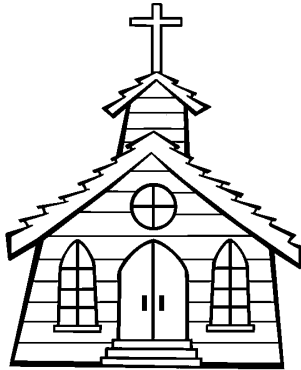


THE PARISH VOICE

Newsletter of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Milton, PA
"God's Work, Our Hands."

November 2011



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, following Worship

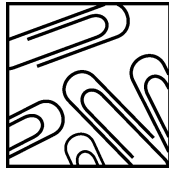
**AGENDA: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, 2012 BUDGET,
COUNCIL ELECTIONS, ENDOWMENT ELECTIONS**

(See inside for Council candidate bios)

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

**Mission Statement of
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church**

We are called by God to follow Christ's example and teachings by worshipping, witnessing, learning, supporting one another, and reaching out to others.



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Public Office Hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (*unless previously noted in the weekly bulletin or monthly newsletter*). Please feel free to stop by with bulletin announcements or monthly newsletter articles.

Deadlines:

Bulletin announcements are due in office by **Wednesday at 12:00 noon.**

Newsletter articles are due in office by the **10th of each month** (*unless otherwise noted on newsletter calendar or bulletin*).

Deadline for the next newsletter is NOVEMBER 7, with assembly on Thursday, November 17.

Please e-mail secretary@christlutheranmpa.org with any bulletin announcements or newsletter articles.

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (____) _____

email _____

“In Everything....Give Thanks...”

Food...Family...Friends: these are, in my estimation, our most “thanked for” blessings from God. We have such joy in this wonderful nation of ours, such abundance that is near and plentiful. It’s no wonder we list these things first.

Throughout the month of November, we will find many things for which to give thanks. As we approach Thanksgiving and that wonderful time of year that we celebrate the holidays with those we love most, we will find countless blessings that will remind us just how much God has given us to use and share.

When you come to church in November, you will see a beautiful hanging that greets you as you come in the door. It will remind you to give thanks – and I pray that as it fills you with thankfulness you will turn your hearts and minds to God, the giver of our blessings. And as you turn to God, may you turn to those needy ones God is calling us to support out of our abundance – with our time, our talents, and our offerings.

I invite you throughout the month of November, culminating in “Christ the King Sunday” on November 20, when we “crown” our Lord Jesus with food for God’s needy ones, to bring non-perishable food items to give to others. With the help of our Spiritual Growth ministry, we will both prepare Thanksgiving food baskets for needy families and provide food for our local Milton Food Bank. And while you’re at it, why not volunteer to deliver these gifts to families and our Food Bank? You can join your faith with the food gifts, and lift someone’s day as you offer the blessings of God’s people.

Think of food items you cherish for your own family Thanksgiving. Bring what others in our community may struggle to provide for themselves or their families. And give generously – out of the thanksgiving you offer for all God has given you. Bring something each week to add, watching the gifts grow and the joy flow!

You may leave your gifts on the front pews at church. Our children will gradually surround the altar at Christ Church with our thankful offerings to God.

And let's not forget the hungry ones outside our beloved community. Challenge yourselves to give an extra monetary gift in your monthly envelope for the ELCA World Hunger offering. As we feed those who live with us here in Milton, may we also feed those who live a world away as well...

See you in church!

"...we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" --Acts 20:35b

Your partner in mission and ministry,

Pastor Pat ☺

Prayer Concerns

For the sick: Charlie Baker; Dale Bender; Ryan Divers; Greg Garman; Larry Graby, Sr.; Joyce Long; Dorothy Longenberger; Jeff Mensch;



