

DONATIONS NEEDED

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

November 15, 2025 - 9am to 2pm

HOMEMADE SOUPS
BAKED GOODS

Donations of homemade soups and baked goods for the Soup Sale and Bake Sale Sign-Ups in the Narthex, or contact Claire Kostbar 917-952-1554 and Carol Dishmon 484-358-7116

FILLED BASKETS GIFTS*PRIZES

Donations of filled gift baskets and other prizes for the *Tricky Tray Auction* Items can be left in the Church Office, or **contact Sharon Coe at SLC6@Lehigh.edu**

All Saints Sunday

November 2, 2025



The Festival that Celebrates the Eternal Life that All Persons Share in Christ

Look for your Remembrance Request Form in your weekly Bulletin Insert or Contact the Church Office at your convenience.

Thirsty Thursday & THEOLOGY

Join Pastor Phil for a discussion of

Democratic Socialism

November 20th @ 7pm

Third Thursday of the Month Braveheart Highland Pub Lowlands Bar

Newcomer Social

Saturday November 8, 2025 6:00-8:00pm

Heintzelman Carriage House

625 Main Street Hellertown

Dinner, Wine, Beer, Soft Drinks

FREE OF CHARGE



Sign-Up Sheet in the Narthex

Children's Learning Center 610.838.9790

Monday - Friday 7:00am - 5:00pm



Church Office 610.838.0400

Monday - Friday 10:00am - 4:00pm Closed for Lunch Noon - 1:00pm



Connections for the Journey

Not All Christians Are Alike

Not all Christians are alike. Do you notice that? When you are in a faith tradition you notice the nuances of your tradition. You can detect differences between different Christians. Some might take the Bible literally and try to convince you that the earth was created in 6 days, and on the 7th day, God rested. If you are a Lutheran, you might feel uneasy around a fellow Christian trying to convince you of that belief. Yet both of you are Christian.

We have thousands of denominations for a reason. We all see something that speaks to us in scripture and lift it out of the Bible and say, "This is what the Christian faith is all about." The reason we do this is because a particular Bible verse resonates with my experience and beliefs. Others might see something different and lift up a verse that doesn't speak to your heart.

The early Christian Father, St. Augustine wrote that when it comes to interpreting the Bible, the proper interpretation would lead us to further love God and love our neighbors. If we find something leading us away from this ideal, it most likely is not the proper use of the Bible. It's pretty simple and easy to understand. St. Augustine speaks to my understanding of Bible interpretation.

With so many varieties of Christian denominations representing different beliefs, there is one grounding practice of faith ALL CHRISTIANS stand upon, AGAPE. God's love for us, and Jesus' challenge that we too can grow at loving as God loves. This aspect of the Practice of Christianity holds true for all Christians around the world. We may not all believe the same things, but we are called to AGAPE.

It is November, traditionally STEWARDSHIP MONTH in the church. It is the season of Harvest Home and the recognition that all that we have, all that we are, and all that we can ever become, comes from Mother Earth. The earth sustains us. Followers of Jesus centered in AGAPE, consciously live our lives, realizing our impact upon the earth. We must live in ways that sustain Mother Earth while providing for a healthy earth for future generations. We are called to LOVE the earth.

Stewardship is not simply giving money to the church. It is using your resources to support people, places, and institutions that support you and your stewardship principles. We all share responsibilities for sustaining Christ Lutheran. Hopefully Christ Lutheran Church is a place of spiritual nourishment for you. Together, as members of this church, we create an environment of welcome and grace for all people. Remember, no matter who you are or where you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here! Hopefully you are a Christian that centers your faith journey on both LOVE and STEWARDSHIP.

Know God loves you!

Pastor Phil

Council Corner

Your Church Council last met on October 21st to discuss an agenda including but not limited to:

Strategic Planning Discussion

Organization Structure

Reintroduce Youth Rep to Council

Review Fall Faith Formation Program

Reverse Mentoring

Expansion of Service Work to a Wider Reach

Social Media Presence to Include Families and Children

Identify/Reach Underrepresented Demographics in the Congregation

State Grant for Safety Equipment

Narthex Restroom Remodel

Bequest Use

Sponsoring a Mission Trip

Picture Directory Update

Need for Part-Time Volunteer Organizer

Your Church Council will meet next on November 18th.

