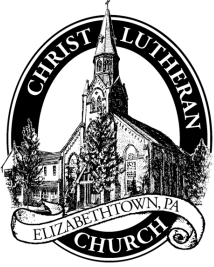


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## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



Blessing of the Animals, in celebration of St. Francis of Assisi, will be held on **Tuesday, October 4** at 6:30pm in the Memorial Garden (rain location Lutheran Lodge). All animals and humans are welcome as we celebrate and give thanks for the gentle saint who calls us to love all God's creation.

## Sunday, OCTOBER 16, 2022

Walk to support World Hunger both locally and Globally. Look for information in the Bulletin. Participants will meet at 1:00 PM at the Lodge to register and a brief sendoff. Participants will walk to Masonic Village. Contact Celia Domines for more information.



## TRUNK OR TREAT

A SPOOKTACULAR EVENT at CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Monday, OCTOBER 31, 6-8pm

New for 2022, Food Trailer will be decorated and we will be handing out hot dogs/chips and water to Trick-or-Treaters. Sign up in the Narthex if you plan to decorate your car. Food will be available at 5:30pm for participants.



# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm  
 Friday 9am-Noon

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*Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church is a community of disciples called and empowered by the Holy Spirit to receive and share the light of Christ through liturgy, fellowship, education, witness and service.*

## Picture of the month...



Maddie Gulnac (Pam Wolgemuth's granddaughter) and Madison Gebhart (Cheryl Boyd's granddaughter) help in the kitchen at Loaves & Fishes.

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## Reflections from the Senior Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It's that time again... time for another election. This time, it's the heated contest for PA's governor and State Senate and the surrounding air vibrates with the political rhetoric of the upcoming decision on November 8. The tasking of voting, I believe, is one of stewardship. While I am no politician, the Office of the Holy Ministry does speak for the fulfillment of all human history in Christ, not any particular way of walking through this history. The path to Christ is not so narrow that it cannot be walked either on the right or on the left. The choice is left to the individual conscience informed by faith but not determined by it, unless a candidate or proposed policy would require us to leave the path. No Christian can abandon the Gospel or the life, freedom and happiness of his neighbors.

Absent any disobedience to God, Christians are expected to participate in whatever just civic order they find themselves. The Christian movement rose in the early Roman Empire, and St. Paul, himself a Roman citizen, enjoyed obedience to the Imperia and prayer for any one in authority, identifying himself as "God's servant for your good" (Romans 13: 1-7). The temporal use of law is commanded by God to preserve life and order it justly according to the nature of the governed. In other words, a human community cannot be run like a zoo or slaughter house.

The established order in which we live is not an empire, nor is it a democracy in the strict sense. It is a republic, and in our present circumstance that means that citizens have the task of deciding who the deciders will be. Responsible participation in such a civic ordering means bringing your very best insight into the voting booth with you and choosing what and who better serve your wisdom.

All this presumes that we are paying attention to the candidates and the issues and seeking information from more than one source. Think about this: we know who Jesus is because there are at least five significantly different accounts of him (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Paul).

Of course, the New Testament authors earned the trust of the early Church by portraying Jesus in ways consistent with what they already knew of him. That's why their books are in the Bible, while those who used Jesus to spin their own theories and ideas are not included. Our modern media are suspected of being interested in political candidates not for their identity, but as ideological props. Sorting fact from 'spin' is not easy, but we've got to try!


Thus, the Christian conscience can walk the path to Christ through the voting booth on either side of the road. What such a conscience cannot compromise or negotiate, however, is *truth*. For example, I could not vote for anyone who seriously maintained that the sun will rise in the west and government must address the problem. That's not the world in which we live. But what about someone who accepts the argument that there is no such thing as human nature and we are—individually and collectively—free to define ourselves as we please? Does that describe the world in which we live? Extremes of both the right and the left are arguing just so; they're off the path.

I could not in good conscience vote for someone who is so philosophically open to the idea that my neighbor's rights and person may simply be vetoed by legislative action, judicial fiat or executive order if his/her existence comes in some way to be viewed as inconvenient.

