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Dear Friends,

The past few months seem to me to have been an especially fruitful time in terms of ministry here at St. John's. God has provided dozens of opportunities to lift our hands in praise for all God is doing in our midst.

Your witness to our congregation, our community and beyond to our neighbors and friends in Cuernavaca, Mexico has not gone unnoticed. You have shared in some of our small group settings how God has provided you with opportunities to support and pray with your siblings in Christ. You have served each other with humility and kindness. You have lifted up the names of those in need to the throne of Grace. You have been (and will continue to be) blessed to be a blessing to others.

A few weeks ago, I traveled with Larry Farmer, president of our Boyertown Rotary Club, his wife Joyce, and daughter Gwen, to Mexico to learn more about the projects that Wellspring Karitas engages. Larry and Joyce, having heard the story of our two prior trips through the voices of Ashley Gheer (age 17) and Tatum Friz (age 10), felt compelled to check out the rain capture/water filtration project in person. They are bright and intuitive leaders. They have eyes to see how clean water keeps children in school and how a quality education gets them out of their current circumstances, launching them into a future with greater opportunities to do unto others as they had done unto them.

Serving others with a clear purpose, enhanced by helping people we love in a tangible way, is at the heart of what it means to be a Christian. At a recent meeting of our Congregation Council, John Gheer, having been on two prior trips to join with Wellspring Karitas, passionately expressed how in those few days in Mexico he grew in understanding of what it means to follow Jesus and serve others. We have also heard his daughter Ashley speak of the impact of those trips and how they have helped her develop leadership skills she uses as she participates in the Youth and Government program hosted by the YMCA here in Boyertown.

Wellspring Karitas is clear about their purpose, they have a well-defined set of guiding principles that shape their behavior and frame their identity, and they are very selective about the projects they engage. They see what God is doing, the needs of the community, and they come alongside of those involved in those projects as partners, rather than take over the project with an attitude of 'we know better'. It's powerful to see renewable work. It is radically different than what many of us have grown accustomed to in what you know I've called, consumable work. The first energizes and the other drains the life out of even the best.

Why did I want to have our congregation experience Wellspring Karitas' work and how they work together? The answer is simple, it just isn't easy. Tod Bolsinger writes, "Leadership, then, isn't so much skillfully helping a group accomplish what they want to do – that's called management. Leadership is taking people where they need to go and yet resist going. It's challenging, encouraging, and equipping people to be transformed more and more into the kind of community that can accomplish the mission set before them."

The fifteen members from our congregation who have participated in our adventures with Wellspring Karitas in Mexico have been blessed to observe this way of organizing, to engage in renewable, life-giving work that is aligned with God's mission. I believe those of you who have heard their stories can attest to the increasingly apparent manifestations of how God has blessed them and in turn blessed us!

Take a look at your newsletter and see what your congregation has been blessed to engage. Come and join us in doing the things that God wants us to do.

Be blessed!
Pastor Bob

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Live in Faith Together -
Experience the anticipation of Advent in
THE WAITING ROOM

Wednesday, December 4, 11, 18

6:00 PM enjoy a simple meal (Lower Level)

6:45 PM participate in an activity

7:00 PM engage in
Holden Evening Prayer
(Sanctuary)



sign up online to
provide soup
to share

Our Midweek Advent Services are right around the corner and the Worship Team is excited to present something new and fun as we prepare to worship together.

Please join us in "The Waiting Room."

WHO should attend?

EVERYONE! ALL ARE WELCOME! Don't miss the opportunity to meet with Jesus this Advent.

WHAT can I expect each week?

For dinner each week: 3 kinds of soup will be provided (including a gluten-free option). We will also provide water. Bring your own sandwich, salad, or another side to complete your meal. Yes, just one serving for yourself.

Themes:

Week 1 - There are preparations to be made and roadwork to be done in our minds, hearts, and lives. "God comes to us!" and we need to be *Prepared*.

Week 2 - How do we know God is coming? Because His Word tells us so. He wants us to adjust our hopes and *Expectations*.

Week 3 - When God comes close, things get upset, sometimes causing *Scandal*. He shakes things up in a good way. When God comes close, life gets disrupted and that's okay, because we know that "God is always with us."

WHERE will we meet?

