



**THE NOVEMBER ECHO**  
**ST. JOSEPH'S (HILL) LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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*You and your family and friends  
are invited to our Christmas Services!*



*December 24 - Two Christmas services. One will be at **9:00 AM** and one will be at **7:00 PM**. Communion will be given at both services. Each service will end with candle lighting during the singing of Silent Night.*

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** Sunday School is available for anyone from kindergarten through adult. Children from kindergarten through grade 6 will be in one classroom using “All Kids Spark” materials. There will also be a Jr and Sr High class and an adult class.

If there is an interest in preschoolers attending Sunday School we may also add a preschool class. If there is anyone interested in teaching Sunday School for any age group, please contact Lucy Hartman.

Confirmation will be held on Sunday, November 5 at 9am.

A new year of confirmation class will start on Sunday, November 5 at 8a, during the Sunday School hour. If your child is in 7 th grade or older and you would like to join us, please call Lucy Hartman. Crystal Schwenk and Faye Gehris will be teaching the class.

**CONFIRMATION** will be held on **November 5**. Please sign the stoles on the table in the hallway for each of the confirmands.

**FUNDRAISING UPDATE** By purchasing gift cards to do your grocery shopping, gas fill-ups, restaurant visits, etc. we’ve raised \$91,954.97. You may recall that part of this was used to pay off our mortgage on the church addition. We continue to offer Weis, Giant, Rener and Walmart cards every Sunday after the service. On the first Sunday of the month, you can also order many other gift cards from the RaiseRight list such as CVS, Amazon, Dunkin Donuts, Visa, Target, Wawa etc. For a complete list of retailers, visit the Raise Right website. If you would like cards for the holidays, you can order those on November 5th and December 3rd. Your order can be picked up the following Sunday. ***Thank you for continuing to support this program.***

**THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION** We are collecting Thanksgiving food items for the Lutheran Pantry at Nativity Lutheran Church in Reading through November 12. **Items requested:** cans of corn, string beans, and cranberry, large cans of sweet potatoes, boxes of turkey flavored stuffing mix, and 5 pound bags of potatoes. Thanks for your generosity.

**VOLUNTEERS** People to read the scriptures and/or the prayers of intercession, acolytes and greeters are needed. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the office. Openings for December are now listed. A special sheet for the Christmas services on December 24 is on a separate clipboard. Thank you for volunteering.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Nov. 4: Blood Drive

Nov. 5: Turn back your clocks tonight; All Saints Day; Confirmation; Poinsettia orders available, Congregational meeting pack is available.

Nov. 16: Council meets in the fellowship hall at 7 PM.

#### **Nov. 19: Congregational Meeting.**

Nov. 20: Fellowship Hall reserved at 6:30 PM.

Nov. 22: Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service 7 PM at St. John's Hill Church.

Nov. 23: Fellowship hall reserved.

Nov. 24-25: Fellowship hall and kitchen reserved for candy making.

Nov. 26: Pastor Latshaw will supply; Holy Communion; **last day to order poinsettias.**

**BLOOD DRIVE** The blood drive will be held on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 9AM – 2 PM in the fellowship hall. Thank you for your generous time and donation.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** Please plan to attend the congregational meeting on November 19 immediately following the 9 am service. We need everyone to come out and lend your voice, opinions and questions during the meeting. We need to move forward as a church family which means we will need volunteers for church council, ushers if we want to gather around the altar for communion, and Welca, just to name a few areas that need help moving forward. Come out to the meeting and tell us what you miss and how you can help us make it happen. See you at the meeting. Your Council Team!

**Reminder: Committee descriptions and  
yearly calendars are due by January 14, 2024.**

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Beth & David Reichert

H. Richard & Karissa Bernhard

Jane & Alan Wood

Bud & Diane Heller

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Natalie Kimmel

Donald Gehris

Drusilla Spaid

Carol Barton

Gloria Krall

Crystal Schwenk

Gladys Oppelt

Jacob Benfield

Jenna Schaeffer

Edward Bullard

Galen Williamson

Doreen Hahn

Maria Foisel

Kenneth Gilbert

Collin Weidner

Amy Miller

Linda Pfleiger

Phyllis Cotellese

Adam Miller

Sandra Rosales

Lindy Thompson

Nathan Bieber

Anita Hoffman

Jennie Moyer

Ethan Selfinger

Lisa Schaeffer

Jane Wood



# Our Staff

Pastor Gene Zaiser, Pastoral Care

Mrs. Linda Kowalski, Council President

Mrs. Jill Savory, Parish Secretary

Mrs. Kathie Gilbert, Volunteer Coordinator

Mr. Blaise Miller, Sexton

Mr. Ethan Deirof

Mrs. Carol Barton, Organist

Mrs. Marcia Kurtz, Music Director

Ms. Robin Schmale, Daycare Director .....610-367-1981

Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday.....9:00 AM–1:00 PM

Daycare hours Monday – Friday.....6:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Time Value: 10/28/2023