When the 'due' in due process is deemed up for grabs, than any just society in is jeopardy. The Christian's conscience is committed to civic order that gives nature its due because nature is defined by God, not jury-rigged by ideologies.

So get out and vote and pick your candidates left or right, for your good reasons. But remember that we all, right and left, are God's possession, not our own.

In service to the Gospel,



Pastor A.J. Domines

# FYI & THINGS TO KNOW

## COMMUNITY CUPBOARD OCTOBER FOOD DRIVE



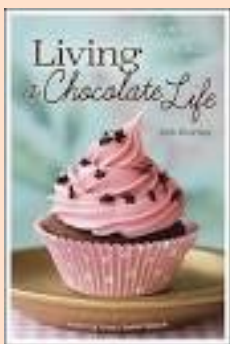
Members of the Social Ministry committee are planning a food collection for the Community Cupboard during the month of October. A list of most needed items are listed here and will be available in the weekly bulletin during October. It is our hope that you will join us in collecting items throughout October. You can place items in the grocery cart that is located near the stairway of the educational wing. Thank you for your stewardship and support of our local food bank.

Canned pears, canned pineapples  
 pasta sauce  
 canned mixed vegetables  
 canned peas  
 canned/instant potatoes  
 ramen/cup of soup  
 "chef boyardee" type items  
 ketchup/mustard/mayo  
 salad dressing (any kind, we hardly have any!)  
 crackers, ground coffee, bottled water, paper towels, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, feminine products, deodorant.

## wednesday BASIX

Basix Themes For October:

- 10/5- Favorite Color Night**, Wear your Favorite Color!
- 10/12- Sports Night**, Wear a shirt or hat from your favorite sport or sports team
- 10//19- Birthday Night**, Come and celebrate with party hats, balloons and cake!
- 10/26 - Reformation Night**, Learn about Luther, the Reformation, and eat some German Foods



**A Bible Study for women: Monday October 3, at 7pm.**  
 Please Contact Celia Domines for the materials.  
 We will meet the first Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the Parlor. Come and savor God's Sweet Grace.

## COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

BE THE DIFFERENCE  
DONATE BLOOD



**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
 Mon., OCTOBER 3, 2022  
 Noon—5pm Social Room**

Scheduled appointments are strongly recommended.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Elizabethtown to schedule an appt.

WEDNESDAY

## Bible Study



Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Social Room  
 Led by Pastor Kliner

## Next ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY Cleanup

Saturday, October 15  
 with a rain date of October 22.  
 Meet at the church at 7:30am



# Thank you

Dear Friends,

We are writing to express our gratitude for your recent donation of \$1,741.53 for the United Churches Elizabethtown Area. Your contribution will help us address the needs of individuals and families in our area. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,  
UCEA Board & Staff

Dear members of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for your continued support of my Eagle Scout Project. I hope everyone can enjoy it for years to come. And thank you for your continued support of Eagle Scout projects that have happened and are still to come.

Sincerely,  
Chas Bibleheimer



**Beginning October 30 we will go back to our traditional Sunday School classes**

This year we will begin Sunday School at 9:45 and dismiss at 10:30.

**Nursery** - Birth through age 4 (Nursery) Come for story time, and play and learn about Jesus.

**Parents Class** - Parlor

**Kindergarten-grade 4** - (Upstairs in Sunday school building) Spark Curriculum where we will learn about stories from the old and New Testament.

