

The Crusader

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

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Pastor's Portion

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write this article, we are about to celebrate the Reformation, a reform movement Martin Luther began in the Roman Catholic Church when he posted his "Ninety-Five Theses" on the door of the castle church in Wittenberg, Germany. Luther saw abuses within the church and proposed that there be a debate within the church leadership on how to correct them. Luther's original intention was to reform rather than divide the church. But Luther came to believe that there could be no compromise on the following principles: Grace Alone—Salvation is God's free gift through the forgiveness won by Jesus by His dying and rising. Faith Alone—This gift is received through faith alone, and is not earned by our works. Scripture Alone—The Bible is God's sole rule and norm for faith and life.

Luther and his colleagues wrote expositions of the doctrines of Scripture that eventually were collected in a work called *The Book of Concord*. In a portion of that book called "The Smalcald Articles," there is a short paragraph entitled "The Gospel." In a few short sentences, we read of the means by which God conveys forgiveness to you and me.

If I were to ask you the various ways God lets you know you are forgiven and loved, you could probably tell me a number of ways Jesus has touched your life, ways that are mentioned here in the Smalcald Articles:

1. A good sermon: How would you define "a good sermon"? A memorable story is told? There's a good joke to leave the congregation in stitches? It lasts less than 10 minutes? No, a good sermon doesn't beat you down about your failings or hold out the false hope that you can have a perfect life if you just follow these five easy steps. A "good sermon" focuses on Jesus, how He kept the Law perfectly in your place and then took the punishment you deserved, to bring you forgiveness and eternal life.
2. The Sacrament of Baptism: When the water in any amount is applied to use in the name of the Triune God, God washes us clean of all our sin, adopts us into His family, and renews us in the Holy Spirit.
3. The Sacrament of the Altar: As the Host and Food for the meal, Jesus offers repentant sinners His body broken and His blood shed for the remission of sins.
4. The "Mutual Conversation and Consolation of Brethren": What is *The Book of Concord* saying? Surprisingly it is saying that the way we talk to one another outside of worship is an opportunity for all of us to share forgiveness and love with one another. You, along with the Pastor, are a minister of the Gospel!

Pastor's Portion (continued)

Do we really get to know one another sitting beside each other for one hour on a Sunday morning? Not really. Unless I'm listening to you and giving you an opportunity to tell me your story, how will I know what to pray about for you? How will I know to offer a helping hand when you are in trouble? How will I be able to come alongside of you, weeping with you when you're sad and rejoicing with you when you have cause to celebrate?

In the time I have remaining as your vacancy pastor, I want to do all I can to encourage us in seeking out a new face after worship; making contact by phone or text with one another; sharing a cup of coffee and a snack with one another; sitting down for a potluck meal with one another; visiting with one another in our homes.

Only as we engage in worship-- AND in all kinds of activities outside of worship-- will we be able to share "mutual conversation and consolation" with one another. I believe that this is what each of us, consciously or unconsciously, crave. And I believe that this is what our country and world need now!

Yours in the Love of Jesus,
Pastor Ray

FOOD SHELF NEWSLETTER ARTICLE November 2025

Malachi 3:10

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

The Feed the Northeast Challenge accounted for 620 non perishable food items. Three blankets, 5 t-shirts, 6 pair of socks and a pair of gloves were also included in our delivery to Love INC's Cross Campus. Thanks to Carol Miller for help loading/unloading and transporting our huge donation.

Bread, peanut butter and jelly, and lunch meats and cheese were donated to support Love INC's Grab 'N Go lunch ministry. This month we also added apples to the lunch selection.

Colder weather is fast approaching and items to support "Code Purple" will be needed: heavy socks, disposable rain ponchos, flashlights and batteries, white pillowcases and twin-sized sheet sets. Travel size body wash, lotion, deodorant and hand sanitizer are needed in addition to fruit cups and granola bars.

Thank you for your continued generosity, support and prayers. Your donations are a blessing.