We'll begin in the Lower Level with a simple meal and activity. Then we'll move to the Sanctuary for Holden Evening Prayer where each week we'll hear a different speaker give a message and hear beautiful music by various vocalists accompanied by Atsuko Hanson on piano.

WHEN does this happen?

Wednesday, December 4, 11, and 18 at 6:00 pm. Need help getting here? We're happy to pick you up and take you home, don't let "no driving at night" be the reason for missing this special time with God and His children. Please contact the office if you need a ride (610.369.1024).

WHY should I participate?

Because the world is a messy place and we all need a midweek renewal.

If you have never attended our Midweek Advent Services, let 2024 be the year you try something new!

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, December 8

immediately following 9:30 am worship

In accordance with Article C.10.01.01 of our constitution, the Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2024, immediately following 9:30 am worship. The agenda consists of the following items:

- accept the reports of the church
- present and approve the budget (Ministry Action Plan) for the next calendar year
- elect members to the Congregation Council



SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS

featuring Boyertown Area School District students & Major Daniel Fair, U.S. Air Force Retired

Thursday, November 14 | 6:30 pm

**St. John's Lutheran Church
45 N. Reading Avenue | Boyertown**

sponsored by Boyertown Rotary Club

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, November 3 @ 9:30 am

All Saints Sunday

We celebrate all of God's Saints, those living as well as those who have died in Christ.

We will name aloud in our prayers that day all members who have died during the past year.

Sunday, November 17 @ 9:30 am

We welcome guest preachers,
Dave and Marlene Daubert.

Reception to follow in Lower Level.

Sunday, November 24 @ 9:30 am

We welcome Oley Valley High School Choir.
Coffee & Conversation to follow in Lower Level.

Sunday, December 1

Advent Begins

Wednesday, December 4, 11, 18

The Waiting Room 6:00 PM

Holden Evening Prayer 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 19 @ 7:00 pm

Blue Christmas Worship

Tuesday, December 24 @ 3:00 & 8:00 pm

Christmas Eve Worship

Wednesday, December 25 @ 10:30 am

Christmas Day Worship

Sunday, December 29 @ 9:30 am

Lessons & Carols



Sunday, November 3

LIVING LUTHERAN LIVES

Who are we as Lutheran Christians?



**SAT
NOV
16**

RETREAT | 9:00AM-3:00PM | LOWER LEVEL (lunch provided)

Learn more about the core elements of our Lutheran faith and how to put our faith into words and deeds at this retreat led by the Dauberts.

Register by November 3

**MON
NOV
18**

SMALL GROUP LEARNING - LUTHERAN TRUMP CARDS

November 18, 25, December 2, 9, 16 | 6:30 PM | Lower Level

To reinforce the Dauberts' teachings and consider how we can apply what we've learned to our ministries at St. John's, Jennifer Schlegel offers this small group.

register for both online

Advent Wreath WORKSHOP

Thursday, November 21

6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

register online by Nov 9



Create your own Advent wreath to take home
plus enjoy a special performance
by our preschoolers!





COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

By: Melissa Geary

We've had a fruitful and jubilant first few months here in the preschool ministry and certainly have welcomed the busy fall season to its full extent!

October proved to be a bustling month with many community-oriented activities for the littles. We took a group field trip to the Bauman Family Apple Butter & Cider business, where the kids learned about the process of making apple cider and butter, even getting to try it themselves! As part of Fire Prevention Month, our students were visited by Boyertown Area Fire & Rescue. They had the opportunity to see a fire truck up close and personal, were reminded of fire safety basics, and were given a tour of the truck and equipment that fire fighters use to help keep us safe. Additionally, Walnut Woods hosted our preschoolers for a friendly Trick or Treat event. Students wore their costumes and practiced answering questions as well as how to treat our neighbors with grace and kindness. With that, thank you to Bauman's, the Boyertown Area Fire & Rescue, and Walnut Woods for welcoming and serving our preschool staff and students. Interacting with the community that surrounds us helps our students become stewards of intentional relationships, and reminds us of the abundant blessings God provides us in our very own backyard.

Finally, we had our annual Halloween Party and Parade, opening the doors of our preschool to family members of all generations. The kids rotated classrooms, each having activities such as pumpkin painting, matching games, and even a Halloween themed snack. They paraded around the sanctuary getting to show off their costumes once more, with many a photo taken by the families in attendance.