**Grades 5-7** -(Upstairs in Sunday School Building) Pre- confirmation with Pastor Kliner

**Youth** - Lutheran Lodge- Breakfast and Bible study led by Sara Paine

**Adults** - Social Room



### Those in need

Nancy Schreffler  
 Bill Lloyd  
 Roxanne Dombrosky  
 Harold Dovey  
 Viola Walmer  
 Iva Campbell  
 Ralph Rissmiller  
 Lorraine Moyer  
 Wanda Freeman  
 Ray Hoaster  
 Mick Sexton  
 Harry Druck

Trevor Huntley  
 John More  
 Jaima Kishbaugh  
 Scott Wolgemuth  
 Tom Soltyzik  
 Darlene Thumma  
 Pastor Jeremy Loesch  
 Pastor Paul Baranek  
 Lois Bittinger  
 Gary Bickel  
 James Bower  
 Tom Lancaster  
 Pat Hill-Kaplan  
 Cindy Dobich

Greta Vehapi  
 Juana Ritchey  
 Tom Cullen  
 Deb Morgan  
 Homer & Sharon Hontz  
 Joe Groff  
 Bunny Ditchfield  
 Bob Jones  
 Diane Seibert  
 Tiffany Dobs  
 Marti McDougal  
 Britney Wagnes

### Homebound...

Jean Peck  
 Doris Bitting  
 Al Hoehn  
 Sharon Switzer  
 Nancy Schreffler  
 Viola Walmer  
 Ann Dyke  
 Grace Rhen  
 Ralph Rissmiller  
 Amelia Taylor  
 Ed Warburton  
 Iva Campbell

Betty Ferraro  
 Bob Gitt  
 Barbara George  
 John & Rosemary Killian  
 Betty McNaughton  
 Robert Emberger

### The Departed:

Ernest Peterson  
 Daniele Disegna

### At the Masonic Village HealthCare Center

Mary Ellen Bahn Roosevelt 2  
 Lester Dupes, Roosevelt 4  
 Helen Ebersole, Washington 3  
 Helen Myers, Roosevelt 2  
 Catherine Plummer  
 Roosevelt 4  
 Bette Fischer Transitional Care

### Other Facilities

Doris Koppenhaver  
 Oak Hill Center, Middletown  
 Helga Dieffenbach  
 Londonderry Village, Palmyra  
 Beatrice Troutman  
 Newport Meadows, Christiana, PA  
 Geraldine Werner  
 Juniper Village, Bensalem, PA  
 Harold & Doris Dovey  
 Shannondell Village, Audubon, PA

# OUT & ABOUT



Director of Music Kevin Gane performs at the Moller Organ at the first Music On High event, September 9.



Our new Food Trailer debuted at the Elizabethtown Fair in August. Income from floats and drinks totaled \$5111.



Pastor Kliner and Pastor Domines with Kira & Seth Wood at the baptism of Lily Elizabeth Wood August 28.



Fellowship on the Lawn on Sunday, September 4 featured food, drinks and of course, Root Beer Floats from the new Food Trailer.



Ruth Long and Mary Lou Keller work on a craft at the Women's Retreat, September 16-18.



(Back row l to r) Cerrita Reed, Mary Lou Keller, Jeannette Thomas, Ruth Long, Bonnie Bibleheimer; (Front row l to r) Missy Little, Jane McDonald, Celia Domines attend the Women's Retreat in Mount Gretna.

## Church Council Meeting Tuesday, August 16, 2022

**Present:** Cammy Anderson, Ken Beard, Cheryl Boyd, Pastor Domines, Priscilla Domines, John Emrick, Jackie Grater, Theia Hofstetter, Pastor Kliner, Darianne Samples, Terry Thome, Vicki Yaider.

**Absent:** Cerrita Reed (excused), Leonard Smith (excused)

**Scribe:** Wendy Gitt

**Call to Order and Devotions:** John Emrick called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. For devotions, Pastor Domines read a selection from The Gospel of St. Luke and offered a prayer.

**Consent Agenda:** Wendy Gitt had sent out the July 12, 2022 Council minutes to all members. The August Financial Report had also been received. A motion was requested to approve these meeting minutes, approve the check register/bills and the receipt of the monthly Financial Report for audit. Cheryl Boyd made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, and Theia Hofstetter seconded it. A vote was taken, which passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** Terry Thome made a motion that effective September 1, 2022, our fee for substitute organist will be as follows: one service is \$160.00 plus mileage; two services is \$200.00 plus mileage; three services is \$240.00 plus mileage; and if more than one service and one of them is on a Saturday evening, add \$50.00. Theia Hofstetter seconded the motion, and this vote carried unanimously.

