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NOVEMBER 2025

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Thrift Shop
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Office Hours
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Bible Study
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Church
Bazaar
9am-2pm

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Thanksgiving
Day

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Worship
Service
9am



"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." - 1 Thessalonians 5:18

I have always been a left-brained logic-minded person -- structure, order, facts. One of the ways that I keep things together is by using a planner. I do have a digital calendar, but I find that using a big and bulky daily planner is still best suited to my style of organization. Always on the lookout for new things, I decided last year to try a different planner. This one was different. Where my last planner simply asked me to enter appointments and gave me a space to track how much time I spent on each task, this planner asked something vastly different from me. Each day, three small blocks. "What are you grateful for today?"

At first, I thought it was a bit silly. If I wanted to be creative, three things each day times 365 days meant 1,095 different things for which to be grateful! My anxiety shifted between thinking of something meaningful and not wanting to leave blocks blank. I started with the normal stuff -- friends, family, a home, a job -- indeed the things I normally gave thanks to God for in prayer.

A few months later, and the season of Lent begins. Lent is a time of reflection and, admittedly, the time of year that I spend the most time in prayer. During Lent, I prayed to be more thankful. "Help me, God, to know what's important!" Suddenly, 1,095 different things for which to be grateful was not a perplexing task. I would start my day and remember that person who sent a card to me last week. Their name goes in a blank. I would remember the great weather the day before. That goes in a blank. I would check my blood sugar and see a decent number for once! That goes in a blank. I would remember the times God manifested Himself during a challenging time. That event goes in a blank, even if it was hard to get through.

St. Paul reminds us to give thanks in all things. It seems silly. There are some things in my life that do not immediately scream, "This deserves a thank you." Even so, gratitude in the good and bad does transform the way you see the world around you. It transforms how you see God, how you see others, and how you see yourself.

I am incredibly grateful to all of you and for many and assorted reasons for the different gifts you bring to our common life together. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! And his steadfast love endures forever.

In Thanksgiving,
Pastor Ken

HOLY TRINITY ACTION MINISTRY THE BLESSINGS THRIFT SHOP:



Tuesday 9am-12:30pm

It's Your 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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS **MONDAY – WEDNESDAY 8AM-1PM**



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS - NOVEMBER 2



COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jon Kistler
Steve Berger
Rich Hyer
Larry Arner
Jim Miller
Krissy Keblish
Ron Keblish
Gerry Dorshimer
Scott Heinrich
Eric Reif
Gordon Walls
Terry Holland

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Asst. Treasurer



FINANCIAL PERSONNEL

Larry Arner
Jessica Hansen

Treasurer
Financial Sec.

COUNCIL MEETING

November 16 6:00 pm

FINANCE & ATTENDANCE

Sept.- Monthly Envelope Offering:	\$4,946
Sept.- Additional Income:	\$424
Sept.- Monthly Expenses:	\$7,007
Attendance:	
September 07, 2025	37
September 14, 2025	37
September 21, 2025	38
September 28, 2025	43

SUNDAY WORSHIP – 9:00 AM

NOVEMBER 02, 2025 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Rich Hyer

Ushers: Kelly & Scott Heinrich

Altar Guild: Needed

Flowers: The Sosik Family – IMO Loved Ones

Bulletins: Marlene Bollinger

Communion Bread: Morris & Suzanne Bloomfield

Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

NOVEMBER 09, 2025 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Krissy Keblish

Ushers: Terry Holland, Ron Keblish & Taylor Keblish

Altar Guild: Needed

Flowers: Carol Heffelfinger – June's Birthday

Bulletins: Needed

Communion Bread: Morris & Suzanne Bloomfield

Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

NOVEMBER 16, 2025 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Deb Hansut

Ushers: Loren LaRose & Carol Heffelfinger

Altar Guild: Needed

Flowers: Jim & Diane Miller – Jim's Birthday

Bulletins: Jim & Diane Miller – Jim's Birthday

Communion Bread: Morris & Suzanne Bloomfield

Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

NOVEMBER 23, 2025 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Larry Arner

Ushers: Rich & Jeanette Hyer

Altar Guild: Needed

Flowers: Ray & Wren Talamantes –
Daughter Heidi's Birthday

Bulletins: Needed

Communion Bread: Morris & Suzanne Bloomfield

Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

NOVEMBER 30, 2025 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Lynn Perone

Ushers: Gordon & Mary Walls

Altar Guild: Needed

Flowers: The Sosik Family – IMO Loved Ones

Bulletins: Needed

Communion Bread: Diane & Jim Miller

Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer



BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS 10:30-12:00

HOME VISITS

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

*The following have joined the
Church Triumphant between
November 1, 2024 & October 31, 2025:*