Year to Date thru September 2025

ChurchLearning CenterTOTALReceipts\$492,492\$666,902\$1,159,393Expenses-\$464,088-\$654,475-\$1,118,562TOTAL\$ 28,404\$ 12,427\$ 40,831

Budgeted Giving \$318,762

Actual Giving \$349,005

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS	2	9	16	23	30
COFFEE HOUR		De Del Re Donna Bergstresser	Brunch		Men's Group
SOUND TECH	Kurt Rank	Kurt Rank	Kurt Rank	Kurt Rank	Kurt Rank
A/V TECH	Kevin Gough	Ken Doremus	Mark Stana	Kevin Gough	Ken Doremus
COMMUNION	Kim Blake Sharon Coe			Quiet Communion Enid Rank	
GREET/USHER	Jeanette & Ed Alosi	Carol D Leeanne W	Barb & Bob Pasternak	Jodie & Scott Raab	Kim & Corky Blake
READING(S)	Jeanette Boos	Cheryl Lawler	Louise Wagner	April Rose	TBD
PRAYERS	Tim Brown	Kevin Gough	Cheryl Glasker	Mary Ann Horvath	Carolyn Raudenbush 3



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



2025 Lutheran Day at the Capitol

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.

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

- By forming and participating in coalitions with leaders of other denominations, faithbased 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



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

compassionate society. The widely used Bonhoeffer curriculum is just one example of this.



LAMPa Council Policy Meeting

Each of you is an important partner in this ministry. Check out LAMPa's website, <u>lutheranadvocacypa.org</u>. 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.



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



lutheranadvocacypa.org

MARCUS BORG Beyond Belief

"Beyond Belief" with Marcus Borg will be a video discussion series on faith, the church, and our beliefs in the 21st Century.

How does Christianity help us with our living? What is real and true? Does our faith call us to live in certain and distinct ways?

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Every Sunday Morning at 9 o'clock with Pastor Phil in the Church Library or via ZOOM



COMPLIMENTARY Half-Hour Sessions with a Reiki Master

APPOINTMENTS' highly recommended and greatly appreciated

Monday, November 3rd, 4.15-7.30pm

Contact Judy Chernikovich-Clemens for details and to schedule your appointment today!

6 610-657-2607

jbird1952@yahoo.com

The house you rent/own can be a good starting point in saving energy. There are a number of websites you might want to go to for information:

energy.gov provides a downloadable comprehensive booklet called "Tips on Saving Money and Energy in Your Home". It has 11 sections and chapters on weatherizing, heat and cooling the house, information on renewable energy, vehicles, electric vehicles. This guide references quite a number of websites for additional information, so it is a great resource for understanding and improving your energy usage.

consumerenergycenter.org has an article entitled "100 Powerful Ways to Save Energy". **bhg.com** (Better Homes & Gardens) has a September 2025 article on 15 Simple Energy-Saving Strategies to Lower Your Electric Bill".

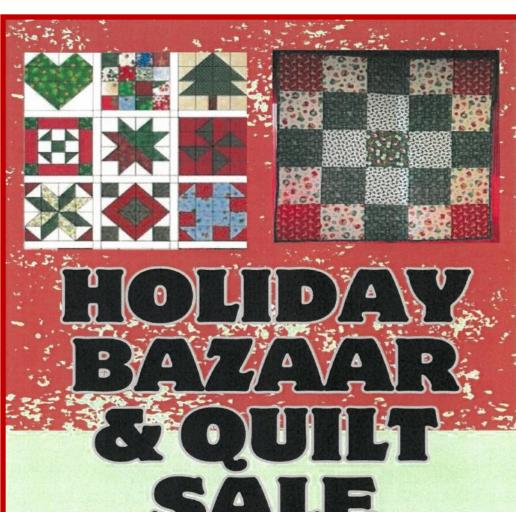
familyhandyman.com has an article dated Oct 7, 2024 on "50 Super Simple Ways to Save on Energy Costs.

homeadvisor.com has an article titled "41 Home Energy-Saving Tips for Every Season".

energysage.com has an April 2, 2025 article on "How to Conserve Energy: 10 Tips to Save Electricity".

It's more than time to educate yourself on ways to save energy and save money at the same time. Check a few of these sites out, and even if you only try a couple tips, that's definitely better than doing nothing to improve your energy consumption.

