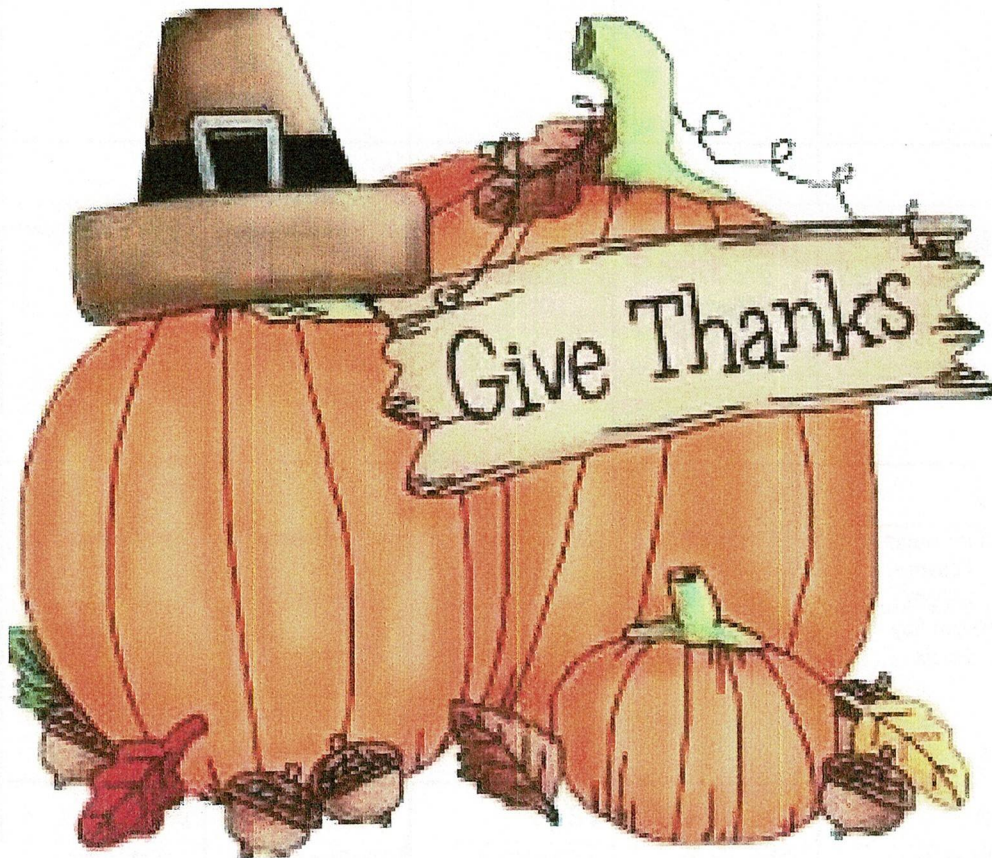


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# November 2023

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# From the Pastor's Desk – November 2023



## “Thanksgiving”

***Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.***

**Philippians 4:4-7(NRSVA)**

When the calendar turns to November, my mind shoots to the latter part of the month and I'm ready for Thanksgiving. The passage posted at the head of my thoughts was our reading in worship back on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October. It is one of the first passages I think of when I think about Thanksgiving.

Here, Paul puts thanksgiving in the context of prayer and in the absence of worry or anxiety. Do not be anxious about anything. That is a hard thing for many of us in these days, but if we place all that we are and all that we have in the Lord's hands, it is that much easier. Don't worry about anything. Rather, in everything, by prayer and supplication . . . let your requests be made known to God.

Prayer changes things. No doubt you've heard that little phrase before. When I hear that declaration, I always want to ask the question – What does it change? AND How does it change those things? I often have the feeling that what we want to think is that my prayer changes

the mind of God so that God will act according to my wants and needs, perhaps differently than God might have acted otherwise. There are a couple Old Testament stories in which it at least seems as if God changes his mind on something he was going to do at the request of one of the prominent characters – Abraham in one instance and Moses in the other. When we pray . . . when we bring our requests to God . . . are we intending to change God's mind? Do we believe we have the ability to accomplish such a thing?

It has been suggested that, when asked a similar question on the efficacy of prayer, the great British writer CS Lewis answered that he didn't pray intending to change God but that he, himself, might be changed by the reality of prayer. What do you make of that? Prayer is the living out of the intimate relationship God has made with us in Holy Baptism. As the beloved children of God, we are given the amazing privilege of prayer, the gift of open communication with God. When we call on his name (that God has given us, told us his name is itself a remarkable gift), God hears and responds out of the abundance of grace, mercy, and love in Jesus Christ our Lord. In John 10, often called the Good Shepherd chapter, Jesus declares that God desires that we have abundant life in relationship with him. God wants the best for us. The more we open ourselves to God in prayer; the more we are aware of his presence in every aspect of life, in every moment of every day; the more our will (our wants and desires) will become aligned with that which God wants for us.

