

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

NOVEMBER 2009



SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER

November 1 is All Saints Sunday

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 persons from this congregation 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.

BAPTISMS CELEBRATED IN NOVEMBER

November 8 We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Corten Alan Pyle, infant son of Curtis & Nikkee Pyle, grandson of Roger Pyle and Diane Pyle.

November 15 We celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Isabella Dory Crider, infant daughter of Marybeth Crider, and granddaughter of Barbara Crider.

November 22: We celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Paige Penrod, and Tyler Cain, children of Jill Marietta.



CHILDREN'S

CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES DEDICATED SUNDAY NOV. 15 BRING YOUR PACKED SHOEBOXES TO THE CHURCH BEFORE EITHER WORSHIP SERVICE.

The Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry is sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, a global Christian charity organization. Pick up a

pamphlet from church and pack a shoebox following the directions on the pamphlet. Enclose \$7 for shipping and return the wrapped shoebox with the shipping money already inside your wrapped shoebox. All wrapped and prepared shoeboxes need to be returned to the church by Sunday,



MUSIC NOTES

Praise Team will sing on Sunday, Nov. 15 at the 10:30 am service. If you would like to join the Praise Team, you are welcome!

Chimes Ensemble will play Sunday, Nov. 22. If you are interested in playing the chimes, you are welcome to join us for practices on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm

The Worship & Music Ministry Team will have information about all music and worship serving opportunities set up in the entryway on Nov. 8.

Sunday, November 29 is the First Sunday in Advent. We will celebrate the beginning of the Advent Season with a special service of **Lessons and Carols for Advent** at both services.

Worship Volunteers are needed to help light the Advent Candles and lead a prayer at each service during Advent: Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13, and Dec. 20. A sign-up sheet is posted before Nov. 29 in the entryway. Individuals and families are welcome to lead this special part of our Advent Worship. Children often enjoy helping their families share this in worship.



NOVEMBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

Sundays, Nov 1, 8, 15, & 22 you will have an opportunity to learn more about how your service and support goes to the ministries of Christ Lutheran Church within the congregation and beyond through outreach.

You will receive a letter soon in the mail, along with a pledge card and a "Servant Sheet" where you can offer your special talents and time in ministry. Just return the pledge and Servant Sheet to the church on any of the first four Sundays in November.

Affirmation of Baptism, also called "Confirmation" was celebrated on Sunday, October 25 for the following youth who have completed two years of Catechism classes: Kenneth Calvert, Taylor Carmer, Kaitlin Fitzgerald, and Faith Gainer. May God bless them as they continue to journey with Christ Jesus our Lord.

Church Council Retreat will be held on Saturday, November 7 from 9am-2pm at the Sts Peter & Paul Retreat Center (*formerly P.I.M.E.*) off Thornwood Drive and Seminary Road. All Church Council Members are asked to attend and bring the 3 identified goals from your Ministry Team and be ready to share those goals as we meet.

Help is needed with set up at 8:30am and with clean-up at the close of our time together. If you have any questions, please contact Denney Morris, Church Council President.

ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

- Monday, November 23 at Heath United Methodist Church on Rt 79 south of our church. This is an annual ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship service

shared between the clergy and congregations of St. Leonard Catholic Church, Heath United Methodist Church and Christ Lutheran Church. The potluck will be at 6pm and worship service at 7pm. Bring a covered dish or dessert and your place setting to the potluck. Combined choirs of the congregations will share special music during the service.

Births

Riley Ann Mason, daughter of Chad and Angela (Clapp) Mason was born on September 30, 2009. She is the granddaughter of Bill & Marilyn Clapp.

Finnian James Hughes, son of Matt & Angela Hughes was born October 22 2009. He is the grandson of Pastor Jim & Carol Hughes

Funerals

Wilma Hermine Krueger, 1921-2009, went home to the Lord on September 29, 2009.

Wilma May Mathews, 1922-2009, went home to the Lord on October 6, 2009.

Our prayers surround the Krueger and the Mathews Families through this time. Both funeral services were held at Christ Lutheran Church.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS **Bible Study**



Two Bible Studies offered...

1. Women's Daytime Bible Study: using Beth Moore's material: "Stepping Up: A Journey through the Psalms of Ascent" **begins Thursday, Nov 5 9:30am- 11:30am Meets on Thursdays, 9:30am**

We will meet in the nursery so that children can accompany mothers. Cost of participant book is \$13.

2. Adult Faith & Friendship Bible Study using, "The Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith" by Pastor Timothy Keller. **This Bible Study will begin in**

November 12 and will meet on Thursday Evenings- Nov. 12, 19, and Dec. 3 & 10, 7pm
Cost of participant book is \$8.

