

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

NOVEMBER 2008

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Sunday, November 2 at 2:00 a.m

Be sure to set your clocks back one hour.

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

In consideration of paper costs and postage, and to be environmentally resourceful, our council is looking at circulating the monthly newsletter electronically through the website. The monthly newsletter has been posted on our Church Website www.Christ-in-health.org for the past three years and includes the body of the newsletter, along with the monthly calendar of events, birthdays and anniversaries, and the worship assistants listing for each month of Sundays. We realize there are folks who may not be able to access the website and we would still provide paper copies.

If you will need a paper copy of the newsletter, please write a note on your blue attendance sheet so we know. We will also keep a ready supply of paper copies in the church lobby and in the welcome bags.

WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY & HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2.

At both worship services we will remember loved ones who have gone before us. Each family is invited to light a candle in memory of a loved one. We will read the names of those

who have passed away during the last year. They have gone to the Church Triumphant and we give thanks to God for each of them.

In Loving Memory

Emil Vernon Krueger 12/20/07

Thelma Pinkerton 2/20/08

Pauline Hinkleman Byers 6/10/08

Betty Jane Brooks 9/21/08

STEWARDSHIP & CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 9

A note from our Church Council

President, Diane Pyle:

I recently read these four principles of giving:

1. Your willingness to give enthusiastically is more important than the amount you give.
2. You should strive to fulfill your financial commitments.
3. If you can give to others in need, they will, in turn, help you when you are in need.
4. You should give as a response to Christ, not for anything you can get out of it. How you give reflects your devotion to Christ.

We are coming to the time for our annual stewardship campaign in preparation for planning next year's budget for Christ Lutheran Church. Financial pledge cards and a Time & Talents pledge sheet will be mailed to you soon. Please prayerfully consider not only the amount of your financial giving, but ways in which you can share your time and talents within and without our congregation. If you've ever had the wonderful opportunity to give to or serve someone in need, then you know it truly is more blessed to give than to receive.

On Consecration Sunday we will collect pledge cards and the Time & Talents sheets, joyfully offer them up to our Lord, and celebrate with a brunch between the two services.

Sunday, November 16: Children's Sabbath will be celebrated at the 10:30 am service.

The Children will help to lead worship this Sunday. The Children and Youth Sunday School classes will all share in parts of worship.

The Christmas Child Shoeboxes will also be dedicated this Sunday.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES TO BE RETURNED NOVEMBER 16

BRING YOUR PACKED SHOEBOXES TO THE CHURCH ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 BEFORE EITHER WORSHIP SERVICE.

Pack a regular sized shoe box according to directions on the Christmas Child Shoebox pamphlet. Plastic containers are OK to use. No "boot size" shoeboxes, please.

Enclose \$7 for shipping and return the prepared shoebox to the church by Sunday morning worship, Nov. 16.

Sunday, November 23 and Monday, Nov. 24 at the Community Thanksgiving Service:

We will have a basket out for donations to the Food Pantry of Licking County. They can purchase more bulk foods and feed more people with monetary donations rather than with in-kind donations. The basket will be on the rear sanctuary table.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP & Potluck

Monday, November 24 at Christ Lutheran Church

Potluck- 6 p.m. *bring a covered dish*

Worship 7 p.m. with combined choirs

Christ Lutheran, Heath United Methodist, and St. Leonard Catholic churches.

The offering during worship will go to the Food Pantry of Licking County.

Sunday, Nov. 30: First Sunday in Advent.

During worship on the Sundays of Advent, we invite a family to light the Advent candles on the wreath. If your family would like to share this tradition, there will be opportunity to pick a Sunday and which service time on that Sunday you prefer. A schedule of dates/worship times will be posted in the lobby.

MUSIC MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your favorite hymns: Please write the names of your favorite hymns on your Sunday worship bulletin "blue attendance/ communication sheet" so we are aware of your requests.