Eleanor M. Scheirer - May 1, 2025

Jean M. Fritzinger – July 10, 2025

Marian E. Roberts – October 1, 2025





CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA FLOWERS

	PRICE	COLOR	QUANTITY	COST
6.5 INCH POT (5+BLOOMS)	\$10.00 EACH	RED		
6.5 INCH POT (5+BLOOMS)	\$10.00 EACH	PINK		
6.5 INCH POT (5+BLOOMS)	\$10.00 EACH	WHITE		
6.5 INCH POT (5+BLOOMS)	\$10.00 EACH	MARBLE		
TOTAL ORDERED			QUANTITY	COST

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

ORDERED BY: _____

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

SUBMIT ORDERS ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 24, 2025

THANKSGIVING

Word Scramble

DIRECTIONS/ Unscramble the Thanksgiving words and then use the highlighted letters to form the secret message. You will have to unscramble the message as well.

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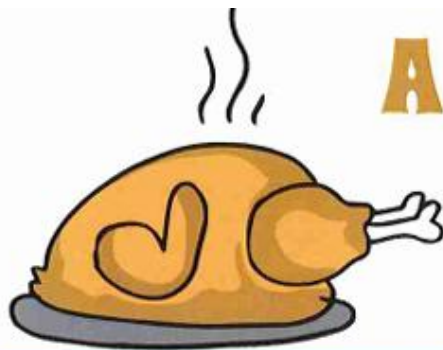
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A Thanksgiving Feast

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the delicious Thanksgiving food in the grid. Look for the words in all directions including backwards and diagonally. What's your favorite Thanksgiving food?

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GREEN BEANS

MAC AND CHEESE

MASHED POTATOES

MINCEMEAT

PEAS

PECAN PIE

PUMPKIN PIE

ROLLS

SQUASH

STUFFING

SWEET POTATOES

TURKEY

YAMS

APPLE PIE

COLLARD GREENS

BISCUITS

CORNBREAD

BRUSSEL SPROUTS

CRANBERRY SAUCE

CASSEROLE

DRESSING

CHESTNUTS

GRAVY





Veterans Day began as Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I on November 11, 1918. It became a federal holiday in 1938, and in 1954, after lobbying by World War II and Korean War veterans, the holiday was renamed Veterans Day to honor all Americans who have served in the U.S. military, not just those from WWI.

From Armistice Day to Veterans Day

- **1918:** The armistice that ended World War I was signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.
- **1919:** President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first Armistice Day to honor WWI veterans.
- **1938:** November 11 was declared a national holiday, dedicated to world peace and the veterans of the Great War.
- **1954:** U.S. Representative [Ed Rees](#) proposed a bill to change the name, and President [Dwight D. Eisenhower](#) signed it into law, officially changing the holiday to Veterans Day to honor all U.S. veterans.

Why the Name Change?

- Following World War II and the Korean War, veterans and veterans service organizations successfully pushed for a holiday that was more inclusive of all who served.
- The name change from Armistice Day to Veterans Day was supported by figures like World War II veteran [Raymond Weeks](#), who organized the first national Veterans Day celebration in Alabama in 1947.

Key Aspects of Veterans Day

- **Honoring All Service Members:** Unlike [Memorial Day](#), which honors those who died in service, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans, living or deceased.
- **Federal Holiday:** Veterans Day is a federal holiday, meaning most government offices, schools, and banks are closed.
- **Annual Observance:** The holiday continues to be observed annually on November 11.



NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly: The Work of the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania

Written by: Pastor Mike Bennethum, LAMPa Policy Council Chair

In a well-known scripture, the prophet Micah proclaims, "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (NRSV Micah 6:8) It has been pointed out that we Lutherans often are more comfortable loving justice and doing kindness; that is, we find satisfaction in feeding hungry people but shy away from calling out and addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty. For the past 46 years, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa) – funded in part by your mission support giving – has taken up the important, but daunting task of working to change systems that perpetuate inequity and injustice.

LAMPa's staff – Tracey DePasquale, Director, and Pastor Erin Jones, Communications and Advocacy Engagement Manager, joined this year by Hunger Advocacy Fellow, Daniella Garber – work with a Policy Council composed of representatives of Pennsylvania's seven synods, the United Lutheran Seminary, and a synod bishop to develop a biennial Policy Agenda that guides our church's engagement with state legislators and departments in the governor's office.

