

Items needed:

- Bayer contour blood glucose test strips
- Tussin CF cough medicine
- honey • lice shampoo • allergy eye drops
- Similasan pinkeye drops
- sugar-free cough drops • shoe inserts
- men’s & women’s socks • underwear
- t-shirts • chapstick • toothpaste
- toothbrush • deodorant • soap
- back supports/braces
- HP LaserJet toner, 85A & 83A
- quality orthotics (knee, ankle, wrist braces)
- muscle rub pain relief cream
- hot/cold packs for muscle pain
- coffee • tea • sugar • powdered creamer

Harrisburg Food Pantry

Needed Items — The Basics

Canned Items

- baby food
- fruit juice
- meats (tuna, stew)
- peanut butter
- soups
- spaghetti sauce
- tomatoes
- vegetables

Packaged Items

- baby formula
- cereal
- crackers
- mac & cheese dinners
- powdered milk
- pudding
- jello
- ramen noodles
- rice
- spaghetti

other items: Cake mix, flour, pancake mix
condiments: jam, jelly, mustard, ketchup, salad dressing, salt (no sugar due to mice)
toiletry items: soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, baby diapers.

Please place donated items in our shopping cart inside the Wilhelm Road entrance door.

REMINDER:

November 1 is Food Pantry Sunday.



The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm



Annual Quilt Auction November 3 Camp Nawakwa 1033 Nawakwa Road Biglerville, Pennsylvania

**Online Bidding is open
through October 31.**

Preview items and bid online:

[LutheranCamping.org/quiltauction](https://www.lutherancamping.org/quiltauction)

**2:00 p.m. Silent Auction
of hand-made
craft items**

**3:00 p.m. Live Auction
of Quilts**

Dinner follows Live Auction



All proceeds from benefit the Camping Corporation's Endowment Fund,
making camping possible for generations to come!

Please register for the in-person event by October 30.

This is a free event and includes an evening meal.

Register online at www.lutherancamping.org



Poinsettias for Christmas

We spend only funds designated for seasonal decorations. Nothing is ever spent from the general fund. Please return this coupon with your contribution (any amount would be appreciated) to the church office (or in the offering plate) if you'd like to contribute toward this effort. Dedications will be printed in the back of the bulletin at Christmas.

To the Glory of God: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Celebration of: _____

Submitted by: _____ Amount: _____

Worship Sponsorships

	Flowers \$25	Bulletins \$30	Lamps \$10
November 3	Master		Breon
November 10			
November 17			Wendt
November 24	Boyne		McCauley

A central calendar is also posted in the Narthex of the Nave . Sign up on that calendar and turn in the form to the office. We can also do double dedications.

Sponsorship Form



Please return this slip with your contribution to the church office. Dedications are printed in the bulletin each week. For Sunday, _____ 2024

____ Flowers \$25 ____ Bulletins \$30 ____ Sanctuary Lamps \$10

____ To the Glory of God ____ In Memory Of ____ In Honor Of ____ In Celebration Of

Submitted by: _____

Amount: _____ Deadline: Wednesday a.m. prior to the upcoming Sunday

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>Saturday, Nov. 16 at 8:30 a.m. We will concentrate on cleaning leaves and debris from all areas. We hope to weed the landscape beds, remove dead annuals, cut off the tops of perennials as needed and trim shrubs if necessary. Coffee, donuts and bottled water will be available. Please contact Bill Baum if you can help.</p>			<p>1 11:00 a.m. Ready for School... (Sts. Peter/Paul)</p>	<p>2 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)</p>
<p>3 FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave /YouTube) 9:45 a.m. Congregation Q&A (Gathering Room) 11 a.m. W & S (Nave)</p>	<p>4 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)</p>	<p>5 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School... (Sts. Peter/Paul) 2:30 p.m. W/ELCA Board (Gathering Room)</p>	<p>6 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 11:00 a.m. Ready for School... (Sts. Peter/Paul)</p>	<p>9 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)</p>
<p>10 9:30 a.m. W & S (Nave /YouTube) 10:30 a.m. Annual Meeting (Nave)</p>	<p>11 9:30 a.m. W/ELCA (Gathering Room) 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH) 6:30 p.m. Council (Gathering Room)</p>	<p>12 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School... (Sts. Peter/Paul) 7 p.m. Shawl Ministry (Martin Luther)</p>	<p>13 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 11:00 a.m. Ready for School... (Sts. Peter/Paul)</p>	<p>16 8:30 a.m. Fall Clean-Up (Church Grounds) 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)</p>
<p>17 DEC CALL DEADLINE 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave /YouTube) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11 a.m. W & S (Nave)</p>	<p>18 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)</p>	<p>19 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School... (Sts Peter/Paul) 7 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study (Gathering Room)</p>	<p>20 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 11:00 a.m. Ready for School... (Sts. Peter/Paul)</p>	<p>23 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)</p>
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Looking ahead: Advent begins December 1

Two Advent devotionals will be offered for the season: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," an inspirational volume pairing Henri J.M. Nouwen's thoughts with daily Scripture readings, and "Time for a Savior," a daily Advent devotional for children. Both devotionals will be available in the Narthex of the Nave and the literature racks outside of the Chapel beginning November 16.





MEETING NOTICE

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 10

10:30 a.m. in the Nave

Immediately following one worship service beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Nave, we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 10.

We will review the Annual Report, vote on the 2025 Proposed Spending Budget, elect new members to Church Council, and address any

New Business. Your presence and your vote are important!

The Annual Report was distributed electronically with What's Happening email. Hard copies of the report are available upon request from the church office.

Our Purpose

To be the eyes, ears, hands, feet, and voice of Jesus.

Guiding Principles

When you see us at our best, you will see us in worship and living our faith by being:

welcoming/accepting

generous and giving

supportive and caring

active/involved

joyful

spiritual/faithful



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9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Monday through Thursday

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Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Saturday (Chapel)

8:30 a.m. Sunday (Nave)

11:00 a.m. Sunday (Nave)

9:30 a.m. Wednesday (Chapel)

*Adopted by the Congregation Council of
Good Shepherd on October 11, 2020*