Angela Drake, ECO Team Editor-at-Large



SALE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Multiple vendors, unique jewelry, home decor, cozy textiles.

Bake Sale, Concession stand, Soup sale & Tricky Tray.

There's something for everyone!











Contact Us **610-838-0400**

Visit Our Website clcht.org





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Come join the journey.

69 Main Street, Hellertown Free of Charge

COMPLIMENTARY COMPLIMENTARY COMMUNITY Thanksgiving Meal Saturday, November 22nd

2:00-4:00pm New Je

New Jerusalem Church 3233 Apples Church Rd

REGISTRATION BY HOUSEHOLD REQUIRED
BY NOVEMBER 15th BY CALLING 610-838-9471

No Fee

No Groups

No Takeout

Maureen DeBellis Spiritual Director

email: spiritdirect@clcht.org

Due to donations from church members, Spiritual Direction sessions will be offered to members of Christ Lutheran at a very discounted rate of \$10. Sessions can be held in-person or online (limit 6 sessions/2025).

- ***** Wondering where God is in your life?
- ***** Struggling to see God's presence in daily activities?
- **★** Feeling a holy disconnect?
- ***** Desiring a deepening life of prayer?

When these kinds of questions and interests begin to stir, Spiritual Direction may be what your are looking for.

Maureen DeBellis is a spiritual director, inter-spiritual companion, a teacher of Heart Rhythm Meditation (HRM) and a retreat guide for the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. She has a BA in Marriage and Family Studies from DeSales University and a Graduate Level Certificate in Spiritual Direction from Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, PA.

CHRISTMAS GIFT-GIVING

Not one, but TWO opportunities

Gift Tags and Sign-Up Sheets are in the Narthex

for CHILDREN of FOOD BANK
WRAPPED gifts due by December 7th

2 for FAMILIES of NEW BETHANY

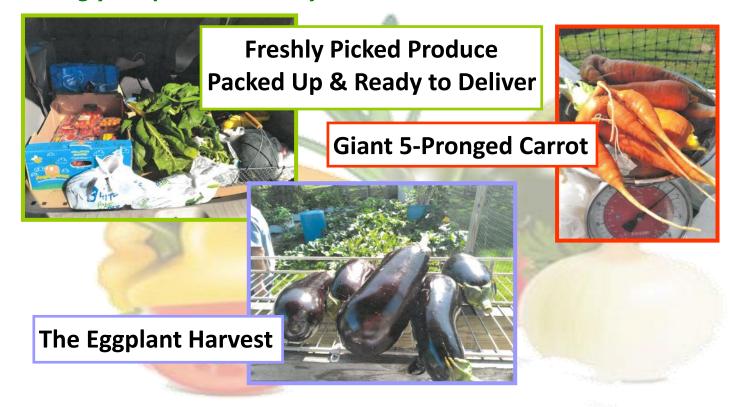
UNWRAPPED gifts due by December 14th

Contact Lois Apple: 610-838-8418

Lois A5332@gmail.com

'Thank you for sharing Christmas Love"

I beg your pardon. Have you heard about our Church Garden?



Along with the sunshine, there's gotta be a little rain sometime.



THE WORLD'S GREATEST ROLEPLAYING GAME!

2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

SAMUEL.RAUP@GMAIL.COM

BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS

12:15-1:15PM IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY OR VIA ZOOM

Chair Yoga

with Nancy D
Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:30 - 11:30am

Free Will Offering Sanctuary Bring your own non-skid mat

GIGGLES

Girls In God Growing Loving Eating Sharing
Women's Group

Wednesdays with Enid 10:00am in the South Lounge

Food Bank • Collection Specially Requested Items in November:

Canned Fruit Large Soup Cans

RED WAGON
Drop-Off
in the Volunteer Room

MEN'S GROUP TUESDAYS AT NOON

IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY
OR VIA ZOOM

Quilters

Wednesdays

8:30am

Thursdays

5:30pm

Come Join Us!

All Skill Levels Welcome

Yoga ≈Mind≈Body≈Spirit

Every Saturday morning at 9:30

Holiday Greeting Cards

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year!

Won't you consider sending some Holiday Cheer to those at a distance or unable to join us regularly throughout the year?