On behalf of the preschool staff, it is a pleasure to be serving in this joy-filled ministry once more. We are devoted to creating a positive, enriching, and ever-growing environment that serves our preschool families, students, and above all, Jesus Christ.





ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, December 8 | 10:45 AM

DIRECTORS BIG BAND

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday, December 14 | 7:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MEAL

Wednesday, December 25 | 11:30 AM

**JESUS IS
TOO GOOD
TO KEEP TO
YOURSELF**

**INVITE A FRIEND
TO CHURCH**

Your personal invitation could play a role in sparking a life-transforming relationship with Jesus Christ.

Who will you invite?

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, November 11

Thursday, November 28

Friday, November 29

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25
11:30AM - 1:00PM**

Christmas Day Meal

Volunteers needed - Sign up online!

Monetary donations for the purchase of food and supplies is appreciated. Checks noting "Christmas day meal" can be mailed to the office.



**scan to
volunteer!**

To my fellow brothers and sisters at St. Johns,

I have decided to finally discern my call to ministry as an Authorized Lay Licensed Minister (LLM for short). I say finally because there was thought and conversation regarding this around 15 years ago, give or take a few years. Our Synod was holding Saturday classes, typically at Holy Spirit, Emmaus, which I decided to attend, so I could learn more about the Church and being a Lutheran. While going to these I was asked if I would be interested in pursuing being a SALM (Synodical Authorized Lay Minister). I was persuaded to visit St Paul's Lobschville and to meet the SALM there at that time. After seeing what they did, I decided that the timing was not right for me, and thought "maybe when I am older", I could reconsider it. Approximately 15 years later, after hearing about the 6261 program, I decided to reconsider this call.

What is an LLM? From our Synod website: "Licensed lay ministers (LLMs) serve their congregation in a variety of ways. Some serve when their pastor or deacon is away. Some serve during a pastoral transition or long-term vacancy. Others serve as one of the 6 LLMs in a 6261 Ministry Community." (<https://nepasynod.org/llm/>). "Lay Ministers will be licensed by the Bishop to perform certain duties within specific congregations or 6261 Ministry Communities. These duties may include: Praying for their congregation or their 6261 Ministry Community (and its 6 congregations) along with the surrounding community and ministries; preaching; leading worship services; leading Bible studies; leading and coordinating small groups; visiting those in the hospital, the homebound, and others who request a visit; potential for licensed sacramental authorization in special circumstances."

This has come about due to a shortage of pastors to lead congregations. There are members (Lay Leaders) already supporting their church by preaching, visiting, and praying. The hope is that the LLM program will give structure with "Good Lutheran Theology", but not to deter what good works are already being done. It's better to think of it as coming alongside congregations, pastors and lay leaders to continue to perform the ministry of the Church.

The weekend of October 12 I was on a retreat with around 20 LLM candidates. The title of the retreat was Confessions Retreat. Topics included:

- The Basics of Lutheran Preaching (Funeral Preaching), led by Pastor Albers.
- The Basics: Justification by Grace through Faith on account of Christ
- The Basics: Law and Gospel/Theology of the Cross
- Applying the Basics to Congregational Life: Word and Sacrament
- Applying the Basics to Life in this World: Vocation & Two Kingdoms

Lutheran Confessions was taught by Dr. Timothy Wengert using The Book of Concord, which Dr. Wengert co-translated from the original German and Latin into English. There are 3 more retreats that are required, including: Lutheran Preaching; Lutheran Worship; and Pastoral Care. In addition to this there are 4 classes that are required: Hebrew Bible (Old Testament); Christian Scriptures (New Testament); Theology and Beliefs; and Church History to be taken at a local Seminary (in person or online).

What I need is your continued support and prayers over the next few years. Please feel free to ask me how it is going and any questions you may have.

Thank you and God Bless,

Tom Engle

WEATHER RELATED CLOSINGS

Our 'Inclement Weather' policy at St. John's states that when the Boyertown Area School District is closed, we follow their lead and cancel all meetings and events. For weather related closings, check Channel 69 News or www.wfmz.com.



Eagle Messenger Article Deadlines

Monday, November 11 for December issue
Monday, December 9 for January issue
Monday, January 13 for February issue

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT TRUTH?

By: Cathy Krause

“You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:32

As I contemplate the coming of November, I have been thinking about truth, especially in regard to the onslaught of political advertisements. The following are excerpts from The New Bible Dictionary (1974) page 1301. I hope this will give you pause to reflect on what you read and see.

