

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church
Of the Good Shepherd
501 Fairfield Drive
Greensburg, PA 15601*

November 23, 2014

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
**A congregation of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

"We are a caring family of God nourished by the Word, guided by the Holy Spirit to share the love of Jesus Christ."

The Rev. Frank S. Podolinski, Jr., Pastor

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Parish Secretary -- Jenny Luffy

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am. to 2:00 pm.

Music Director

Nancy Flinner

Organist

Jean Brunot

We welcome Jim Cunningham as our guest speaker today.

We welcome all visitors with us and ask that you sign our guest register. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to consider the Good Shepherd family.

ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Children may come forward for a blessing. During communion, we offer wine and grape juice, if you would like to receive grape juice do not bring a cup, it will be provided by the Worship Assistant.

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips gifted lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian Care to individuals in our congregation who are experiencing difficulties in their lives and extends the care that Pastor Frank continues to provide.

If you could benefit from the confidential, one-to-one care and support of a Stephen Minister, please speak to Pastor Frank. Or you may refer to the Stephen Ministry flyers and cards available in the pew racks.

Please take a moment to fill out a yellow RCR card located in the pews. Please place completed cards in the offering plate.

When you see the following symbol "+", please stand.

Service of the Word and Sacrament
November 23, 2014
Christ the King Sunday
10:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (Silent Meditation Time)

“WE GATHER TOGETHER”

D. PAXTON

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
The Sovereign over all the earth, the Wisdom from on high, our merciful Judge and Savior.
Amen.

Let us boldly approach the throne of grace, trusting in God’s mercy and love.

Generous and faithful God,

We confess to you all the ways, known and unknown, that we reject and undermine your steadfast love. Though you made us your people, we treat strangers with suspicion. Though you forgave our debts, we collect without mercy. Yet we are quick to pass judgment on others. Have mercy on us, O God, and remember your promise to us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Through the living Word, +Jesus Christ, God forgives your every debt, your every sin, and gives you a new heart and a new spirit.
Amen.

+ GATHERING HYMN

“ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME”

ELW 634

+ APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

+ HYMN OF PRAISE (WOMEN VERSES 1 & 3, MEN VERSES 2 & 4)

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

¹¹For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.

¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 95:1–7a

¹Come, let us sing | to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

²**Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, | are a great God,

and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours. R**

⁵The sea is yours, | for you made it,

and your hands have molded | the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.**

⁷For the LORD | is our God,

and we are the people of God's pasture

and the sheep | of God's hand. R

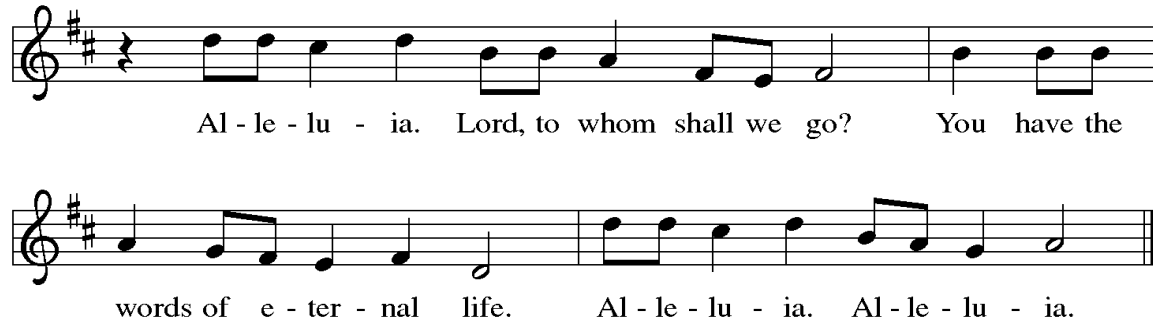
SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15–23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

The holy gospel according to St. _____, the _____ chapter.