Praise Team welcomes you! If you would like to sing or play an instrument with the Praise Team, please let Marilyn Yekisa know. We are also looking at what day of the week, evening and time work best for persons interested in participating in the Praise Team.

Chime Choir: If you have a basic understanding of how to read music, you are welcome to be a part of the Chimes Choir.

They practice Thursday evenings at 7:30pm. Contact Marilyn Yekisa if interested.

USHER'S MEETING All ushers are asked to **attend a meeting on Sunday, Nov. 9 at 9:30 am –in between the services** for scheduling and updates. Our head ushers are Gary Williams (8:15am worship) and Denney Morris (10:30am worship). Please mark your calendars. Thank you. If you would like to serve as an usher, you are welcome to attend this meeting.

ADVENT BREAKFASTS & DEVOTIONS
BEGIN IN DECEMBER THIS YEAR. The time for breakfast and devotions is Wednesday morning from 8am-9am. Dates are **Wednesdays Dec. 3, 10, and 17.** All are welcome!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS
Practices for the Children's
Christmas Program will be held on **Saturday afternoons**
Dates for practices are:
Two Friday evening practices will be
held on Friday, Dec. 1 and Friday
Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m.
THE DATE & TIME FOR THE
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
IS SUNDAY, DEC. 14 AT 4:30 P.M.
Followed by a "Fiesta Supper"
hosted by the High School Youth and their parents.

HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES will be offered for baptized children in 3rd grade and older whose parents wish for them to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. There are two classes required and the first one will **meet on Sunday, Nov. 16** right after the 10:30 am service in the large green classroom. Parents are asked to attend this class with their child.
The second class will be held on Sunday, Dec. 21 right after the 10:30 am service when we will bake the bread to be used in Holy Communion on Christmas Eve. Children who have attended the two classes are welcome to receive their First Holy

Communion at either Christmas Eve Service or on the first Holy Communion Sunday in January.

Note: On Sunday, Nov. 30 ***Catechism Class will not meet.*** Sunday School classes will meet.

OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS **CAR SHOW UPDATE**

To Our Christ Lutheran Church Family,
"We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us." Romans 12:6
God has graced us all with special gifts; no one gift is more important than another. I believe God smiles when we encourage and uplift others, so He must have had a smile from ear to ear on Saturday, September 20!

As I watched everyone working together before, during, and after the benefit, I realized once again that each person in our church family has unique and special God given gifts...and they are lovingly using them for God's Service and Glory.

A HUGE thank you to everyone for all your hard work...before, during, and after the car show—to those who served on committees, donated food, and/or items for the silent auction and book corner, came to the benefit, and worked, gave of your time and money –and most of all for showing your Christian love and care for Gabby and Taylor and their families. Thank you to all who prayed for the benefit to be a blessing for those families.

It was an AWESOME benefit. The grand total was \$8,000—this included money made from the car show, other donations, and our \$2,000 supplement from Thrivent. Such generous hearts!

A special thanks to our youth who helped this year—Elisa, Abby, Alec, Jessica, Joe, Connor, Jacob, Hannah, and Kenzie. Let us continue to seek opportunities to spread joy to others with contagious acts of kindness.
God bless you,
Joyce & Arlene, Car Show Coordinators,

Licking County Coalition for Care Fundraiser

The Licking County Coalition of Care will have its first signature fundraising event on **Sunday, November 2, 2008 at 4:00p.m.** at the historic Midland Theater. In keeping with the collaborative, faith-based focus of the Coalition of Care, this event gathers diverse talent from our local community for a **Gospel Celebration Concert!** This event will support the Coalition of Care's mission to put God's Love into action by helping those in our community with physical and spiritual needs. We hope that you, your family and friends can attend this event. Tickets can be purchased through the Midland Theater by visiting their web site, www.midlandtheatre.org, or by calling 345-LIVE. Contact the Coalition of Care at 670-9700 if you have any questions about this event or the work of the Coalition of Care.

