The Crusader

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8:30 am Praise Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship

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The Pastor's Desk:

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It is Autumn!

Dear Beloved in Christ:

It is **Autumn**. The leaves have changed, and the wind has a slight chill, reminding us of what will come. Autumn is God's way of calling us to attention: *Wake up! Stay awake! Be prepared!*

Let us claim the colors of autumn in our lives. Brown holds stability, protection, endurance, and simplicity for us. Red holds for us passion, determination, love, and adventure. Orange holds balance, warmth, and freedom from our inner prisons, and magenta holds harmony. Finally, purple autumn leaves prompt our vast imaginations, depths of spirituality, transformation, and wisdom. The new colors of the autumn leaves are but a glimpse into the richness and diversity of the loving life moments God has in store for us. So, stay awake and be present for all that really matters.

God has even gifted us the trees to remind us to stand tall and reach for God. They remind us to stay awake by being mindful of what is right in front of us. We may also practice this through stillness and silence, or gratitude to stay spiritually awake and aware.

We are taught to give thanks to God for our daily bread. We are to show gratitude when we receive gifts from others. However, sometimes we can forget that thanksgiving should not only be practiced during the moment when we get what we want, but even when we don't. It is sometimes difficult to give thanks during moments in our lives when things aren't going according to plan, and we feel that we have been cheated or given the short end of the stick. It is so easy to forget to give thanks for the gift of a new day! But that new day is a chance to reach out to those we love and even those who might need to know they are loved. It is a chance to enjoy and give thanks for good food, great friends, and wonderful family, even from a distance, and a chance to turn around and say, "Thank you, Jesus. I am well now in more ways than one."

Pastor's Portion continued

My friends, what are you thankful for this day, this month, this year? Speak those things aloud, write them down, reflect on them, remember them, and keep smiling about them, because when we fill our minds and hearts with gratitude, there will be no room for worry; gratitude and worry cannot share the same space in our hearts and minds. Yes, let us stay awake and present to all that really matters.

Autumn invites us to think about our expectations of others and ourselves. Autumn reminds us that God is with us. As the leaves change and fall, we are reminded that we will change, we will transform, and we will fall into God's arms to wait for something new and wonderful to happen in our lives. During this time of waiting and longing for the birth of something extraordinary in our lives, whatever that may be, let us spend time preparing our hearts and renewing our spirits. It is in our longing and waiting that we encounter God. It is in our emptiness that we remember God's whispers of love and courage.

Let go, like the falling leaves, and let God surprise you.

God's Blessings Always

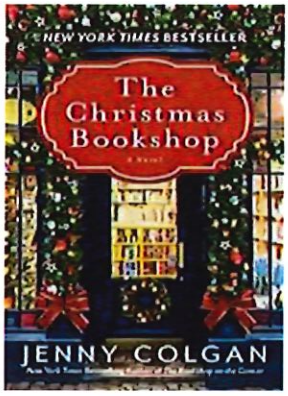
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November Book Club

Join our Christ Lutheran Book Club and enjoy a great read every month. Our November book is *Theo of Golden*, by Allen Levi. The story is a gentle, inspirational novel centered on a mysterious, elderly widower named Theo. Through his anonymous acts of kindness and grace, he initiates change in a small Southern town. The book has become a New York Times bestseller.

December's book is *The Christmas Bookshop*, by Jenny Colgan. An old Edinburgh bookstore and its aged owner are transformed as community is created through the actions of a group of lonely people joining together to save the historic business. This inspirational story shows how hope and love truly changes lives.





Please join us on November 10 and December 8 at 1:00 pm for our book club meetings. Bring a snack to share as we join together to discuss and share our thoughts about these inspiring book selections. We are looking forward to having you join us. Please come!