Blaine Poeth; Jennifer Satteson; Harrison Shirk; Missy Wagner
For those with ongoing, extended illness: Faith Bacon; Geraldine & Christopher Betts; Joan Bilger; Inez Bingaman; Bruce Bolich; Mike Butler; Evelyn Campbell; Karen Campbell; Cassie Choplik; Carol Conrad; Rose Deaner; Travis Deitrick; Robert Derr; Peggy & Gary Drum; Barbara & Dick Emley; Joann & Jack Ficks; Catherine Finn; Virginia Frantz; Donna Gearhardt; Marie Gray; Dana Habecker; Lee Hagenbuch; Lisa Huntington; Pat Kerstetter; Patricia Leonard; Shirley Menges; Lois, Rachel, & Jessica

McDonald; John Moslock; Stephanie Neal; Lucia Nolan; Hunter Page; Sandy Paul; Lennis Pyers; Curtis Robbins; Ned Roush; Sheryl Shirk; Mike Slease; Paul Smith; Shirley Smith; Mackenzie Snyder; Sally Snyder; Florence Stahlnecker; Mary Steeley; Dorothy Stevens; Kisha Suarez; George & Tresha Sudol; Janet Swisher; Terry Valiquette; George Van Riper; Tim Walsh, Jr.; Alphon Watts; Carol Watts; Percy Webb; Noah Wenrick; Paul Wiles; Sherry Yingling

For those in sorrow: All who have lost loved ones; those in our community and the world who are recovering from fires and natural disasters

For those anticipating and recovering from surgery: Jamie Adkins; Darilyn Kowalik; Terry Moll; Ron Mowery; Bill Sechler; Bonnie Scholl; Luigi Stellato

For those adjusting to life changes: All those affected by political upheavals in eastern Nations

For those struggling with personal problems: Kevan Campbell; Gregory family

For the imprisoned

For the homebound: Phyllis Albertson; Caroline Bobb; Lucille Bruss; Mary Burns; Edith Coup; Betty Dotts; Renny Dotts; Isobel Feehrer; Gladys Fisher; Bessie Hartzel; Merritt & Doris Heffelfinger; Paul Heimbach; Tom Kline; Elva Mazeall; Dix & Pauline Reitz; Marguarite Ruth; Camille Schillig; Connie Sholly; Marie Springer; Leah Walker; Kenneth Webb; Nancy Weikel

For those serving in the military: Amy Brown; Joshua Brown; Matthew Dorman; Justin Gonzales; Gabriel Gonzales; Larry Graby, Jr.; Stephen Himes; Dan Moll; Josh Mosier; Anthony Nudson; Ken Ring; Eric Strobeck

For leaders, guides, students, and workers: Pr. Pat; Pr. Keith; Sunday School & Bible Buddies leaders and helpers; Rev. Brian & Christine Palmer, missionaries; Bishop Robert Driesen & Synod Staff; Bishop Mark Hanson & ELCA Staff

For those needing daily strength: Brouse family; Bob & Barbara Coup; Mary Cromis; Roseanna Kersavage; Camille Kreisher; Dale Kriner & family; Nick Machusak; Dianne Perrin; Rebecca Ulmer

For those with unspoken needs

For our partners who serve with us in Appalachia: All those suffering from unhealthy stress perhaps following natural disasters

like floods, tornados, and hurricanes. Many other stressors like divorce, job loss, abuse, and loss of a way of life can trigger symptoms of PTSD.



More prayers needed... These are *member families* we have prayed for in Church since last issue: Terry & Rose Deaner; Dix & Pauline Reitz; Sandra Koser; Robert Derr; Jerry & Alice Roush; Frank, Deana, Kyle, Blake, & Courtney Kovilaritch; Evelyn Dewire; Shawn Roush; Travis Mensch; William Dotts; Marguarite Ruth; Linda Mertz; Kay Dunn; Dana, Kelly, & Curt Schneider; Bruce, Nancy, & Tim Manning; Allene Engleman; Richard Schneider; Guy, Robin, Sydney, & Lindsey Mensch

Blessings and congratulations...

...to Scott Coup and Deirdre Miller, who were united in marriage on Saturday, October 8, 2011, in Mendenhall, Pa. The parents of the groom are Penny and Ed Coup; and,

...to Roseann Walsh and Benjamin Kerwell, who were united in marriage on Saturday, October 22, 2011, at 1:00 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church. The parents of the bride are Tim and Pam Walsh. Parents of the groom are Shelley Kerwell and Timothy Kerwell.