Catechism Class ONLY will not meet on Sunday, Nov. 29 due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.
Sunday School classes WILL MEET.

First Holy Communion Instruction
Sunday, November 15 after the 10:30am worship service. For children in 3 grade and up whose parents desire that they be prepared for Holy Communion. Parents are asked to attend this meeting with their child.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Practices for the Children's Christmas Program will be held during Children's Church at the 10:30 a.m. service beginning Nov. 1
Dates for practices are:
Sundays, Nov. 1, 8, 22,
Dec. 6, & 13.

All the children are welcome to participate. Older youth are needed to help the younger ones. Thank you to Kathy Mehler and Chris Fisher for organizing the program this year.
Date of the Children's Christmas Program is Sunday, Dec. 20 during the 10:30 am service.

OUR PRAYERS

During September and October we offered prayers for healing for Pastor Kris, Anne Carmer, Ruth Fies, Madison Knighton, Connor Van Dyke, Diane Pyle, Rob Calvert, Mary Lou Bradley, Heather Bonner, Dick Morris, Lois Scroggins, Joy Williams, John Markham, Betty Meyer, Marilyn Bodle, Becky Barger, Alice Meagher, Carl Crase, Barb Bell, Shirley Anderson, Michael Bell, Angela Mason & Baby, Christina Kennedy, Declan Hughes, Dianne Sullivan & Baby, and others as requested by

our church family. We prayed for comfort in grief for the Family of Dick Scott, the Family of Bev Colville, the Family of Wilma Krueger, the Family of Scott Erwin, the Family of Damen Winkleman & Corey Kowall (soldiers killed in Afghanistan), the Family of Dick Wetzel, the Family of Wilma Mathews, the Family of Tim Hauke, and the Family of Larry Bay. . Our prayers for safety and strength continued for our service people serving far from home especially. Danny Browning, and Jonathan Ferguson. We asked for God's blessings and guidance through various other petitions.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

YOUTH GROUPS WILL MEET ON SUNDAY NOV. 8 after the second service for our monthly meeting. Please attend so we can plan activities and include you.

"Silver Challenge to Fight Hunger" The two Youth Groups are going to have a "Silver Challenge" in Oct and Nov. wherein they are collecting SILVER coins, nickels, dimes, quarters, half-dollars to go to the Food Network of Licking County. The older youth, Light of Lutherans Group and the 8:15 am worship service vs. the Rising Christians younger youth group and the 10:30 am worship service. Friendly competition for a great cause!

Light of Lutherans (older youth group) will help some of our senior citizens with yard work one Saturday in November. Date TBA.

Youth Sub Sale- OSU vs Michigan Game Day Sub Sale

Saturday, Nov. 21 Pick up your subs at noon or we will deliver them to you at noon. Order forms will be available in the church entryway.

COMMUNICATIONS

Dear Church Family,

With sincere gratitude I thank you for your prayers, cards and all expressions of care that you have so graciously shared with me and with my family following my recent surgery. I thank God for the sweet Spirit in your hearts as you serve together. I am deeply moved by your example of teamwork and compassion given in service to Christ the Lord. Thank you to everyone who helped with funerals and funeral luncheons. Thank you also to those who led worship on Oct. 11 so that I could rest and recover: Pastor Jim Hughes, Kathy Mehler, Denney Morris, and Gary Williams. Thank you to Marilyn Yekisa, Sally Kennedy, and Mary Redd for lovingly preparing the funeral services and bulletins for each service; and to Pastor Hughes, Joyce Williams, and Cathy Mras for providing pastoral care while I was recovering. You are each and all a blessing.

Gratefully yours in Christ,
Pastor Kris Santiago

Dear Pastor Kris and Church Family,

This is long overdue because I have been unable to find the words to tell you how very much I appreciate each and every one of you and thank you for everything that you did for my mother, Camille Jewart, and our family during her illness and passing. Your prayers sustained us through the hospital stays, surgery, and numerous medical tests and procedures. And, the visits, cards, notes, hugs, and encouraging words proved to us that we were not facing any of it alone. Christ blessed us indeed through his body of believers at Christ Lutheran Church!

Thank you, Pastor Kris, for everything you did, but especially the beautiful Celebration of Life service. You truly captured Mother's spirit and zest for life.

Thanks to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the lovely shawls given to the family. My sister, aunts, and uncle were all very touched by your gift of comfort. And, to each of every one who prepared and served the wonderful luncheon following the celebration service, thank you so very much. It was delicious and a wonderful comfort to us to be able to spend the time together with family and friends sharing laughter and tears and memories.