Please direct any questions to Enid Rank, Faith Community Nurse

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Saucon Valley Manor SUD 1050 Main Street Hellertown PA 18055



Coffee Hour HOSTS NEEDED

Sign-Up Sheet in the Narthex

For details or with questions, contact: Liz Hanson 952-221-2297 hansonje3ahotmail.com

or

Elise Cheung 952-334-6412 elise.m.cheung Damail.com

November Birthdays

Jenna Eustice 1st

Mary Beth Jacavage 2nd

Jackie Seif<mark>ert 4th</mark>

Kelly Suarez 4th

Kaia Kuke<mark>l 5th</mark>

Krystal Lentz 6th

Lily Thode 6th

Kay Young 6th

Olivia Jackson 7th

Monica Wagner 9th

Al Wachinski 10th

Madison Koehler 13th

Greg Clemens 14th

Edward Nevil 14th

Jim Young 14th

Claire Kostbar 15th

Denise Kubisek 15th

Gary Milla 15th

Lisa Weingartner 20th

Pearl Banks 21st

James Beers 22nd

Donna Bergstresser 24th

Diane Stehly 24th

Ellie Cheung 25th

Laura Penske 27th

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Kelly Meyer & Diane Stehly 11/1/1980
Mike & Alice Karpa 11/2/2002
Vicki & Brett Gawronski 11/4/1995
Cheryl & Bill Enslin 11/6/1982
Lois & Dale Hazel 11/9/1968
Melissa & Jim Young 11/11/2018
Lisa Cawley & Anthony Stoeckley 11/21/1992
Deb & Steve Wysocki 11/21/1987
Jodie & Scott Raab 11/23/2018



Enid Rank

Faith Community Nurse

If you have any questions or would like any additional information on anything listed on this page, please don't hesitate to contact me.



nurse@clcht.org 610-349-2970

Meal Ministry Monday November 17th

Lite fare delivery to the homebound

Communion Service Saucon Valley Manor

1050 Main Street Hellertown, PA 18055 Thursday November 20th

2:00pm

Parishioners welcome to join Josh, Bonnie, and Enid for some worshiping, singing and mingling!

Community Blood Drive Christ Lutheran Church of Hellertown Wednesday, November 5, 2025 1:00 - 7:00pm Church Parking Lot MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD CENTER Schedule your appointment

Schedule your appointment www.GIVEaPINT.org

ST - Ticket Church Office





Soup & Bake Sale

Donations for Holiday Bazaar November 15th

Baked Goods: Claire Kostbar Soups: Enid Rank

Sign-Up Sheet in Narthex

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Youth & Family Minister

<u>Email</u>: yfm@clcht.org

Josh Gulotta

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 9am to 2pm



Preparing for Advent... TODAY!

In Sunday School our kids are learning the seasons of the church year. They started off with a hard one: Pentecost, the season that stretches all the way from the end of Eastertide right up to the start of Advent.

Advent, of course, runs from the beginning of December to Christmas Eve—AKA, the busiest time of the year. The calm, retrospective, preparatory season of Advent can often get lost in the madness of holiday shopping, house decorating, and cookie baking.

The time to prepare for Christmas and Advent isn't the middle of December—it's right now! Consider starting early so that your Advent season has room to create a spiritual anticipation for Christmas and not an anxiety-induced dread of the holiday season!

Here are some ways to bring peace to your Advent and your December:

Create a Mindful Advent Calendar — when I was young my Advent calendars were filled with tiny Lego sets or chalky-tasting chocolate. But JollyFestive.com has a different approach to the Advent tradition: marking your own calendar with small activities or practices to keep you in the right Advent mindset. Tasks like writing a letter to a friend, going for a winter walk, or listening to the sounds of nature can keep our hearts focused on the spirit of the season; treats like going out for tea, taking a friend out to dinner, and attending a local Christmas concert are all great replacements for stale candy!

Light Your Advent Wreath at Dinnertime — taking time to light your personal Advent wreath at the dinner table is a great outlet for kids eager to get to Christmas morning. Try adding prayer-songs to your tradition as well. Hymns like Light One Candle and Light the Advent Candles are written for this very purpose, adding a

verse on every week as the season progresses.

Be with Each Other — this is simple to say, hard to do! Christmas preparations can overwhelm the sense of peace, love and joy that we should focus on during the Advent season. Make sure to create intentional time to be with your friends and family. Your Advent season shouldn't be a to-do list.

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