

### Celebrating All God's Saints

November is a time to remember all the gifts God has given us – not the least of which is our designation as a "*saint*." That's right – though we are all sinners, God has washed us in the blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God, and made us new saints. As saints we worship and serve a living Lord. We pray for the sick, we cry with the grieving, we feed the hungry, we help the homeless, we lift up the forgotten or abused. This is the saintly work to which we are called as baptized children of God. Throughout the month of November, we will explore this theme of our sainthood – what it could mean for our lives.

**Sunday November 5** -- 10:30 AM, we remember the saints who have gone before us and entered the Kingdom of Heaven, especially **Robert Crouse, Mary Dungan** and little **Danielle Weiner**. And we will celebrate the newest baptized saints among us since November of last year – **Rowan Froehlich, Ella Rose Michl, and Annabel Louise Williams**.

**Sunday November 12** – 10:30 am – we will witness the baptism of two new young saints: **Brielle and Paige Reiman**. Also on November 12 we will honor all those saints who have served as veterans – those who have died and those who are still with us.

**Wednesday, November 22 – Thanksgiving Eve** at 7 PM, ecumenical worship at TLC, Pleasant Valley. The saints will gather to give thanks to God for all we've received and to respond to all the victims of recent national disasters.

**Sunday, November 26** - "Christ the King" – 10:30 AM, all the saints will kneel before our loving, sacrificing King Jesus, who teaches us how to exercise our sainthood.

~Pastor David Deal

### In November ...

**Sunday, November 5** - All  
Saints Sunday

**Tuesday, November 7** -  
Election Day

**Saturday, November 11** -  
Veterans' Day

**Sunday, November 12** -  
Baptisms, UBC Church  
Leaders Gathering

**Wednesday, November 22** -  
7 PM Community Thanksgiv-  
ing Worship Service, TLC

**Thursday, November 23** -  
Happy Thanksgiving!

**Sunday, November 26** -  
Christ the King, last Sunday  
of the Church Year

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**Special reminder** – We need your updated information for a new congregational directory. Some of you have responded, but many have not. Forms went out in the last two newsletters. Even if your information hasn't changed – please send it to the church office [name(s), address, telephone, cell phone, and email.]

*Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Luke 6:38*

### **Special thanksgiving Thank Offering**

It has been a regular tradition here at ELC of Durham to make a special Thanksgiving offering for world hunger each November. This offering goes to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.



These funds respond to hunger in the US and around the world. The appeal does not just distribute food to the hungry. It also helps people become self-sufficient in growing crops, fish farming, water wells, etc. It also seeks to address the long-term causes of hunger in the face of poverty, drought, flooding, political injustice, and more.

You have a special Thanksgiving envelope in the November section of your 2017 offering envelope packet. Make your offering using that envelope, with checks payable to ELC of Durham.

***Thank you for your response!***

### **Alternative Christian Giving For Christmas This Year**

The average one of us spends a lot of money each year for ourselves and our families. Increasingly, many are wanting to reach out to those in need at holiday time. This has been called "Alternative Giving" or "God Giving." Because as Jesus has told us, "...where our treasure is, there our heart is." What we buy and give matters. Below are some possibilities if you would like to consider this kind of giving for Christmas 2017.

**ELCA Good Gifts:** There is a catalog with gifts like water filters, solar-powered lanterns, sending a young person with disabilities to the ELCA Youth Gathering, and more. The ELCA Good Gifts catalog will redirect a significant amount of funds toward the fight against hunger and poverty. Gifts can be given in honor of friends and loved ones, and each gift comes with a free card for you to share the news. To be involved in this giving, go to [elca.org/goodgifts](http://elca.org/goodgifts).



**Heifer International (Heifer Project):** Heifer International is a charity organization working to end hunger and poverty around the world by providing livestock and training to struggling communities. To order online, visit [www.heifer.org/catalog](http://www.heifer.org/catalog). Or call 1-855-848-6437.



## UPPER BUCKS CONFERENCE Church Leader Gathering

The Koinonia Conference:

Where Pastors and Congregations support each other through Christian Fellowship and Education to strengthen one another for mission in our communities and the world.

**Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> -- 1:30 - 4:30pm at**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 107 W Lincoln Ave., Telford  
215-723-8981**

**All Church Leaders are invited to attend this gathering!**

### **Proposed Schedule:**

<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Lunch</b>
<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Devotions</b>
<b>2:30pm</b>	<b>Presentations</b>
	<b>Dismantling Racism led by SEPA Racism Team Member</b>

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### **SIXTH ANNUAL COMMUNITY DINNER**

The 6th Annual Community Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at the Riegelsville Fire house. This event is hosted by the four congregations in the area and the fire company to bring the community and families in need together for a free dinner to anyone in the Riegelsville and Durham communities. Take out meals will also be available.



Hundreds of us will sit down with family, friends, and neighbors (including those who use our local food pantries). This is a chance to enjoy good food and fellowship with music and a free-will donation for food pantries. There will be 5 dinner seatings, at 2,3,4,5,& 6 PM.