“Truth is used in the Old Testament in two senses: (1) the intellectual, facts that may be ascertained to be true or false and (2) the essential and moral, of truth as an attribute of a person.

Truth as a fact is reflected in the queen of Sheba’s response to king Solomon: *‘Then she said to the king, “It was a true report that I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom. Nevertheless, I did not believe the reports until I came and my eyes had seen it. Behold, the half was not told me. You exceed in wisdom and prosperity the report which I heard.”*

The Old Testament thinks much more of the basis of truth in a reliable person than that of the mere facts. This reliability is an attribute of God: *Psalm 31:5 ‘Into your hand I commit my spirit; You have ransomed me, O Lord, God of truth.’, Psalm 108:4 ‘For your lovingkindness is great above the heavens; and your truth reaches to the skies.’ and Psalm 146:5-6 ‘How blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is the Lord his God; who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them; who keeps truth forever.’* Furthermore, when Joseph’s brothers were detained in prison while one of the brothers is sent for Benjamin, *‘...that your words may be tested, whether there is truth in you...’ (Genesis 42: 16b)*

The God of the Bible is true, i.e. consistent in his loving care for his children and in his implacable hostility against sin. God sends truth forth (Psalm 57:3) and his word is true in the sense that it is permanently valid. Psalm 119:89 and Exodus Rabbah on 29.1...*“As you are truth, so is your word truth, for it is written “Your word, O God, stands fast in heaven.”* Truth is demanded of man as his response to God in obedience to the law. *Psalm 119:151 ‘You are near, O Lord, and all your commandments are truth.* and in his inmost nature, *Psalm 51:6 ‘You do desire truth in the innermost being...’* and is the bedrock of all human relationships, *Exodus 20:16 ‘You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.’*

In the New Testament, the word truth has more than one meaning. One meaning is dependability, truthfulness, and uprightness of character. This meaning applies to God and to man. *Romans 15:8 ‘For I say that Christ has become a servant to the circumcision on behalf of the truth of God to confirm the promises given to the fathers...’ Ephesians 5:9 ‘...for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth...’* The idea of a God who can be trusted to keep his word is implicit throughout the New Testament.

Another meaning of truth in the New Testament is in the absolute sense of that which is real and complete as opposed to what is false and wanting. *Ephesians 4:25 ‘Therefore, laying aside falsehoods, speak truth each one of you with your neighbor, for we are members of one another.’* The Christian faith is the truth. *Ephesians 1:13 ‘In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation...’* Jesus claimed that he was truth personified. *John 14:6 ‘Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me”.* *Ephesians 4:21 ‘...if indeed you have heard him and have been taught in him, just as truth is in Jesus...’* He mediates the truth. *John 1:17 ‘For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.’* The Holy Spirit leads people into truth. *John 16:13 ‘Jesus said, “But when the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own initiative, but whatever he hears, he will speak and disclose to you what is to come.”* By the Spirit’s leading Jesus’ disciples into the truth, they will know it, do it, abide in it, and their birth as God’s children rests upon it. *John 8: 32 ‘You shall know the truth, and the truth will set you free’.* *John 3:21 ‘But he who practices the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God’.* *James 1:18 ‘In the exercise of his will he brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we might be as it were the first fruits among his creatures.’* The truth is God’s active word that must be obeyed. Jesus declares that he is the true bread and the true vine, i.e. he is the eternal reality symbolized by the bread and wine.”

I hope these words will give you pause to think about what the media says, to test the facts and premises, to find the Spirit leading to the truth.

Resource Consulted:

The New Bible Dictionary. Grand Rapids: Wm B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. 1974 1301.

We pray during this time of
National Election:

Sovereign God, your Son Jesus
lived within the structures of society
even as he spoke truth to those
in power and challenged systems of
oppression. Empower us to be courageous
disciples and responsible citizens.