“Eternal God, without your grace no promise is sure. Strengthen Scott & Deirdre, Roseann & Benjamin with patience, kindness, gentleness, and all other gifts of your Spirit, so they may fulfill the vows they have made. Keep them faithful to each other and to you. Fill them with such love and joy that they may build a home of peace and welcome. Guide them by your word to serve you all their days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”



A Special
THANK YOU



- ❖ To Roger Watts, for your help with getting our initial roof repairs completed.
- ❖ To Chuck Mitch, for your help with the insurance form needed for Milton Panther Cubs cheerleaders to use Christ church for practice.

Worship Attendance Records

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Other Services</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sept. 4	54	*	13 BV Conference	67
Sept. 11	60	5	3 priv. comm..	68
Sept. 18	61	8		69
Sept. 25	58	6	2 priv. comm..	66

*No Wednesday worship – Labor Day holiday

Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy...

Loose Cash Offerings in Worship & Special Appeals Envelopes

Operation Bootstrap Africa & Global Health Ministries
(envelope provided with newsletter)

Please make checks payable to "Christ Lutheran Church."

*Be a cheerful giver!
Please give generously to help others!!!*



*Tithes and
offerings*

Weekly Giving Per Envelope September, 2011

<u># Envelopes</u>	<u>Amount Given Each Week</u>
3	\$100.01 or more
2	70.01 – 100.00
6	50.01 – 70.00
3	40.01 - 50.00
10	30.01 - 40.00
18	20.01 - 30.00
3	15.01 - 20.00
10	10.01 - 15.00
15	5.01 - 10.00
41	.01 - 5.00
25	0

From Your Finance Leaders

<i>August</i>		Monthly	Year to Date
Receipts	-	\$6,478.89	\$76,734.33
Expenses	-	\$13,383.78	\$85,123.50
Difference	-	(\$6,904.89)	(\$8,389.17)

<i>September</i>		Monthly	Year to Date
Receipts	-	\$9,836.50	\$86,570.83
Expenses	-	\$8,823.14	\$93,946.34
Difference	-	\$1,013.36	(\$7,375.51)

Thank you for all you do to support the ministry God calls us to do at Christ Church!

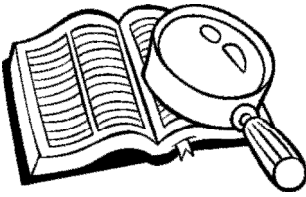
Stewardship for the 21st Century – Top Ten Stewardship Verses

(from the 2010 Rethinking Stewardship Conference;
commentary by Grace Duddy, M.A. Senior, Luther Seminary)

#8 – Luke 18:18-27, especially 18/25 (Mark 10:17-22) – “Let’s hope that camel has been on a diet.”

Stewardship is a matter of the heart. Our possessions often interfere with our relationship with God, steering our focus from creator to creation. Although wealth brings many privileges and benefits, Jesus cautions his followers to beware of wealth’s power to lure their hearts away from God.

Bible Study & Christian Education Opportunities



- Thursdays, 2 p.m., in the parlor – studying the book of Genesis, using Book of Faith resources
- Sunday Bible Study (monthly) – from 7-8 p.m. in the parlor. We are studying the book of Esther. November’s study date will be Sunday, November 13. We’ll take a break during December and meet in January on Sunday, January 8, 2012.
- Gerasene Team ministry – we are studying and pondering ways we can reach out in our community with the good news of Jesus. We meet during the Sunday School hour (9-10 a.m.) on Sunday, November 13. In December, we’ll meet December 11.
- Don’t forget to be part of Sunday School each week! Our children’s classes focus on a Bible story for the month, with music, crafts, and more. Adult/youth classes meet each week under the direction of Rose Bolich and Kellie Brouse. Confirmation classes meet with Pastor Pat, as needed. Our Fall project, which is our “Birthday Gift for Jesus” on December 25 is in support of children who come to visit their parents in the Muncy prison (see related article). Come grow in God’s Word as we study and learn together each Sunday from 9 to 10 a.m.
- Bible Buddies youth gatherings continue on Friday, November 18. All youth from pre-school through upper elementary are encouraged and invited to attend. We meet from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. – and supper is included! We’ll take a break in December and meet again in January. Watch next month’s Newsletter and the weekly bulletin for details.