November Birthdays

01 Dave Asche
01 Melissa Cooper
01 Jim Young, Jr.
03 Ann Schmick
11 Kathy Williams
11 Joan Petzold
12 Tracy Neilson
12 Maddie Dunn
13 Gabrielle Schmick
14 Niko Scotton
14 Deanna Thomas
15 Linda Boone
16 Dee Dee Bolden
16 Stephen Scotton
17 Betty Myers
17 Janice Conaway
20 Donna Moyer
20 RW Williams
24 Doris Farace
24 Janet Filling

November Anniversaries

10 Toby & Patricia French
25 Roger & Ann Schmick

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Who are Stephen Ministers?

The joy of the Holidays can turn into a time of painful loneliness and emptiness for those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time. But help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential one-on-one Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you and support you through the Holidays and as long as your need persists. If you or someone you know is hurting or lonely, find out more about Stephen Ministry by calling or texting Aileen Watkins at 302-930-7070. **Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!**

Food Shelf Newsletter Article November 2026

Psalms 107:1-2- "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

A total of 143 non perishable food and healthcare items were donated. Cleaning supply items and four new backpacks were also donated. We provided electric bill assistance for one neighbor.
Monthly, we provide GrabNGo lunch supplies (bread, lunch meats, cheese, peanut butter and jelly and apples).

Several Love INC volunteer opportunities exist: food pantry distribution, lunch distribution, donation processing and clothing closet. Contact Kristen Bender directly at (kristen@loveincofmiddelmarva.org) if interested.

High priority items needed include: jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, instant potatoes, shelf-stable microwave meals, canned meals (spaghetti-O's etc, with pop-tops), canned tuna/chicken, soup, and zip top sandwich bags. Cleaning supplies, paper towels and 13-gal trash bags are also needed.

If you'd like to make a monetary donation, it can be placed in the offering plate with the envelope marked "Food Shelf".
Checks can be written out to Christ Lutheran Church with "Food Shelf" on the memo line.

Thank you for your continued support. Every donation made blesses both the recipient and the giver.

Food Shelf Team
Linda Boone
Carl Boone
Janet Moore

November BSSP News Article

It is November and we have begun singing Christmas songs on Saturday mornings in preparation for our Christmas program. **We ask that our students attend the Saturdays leading up to the program.**

The Christmas program will be on Saturday, December 5th at 11:00 a.m. We invite the congregation to put that date on your calendar to attend as it is a wonderful way to begin the Christmas season.

Just as a reminder, BSSP continues to bring items for Food Shelf to benefit Love, INC. each Saturday.



November/December Schedule
November 7 – Moses and the Burning Bush
November 14 – Moses and the Plagues
November 21 – Practice for Christmas Program
November 28 - **NO CLASS – Thanksgiving Holiday**
December 5 - **Christmas Program**

Happy Thanksgiving from the BSSP students and staff.

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November 1	Lita Jackstat
November 8	Kathy Williams
November 15	Peggy Gum
November 22	Ron Coleman
November 29	Steve & Ginny Hoffman

LWML Mission Project Highlights
Reaching God's Children in Haiti
Trinity HOPE, Haiti | $61,782



Trinity HOPE: A Haitian feeding program that brings hope to the children of Haiti one bowl of beans and rice at a time. The noon meal a child receives through the Trinity HOPE feeding program is life sustaining, and the Gospel message carries their eternity. Children thrive because they are receiving a source of nourishment both physically and spiritually.