The current Policy Agenda includes the following priorities:

- Hunger: improving access to healthy, affordable food;
- Creation Care: advocating for laws that protect clean air, water, and land;
- Poverty: addressing homelessness and housing insecurity;
- Education: working toward adequate and equitable school funding;
- Healthcare: working to ensure all Pennsylvanians have access to affordable care;
- Civil Rights: working to reduce hate crime and safeguard the right to vote;
- Immigration: standing for welcome to our newest neighbors; and
- Violence Reduction: addressing the root causes of violence, including trauma and extreme poverty.



2025 Lutheran Day at the Capitol

The LAMPa staff and Policy Council pursue this ambitious agenda in several ways:

- By forming and participating in coalitions with leaders of other denominations, faith-based organizations, and community groups that are passionate about these same issues;
- By engaging with state legislators and those who work in the governor's office, regardless of party affiliation, to advance measures that benefit all Pennsylvanians;
- And, most important, by equipping and supporting the members of the 1,050 ELCA congregations in Pennsylvania so that each of us becomes more confident expressing our faith in the Good News of Jesus by becoming bold advocates for a just and compassionate society. The widely used Bonhoeffer curriculum is just one example of this.



Policy Council Chairs: NEPS Bishop Christopher deForest, Pastor Dillon Epler, and Pastor Mike Bennethum



LAMPa Council Policy Meeting

Each of you is an important partner in this ministry. Check out LAMPa's website, lutheranadvocacy.org. Sign up to receive helpful Action Alerts regarding pending legislation that addresses the issues above. Follow LAMPa on Facebook and Instagram. Sign up to join approximately 250 of your fellow Lutherans at the next Lutheran Day at the Capitol (tentatively Tuesday, April 21, 2026).

At the center of Lutheran ethics is God's command to love our neighbors as ourselves. Please join in this ministry of neighbor-love by supporting LAMPa's work. Thank you for your mission support giving that helps to make this possible!

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.

 **LAMPa**
Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania
Action Alert

STAY INFORMED AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

LAMPa's Action Alerts connect faith and public life by giving you quick, meaningful ways to advocate for justice and compassion in Pennsylvania. Each alert includes background and an easy way to contact legislators on issues like hunger, housing, and creation care.

SIGN UP
TODAY



lutheranadvocacy.org





November 8th 9am-2pm

We are busy bees that continue to buzz around! We have finished another successful festival run and now we turn our attention to the Church Bazaar.

BAZAAR NEEDS:

-DONATIONS; Cash and/or gift cards for the raffle ticket. If you would like to sponsor a gift certificate, please see Larry or Sue Arner.

-WHITE ELEPHANT SALE; Remember, your junk may be someone else's treasure! Handcrafted items: we know our congregation is loaded with many talented folks, so consider donating something handmade. Craft table sewing, knitting, crocheting, jewelry making & painted items are just a few examples.

-BROWN BAG RAFFLE; Donations of new or handcrafted items. When you're shopping, consider picking up clearance items or passing along unwanted gifts that you will never use.

-BAKERS & VOLUNTEERS; As the date draws closer, we will need all hands-on deck to prepare. We will have a bake sale. Our talented bakers will prepare their most popular items for others to purchase & enjoy.

***Please send all monetary donations to the church office.**

****All items for the bazaar can be dropped off at the thrift shop during their regular hours.**

Many Gift Cards and Prizes – Crafts, Jewelry, Lunch Bag Raffle, Raffle Tickets, White Elephant Food & Bake Sale

ITEMS NEEDED: Gift Cards, New Items for the Bag Raffle, White Elephant Items for Sale Tables

MOLASSES TONGUE COOKIES & APPLE DUMPLING ORDERS

OUR BAKING STAFF WILL BE PREORDERING MOLASSES TONGUE COOKIES AND APPLE DUMPLINGS FOR THE BAZAAR. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PREORDER, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE @610-826-2524 OR htlcoppa@ptd.net PREORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM OCTOBER 1 TO NOVEMBER 1. ANY REMAINING WILL BE SOLD AT THE BAZAAR ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.

****MOLASSES TONGUE COOKIES: \$12 DOZEN, \$6 HALF-DOZEN**

****APPLE DUMPLINGS: \$6 EACH**



CHILDREN'S SHOPPING 2025

The ever-popular Children's shopping will take place on Dec. 13, 2025. 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. This shopping day is one of our best community outreach programs. We have been doing this long enough that little trick-or-treaters from the early years are bringing their children to join in on the fun.

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 on Saturday, December 13 from 9:00 to noon. Children from 5-12 years old are welcome. As usual, they may buy one gift for each person on their list for only 25¢.