Grant that our life in the public realm
be grounded in love for our neighbors,
care for the most vulnerable in our midst,
and respect for the common life we share,
following the example of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(All Creation Sings, p. 50)

WORSHIP MINISTRY

| Date | Day | Time | Liturgical Day <i>(Special Service)</i> | Acolyte | Altar Assistant | Altar Guild | Assisting Minister | Lector | Media | Prayers | Sound | Ushers | Video |
|------------|-----------|----------|--|--------------------|------------------------------|---|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|--|---------------|
| 11/3/2024 | Sunday | 9:30 AM | All Saints Day | Delaney Hersperger | Amanda Ehst, Tom Engle | Melissa Eidle | Jason Friz | Mary Kay Heimbach | Justin Jones | Jean Machamer | Ashley Gheer | Mike Gilbert, Phil Haddad, Gerry Krause, Ed Schaeffer | Camryn Friz |
| 11/10/2024 | Sunday | 9:30 AM | 25th Sunday after Pentecost | Grant Hersperger | Jen Friz, Jennifer Schlegel | Dorothy Breitreutz | Mel Roth | Lori Carnes | Sarah Eidle | Bonnie Moatz | Brianna Rohrbach | Mary Kay & Donnie Heimbach, Susan & Andy Varzally | Abbe Grofe |
| 11/17/2024 | Sunday | 9:30 AM | 26th Sunday after Pentecost | Tatum Friz | Mel Roth, Becky Scheiry | Bonnie Moatz | Melissa Geary | Michele Eidle | Shannon Omlor | Karen Pollock | Melissa Eidle | Ros & Brian Moatz, Carol Sematis, Terry Wadsworth | Scott Scheiry |
| 11/24/2024 | Sunday | 9:30 AM | Christ the King | Philip Derr | Bev & Joe Blake | Jodie Dykie, Mary Kay Heimbach | Amy Moyer | Missy Endy | Justin Jones | Friz Family | Myles Omlor | Martha Bentley, Jodie Dykie, Jennifer Schlegel, Nathan Wanish | Nathan Wanish |
| 12/1/2024 | Sunday | 9:30 AM | Advent 1 | Grant Hersperger | George Hill, Bonnie Moatz | Mary Dierolf, Nancy Edwards | Amanda Ehst | Krista Fretz | Jason Friz | Mel Roth | Ashley Gheer | Becky & Barry Erb, Bunny & Ron Riffle | Shannon Omlor |
| 12/4/2024 | Wednesday | 7:00 PM | Holden Evening Prayer | Tatum Friz | NA | NA | NA | TBD | Shannon Omlor | NA | Brianna Rohrbach | Sandy and Terry Wade | Jason Eidle |
| 12/8/2024 | Sunday | 9:30 AM | Advent 2 | Delaney Hersperger | Ashley Gheer, John Gheer | Jodie Dykie, Mary Kay Heimbach | Lauren Jones | Tom Engle | Sarah Eidle | Lauren Jones | Melissa Eidle | Gerry Krause, Phil Haddad, Ashley & John Gheer | Camryn Friz |
| 12/11/2024 | Wednesday | 7:00 PM | Holden Evening Prayer | Philip Derr | NA | NA | NA | TBD | Jason Friz | NA | Myles Omlor | Bev and Joe Blake | Abbe Grofe |
| 12/15/2024 | Sunday | 9:30 AM | Advent 3 | Camryn Friz | Amanda Ehst, Tom Engle | Bonnie Moatz | Jennifer Schlegel | Sue Hill | Justin Jones | Nathan Wanish | Ashley Gheer | Bill Rohrbach, Ben Rohrbach, Lauren & Justin Jones | Scott Scheiry |
| 12/18/2024 | Wednesday | 7:00 PM | Holden Evening Prayer | Tatum Friz | NA | NA | NA | TBD | Shannon Omlor | NA | Brianna Rohrbach | Mary Kay and Donnie Heimbach | Nathan Wanish |
| 12/19/2024 | Thursday | 7:00 PM | Blue Christmas | Philip Derr | NA | NA | NA | Phyllis Kershner | Sarah Eidle | Bonnie Moatz | Melissa Eidle | Ros and Brian Moatz | Justin Jones |
| 12/22/2024 | Sunday | 9:30 AM | Advent 4 | Camryn Friz | Bev & Joe Blake | Sue & George Hill | Mel Roth | Jean Machamer | Jason Friz | Sarah Eidle | Myles Omlor | Kevin Moyer, Darin Moyer, Carol Sematis, Terry Wadsworth | Jason Eidle |
| 12/24/2024 | Tuesday | 3:00 PM | Christmas Eve | Delaney Hersperger | Shannon Omlor, Becky Scheiry | Mary Kay Heimbach, Sue Hill, Bonnie Moatz | Lauren Jones | Ben Rohrbach | Justin Jones | Martha Bentley | Ashley Gheer | Martha Bentley, Joanne Dykie, Barbara Houp, Nathan Wanish | Camryn Friz |
| 12/24/2024 | Tuesday | 8:00 PM | Christmas Eve | Alina Friz | Shannon Omlor, Becky Scheiry | Mary Kay Heimbach, Sue Hill, Bonnie Moatz | Jennifer Schlegel | Jason Friz | Sarah Eidle | Ros Moatz | Myles Omlor | Ros & Brian Moatz, Bonnie & Rick Moatz, Mary Kay & Donnie Heimbach | Scott Scheiry |
| 12/25/2024 | Wednesday | 10:30 AM | Christmas Day | Camryn Friz | Ashley Gheer, John Gheer | Mary Kay Heimbach, Sue Hill, Bonnie Moatz | Amanda Ehst | NA | Shannon Omlor | Terry Wade | Melissa Eidle | Sandy & Terry Wade | Abbe Grofe |
| 12/29/2024 | Sunday | 9:30 AM | First Sunday after Christmas | Grant Hersperger | Michele & Dave Eidle | Mary Dierolf, Nancy Edwards | NA | Various | Shannon Omlor | NA | Brianna Rohrbach | Mike Gilbert, Phil Haddad, Ed Schaeffer, Scott Scheiry | Jason Eidle |