Join the Choir

Bring your voice to offer in praise to God each week as a member of the Christ Church Choir! Practices are each Wednesday evening from 7-8 p.m. You may robe and sit in the choir each week, or you may feel free to sit with loved ones in the pew and come forward for the weekly choir anthem. Use your joyful noise to bring melody to God's house in the choir!!!!



Join the Choir...

**You'll Be Glad
You Did!**

Don't forget the Organ Recital & Dinner!!



Come be a part of our annual Organ Recital here at Christ Church on All Saints Sunday, November 6. Musicians from around the area will offer their talents to the glory of God at 3:00 in the afternoon.

Following the recital, we will be hosting a pork & sauerkraut dinner to support our Synod mission and outreach until 7 p.m. The menu is pork & sauerkraut (with hotdogs as an option, too), mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, rolls/butter, drinks, and dessert. You may purchase tickets in advance for \$8; kids 5 and under/\$5. Either call the church office (742-7473) or see folks at church who will have them for sale.

Join
Us
For
Pork & Sauerkraut



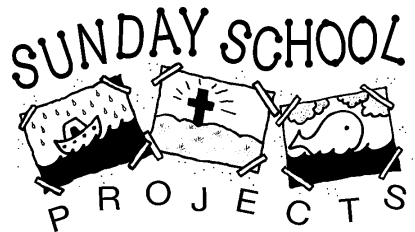


Did you remember that the next Newsletter is a combined December/January issue? That means all information to be published must be submitted to the Office no later than Monday, November 7.

Christmas poinsettia order forms are included in this month's Newsletter and are also available on the resource table in the narthex. Red, pink, or white flowers are available again this year for the same price as last year - \$9.50 (4-5 blooms). This year we also have the opportunity for you to choose to pay for and deliver a flower to a homebound member at a cost of \$4.50 each. The absolute *deadline to order is Sunday, December 4*. Check out the order form and prayerfully consider whether you can give some time to brighten the lives of our homebound members. The thank you's we receive are proof that the flowers and personal visits are much appreciated.

Sunday School Christmas Gift for Jesus....

This Fall, our Sunday School project for Jesus is providing Bible-based books, puzzle books, jigsaw puzzles, coloring books, and crayons for children up to age 16. These gifts will be given to the women's prison in Muncy for children to use while they visit their mothers or other relatives in prison.



Imagine what it would be like to only see your mother occasionally in a prison visiting room. Imagine the precious time needed and the blessing of activities parents and children can do together.

Add your gifts to the collection box in the narthex. Don't forget the older children, too, as you shop for Bible-based or faith-engaging activity books. You can make a wonderful difference in

the quality time children can spend with someone they love who is living out a prison sentence.

We will present our Christmas gift to Jesus in worship on Christmas Day, December 25. Please give generously.

Pastor...We NEED more KIDS!!!!

Many times, I have heard you call for this gift. Wouldn't it be nice if we had more kids in worship? I agree. Yet I also agree that we already have kids in worship – and they bless us immensely. Maybe we don't consistently have them EVERY week – but not all adults are in worship each week, either.



Let's do something wonderful with the kids in our church in December. They will be working hard in November to prepare for our annual Advent pageant. Faithful directors Kim Mitch and Stephanie Byers will be working with our children to prepare this special evening of remembering the birth of Christ. The pageant is a

highlight of the ministry our children offer us each year.

So...we need more adults!...to attend this very special Advent offering. Come, bring a potluck dish and eat with your church family (Big T chicken provided)...and SUPPORT these wonderful kids who grace our shared ministry all year long. You won't want to miss their talents, their joy, or the FUN they will give us all!

Advent Pageant – Sunday, December 4, beginning with potluck meal at 5 p.m., with the children's pageant to follow. Come...support our kids and their families!!!!