Ultimately, this will lead us to offer our prayers in thanksgiving for all that God has already done for us and given to us in Christ Jesus. Our first thanksgiving is for life itself, for our physical lives and all that God has provided us in and for this life –



all of this in the order of creation. Second, but more significant by far, is our gratitude for the gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord; that by his passion, death, and resurrection we should be the recipients of forgiveness, life, and salvation – all of this in the order of redemption. As we abide in him and he in us, we are drawn to know that there is nothing that has not, is not, and will not be given to us and done for us in God’s abiding love for us.

As Paul writes to his friends, his sisters and brothers in the church in Philippi, the intimacy of prayer and an attitude of gratitude will bring us to the place where both joy and peace become the realities of our lives. **“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice!”** And then, **“The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”**

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Mike

**FINANCE**

Sept. Monthly Envelope Offering:	\$ 5,632
Sept. St. Matthews Pastoral Service	\$ 3,308
Sept. Additional Income	\$ 403
Sept. Monthly Expenses:	\$ 10,865
Attendance:	
September 3, 2023	42
September 10, 2023	37
September 17, 2023	42
September 24, 2023	36

**HOME VISITS**

Home visits and shut-in visits are being planned for November. If anyone would like to receive communion from Pastor Mike, please call the office @ 610-826-2524.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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| Rich Hyer        | President      |
| Don Delich       | Vice-President |
| Karen Talamantes | Secretary      |
| Larry Arner      | Treasurer      |
| Teri Delich      |                |
| Scott Heinrich   |                |
| Terry Holland    |                |
| Krissy Keblish   |                |
| Ron Keblish      |                |
| Jim Miller       |                |
| Eric Reif        |                |
| Ray Talamantes   |                |

**FINANCIAL PERSONNEL**

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| Larry Arner        | Treasurer      |
| Carol Heffelfinger | Financial Sec. |

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

November 19 Council Meeting

**BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

Mondays - 1:30—3:00 pm at St. Matthew’s  
Thursdays -10:30am-Noon – Adult Education Room

**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

November 29 Sandra and Warner Benson 36 years



**WE WISH YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- November 01 Tricia Pryce
- November 09 Dennis Dorshimer
- November 10 June Andreas
- November 11 Kara Suarez
- November 11 Nancy Young
- November 15 James Miller
- November 16 Stephen Schmidt
- November 17 Sharon Bowman
- November 17 James Brown
- November 19 Suzanne Bloomfield
- November 19 Kim Merkel, Jr
- November 20 Maggie Weimer
- November 21 Ashley Weiner
- November 22 Katrina Schrag
- November 23 Layla Schmidt
- November 26 Michael Frost
- November 27 Brittany Zeky



[NOTE: If we have omitted your birthday or anniversary, please let us know.]



**CHILDREN'S SHOPPING 2023**

The ever popular Children's shopping will take place on Dec. 9, 2022. From 9:00 to noon. Families can register as they enter the Fellowship Hall. Each family will be given a number in order to keep the 'first come-first served' order. The gifts will still be offered for 25¢ each. Moms and Dads can wrap the gifts before taking them home. There will be refreshments. Hand sanitizer will be readily available in many locations. This shopping day gives children the opportunity to find nice gifts for their families and friends.

So. What can the congregation do to help with this project? We need gifts for men and teenage boys – think after shave, boxes of candy, small tools, earbuds, packs of batteries, etc. Sports memorabilia is always popular. Gifts for teenage girls might include cute purses, hair bands or barrettes, perfume, etc. Coloring books that are still not colored in are good. We have lots of stuffed animals. We do not need wrapping paper, bows, or cards this year. But gift bags will certainly help speed up the wrapping process. The most popular gifts are Christmas decorations and knick-knacks. We also need volunteers to register families, direct traffic, and help our young customers find what they are looking for. Volunteers should be at the Fellowship Hall at 8:30. Please call Connie at 610-509-9873 if you have questions.

Once again, shopping will be Saturday, December 09 from 9:00 to noon. Children from 3-12 years old are welcome. As usual, they may buy one gift for each person on their list for only 25¢.



