



# Christ Lutheran Church

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## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

As soon as I turn my calendar to November each year, I begin to anticipate the smell of turkey roasting in the oven, and the taste of homemade pumpkin pie. Most of all, however, I think about all the many blessings God has bestowed on me. Everything I have, including each breath I take comes from the generosity of God. Because I feel that I am overflowing with God's generosity, I also want to give all that I can to those around me. My attention, care, love, and whatever they are in need of.

When you cultivate a spirit of thankfulness, [it will spill over into your relationships](#). It's easy to be thankful when everything goes right, but when others see you credit God for his love in difficult circumstances, they will begin to wonder "why." A perfect time to help them see how they too can experience the great grace of God by building a personal relationship with Him.

For some of us this holiday season, our families live close by and we can

spend quality time with them. For others of us, because of distance, we spent the time alone. Yet, no matter how far away our family may be, we can still come home together every time we share the worship of our God and gather around His table for Holy Communion, for we are all beloved children of God and part of one big family. May you all experience the joy of being part of our church family as I cherish the joy of being with each of you.

Many Blessings,  
Pastor Linda

## MARTIN LUTHER SAYS:

All our work in the field, in the garden, in the city, in the home, in struggle, in government-to what does it all amount before God except child's play, by means of which God is pleased to give his gifts in the field, at home, and everywhere? These are the masks of our Lord God, behind which he wants to be hidden and to do all things.



## BREAKFAST AND BOOK DISCUSSION:

On Saturday morning, **November 2<sup>nd</sup>**, we will meet at **9 a.m.** in the Parish House for breakfast, fellowship, and a discussion of the book, *Forgiveness* by Terri Roberts who is the mother of the shooter at the West Nickels Mines Amish School in Lancaster. It is a story of a mother's love and a story of remarkable grace. Even if you have not had time to read the book, you will be able to join the discussion. Books may be purchased on Amazon, and my guess is local bookstores may also carry it. *Please share this information with friends and family and invite them to join us. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex so that we have an idea of how much food to prepare.*



### **DON'T FORGET "FIRST WEDNESDAY"** **New Location This Month**

Come join Pastor Linda on **Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** for fellowship, coffee, and a short Biblical devotion. We will meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the **Sunday School Room**. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Linda at 717-386-8762 or [Lindashank@centurylink.net](mailto:Lindashank@centurylink.net).



### **Congregation Council meets November 12 at 7 p.m. in the Sunday School Room**

### **SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS**

A Surviving the Holidays Seminar will be offered at Christ Lutheran Church on Friday evening, November the 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30. The seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. The seminar includes the following topics:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to discover hope for your future

If you know anyone who is grieving the lost of a loved one, please tell them about the seminar. For more information you can contact Pastor Linda at 717-386-8762.



**“SECOND SUNDAY SWEETS”**  
**Don’t miss this chance for fellowship right after the Sunday Service on November 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**BLESSING OF THE HUNTERS**

On Sunday, **November 10<sup>th</sup>** we will have a blessing of the hunters. Please wear your camouflage, orange vests, hats, and so forth to celebrate the day.



**TO PONDER:**

“Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.” - **Psalm 95:2-3**  
 “I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds” - **Psalm 9:1 (NIV)**



**“MORNING GLORIES”**  
 The “Morning Glories” will meet on Monday morning, **November 11<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 a.m. at the Church.  
 All are welcome.



**The “Books and Beyond” book group meets at the Library at 10 a.m.**

Nov. 20 Winter Sisters  
 by Robin Oliveira

**“BAD WOMEN OF THE BIBLE”**  
 We will meet on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. in the Sunday School Room to learn more about Jezebel. Come and enjoy learning about more this bad girl of the Bible, and how her story impacts our personal lives.

**JOINT THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

Our Community Thanksgiving service will take place at the Methodist Church on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. I hope to see all of you there.



Our ingathering for this service will be canned goods and paper products for the Senior Center.  
 Place donations in the basket in the Sunday school room.



**“NOISY OFFERING BEGINS FIRST SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER!”**

The children of the church will again this year begin collecting change at the Sunday services during November and December. This is a wonderful way for them to learn about giving to others and about Mission. At the beginning of January, the children will use the money to select “Good Gifts” such as chicken, sheep, and bees for families overseas. “Good Gifts” is aimed at providing people with what they need to be self-sufficient.

The Christmas tree downstairs in the Sunday School Room also has ornaments that you can purchase to give to someone. All the money from these purchases will also go to “Good Gifts.”