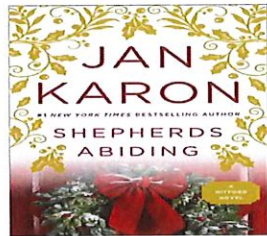
Blessings,
Food Shelf Team
Linda Boone
Carl Boone
Janet Moore

November Book Club

Christmas is coming soon and we are reading holiday books to prepare for the Christmas season. Our November Book Club meeting is Tuesday, November 11, at 1:00 pm. *Shepherds Abiding*, a novel by Jan Karon, is our selection for November. *Shepherds Abiding* provides the best of all presents: the gift of one's heart. Since he was a boy, Father Tim has lived "the life of the mind" and never learned to value the work of his hands. When he finds an old nativity scene that has suffered years of neglect, Father Tim knows it will be the perfect gift for his wife, Cynthia, and decides to undertake the task of restoring it. As Father Tim begins his project, we are treated to a magical tale about the true Christmas spirit.

Join us for a book discussion about November's book, *Shepherds Abiding*, by Jan Karon. Call Jean Lohmeyer @ 302-569-4194, if you have questions. Please bring a snack to share and join us for Book Club meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1pm. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Pick up your copy of *Shepherds Abiding*, by Jan Karon, at your local library, bookstore, online retailer, or through Amazon, and join us on Tuesday, November 11 @ 1:00 pm for Book Club.





November 2
November 9
November 16
November 23
November 30

Deanna Thomas
Kathy Williams
Peggy Gum
Ron Coleman
Steve & Ginny Hoffman

Evangelism Report for November 2025

We would like to update our website with some videos of our mission committees but not limited to just the committees. Anyone that would like to have a video promoting our church is welcome to sit for a 2–5-minute video interview. This will be very helpful in many ways! One way is that any future Pastor could view what we are all about. Helping them with their decision to serve as our New Pastor.

Please contact me to set up a time we could get together to make this happen.

Here is my contact information:

Joel Lichtenberg, Cell number: 410-428-4586 Email

jclfree@hotmail.com

Address: 11645 Buckingham Dr., Delmar, DE. 19940

God Bless,

Your Evangelism Committee

SAVE THE DATE!

**Our semiannual Congregational Meeting
will be held on Sunday, December 7th
immediately after the 11:00 service. On
the agenda: our 2026 budget.**

WE DID IT!

Our congregation once again stepped up and met the challenge! Thrivent Financial challenged churches and organizations to collect 500 food items for a local nonprofit during the month of October. On Monday, October 13th, 620 food items were delivered from Christ Lutheran's Food Shelf to Love, INC. As of this writing, I have not heard back to see if we were one of the first 100 in the northeast to meet the goal so that Love, INC would also receive an additional \$500. When your Call Committee meets with perspective pastors, we are quick to point out what a giving congregation we are. Please continue to support our Food Shelf as winter approaches.

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 6th at 11:00 a.m. We invite the congregation to put that date on your calendar to attend.

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

November/December Schedule

November 1 – Isaac and Rebekah

November 8 – Jacob and Esau

November 15 – Jacob's Dream

November 22 – Practice for Christmas Program

November 29 - **NO CLASS – Thanksgiving Holiday**

December 6- **Christmas Program**



Happy Thanksgiving from the BSSP students and staff.

CPR Training!

Save a life! Christ Lutheran has a CPR instructor willing to teach a class. Please leave your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you are interested.

You will be contacted so that a training time will be set that meets the needs of the trainer and our members. The cost is \$25 which includes a two-year American Red Cross CPR card. Call Dave Rose with questions : (410) 490-5847.



Friends Supporting Friends held on Monday at 11 am
November 2nd and November 16th-Holy Communion at both
Services

November 8th@6:30 pm Bunco

November 11th@1 pm Book Club

November 16th@3 pm Potluck Turkey Dinner

November 18th@2 pm Lay Ministry Meeting

November 20th@2 pm LWML Meeting

Saturday, December 6th-@11 am BSSP Christmas Program

**Sunday, December 7th-After service Congregational
Meeting**

**Happy
Birthday**



01 Dave Asche	
01 Melissa Cooper	10 Toby & Patricia French
01 Jim Young, Jr.	25 Roger & Ann Schmick
02 Deanna Thomas	
03 Ann Schmick	
11 Kathy Williams	
11 Joan Petzold	
12 Tracy Neilson	
12 Maddie Dunn	
13 Gabrielle Schmick	
14 Niko Scotton	
15 Linda Boone	
16 Dee Dee Bolden	
16 Stephen Scotton	
17 Betty Myers	
17 Janice Conaway	
20 Donna Moyer	
20 RW Williams	
21 Gilda Miller	
24 Doris Farace	
24 Janet Filling	