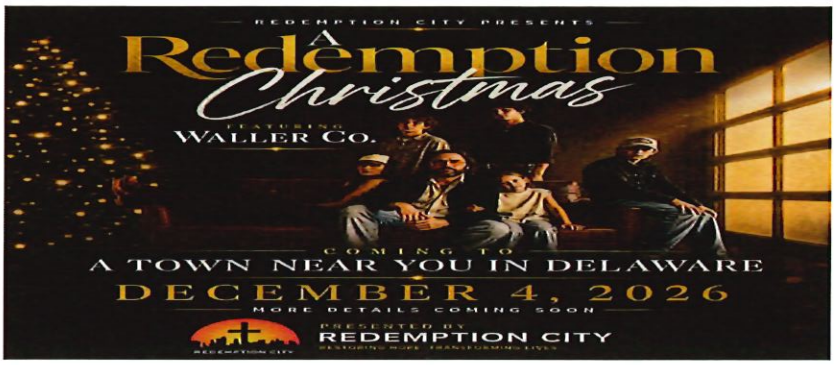
Trinity HOPE began working with Lutheran schools in Haiti in 1999. Originally feeding 42 children in one school, the ministry now feeds 65,000 children, teachers, and cooks in over 265 Christian schools across the country. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere where more than 4.7 million people suffer from acute hunger. The children are innocent victims of gang violence, inflation, cultural insecurity, lack of jobs for parents, and the worship of Satan through the Voodoo religion. Eleven of the 36 feeding program directors are Lutheran pastors who visit their schools twice a month to teach lessons from God's Word. Before each meal a prayer is said, and children profess their faith in Jesus. The children receive the light, love, and warmth of knowing Jesus Christ as their Savior with each meal served. This grant will fund 160,472 meals served to children and teachers over two years. For a video and more pictures, go to www.lwml.org/2025-2027-mission-grant-13.

Christ Lutheran Mites Sunday Offering Collections

September 2026 - $324.50

October 2026 LWML Sunday - $579.00

John Waller in Concert, featuring his family, Waller Co.



John Waller and his family, Waller Co., are in concert December 4 for an unforgettable evening of music, celebration, family, and hope – all while supporting the work of Redemption City and their mission to serve neighbors experiencing homelessness throughout our community. Our Christ Lutheran Women in Mission – LWML is one of the concert sponsors. Doors open at 6pm and the concert starts at 7pm at The Mission Community Church, 30186 Seaford Road, Laurel. Tickets can be purchased online for $20 and at the door for $25.
https://redemptioncityinc.ticketspice.com/redemption-christmas-featuring-john-waller-and-wallerco
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November 2026 LWML News

November LWML Meeting, Thursday, November 19 @ 2:00 pm

Calling all Ladies of Christ Lutheran! It's time for planning our Christmas celebration. All ladies are invited. Our meeting will include a devotional Bible study, delicious snacks, and Christmas ideas for our church. Let's join together to make plans for Christmas. We will also be planning our Redemption City Christmas tree. Please join us on November 19th at 2:00 pm.

Redemption City Gifts of Love Christmas Tree & Resident Gifts

Last year, our congregation created special Christmas memories for the 18 residents of Redemption City's Lighthouse and Sunshine House. Our LWML received many wonderful responses from our participating church members and such grateful thanks from our friends at Redemption City. We are doing it again! Our Gifts of Love will bless the residents of Redemption City as they transition from a life of homelessness to being productive independent members of our community. We are looking forward to the plans God has in store for our friends as their lives are transformed by the love and grace of Our Savior, Jesus.

Beginning the end of November, our Redemption City Gifts of Love Christmas tree will be placed in our narthex with gift tags on the branches. Each tag will contain the name and information about a resident and the gift they are wishing for. When taking a tag of your choice, get the gift and return it in a Christmas gift bag by the return date on the tag. Requests are simple, usually clothing, books, or personal care items. Our LWML also asks the residents to create a list of their favorite snack items, homemade cookies, or treats, so we can create a Christmas treats basket for the entire house. The gifts will be delivered to both homes before Christmas. What a wonderful blessing and special Christmas we are sharing with our friends at Redemption City!

Your generosity last year made our Redemption City Christmas Tree gifts a wonderful success. Our LWML is looking forward to another year of love and support for our friends at Redemption City. Thank you so much for the blessings you share.