**November 2** Breakfast & Book Discussion, 9 a.m. in Parish House

**November 3** All Saints Sunday  
*TIME CHANGES, FALL BACK 1 HOUR*  
Confirmation Class

**November 5** Election Day  
Church Office Closed

**November 6** First Wednesday,  
9:30 a.m.

**November 6** Young Voices in Sound, 3:30 in Parish House

**November 7** Grief Share, 3 to 5 p.m. in Sunday School Room

**November 8** Surviving the Holidays  
6:30- -8:30p.m.

**November 10** Blessing of the Hunters at Worship Service  
Second Sunday Sweets  
Perry Village, 2 p.m.  
Confirmation Class

**November 11** Morning Glories,  
9 a.m.

**November 12** Church Council,  
7 p.m.

**November 13** Young Voices in Song, 3:30 p.m.in Parish House

**November 14** Grief Share, 3 to 5 p.m. in Sunday School Room

**November 20** Books & Beyond  
Book Group, 10 a.m. Library

**November 20** Bad Women of the Bible, 1 p.m.

**November 21** Grief Share, 3 to 5 p.m. in Sunday School Room

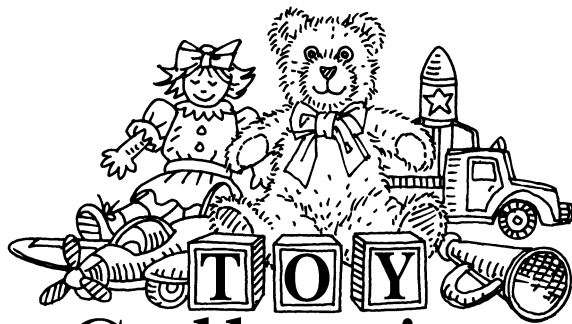
**November 24** Confirmation Class  
Community Thanksgiving Service at 3 p.m.  
New Bloomfield United Methodist Church

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
DEC 1, 2019 following worship**

**Thank you for your prayerful consideration of the Constitution and By-law changes, the Proposed 2019 Budget and for your service to this congregation.**

**As of this writing, we still have four spots open on Council.**

**Join us for Second Sunday Sweets following our meeting.  
Note the date change.**



# Collection

**“TOYS FOR PERRY COUNTY”**

It's not too soon to begin shopping for toys for this worthwhile project. Last year the toys were distributed to over 600 children in Perry County who would have had little for Christmas without the help they received from Join Hands.

As always, we can look forward to a wonderful concert of music that will inspire and surely enhance your Christmas Spirit. The concert is scheduled for Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> with performances at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

You may bring your toy donations to the concert when you attend, or you may drop them off early in the designated place in the Sunday School Room.



Bakers we are in need of cookies, cookies cookies!

We are in need of cookies for the receptions following the concerts and the left overs will be taken to the Truck Stop Ministry.

**ADVENT BIBLE STUDY –  
“It's A Wonderful Life!”**

This advent we will be watching the Christmas Classic, *it's a Wonderful Life*, and following the story of George Bailey as we study the biblical principles of Goodness, Godliness, Prayer, Miracles, Counting our Blessings, and others like the importance of community.

The Bible Study will take place in the Church's Sunday School Room and will meet on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> of December at 1:00 p.m. I hope to see you all there. If you plan to attend, *please sign the sheet in the Narthex* so that I know how many handouts, etc. to have ready.

This Christmas, rejoice in Jesus Christ — the wonderful life that came into the world to save sinners!



Renewal pays hopeful attention to our relationships with God, each other and our community and faithfully participates in what God is up to in the world.



### Join the Pop Tab Challenge

You see them every time you open a drink or soup can, or sometimes when feeding your pet. Those tiny little tabs are easy to overlook, but they can make a BIG impact on the families at Ronald McDonald House Charities!

The Thrivent member Network-Mid-Atlantic Region will partner with Ronald McDonald House Charities for Thrivent’s Giving Tuesday initiative. They are challenging churches and organizations throughout our region to help reach the goal of collecting 10 million pop tabs by participating in the Pop Tab Challenge.

Save your tabs and place them in the container in the narthex.



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- FRIENDS
- GATHERING
- GOBBLE
- GRAVY
- MASHED
- MEMORIES
- POTATOES
- SHARE
- SUPPER
- THANKSGIVING
- TURKEY

Happy Thanksgiving  
From Daily Dish  
Magazine