Thank you dear brothers and sisters in Christ. You are each a gift from God which I shall cherish always.

With love in Christ,
DeDe Dudgeon and Family

Dear Pastor Kris,

Many thanks to you and the members of Christ Lutheran Church for lending us many of your banners to use at St. Paul's 125th anniversary celebration. And, special thanks to Sally for helping me today.

Sincerely,
Ruth Watson

Together in Prayer for the Homeless

Dear Community Member,

November is National Homeless Awareness Month. Since September 2008, 1,649 homeless adults and children have contacted Licking County Coalition for Housing (LCCH) for help.

LCCH is preparing to hold its 8th Annual Shoes on the Square event on the Courthouse Square in Downtown Newark. **We are asking for your help to build on the continued success of this public awareness effort to make it the biggest one yet. Shoes on the Square will run from November 4—6, 2009.** To illustrate the enormity of this problem in yet another way, LCCH will have a human, visual display around the Courthouse Square of men, women, and children to represent each individual homeless person who contacted our agency over the past year. Our goal is to have one person to represent each of the 1,649 homeless adults and children. **We invite you, your family, and your friends to be a part of the Human Display on Thursday, November 5th at 12:00p.m. We will gather at the Gazebo at noon, and after a short presentation, a circle will be formed around the Courthouse Square. We will observe a moment of silence to acknowledge the individual struggles of those who have faced or may be facing homelessness in our community. In addition, at 7:00 p.m. that same evening, LCCH will hold a candlelight vigil at the Gazebo** to again acknowledge the homeless members of our community and the many people who continue to fight for their cause.

Together we can fight homelessness, one person at a time!

Sincerely,
Deborah L. Tegtmeyer,
Executive Director

To the Christ Lutheran Church Family,

On behalf of my brothers and sisters we are deeply touched by your comforting words, powerful prayers, kind and generous deeds you have shown. Our sincere appreciation to those who assisted with the funeral service or helped prepare food for the luncheon.

With Mom and Dad both safely Home—I thank the Lord for their loving example in life and for you embracing them each Sunday as we worshiped together.

Douglas Vernon Krueger



OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Meets Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00pm. Knitted or crocheted prayer shawls. They will teach you how, if you want to learn.

Neurobiological Support Group for persons living with mental illness and for their loved ones and friends.

Meets every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in the large GREEN Sunday School room.

Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry in need of two volunteers to help transport our prepared shoeboxes to Spring Hills Baptist Church on Tuesday, Nov. 17 during the day. Please call the church office or e-mail if you can help.

Flint Ridge Senior Living Community Center Worship- Sunday, Nov. 22- 2pm. if you would like to come along with Pastor Kris and be a friend to these wonderful folks, or share some music at the service, let Pastor know ahead of time. They love to have special music and they are gracious hosts!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, December 2 1pm-7pm in the church social hall.

Volunteers needed to help folks register beforehand. Volunteers needed to help with registration that day, to bring a pot of sloppy

joes or chicken sandwiches and cookies and juice. Sign up in entryway to donate blood or to help with volunteering at the drive.

The “Giving Tree” this month...

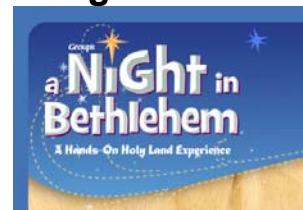
This is the tree with tags on it in the entryway. This month we continue to give nonperishable food items to senior citizens. Take a tag off the tree, bring back the items on the tag and deposit them into the large wooden box for the hungry in the entryway hall.

\$10 Gas Cards are needed for persons who need gas money for job interviews.

\$12 Earthworks Van Vouchers are also needed for persons needing transportation to work and/or interviews. These items will go to help folks in need that come to Job & Family Services. Thanks to Lori Mye for helping us know how to help persons in our county who are seeking work in these times.

Also on the tree...closer to Thanksgiving we will sponsor two families who are in need, with a complete Thanksgiving Dinner. Take a tag from the tree and bring back that Thanksgiving Dinner item by the due date on the tag and deposit that food item in the box next to the tree.

A Night in Bethlehem



A Family Christmas

Event held Friday, Dec. 18, 6:30 -

8:30pm Volunteer help is needed. Contact Yvette Van Dyke 522-8892- if you can help. This will be open to the community. Planning meetings will be held Wed. Nov. 18 at 6:30pm. Lots of stage props are needed. Stay tuned for more information about this GREAT WAY to share the true meaning of Christmas with the whole family!