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

NOVEMBER 9 Brunch will be hosted by The Fellowship Ministry team in between the services from 9:15-10:15 am. As you go to Sunday School, please stop by the social hall and enjoy brunch as a thank you to the congregation!

Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet on Sat. Nov. 8 at 8:00 am

Women's Prayer Breakfast will meet on Sat. Nov. 15 at 8:30 am

CHURCH COUNCIL RETREAT WILL BE HELD AT ST. PETER & PAUL RETREAT CENTER ON SATURDAY, NOV. 1 FROM 9AM-2PM. We look forward to this chance to come together in prayer and visioning.

OUR PRAYERS

During September and October we offered prayers for healing for Jim Landis, Lois Scroggins, Jerry Swank, Alison Pyle, Joy Williams, Dick & Kay Bailey, Kathy Barger, Bob Ewing, Taylor Carmer, Alec Van Dyke, Bud Brooks, David Bonner, Shqnonn Kretzmann, and others as requested by our church family. We prayed for Dick & Kay Bailey following the car accident that damaged the front of their house. We prayed for comfort in grief for Erica & Steven Carles, the Gnau Family, Kami Burrows, the Family of Bob Meagher, the Family of Dolores Frey, the Family of Ray Bernabey, the Family of Joe Menne, and the Family of Betty Brooks,. Our prayers for safety and strength continued for our service people serving far from home especially Deb Storms, Rich Horst, Randy Record, Jr., and Curtis Pyle. We asked for God's blessings and guidance through various other petitions.

Please Note: Phil & Donna Mitchell have shared with us that their daughter Debra Storms is a surgical nurse deployed to Afghanistan, and they are asking us to send her cards for encouragement. As a surgical nurse, she is witness to a lot of suffering right now, and the cards would lift her spirits.

**Debra Storms
Task Force MED/OR
APO AE 09354**

If your loved one is deployed and would like cards sent to them from us, their church family, please let us know, and we will share his/her address.

A PRESIDENTIAL PRAYER

We ask that we may be worthy of our power and responsibility, that we may exercise our strength with wisdom and restraint, and that we may achieve in our time, and for all time, the ancient vision of peace on earth, goodwill toward men.

(This prayer, composed by President John F. Kennedy, was to have concluded the speech he intended to give in Dallas on November 22, 1963, the day of his assassination.)

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Rake & Run

Date: Sat. Nov. 1

Time: Meet at 9 a.m. at Christ Lutheran

We will have donuts and cocoa for you.

Bring: Rakes, yard gloves, paper leaf bags.

We will rake leaves in the yards of neighbors and friends who are unable to do this work themselves.

Youth in grades 3-12 are welcome to attend and to bring a friend.

Parents asked to help with driving and chaperoning. Thank you!

YOUTH GROUPS WILL MEET ON SUNDAY

NOV. 9 after the second service for our monthly meeting. Please attend so we can plan activities and include you.

We hope to plan some fun activities at this meeting. Thank you to our youth for your participation in CROP Walk and for helping the younger kids at Trunk or Treat.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SUB SALE SATURDAY, NOV. 22: OSU & MICHIGAN GAME DAY!

High School Youth are making foot-long subs for you to enjoy during the big game. Cost \$5 each. Combo with chips and soda is \$8. Youth will start taking orders for subs on Nov. 2. Subs can be delivered to your home from 11am- 12noon on Sat. Nov. 22. All proceeds go to help our High School Youth get to the ELCA Youth Gathering.