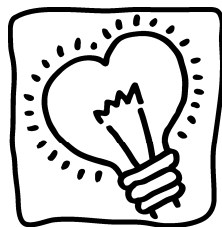
Thinking about Giving Your Time to One of Our Ministries here at Christ Church?

Join the Spiritual Growth Ministry that works together to plan our Worship, Christian education, Witnessing, and Social Ministry needs AND/OR join the Stewardship Ministry that works together to plan our Finance, Property, Endowment, and Staff Support ministry.

We work together as leaders here at Christ Church. Will YOU join our happy throng???

Your ideas and conversation would be MOST welcome!!!

Spiritual Growth meets on the 4th Monday of the month in the parlor; and Stewardship meets on the 4th Tuesday – same place. We meet both days at 6:30 p.m.



**SERVE
GOD
GLADLY**

Prayer Book

What is prayer? Simply communicating with God. Prayer can take place in your car, at the grocery store, at school, at home, at work, at church, anywhere. We can pray for support, for comfort, for strength, for guidance, for thanks, for anything. Prayer should be a lifeline to our existence.

With that thought in mind, the Spiritual Growth Ministry would like to reissue the congregational prayer book that was compiled a number of years ago when Pastor Sue was our minister. The book is full of prayers for



every occasion, and what makes it special is that the prayers were submitted by members of our congregation. Some were prayers written by members and others were prayers from another source.

For the new publication, the Spiritual Growth Ministry is requesting you to submit your favorite prayers for new additions to the book. You can submit online to network@christlutheranmpa.org or bring them to the office marked "Attention: James Bartlett" by December 25, 2011. Contributors' names will be compiled in the back of the book and not with each individual prayer.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE COPYRIGHT APPROVAL IF IT IS AN ALREADY PUBLISHED PRAYER. If you are not sure what the previous sentence means, talk to Pastor Pat or James Bartlett, and they will be happy to explain it to you.

The Spiritual Growth Ministry hopes to have the book ready for distribution to members by Lent.

Bios for Council Candidates

Deb Greenly: Deb is a life-long Miltonian. She and husband, Bob, are Groundskeepers for Christ Church. Deb also serves as a Lector.

Christ Church has been part of Deb's life for 28 years, and she would like to serve on the Council to try and give back some of what has been given to her.

Sharon Randolph: Sharon lives in West Milton with her husband, Vic. She is the mother of 22 year old Nathan and 21 year old Taylor. Their dog, Raymie, completes the family.

Sharon worked as a computer/administrative professional for 22 years and then completed her M.S. in Community Counseling.

They moved to Milton in 2007, and she worked in Williamsport as an outpatient counselor until family health issues required her to travel back and forth to their home in western New York State helping to care for her Mother.

In her spare time, Sharon enjoys running, reading, gardening, and needlework of all kinds. Sharon sings in our Christ Church choir and is one of our co-Librarians.

Rose Deaner: Rose lives in Lewisburg with husband, Terry. She is currently employed as Secretary to the Director of Food Service at Mifflinburg School District.

Rose serves as Christ Church's Treasurer, Server, Lector, and Usher. Previously she served on Congregational Council, was Secretary of Council, Sunday School Superintendent, and Youth Group Advisor.

Helping Others

- Campbell's Soup labels and Labels for Education for the Navajo Lutheran Mission project
- Can tabs for Ronald McDonald House
- Pennies for Social Ministry projects
- Caps for Creation (box located to left of narthex door) – Update: Currently, we have recycled (and kept out of landfills) 138 pounds of plastic caps! Keep the recycling for God's creation going!!!!
- Old Sunday School/devotional material/Bibles: We have a connection with a ministry that provides these materials to countries who have none. If you have a collection of these types of materials lying around your Sunday School room or home that could be useful to someone else, bring them to the Church Office. We'll send them out to folks who can really use them!



Knitting Group

Come, join in the fun and fellowship on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. here at Christ Church. Bring your knitting or crocheting project – or learn from one of the veteran crafters!



Little Needs... Little Things... Little Ways You Can Help

The church needs these items on a regular basis. If you can provide any of them, THANK YOU!