**Property:** The Property Committee met in August. Bahret will begin its inspection of the nave on September 8, 2022 with a forthcoming estimate for possible work. The carillon work will follow at a later date. Harold Kristensen is reviewing the present security system contract.

**Christian Education:** Vacation Bible School went well, and everyone had a good time.

**Worship:** The first communion was held at Masonic Village's Healthcare Center on Monday morning, August 15, 2022, and 25 persons attended it. The altar guild training meeting will occur on August 23, 2022.

**Youth:** They returned from Westport, Maine, where they participated in three service projects, including picking up trash and picking blueberries for fresh food. They also had a seven-mile canoe trip and were the choir at Westport Church. They will give a video presentation of their trip on Rally Day, Sunday, September 11, 2022.

**Bank Tellers:** For the month of September, bank tellers are Terry Thome for Saturday at 6 PM, Ken Beard for Sunday at 8:15 AM and Theia Hofstetter for Sunday at 11 AM.

**Nominating Committee:** They continue to work on a proposed slate of officers for 2023.

**Pastoral Reports:** Both pastors submitted reports.

**Special Requests:** Prayers were offered for individuals. At the same time, John Emrick read the names on the Prayer List. We concluded the meeting by reciting the Lord's Prayer.

**Motion to Adjourn:** **Cammy Anderson made a motion to adjourn** the meeting, which was approved by all. The meeting ended at 9:00pm.

**Next Meeting:** September 13, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Gitt

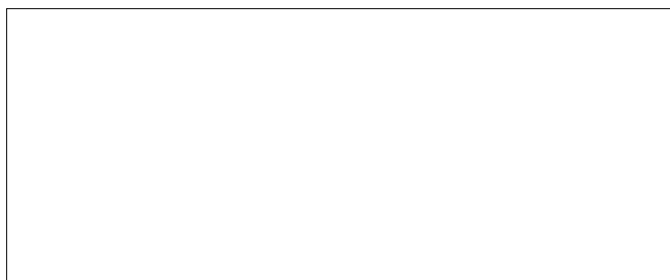
Acting Recording Secretary

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**Address Service Requested**



## Advent & Christmas are coming...

**Please support the LYO by purchasing a fresh Frasier Fir Christmas Wreath or Window Swag this holiday season!**

Wreaths & Swags will be on sale from late October through November 21 and will be available for pick-up on Saturday, December 3 from 9 to 11am and Sunday, December 4 following both Liturgies, in the Lodge.