COMMUNICATIONS & THANKS

Hurricane Clean Up Thanks

"I like Ike" does not apply to the hurricane which struck our church and community. On behalf of our church family, I would like to say thanks to a great group of people who pitched in and cleaned up the church grounds after the storm. Please know that we here at Christ Lutheran appreciate the toil and effort that you put in. Knowing that the car show was coming caused great concern, especially to anyone

who saw the debris around the church property. Your hard work took care of that concern. Special thanks to Bob Wilson, Joyce and Gary Williams, Gary Mras and Dick Bailey. Kay Bailey, council representative in charge of property

Dear Rev. Kristin and Church Members,

We thank you very much for the wonderful gathering you had September 20. All of you worked very hard and were very generous in sharing many items, food, your time and much organizational skills for this great benefit and time of fellowship. You and your members made us feel welcome and we enjoyed all of the activities and delicious food.

May God bless you for sharing and caring so much.

Our granddaughter Gabby and her family are very precious to us. We are thanking God ahead of time for her healing and for our son John's return home from Afghanistan.

Take care,

John & Pay Wysocki

Dear Community Member:

November is **National Homeless Awareness Month** and the Licking County Coalition for Housing (LCCH) will be holding its 7th Annual Shoes on the Square public awareness campaign. This year's Shoes on the Square event will begin on November 5, 2008 and continue through November 7, 2008. Our opening ceremony will be held on Thursday, November 6th from 12:00pm – 2:00pm. With your help, we want to provide a human, visual display around the Courthouse Square of 1,600 men, women, and children to represent the families and individuals who contacted our agency for housing services over the last year. In addition, at 7:00 p.m. Thursday evening, we will conduct a candlelight vigil at the Courthouse Square Gazebo in respect for the homeless and the people who continue to fight for their cause. If you would like to inquire about participating or have any questions, please contact Courtney Dusenberry or Tiffany Davis at 740-345-1970, or simply be at the Courthouse Square at 11:30 a.m., November 6, 2008. Sincerely,
Deborah L. Tegtmeyer

On September 21 Betty Jane Brooks went home to the Lord. Her funeral service was held at Christ Lutheran Church on September 26. Our prayers are with her loving husband Bud and her daughters Cheri and Joyce

ROSES ON THE ALTAR celebrated the birth of **Callie Mae Geller,** daughter of Grant and Sandy and granddaughter of John and Kim and the birth of **Joseph Scott Ward,** son of Tim and Rachel and grandson of Margo King. We rejoice with the families.

BEST WISHES to Cheryl and Greg Nutter who were recently married.

SHERI HUNT-FLEMING AND DAVID FLEMING celebrated their first anniversary on October 11 with a ceremony at church for the renewal of their wedding vows. We pray that the Lord continues to bless their union.

Kiarah Dawson Smith, daughter of Dante and Erin Smith, granddaughter of Rod and Georgia Sheley, and great-granddaughter of Bill & Gloria Hardy was baptized on October 19.

BIRTHDAYS

November 1	Chad Hunt
November 5	Linda Kretzmann
November 6	Alison Pyle
November 6	Curtis Pyle
November 7	Gloria Hardy
November 7	Mike Mathews
November 8	Georgia Sheley
November 10	Joshua Ebel
November 12	Erin Smith
November 12	Bob Moody
November 13	Jane Krueger
November 13	Tabitha Back
November 13	Becky Wilson
November 15	Whitley Trusler
November 15	Joni Miller
November 15	Joey Rother
November 18	Danny Friend
November 18	Kristen Zehnal
November 21	Peggy Trusler
November 23	Lisa Zehnal
November 23	Gary Mras
November 23	Harper Annarino
November 25	Bryce Carmer
November 26	Kristin Santiago
November 26	Missy Morrison
November 27	Hank Fitzgerald, Jr.
November 29	Kay Jeffrey

ANNIVERSARIES

November 4	Craig & Rhonda White
November 6	Gary & Joyce Williams
November 15	Dick & DeDe Dudgeon
November 24	Faye & Jim Landis
November 24	Bev & Dave Wahl
November 25	Ken & Sue Bagent
November 26	Jedediah & Alisha Manning
November 26	Tim & Connie Reed
November 30	Joe & Christy Ebel