NOVEMBER 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study | 2 4:30p Come to the Table |
| 3 All Saints Day 9:30a Worship Celebration 9:30a Sunday School 11:00a Service MAG | 4 6:30p Girl Scouts | 5 Preschool Closed | 6 Oley Cluster 6:30p Worship Team | 7 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 10:00a Operation 143 7:00p Handbells 8:00p Worship Broadcast | 8 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study Girl Scout Leaders Retreat | 9 4:30p Come to the Table Girl Scout Leaders Retreat |
| 10 9:30a Worship Celebration 9:30a Sunday School | 11 Veteran's Day Office Closed 5:00p Newsletter Submission 6:30p Girl Scouts 7:30p Optimist Club of Boyertown | 12 6:30p Veteran's Salute Rehearsal | 13 11:45a Preschool Staff Meeting | 14 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 6:30p Veteran's Salute 8:00p Worship Broadcast | 15 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study | 16 9:00a Living Lutheran Lives Retreat 4:30p Come to the Table |
| 17 9:30a Worship Celebration 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Reception | 18 6:30p Lutheran Trump Cards 6:30p Girl Scouts | 19 1:00p Joyful Sisters of Service 6:30p Finance Team 6:30p Building a Better Boyertown | 20 9:30a Pottstown Soup Kitchen 10:00a Preschool Chapel Time 6:30p Congregation Council | 21 9:30a Community Leaders 10:00a Operation 143 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 6:00p Preschool Thanksgiving Program & Advent Workshop 7:00p Handbells 8:00p Worship Broadcast | 22 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study | 23 4:30p Come to the Table |
| 24 Christ the King 9:30a Worship Celebration 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Coffee & Conversation | 25 6:30p Lutheran Trump Cards 7:30p Optimist Club of Boyertown | 26 | 27 Preschool Closed | 28 Thanksgiving Preschool Closed Office Closed 8:00p Worship Broadcast | 29 Preschool Closed Office Closed 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study | 30 4:30p Come to the Table |

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------------|------------------|
| | | | | | 1 Diane Cordero | 2 Kathy Smith |
| 3 Nancy Graver | 4 | 5 | 6 Ashley Gheer | 7 Angela Alexander Richard Derr Karen Lewis | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Donnie Heimbach | 11 | 12 | 13 Alex Forsyth | 14 Scott Scheiry | 15 Bonnie Moatz | 16 |
| 17 Jim Kershner | 18 Anthony Torres | 19 Chelsea Boyer Salie Derr | 20 David Haws | 21 Colleen Ritter | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 Patricia Strunk | 26 Gail Longacre | 27 Barbara Schaeffer | 28 Adam Hersperger | 29 | 30 |



Happy Birthday!

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All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

Return Service Request - Dated Material
Mailed October 25, 2024

WORSHIP

SUNDAY 9:30 AM

IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM ON YOUTUBE

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Friday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Pastor Bob Machamer

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