November LWML Mission Highlights

Read below to discover one LWML National grant and one LWML Chesapeake District grant highlighted in our newsletter every month. The mites we collect at church from our mite boxes every 3rd Sunday of the month support these mission projects that touch the lives of people here and throughout the world with the message of our Savior.

LWML National Grant #4 – 2025-2027 Biennium

The Perpetual Call for Pastors and Teachers — LCMS Office of Pastoral Education, U.S. — \$100,000

Watch the video about this mission grant: www.lwml.org/2025-2027-mission-grant-4

Set Apart to Serve (SAS) is a Synod-wide program focused on forming and recruiting full-time church workers. Supplying the church with workers is one of the highest priorities for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). SAS is striving to develop a culture where every LCMS congregation, school, and entity intentionally forms and recruits church workers among their youth and adults. They are focusing on youth, second-career, multi-cultural ministry, and international outreach. Moving forward they will continue testing and refining all focus areas, form new partnerships, and expand resources available to congregations, schools, and families. This \$100,000 grant will help the Set Apart to Serve program encourage more members to consider church work. It will provide insight, collaboration, and needed resources to spread the saving Gospel message to all people.

Chesapeake District LWML Grant #5 – 2024-2026 Biennium

Binns-Counts Community Center – McClure Valley, VA
- \$6,000

For the purchase of Bibles, devotional material, emergency needs, and other supports for this outreach in the McClure Valley, VA.

Mite Box Offerings

August Mite box Offerings - \$337.50

September Mite Box Offerings - \$413.50

Our LWML is so thankful for your support of our Mite Box Ministry. Your gifts have made it possible to help fund each of the projects described in our Mission Projects Highlights each month. Thank You!



Stephen Ministry Minute

What is a Stephen Minister?

- A child of God who walks beside a person who is hurting.
- A caring, Christian friend who takes the time to really listen.
- A lay person who has received 50 hours of training on how to provide distinctively Christian care.

A Stephen Minister IS NOT

- A counselor or therapist.
- A problem-solver.
- A casual visitor.

What Do Stephen Ministers Do?

Stephen Ministers:

- Listen
- Explore feelings
- Pray
- Are nonjudgmental
- Share Christ's love
- Maintain confidentiality
- Attend to the care giving processes and leave the results to God.

November LWML News

November LWML Meeting – Thursday, November 20 @ 2pm

Help plan our LWML Christmas Party and Secret Sister Reveal. Come to our next meeting on November 20 for fellowship, planning, and refreshments. Plans are being made for upcoming activities and we need your ideas. We are looking forward to seeing you in Christ Lutheran's LWML ministry. Come join us!

Mark Your Calendars! LWML Christmas Party & Secret Sister Reveal Luncheon, Saturday, December 13, 11:30 am

All ladies of Christ Lutheran are invited to our Annual LWML Christmas Party & Secret Sister Reveal. Bring your favorite dessert or hot dish to share. Christmas activities and games are planned. We are also asking each person to bring "Gifts of the Heart" offerings, items needed by local ministries we serve to bless the people in their programs. Details will be coming soon about what items will be needed this Christmas season. Secret Sisters for 2025 will also be revealed and new Secret Sisters for 2026 will be drawn. If you would like to be a part of the 2026 Secret Sister Drawing, please contact Kathryn Lamberton @ 302-841-9622, or Jean Lohmeyer @ 302-569-4194, so we can put you in the drawing. As a Secret Sister participant, each person will draw a name from a collection of all participating women. Secret Sisters send cards and notes to the woman drawn monthly (or even more!), along with small gifts to encourage and uplift your Secret Sister. The LWML Christmas Luncheon is always a wonderful event. More information is coming your way. Mark your calendars and join us December 13th!

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