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Men’s Prayer Breakfast, Sat. Nov. 14 at 8am. All welcome!

Women’s Prayer Breakfast, Sat. Nov. 21 at 8:30am All welcome!



CHURCH POT LUCK- SUNDAY NOV 22

AFTER 10:30 AM SERVICE Bring your favorite dish or dessert and let's get together for a good old-fashioned pot luck. Sign up in entryway, just so we have count.

STEWARDSHIP

October 29, 2009

The time is approaching when the stewardship committee kicks into high gear planning for next year's budget. As your Council president I remind you that stewardship is threefold. It includes time talent, and treasures, all of which do not belong to us in the first place. Whether it be your life, your possessions, or your checkbook, it all really is on loan from God. Stewardship should not be viewed as a one time deal but should be viewed as a "way of life" throughout your time on earth. Stewardship is everything WE do after WE say we believe.

When asked to do something, we all think I can't do it or I don't really have the time or the ability. I know those thoughts went through my mind several years ago when I was approached about teaching the adult Sunday school class. Not only has God provided the time and material, but I have learned much and grown closer to my father. We are studying now in class how God used "uncommon people" to do very important tasks. We all have been blest with talents, don't waste them.

Financial times are tough right now, but again, I ask whose money is it in the first place? Instead of giving what is left after all YOUR bills are paid, prayerfully seek God's guidance and then give Him the first fruits of your labor. In the Christian dictionary there is a word called FAITH. Trust in the Lord and He will provide you with all your needs. Currently being played on the Christian airwaves is a song by Matthew West called "Going through the Motions". The lyrics go: *I don't want to go through the motions. I don't want to go one more day without your all consuming passion inside of me. I don't want to spend my whole life asking what if I had given everything instead of going through the motions.* I have become a firm believer

that the more I give the more I receive in return, and God's blessings are bountiful.

Over the years this church has done much, but much more is needed. As we go through November, prayerfully ask God to lead your thoughts about stewardship. Your life, this church, and our community will be richly rewarded. Your servant through God,
Denney Morris.

Something to think about the next time you feel God can't use you.

*Noah was a drunk,
Abraham was too old,
Isaac was a daydreamer,
Jacob was a liar,
Leah was ugly,
Joseph was abused,
Moses had a stuttering problem,
Gideon was afraid,
Samson had long hair and was a womanizer,
Rahab was a prostitute,
Jeremiah and Timothy were too young,
David had an affair and was a murderer,
Elijah was suicidal,
Jonah ran from God,
Naomi was a widow,
Job went bankrupt,
Peter denied Christ,
The Disciples fell asleep while praying,
Martha worried about everything,
Mary Magdalene was, well you know,
The Samaritan woman was divorced, more than once,
Zaccheus was too small,
Paul was too religious,
Timothy had an ulcer,
Lazrus was dead!!!*

NO MORE EXCUSES. GOD CAN USE YOU TO YOUR FULL POTENTIAL. BESIDES YOU AREN'T THE MESSAGE, YOU ARE JUST THE MESSENGER.

submitted by Denney Morris

Worship Assistants in November

ASSISTING MINISTER

Nov. 1 Denney Morris

ALTAR GUILD

Sharon Mye Nov. 1

Nov. 8 begins- Julie Chrislip/Yolanda Rosato

HOST FAMILY

Nov. 1 8:15am V. Blubaugh/J. Williams/
10:30am R. Fies/D. Ploetz(Organ side)
T&A Carmer(Pulpit side)

10:30am Denise Ploetz
Nov. 15 8:15am Joni Miller
10:30am HS Youth
Nov. 22 8:15am Dave McKittrick
10:30am Larry Kretzmann
Nov. 29 8:15am Gary & Joyce Williams
10:30am Dick Bailey & Kathy Mehler

COUNTERS

Nov. 1 Kennedy
Nov. 8 Ploetz
Nov. 15 Swank
Nov. 22 Swank
Nov. 29 Chrislip

USHERS

Head Usher: Williams Morris
1st 2nd

Nov. 1 Communion	McKittrick	Clapp/White
Nov. 8	Patton	Kraning
Nov. 15	Anderson	HS Youth
Nov. 22	Schulz	Pyle
Nov. 29	Moody	Fisher

ACOLYTES

Nov. 1 Crucifer: Alec Van Dyke
Torchbearers: Taylor Carmer
Kaitlyn White
Nov. 8 Ashley Hayes/Hailey Quickle
Nov. 15 Jacob Santiago/Bryce Carmer
Nov. 22 Ashley Hayes/Nikki Calvert
Nov. 29 Jacob Santiago/Robert Calvert