- Paper plates, cups, napkins, plastic silverware
- Boxes of tissues
- Hand sanitizers
- Dishwashing soap for kitchen & sacristy
- Zip-lock plastic bags and aluminum foil



Needs
This
Month

HandUP Foundation

Food Bank – The Milton Food Bank is collecting *canned vegetables* for the month of *November*. Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the narthex.

New hours: The Food Bank will be open **only** the 1st and 2nd Wednesday of the month from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., and on the 3rd



Wednesday from 9 a.m. – 12 noon. It will be closed all other Wednesdays. Qualified recipients are still eligible to receive their food allotment once per month. Questions, call 742-3000.

Northern Lights Activities

November 2, 9, 16, & 30 – Morning Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.,
Trinity Lutheran Church, Milton

November 5: Christmas Bazaar & Craft Fair, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Rt. 44 between McEwensville and Turbotville

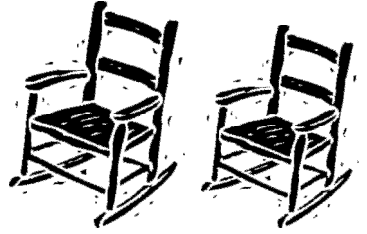
Fair Trade Craft Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., United in Christ Lutheran Church, 2-1/2 miles west of West Milton. Lunch and bake sale available. Purchase beautiful and unique fair trade items handmade by disadvantaged artisans in developing regions. You help artisans maintain steady work and a sustainable income so they can provide for their families. Give a holiday gift that also gives back to the world!

Family Harvest Dinner, 5 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, Milton. Menu consists of roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, rolls/butter, corn, applesauce, drinks, dessert. Entertainment @ 6 p.m. provided by Rev. Weaver & daughter. Tickets available @ Church Office - \$8/adults, \$4/12 & under.

Pancake breakfast, 7-11 a.m., St. John's Lutheran Delaware Run Church, Watsontown. Donations benefit youth going to National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Menu consists of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit salad, beverage.

“Front-Porchin” Evangelism Workshop

The Upper Susq. Synod will sponsor a free Evangelism Workshop on Sat., November 19, 2011 (here at **Christ Church, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; bring a bag lunch**). *Registration forms are available on resource table in Church narthex. For more*



information, contact Rev. Karl-John Stone at karljohn@uss-elca.org or 524-9778 or Beth Yenchko at eyenchko@uss-elca.org or 717-579-3845. Please register by November 14th.

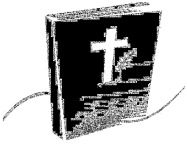
The session, called “Front Porchin” will look at how easy evangelism is – it’s about sharing a story. It’s your story and God’s story shared with another. Evangelism is sharing what God in Christ has done in your life. We don’t even have to go out looking to evangelize – God provides us with all the places to do this sharing without ever having to go knock on a stranger’s door. God gives us natural front porches where we live, work, and play. There, God introduces us to others, and sits with us as we share our lives, our stories, and the Christ within us with those who regularly gather there with us. How do we best utilize the front porches God calls us into or onto? What is our role in this process? How do we repair our damaged or dis-used porches? Front Porchin’ is a simple process that helps congregations and individuals reassess their gifts and sharpen their skills for sharing the good news with others (both inside and outside the community of faith).

Hospice Volunteers Needed

Diakon Hospice Saint John is looking for volunteers to join the Hospice Team. You can volunteer to visit terminally ill patients in your community, lend a helping hand, be a good listener and reassure patients with kind words of encouragement. Please consider giving the gift of your time to someone in need of friendly support. Call Cathy Sweeney, Volunteer Coordinator, at 1-877-438-3511 to learn more about what volunteer opportunities are available.

Copies of USS ARK (Upper Susquehanna synod news) and CAMEL TRACKS (Camp Mt. Luther news) are available in the narthex. Help yourself!

Bible Trivia



BIBLE TRIVIA

How many children did Jacob, father of the twelve tribes of Israel, have? (hint: including boys AND girls)

Answer on Page 21.

ELCA: Did You Know?