- **November 1st and 15th Holy Communion at both services.**
- **Mondays@ 11 am Friends Supporting Friends**
- **Saturdays@10 am BSSP (not on 11/28/2026)**
- **Monday, November 2nd, Church Council Meeting**
- **November 10th@1 pm Book Club**
- **Saturday, November 14th@3 pm Magi Christmas Concert at Emmanuel Church, Salisbury**
- **Tuesday, November 17th@2 pm Lay Ministry Meeting**
- **Thursday, November 19th@2 pm LWML Meeting**
- **Sunday, November 22nd@3 pm Turkey Dinner**


30 DAYS OF
THANKSGIVING
SCRIPTURE CHALLENGE
Each day, read the scripture and take a moment to thank God for something in your life.
LIFE'S LITTLE SECRETS
Day 1: Psalm 107:1 ..... Give thanks to the Lord.
Day 2: 1 Thessalonians 5:18 ..... Be thankful in all circumstances.
Day 3: Psalm 100:4 ..... Enter His gates with thanksgiving.
Day 4: Colossians 3:15 ..... Let thankfulness fill your heart.
Day 5: James 1:17 ..... Every good gift comes from God.
Day 6: Philippians 4:6 ..... Pray with thanksgiving.
Day 7: Psalm 118:24 ..... Rejoice in the day God made.
Day 8: Colossians 3:17 ..... Give thanks in everything you do.
Day 9: Psalm 136:1 ..... God's love endures forever.
Day 10: Ephesians 5:20 ..... Always give thanks to God.
Day 11: Psalm 9:1 ..... Thank God with your whole heart.
Day 12: 2 Corinthians 9:15 ..... Thank God for His wonderful gift.
Day 13: Psalm 28:7 ..... Praise Him with a thankful heart.
Day 14: Hebrews 12:28 ..... Worship God with gratitude.
Day 15: Psalm 95:2 ..... Come before Him with thanksgiving.
Day 16: Colossians 4:2 ..... Stay faithful in thankful prayer.
Day 17: Psalm 103:2 ..... Remember God's blessings.
Day 18: 1 Chronicles 16:34 ..... Thank God for His goodness.
Day 19: Philippians 4:11 ..... Learn to be content.
Day 20: Psalm 69:30 ..... Praise God with thanksgiving.
Day 21: 2 Corinthians 4:15 ..... Let gratitude overflow.
Day 22: Psalm 34:1 ..... Praise the Lord at all times.
Day 23: Colossians 2:7 ..... Overflow with thankfulness.
Day 24: Psalm 30:12 ..... Give thanks forever.
Day 25: Lamentations 3:22-23 ..... Be thankful for new mercies.
Day 26: Psalm 116:12 ..... Remember what God has done.
Day 27: 1 Timothy 4:4 ..... Receive God's gifts with thanks.
Day 28: Psalm 92:1 ..... It is good to give thanks.
Day 29: Luke 17:15-16 ..... Remember to thank Jesus.
Day 30: Psalm 150:6 ..... Let everything praise the Lord.

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1 All Saints' Day 8:30 am Praise Service w/Communion 9:45 am Adult Bible Study 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service w/Communion
2 11 am Friends Supporting Friends 7:00 pm Council Meeting	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6** Office Closed	**7** 10 am BSSP Office Closed	**8** 8:30 am Praise Service 9:45 am Adult Bible Study 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service Food Shelf Sunday
9 11 am Friends Supporting Friends	**10** 1:00 pm Book Club	**11**	**12**	**13** Office Closed	**14** 10 am BSSP 3 pm Magi Christmas Concert Emmanuel Church-Salisbury	**15** 8:30 am Praise Service w/Communion 9:45 am Adult Bible Study 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service w/Communion Mite Box Sunday
16 11 am Friends Supporting Friends	**17** 2:00 pm Lay Ministry Meeting	**18**	**19** 2:00 pm LWML Meeting	**20** Office Closed	**21** 10 am BSSP	**22** 8:30 am Praise Service 9:45 am Adult Bible Study 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 3:00 pm Turkey Dinner
23 11 am Friends Supporting Friends	**24**	**25**	**26** HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!	**27** !	**28** No BSSP	**29** 10:00 am Combined Service
30 11 am Friends Supporting Friends						

More Calendars from WinCalendar: Dec 2026, Jan 2027, Feb 2027