GREETERS

Nov. 1 Cliff Neighbarger
Nov. 8 Alice Meagher
Nov. 15 Roger Pyle
Nov. 22 Todd & Susan Falkenberg
Nov. 29 Faye Landis

NURSERY

Nov. 1 Todd & Susan Falkenberg
Nov. 8 Rhonda White
Nov. 15 Becky Wilson
Nov. 22 Kim Geller
Nov. 29 Kay Bailey

LAYREADERS

Nov. 1 8:15am Karen Schmidt
10 30am Mary Ann Guilkey
Nov. 8 8:15am DeDe Dudgeon

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

NOTE: Children's Christmas Program Practice will be held during Children's Church on Nov. 1, 8, 22. For children not participating in the program, there will be extra activities led by the Children's Church leaders on those Sundays.

Nov. 1 Play Practice AND Faye Landis/Austin White
Nov. 8 Play Practice AND Chris Fisher/Anne Carmer
Nov. 15 Puppets, D. Krueger/R. White/One HS Student
Nov. 22 Play Practice AND Linda Patton/ Megan White
Nov. 29 Eric Santiago & Elisa

ALTAR FLOWERS

Nov. 1 are given in thanksgiving for the Faithful Christians who have gone before us
Nov. 8 are given by Diane Pyle in honor of the birthday of Curtis & Alison Pyle.
Nov. 15 are given in honor of the 35th wedding anniversary of Dick & DeDe Dudgeon..
Nov. 22 are given in honor of the 38th wedding anniversary of Jim & Faye Landis.
Nov. 29 are given by Hank & Paula Fitzgerald in honor of the birthday of Hank III.

NURSES

1ST Service

8:15 – Joyce Williams & Karen Schmidt
Ross & Pam Shannon

2nd Service

10:30 –Becky Wilson

Blood pressures will be taken Nov. 8, the SECOND SUNDAY of the month, following each worship service.

VOLUNTEER PARISH NURSES WILL TAKE MEMBERS OR VISITOR BLOOD PRESSURES ANYTIME ON REQUEST.

PHARMACIST JONI MILLER WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CHECK MEDICATIONS.

BIRTHDAYS

- Nov. 1 Chad Hunt
- Nov. 5 Linda Kretzmann
- Nov. 6 Alison Pyle
- Nov. 6 Curtis Pyle
- Nov. 7 Gloria Hardy
- Nov. 7 Mike Mathews
- Nov. 8 Georgia Sheley
- Nov. 10 Joshua Ebel
- Nov. 12 Erin Smith
- Nov. 12 Bob Moody
- Nov. 13 Jane Krueger
- Nov. 13 Tabitha Back
- Nov. 13 Becky Wilson
- Nov. 13 Avery Duncan
- Nov. 14 Erica Carles
- Nov. 15 Whitley Trusler
- Nov. 15 Joni Miller
- Nov. 15 Joe Rother
- Nov. 18 Danny Friend
- Nov. 18 Kristen Zehnal
- Nov. 21 Peggy Trusler
- Nov. 22 Kerri Marks
- Nov. 23 Lisa Zehnal
- Nov. 23 Gary Mras
- Nov. 23 Harper Annarino
- Nov. 25 Bryce Carmer
- Nov. 26 Pastor Kristin Santiago
- Nov. 26 Missy Morrison
- Nov. 27 Hank Fitzgerald III
- Nov. 28 Jayden Marks

ANNIVERSARIES

- Nov. 4 Craig & Rhonda White
- Nov. 6 Gary & Joyce Williams
- Nov. 15 Dick & DeDe Dudgeon
- Nov. 24 Jim & Faye Landis
- Nov. 24 Dave & Bev Wahl
- Nov. 25 Ken & Sue Bagent
- Nov. 26 Jedediah & Alisha Manning
- Nov. 26 Tim & Connie Reed
- Nov. 29 Jim & Mary Hickman
- Nov. 30 Joe & Christy Ebel

Starting this month the Web copy of the LOC no longer contains the Calendar.

In order to keep our Calendar always up to date and make maximum use of our dynamic website, The latest calendar will always be available via the link below. This is to prevent multiple copies floating around with resulting confusion.

When you print your monthly LOC out, just click the link below and get the Calendar for the rest of the Year or any month you want to print.

We have also included a link to the Bulletin Page which always contains the latest news from Sally that she usually prints up for Sunday.

Calendars

www.Christ-in-Heath.org/Calendars/calendar_frame.htm

Latest Bulletin Board Notes

www.Christ-in-Heath.org/bb.htm

Calendar and Weekly Bulletins