A History of Excellence in Health Care in Liberia



A young boy paces the hallway of Phebe Hospital, patiently waiting for news of his family member.

Photo © Jaime Kowal Photography.

The tile flooring at Phebe Hospital and School of Nursing in Suakoko, Bong County, Liberia, is faded and worn, revealing pathways where healers and people in need of healing have walked for decades.

These aging tiles are "a very powerful testament to the longevity of the hospital and the many people it has served," says James Gonia, program director for West Africa, Global Mission program unit of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Those awaiting care sit in cool dark hallways or rest outdoors on the Phebe campus. Mothers hold their babies and caregivers comfort the elderly.

They have come to receive the excellent medical care for which Phebe is known. They are served by deeply dedicated doctors, nurses, chaplains and other staff members, many of whom have worked here for years.

Children under the age of 14 comprise the majority of Phebe's patients, with malaria, anemia, diarrheal diseases and respiratory tract infections leading the causes of visits.

Phebe has been meeting the medical needs of Liberian residents since its founding in 1921 by the American Lutheran Mission. A new facility was built on the current site in 1965. The hospital continued to serve during the civil war from 1990 to 2004, despite being attacked and looted.

Today, after undergoing rehabilitation work, Phebe still provides acute medical and surgical care on an inpatient, outpatient and emergency basis, as both a mission hospital and a government designated referral hospital.

"The role that Phebe plays as a county hospital cannot be underestimated in terms of the population it serves," James says. "Its role in the community is absolutely vital."

Thank you for your mission support gifts that help to support this valuable gift in our sister synod in Liberia!



BIBLE TRIVIA

Bible Trivia Answer: Thirteen (See Genesis 35:23-26 AND Genesis 30:19-21.)

Upper Susquehanna Synod: Did you know?

Major appliances are needed in good working order for flood victims. Especially needed are refrigerators, washers, and dryers. Please contact Mike McCay at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Bloomsburg, at 570-317-5418 or mccay4@gmail.com if you have such an item to donate to a flood victim.

Upcoming Christmas Worship Schedule:

- Saturday, December 24 – 7 p.m. Festive Christmas Communion
- Sunday, December 25 – 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day Communion, with presentation of our Christmas gift to Jesus
- Sunday, January 1, 2012 – 10:30 a.m. Lessons and Carols for Christmas

Happy Thanksgiving



“I have never understood why anyone would roast the turkey and shuck the clams and crisp the croutons and shell the peas and candy the sweet potatoes and compote the cranberries and bake the pies and clear the table and wash the dishes and fall into bed exhausted when they could just as easily sit back and enjoy a hamburger or a pork sandwich.”

- The Turkey

Give thanks for all things...



This
Month's
Anniversaries

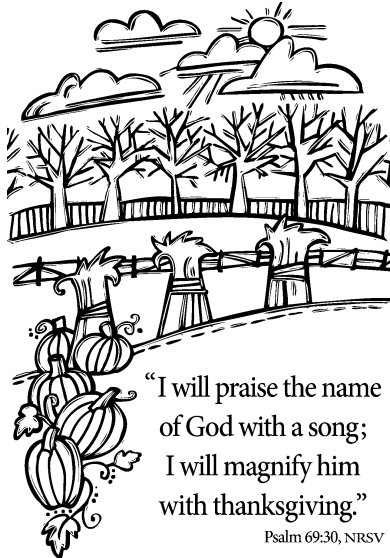
Larry & Barbara Gray	11/2	20 years
Jay & Joan Trate	11/15	59 years
Glenn & Ida Snyder	11/23	54 years
Rodney & Carol Templin	11/26	28 years



Jason Heffelfinger	11/1
Bessie Hartzel	11/2
Willard Bloom	11/7
Alice Ann Parsons	11/7
Tim Walsh, Jr.	11/8
Pastor Keith Pittsnogle	11/9
Caroline Bobb	11/10
Courtney Kovilaritch	11/11
Steven Guffey	11/12
Barry Reed	11/12

William Reed	11/12
Evelyn Dewire	11/13
Blake Kovilaritch	11/14
Betty Morgan	11/14
Todd Beck, Sr.	11/16
Merritt Heffelfinger	11/16
Carol Templin	11/18
Allene Engleman	11/20
Daniel Hendershot	11/22
Terry Deaner	11/23
Stephanie Byers	11/24
Bruce Manning	11/24
Donna Spear	11/25
Marie Springer	11/25
Patricia Bender	11/27
Jessica Yost	11/28
Morgan Williams	11/30

(If we missed your birthday, call the Church Office
and let us know!)