**Watch for order form in the Nov. Courier**



**CHRISTMAS COOKIE  
BAKE SALE**

**Coming December 10**  
Benefits Loaves & Fishes Cafe  
**Watch for details.**

*Music*  
**ON HIGH**

**AN ADVENT FESTIVAL  
OF LESSONS & CAROLS**  
Sunday, December 11 at 4:00pm



# Christ Lutheran Church

# OCTOBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 8:15am & 11:00am Holy Eucharist 9:45am Sunday School No Choir Rehearsal's	<b>3</b> Noon-5:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	<b>4</b> 6:30pm Blessing of the Animals	<b>5</b> 8:30am Morning Prayer 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Basix Meal 6:45pm Children/Youth Music/Bible Study Adult Bible Study 7:45pm Youth Handbells	<b>6</b> 5:00-5:30pm Loaves&Fishes Café	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:00pm Holy Eucharist
<b>9</b> 8:15am & 11:00am Holy Eucharist 9:45am Sunday School 5:45pm Youth Choir 6:30pm Adult H'bells 7:15pm Adult Choir	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:00pm Finance Committee 7:00pm Church Council	<b>12</b> 8:30am Morning Prayer 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Basix Meal 6:45pm Children/Youth Music/Bible Study Adult Bible Study 7:45pm Youth Handbells	<b>13</b> 5:00-5:30pm Loaves&Fishes Café 6:30pm Fellowship Committee	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:30am Adopt-A-Highway 10:00am Book Club 6:00pm Holy Eucharist
<b>16</b> 8:15am & 11:00am Holy Eucharist 9:45am Sunday School 1:00pm CROP Walk 5:45pm Youth Choir 6:30pm Adult H'bells 7:15pm Adult Choir	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 8:30am Morning Prayer 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Basix Meal 6:45pm Bible Study Adult Bible Study	<b>20</b> 5:00-5:30pm Loaves&Fishes Café	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:00pm Holy Eucharist
<b>23/30</b> 8:15am & 11:00am Holy Eucharist 9:45am Sunday School (23) No Choir/H'Bells 5:45pm Youth Choir 6:30pm Adult H'bells 7:15pm Adult Choir (30) Youth Retreat	<b>24/31</b> (31) 6:00-8:00pm Trunk or Treat	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 8:30am Morning Prayer No. 10am Bible Study 6:00pm Basix Meal 6:45pm Bible Study Adult Bible Study	<b>27</b> 5:00-5:30pm Loaves&Fishes Café	<b>28</b> Youth Retreat	<b>29</b> 6:00pm Holy Eucharist Youth Retreat

# Celebrating Birthdays

October 1	Debra Deis Adam Duh	October 10	Ellie Homisak Steven Kahler Joshua Kinderwater	October 22	Virginia Moyer
October 2	Judy Gobrecht Kelly Goodman Olivia Pirozzi	October 11	Kenneth Lewis Mahlon Ressel Jeannette Thomas	October 23	Elise Hassinger
October 4	Wendy Kahler Nancy Schreffler Colleen Sites	October 12	Cheri Gingrich Sofia Paine	October 24	Sue Pederson
October 5	Harold Kristensen Meghan Milici	October 14	Kelsey Olnick Jessica Smith	October 25	Chris Good Sue Willoughby
October 7	Rana Mathias	October 16	Wendy Gitt	October 28	Theia Hofstetter Lucinda Hughes Candee Sexton Eleanor Wolf
October 8	Madison Brown Sharon Gilbert Helen Myers	October 17	Karl Beard	October 29	Ethan Beck Lukas Rebman
October 9	Emily Deamer Anita Reiser	October 20	Ann Dyke	October 30	Carol Kishbaugh Chris Olnick
		October 21	Ilona Williams	October 31	Marge Sweeney

## ***Baptismal Anniversaries for October***

October 1	Carolyn Snyder Rachel Sweigart	October 8	Doris Koppenhaver	October 20	Ken Burd
October 2	Bill Schreffler	October 11	Hannah Kuntz	October 24	Ryan Kishbaugh
October 4	Timothy Killian Missy Little	October 12	Kelsey Waughen	October 26	Doris Bitting David Brinkman Jan Kristensen Jerry Rutherford
October 5	Kenneth Beard	October 14	Geraldine Werner	October 27	Jon Garber Cecile Madonna
October 7	Scott Bucher Weston Horst Jenna Waughen	October 15	Nicole Leedom	October 29	Barb Eberly
		October 17	Joyce Zangari		
		October 19	Susan McDonald		



*I was glad when they said unto me...*

*Let us go to the house of the Lord.*

**Please return your 2023 Stewardship  
Commitment Envelope by Sun., October 16.**

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR AUGUST, 2022**

	AUGUST	Year-To-Date
Income	\$37,450	\$359,587
Investment Transfer	50,000	74,903
Expenses	<u>49,655</u>	<u>433,821</u>
Net Income/(Deficit)	\$37,795	\$ 669

### ***“ Share The Love of Christ”***

#### **A Campaign to Replace the HVAC Systems**

Goal	\$770,000
Pledged	\$651,583
Received	\$588,672
Loan Principal Balance	\$245,000

*Thank you for your continued support.*