**November 19, 2023 COMMUNION**

**Assisting Minister:** Larry Arner  
**Ushers:** Carol Heffelfinger, Loren LaRose  
**Altar Guild:** Ray & Karen Talamantes  
**Flowers:** The Talamantes' (Thanksgiving for Heidi's Birthday)  
**Bulletins:**  
**Communion Bread:** Steve Berger  
**Website:** Anonymous  
**Times News Ad:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer  
**Worship Service 10:15 AM**

**November 26, 2023 COMMUNION**

**Assisting Minister:** Debbie Hansut  
**Ushers:** Rich & Jeanette Hyer  
**Altar Guild:** Rich & Jeanette Hyer  
**Flowers:** Sosik Family  
**Bulletins:**  
**Communion Bread:** Steve Berger  
**Website:** Anonymous  
**Times News Ad:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer  
**Worship Service 10:15 AM**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Pastor Mike will do children's sermons on the second Sunday of each month.



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**November 05, 2023 COMMUNION**

**Assisting Minister:** Rich Hyer  
**Ushers:** Scott & Kelly Heinrich  
**Altar Guild:** Rich & Jeanette Hyer  
**Flowers:** Carol Heffelfinger (Junes Birthday)  
**Bulletins:**  
**Communion Bread:** Steve Berger  
**Website:** Anonymous  
**Times News Ad:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer  
**Worship Service 10:15 AM**

**November 12, 2023 COMMUNION**

**Assisting Minister:** Krissy Keblish  
**Ushers:** Ron Keblish w/ Taylor, Terry Holland  
**Altar Guild:** Rich & Jeanette Hyer  
**Flowers:** Marlene Bollinger (Lee's Birthday)  
**Bulletins:**  
**Communion Bread:** Steve Berger  
**Website:** Anonymous  
**Times News Ad:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer  
**Worship Service 10:15 AM**



Church Office Hours: 9am-1pm







**SNAPPLE FACTS**

Sip on some knowledge.  
Most of these are the Real facts



There are seven letters that look the same upside down as right side up.  
Pennsylvania is misspelled on the Liberty Bell



**Thrift Shop Hours: Tuesday 9am-12:30pm**

**REDNER'S SAVE A TAPE**

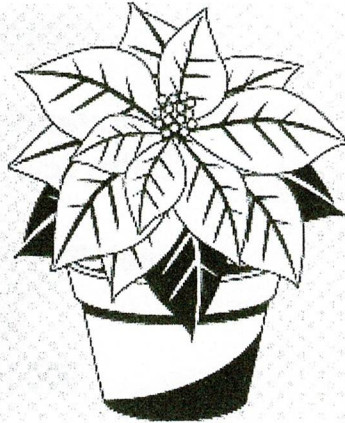
**This is a reminder that we collect Redner's register tapes.**  
There is a box in the Narthex for the Redner's register tapes. Redner's Market provides us with a **1% rebate** for all register tapes turned in. Ask for a save a tape card at the desk. *This is required to participate.*



**These people joined the Church Triumphant between November 1, 2022 & October 31, 2023**

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| <b>*Neal A. Craigie</b>    | <b>04/10/2023</b> |
| <b>Beatrice Mary Smith</b> | <b>05/06/2023</b> |
| <b>Ann M. Feller</b>       | <b>10/12/2023</b> |

**\*Friends of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**



	Price	Color	Qty.	Cost
6.5 inch Pot (5+ blooms)	\$10.00 each	Red		
6.5 inch Pot (5+ blooms)	\$10.00 each	White		
6.5 inch Pot (5+ blooms)	\$10.00 each	Pink		
6.5 inch Pot (5+ blooms)	\$10.00 each	Marble		
<b>TOTAL ORDERED</b>				

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Ordered by \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ATTACH CHECK, PAYABLE TO "HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH" TO THIS FORM AND  
PLACE IN OFFERING PLATE OR BRING/MAIL TO CHURCH OFFICE

**ON OR BEFORE November 19, 2023 NO EXCEPTIONS**





**CHURCH BAZAAR**

**November 11th 9am-2pm**

Crafts, Jewelry

Food

**Lunch Bag Raffle    Raffle Ticket**

Many gift cards and prizes.

**Bake Sale**

**White Elephant**

**Items needed are: gift cards  
& new items for the bag**

**Our Fall Bazaar is on November 11th**

We are busy bees and let's keep buzzing around!