“I will praise the name
of God with a song;
I will magnify him
with thanksgiving.”

Psalm 69:30, NRSV

Come to Sunday School!

New format for our youngest ones – preschool up to confirmation age:



We'll be having a monthly focus on a story, with crafts, music, and project time – a different activity each week!

November's focus will be on "Naomi & Ruth"

Ruth 1:1-22

- November 6 – Advent play practice ½ time – story Sunday the other half – Jen Suarez
- November 13 – Advent play practice ½ time – music the other half – Nancy Walters
- November 20 – Advent play practice ½ time – project Sunday the other half – Pastor Pat & any who can help
- November 27 – NO Advent play practice today – crafts – Sharon Karchner, Brenda Bartlett, Stephanie Byers

December's focus will be on "Getting Ready for Jesus"

- December 4 – Advent play practice the whole hour of Sunday School
- December 11 – story Sunday & songs with all staff
- December 18 – crafts & music with all staff
- December 25 – no class – birthday of Jesus!

**Come join us for learning and fun with
God's Word!**

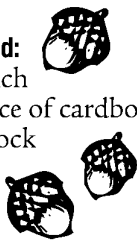
SIGN OF THANKFULNESS



Create this festive sign, which will serve as a yearlong reminder to be grateful.

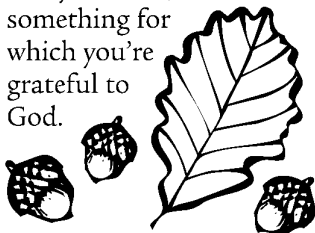
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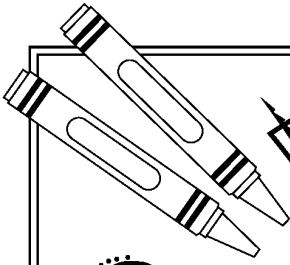
- Hole punch
- Large piece of cardboard or cardstock
- Twine
- Twigs
- Glue
- Acorns, leaves (real or silk) and raffia



What you do:

1. Punch two holes in the top of the cardboard.
2. Thread twine through the holes and tie it in a knot (for hanging).
3. Using twigs, spell out “Be Thankful,” “Thank God” or a similar phrase about gratitude. Glue the twigs onto the cardboard.
4. Decorate the sign by gluing on acorns, leaves and raffia.
5. Hang up your sign. Whenever you see it, think of something for which you’re grateful to God.





PUZZLE

Give Praise

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, underline the word that doesn't belong. Then write the underlined words on the lines below.

- | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Give
Take
Grab | 2. peanut
praise
pear | 3. temple
house
LORD | 4. proclaim
past
present | 5. name
boy
lad | 6. ruin
destroy
make |
| 7. pine
acorn
known | 8. train
nations
bus | 9. done
donut
muffin | 10. Sing
Sleep
Yawn | 11. she
him
girl | 12. sun
praise
moon |
| 13. tell
fast
slow | 14. red
all
blue | 15. horrible
dreadful
wonderful | 16. acts
sisters
aunts | | |

" _____ to the _____ , _____ his _____ ;

1 2 3 4 5

_____ among the _____ what he has _____ .

6 7 8 9

_____ to _____ , sing _____ to him; _____ of _____ his

10 11 12 13 14

_____ . " PSALM 105:1-2, NIV

15 16

Answers: 1. Give, 2. praise, 3. LORD, 4. proclaim, 5. name, 6. make, 7. known, 8. nations, 9. done, 10. Sing, 11. him, 12. praise, 13. tell, 14. all, 15. wonderful, 16. acts.

Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. (Psalm 105:1-2, NIV)



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