There will be additional opportunities to assist with aspects of this important project closer to the date of the dinner. Information will be provided in the newsletter and/or bulletin. Tickets as well as more information will be available from Joe Hlavaty (610-258-4574) or Lois Altemose (610-346-7241).

<b>November Worship Assistants</b>	<b>5*</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19*</b>	<b>26 *</b>
Youth Acolyte/	Nicholas Phillipps	Matthew Mueller	Samantha Mueller	Conner Aquino
Greeter(s)	Carole Ulmer	Helen Dungan	Althea Crouse	Beatrix VonWatzdorf & Leo
Lay Worship Assistant/	Mark Harwick	Bonnie Pyne DePortillo	Beth Snyder	Linda Sauter
Council Communion Assistants	Mike Rhine Serena Ashmore		Mike Rhine Serena Ashmore	Mike Rhine Serena Ashmore
Counters	Mike Rhine and Serena Ashmore			
Altar Guild	Linda Sauter, Cheryl Mesko			
Head Usher	David Sauter * Indicates Holy Communion will be served			

	<b>NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS</b>		<b>NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES</b>		<b>NOVEMBER BAPTISMS</b>
4	Mary Crouse, Laura DeWalt	1	Silas & Norma Rodenbach (65)	6	Grace Litzenberger
8	Serena Ashmore				
9	Lynn Gaun				
10	MARTIN LUTHER Nicholas Phillipps, Brendan Snyder				
12	Mark Harwick, Matthew Mueller, Cathy Mueller, Tom Gaun			16	Marion Kempf
18	Chad Harrison				
19	Hans Rilling	19	Miriam & Ken Anderson (34)	22	Bob Fox
21	Ken Anderson	19	Faye and Tim Gadwell	24	Paula Eck
23	Faye Gadwell			25	Helen Dungan, Cheryl Eck
24	Chase Aquino			29	Bruce Crouse, Dean Litzen- berger
25	Dan Froehlich	25	Cathy & Chris Mueller (17)	30	Kathy Hlavaty, Jordyn Trauger



In November, we welcome the Pilgrims, Native Americans and Turkeys. Our special celebration for Thanksgiving will be "Thanksgiving Theme Day". The day will begin with making a centerpiece craft for our table. We'll then move to the game station where we will play "Ghost Bowling", "Pumpkin Bean Bag", "Pumpkin Pie Relay" and "Find the Turkey Feathers". We'll finish with the food station where we will make our dessert for our feast. They

will then put on the costumes that they made and sit down to eat our feast that includes the applesauce that they made from scratch. Thank you to our volunteer parents and Mrs. McGinn for helping with the day's activities. The parents and families will arrive at 11:45 for our story time and song fest presentation.

Our Christian theme for November, with Pastor Dave, is "Why Are We Thankful". We'll also be learning about our "Five Senses", "Parts of the Body and how they work" and "Hygiene".

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for Giant A+ Rewards. There is still time to add a friend or family member. Information sheets are available on the table on the narthex.

~ Linda Reinbold



Helen Dungan

During our **October meeting** we watched the video "Luther and the Reformation" by Rick Steves. We own the video and if you were not able to view it and would like to, speak to Pastor.

Our November meeting will be at 1:00 Monday November 6<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall; the theme is Thanking the Gift Givers. We want to remember and give thanks to those who share their gifts with us. And we are going to write some thank you notes!

The Women of the ELCA, **Upper Bucks Conference** will meet on Saturday November 18, 2017 at St Luke's Ferndale. Registration begins at 8:45, followed by breakfast at 9:15. Our theme is "Renewal." Our program is an exploration of the memorials from the Triennial convention which challenge us to "engage in ministry and action, and promote healing" to our hurting world. Representatives who attended the convention will share their experiences.

**December meeting:** we will host our Christmas Covered dish luncheon following church on Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>.

A reminder: the **Region Seven gathering** of the Women of the ELCA will be held on April 27-28, 2018 at the Holy Passionist Retreat Center in Hartford, Connecticut.





## Upcoming Special Events at Palisades High School

Thursday, November 2 - Coffee House at Palisades HS Cafeteria - \$5 adults, \$3 students

Friday/Saturday, November 10-11 Palisades HS Fall Play, in the PHS Auditorium, featuring "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" - \$5 for all ages.

Thursday, December 7 - Palisades HS Winter Band, Orchestra, and Chorus Concert - 7 PM  
Admission is FREE!



**Lutheran Disaster Relief:** Thanks to all who contributed items to our clean up kits and who donated money to LDR.

**Durham Day:** We had a table at Durham Day. Thanks to Pastor and Patricia Zion for manning it.

**We will be collecting food for our local foodbanks for Thanksgiving dinners during November.**

We will be collecting **personal care kits** during December which will go to Lutheran Disaster Response. **Each kit includes:** 1 light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended; 2 or 3 three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging (toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope - no plastic bags or wrap); 1 sturdy comb, remove packaging; 1 metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging. Fold the towel in half. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out, and secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands.