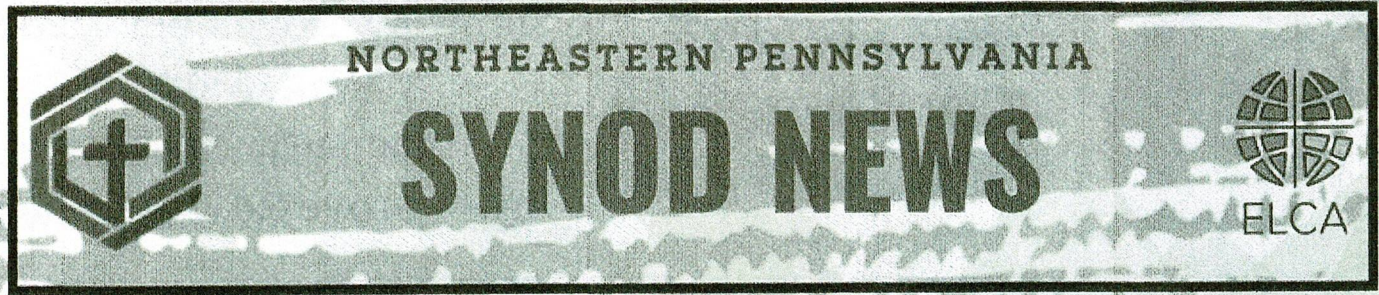
We finished a successful festival run and now we move to our bazaar. Things needed for the bazaar first off are donations of cash and or gift cards for the raffle ticket. If you would like to sponsor a gift certificate, please see Larry or Sue Arner to do that. Then of course items for the white elephant sale, cause as we know your junk may be someone else's treasure so please keep that in mind. Handcrafted items, we know our congregation is loaded with many talented folks so consider something you can or have made and donate to our craft table sewing, knitting, crocheting, jewelry making, painting just to name a few. As the date draws closer, we will need all hands on deck to prepare. We will have a bake sale for all our talented bakers to prepare their most popular items for others to purchase. Any time we can accept donations of new or handcrafted items for the brown bag raffle so think about clearance items when you're shopping that would make a great prize or perhaps an unwanted gift that you just never will use and now can donate to our raffle. Please send all donations to the church office and items for the bazaar can be dropped at the thrift shop during their regular hours.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS**

**Don't forget to turn back your clocks on Saturday Night , November 4, 2023**







## *Interconnected, Diverse, and Wild Creation*

Have you ever worked on a crochet or knit project, and got to a point where your yarn ends up tied in a bird nest-looking mess? Or maybe you're one that works with a fishing line, and while re-spooling a reel you end up with a knot with loops and swoops that make you scratch your head and wonder, "Now what?"

I've noticed that when I experience the dilemma of a knotted skein, I feel frustration and anger. If I'm not in my clearest headspace, I will reactively pull one loop at a time, looking for one with any ability to move. "This one moves? Great!" I'll pull it in either direction until it stops. Still knotted? Find another! And again, and again. If I'm not careful I can end up tightening the knot even further, never to be unwound and destined for the scrap pile.

On my clearer days, I can take a jumbled mess of a knot and get it unwound and collected into a smaller ball of yarn without even needing to cut it from the rest! In Times like this, I have found, that the frustration and the anger are still present, yet in letting them pass while I pause, I create the opportunity to take care and intention in my untangling.

I wonder if God feels like that sometimes when, as the interconnected, diverse, and wild Creation that God so deeply loves, we get ourselves all knotted up through broken relationships, judgments, and ignorant acts. I wonder, does God reactively start pulling at us to take action? Does God accept our jumbled mess, allowing us to make different choices and seek right relationships that honor our connectedness? Does God enjoy the feeling of seeing us come together to co-create something new and beautiful?

May you know and trust that the One who has knit you together in the womb is the One who is eager and ready to create goodness and mercy in and through you this day and always. Blessings on your detangling.

Reverend Lauren Applegate  
On Leave From Call



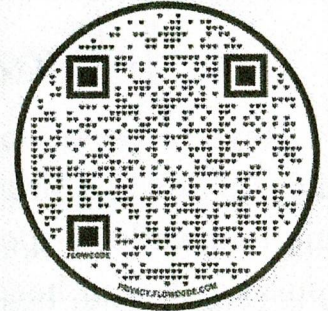




We Love 2023:  
The Reconciling  
in Christ Process

Saturday, November 4, 2023  
8:30AM-3PM  
at The Lutheran Center  
2354 Grove Rd., Allentown

Join the synod's LGBTQIA+ Ministry Team as we host a special day of education, information, and fellowship on this year's theme: The Reconciling In Christ process. We are thrilled to welcome Carla Christopher, Assistant to the Bishop for Justice Ministries in the Lower Susquehanna and Delaware-Maryland synods, to work with us on integrating our commitment to racial justice into our RIC efforts.



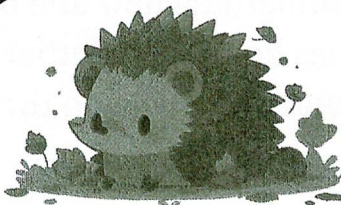
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**synod**  
assembly  
JUNE 8TH 2024

NATIONAL  
YOUTH  
GATHERING

Registration - now open!



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*This Thanksgiving, we acknowledge  
this land is Indigenous*