## Announcing a Wonderful Opportunity!

Subscribe to the magazine "Living Lutheran," the magazine of the ELCA for the special one-year price of \$12.95 (35% off the regular price of \$19.95). You're involved in your congregation and you care about the mission and ministry of the ELCA. There's no better way to stay connected to the wider community of Lutheran Christians throughout the US and the world. Readers of the magazine say that it helps nurture their faith and explore complex issues in ways they couldn't do otherwise. Here's how you can get your subscription:

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2. Call 1-800-328-4648 and mention this offer for "Living Lutheran."

**You are invited to join the Williams Township Veterans Day Ceremony - Saturday, November 11 at 11:00 AM**

At the Veterans Memorial - Williams Township Municipal Building  
655 Cider Press Road in Williams Township

Veterans of all branches will be recognized during the program and especially honored by the children of Williams Township Elementary School. **PLEASE JOIN US!**



**Veterans Day - Saturday, November 11, 2017**  
**Veterans of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham**



**James H. Altemose** US Army Reserves. 1958-1964

**Edward J. Ballek** (Deceased) Sergeant in the US Army, 148<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion,  
1943-45

**Edward Crouse** (Deceased) Private, US Army Battery C, 75th gun battalion (AAA cannoneer)  
1948 - 1954

**Ron Everitt** Specialist E-4, US Army, 1970-72

**Leo P. Fox** US Navy, Ship's Cook Class 3, 1944-46

**Robert Fox** US Army

**Scott Gaun** US Air Force, 1984-1988, Senior Airman.

**Gene Gribbin** (Deceased) Sergeant, US Army, 1950-52

**Michael Hesser** - Sgt., US Marine Corps, 2010-2014

**David H. Holland** (deceased) US Marine Corps, killed in action 1967

**Myron Kressman** (deceased) - US Army 1969-71

**W. Robert Litzenberger** (deceased) Corporal, US Army 1950 -52

**John Luther** (deceased) Private, US Army 351<sup>st</sup> Infantry, 88<sup>th</sup> Division, killed in action,  
Italy 1944

**Paul McGinn** Specialist 4, US Army, 1970's

**Wayne Mesko** Staff Sergeant, US Air Force, 99<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing 1966-70

**James Miller** US Navy, 1965-1968

**Robert J. Newcomb** (Deceased) Corporal, US Army, Medical Technician, 1951-53

**Harold E. Nicholas** (Deceased) Corporal, US Army, 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Division, Medium Tank  
Battalion, 1951-53

**David Pyne** Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class E-4 US Navy, USS Gettysburg, 1994-98

**Blake Rodd** US Army, 2010-2014

**Silas Rodenbach** US Army, 1952-54

**Christopher S. Seifert** (deceased) Captain, US Army, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, killed in action  
2003

**Hal Taylor** Lieutenant, US Navy, Field Intelligence, 1966-69

**Edward H. Xander** Corporal, US Marine Corps, 1955-59

If your workplace engages in a **United Way campaign**, please remember that **Lutheran Charities** is a participating agency. Your pledge and your gifts will be personally acknowledged and highly valued and appreciated.

Our number is **#390**. THANK YOU!



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Have you signed up yet for the **A+ School Rewards Program** to support our **Care-A-Lot** Preschool? If not, there are forms on the table in the Narthex.



Please share with your friends and family!

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## PRAYER

Please lift up in prayer the following ...



November 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1 All Saints Day</b> 9 AM–12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir	<b>2</b> 9 AM–12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Pastor's Day Off
<b>5 All Saints Sunday - Daylight Savings Time Ends</b> 9 AM – Christian Education 10:30 AM – Festival Communion	<b>6</b>	<b>7 Election Day</b> NO Preschool 2-3:30 PM Small Group	<b>8</b> 9 AM–12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir	<b>9</b> 9 AM–12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	<b>10</b> Martin Luther's Birthday	<b>11 11 AM</b> Ceremony @ Williams Twp. Veterans Day
<b>12</b> 9 AM – Christian Education 10:30 AM – Worship/Baptisms 1:30-4:30 PM Church Leader Gathering	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9 AM –12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	<b>15</b> 9 AM–12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir	<b>16</b> 9 AM–12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Pastor's Day Off
<b>19</b> Bake Sale for Community Dinner, Riegelsville Fire @ 8 AM 9 AM – Christian Education 10:30 AM – Communion 5:30 PM Confirmation	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9 AM –12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	<b>22</b> NO Preschool 7 PM Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship @ TLC	<b>23</b> NO Preschool Thanksgiving Day	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Pastor's Day Off
<b>26 Christ the King Sunday - Last Sunday of the Church Year</b> 9 AM – Christian Education 10:30 AM – Communion	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9 AM –12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	<b>29</b> 9 AM–12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir	<b>30</b> 9 AM–12:30 PM Care-A-Lot		
<b>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:</b> Pastor – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 AM – Noon; Friday – Home Office Secretary – Tuesday and Friday 2 PM – 6 PM						



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*Happy Thanksgiving*

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