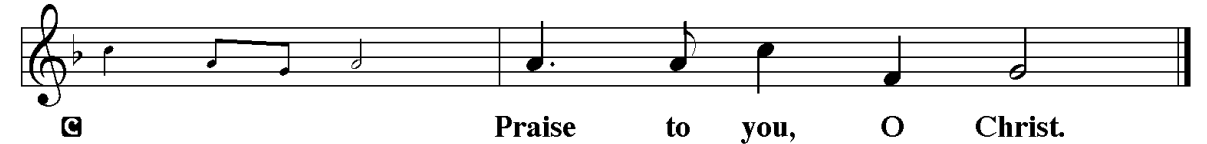


Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

³¹When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the

eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"LORD OF GLORY YOU HAVE BOUGHT US"

ELW 707

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Remembering the saints who have gone before us and giving thanks for God's blessings, we pray for the church, all in need, and God's good creation.

A brief silence.

For your whole church, that it will continue to joyfully proclaim your love to the world, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For our care of creation, that we resist the temptations to use it wastefully and seek more opportunities for restoration and wise use, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For all nations of the world, that they will come to the knowledge that your peace brings plenty and your wisdom brings justice, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For our brothers and sisters in any need, that we tend to their wounds and hurts, bringing healing, hope, and comfort in your name (*especially*), let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For our congregation, that we do everything possible to bring joy and peace into our neighborhoods and communities, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For the blessed gifts of saintly lives (*especially Clement, Bishop of Rome and Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr*), that they inspire the witness of all believers who live in your promises, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Receive our prayers and hopes, Good Shepherd, and bring us safely into all joy and peace, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

ANTHEM "O LORD, YOU ARE MY GOD AND KING" SENIOR CHOIR

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
 cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
 prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Merciful God,
 C as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one
 bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into
 your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.
 Amen.

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks...we
 praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel,
the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land,
the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

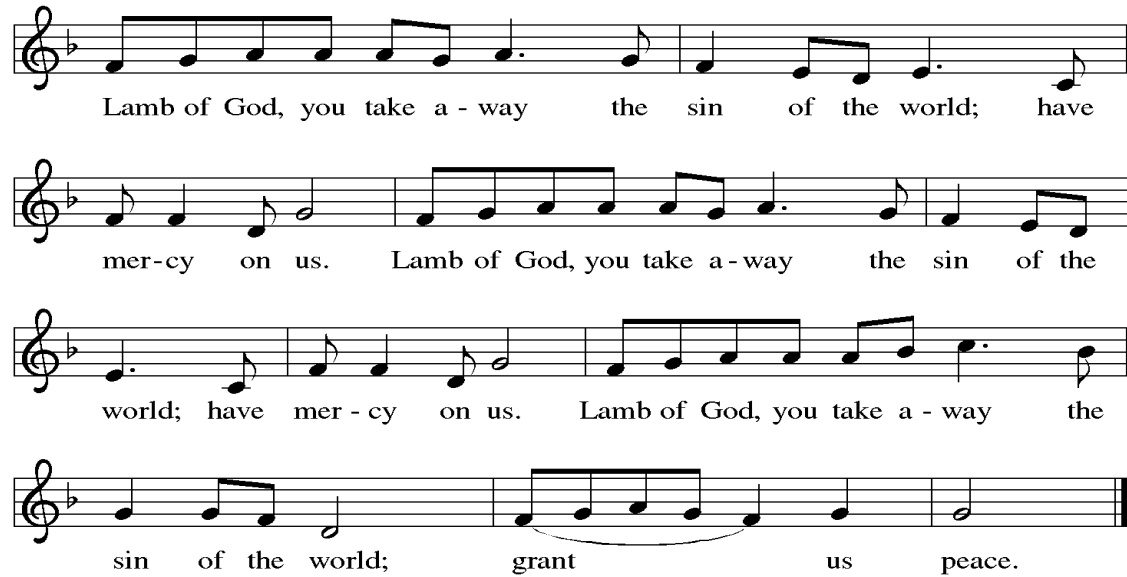
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The reign of God is at hand, Come, taste the joy prepared for you.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

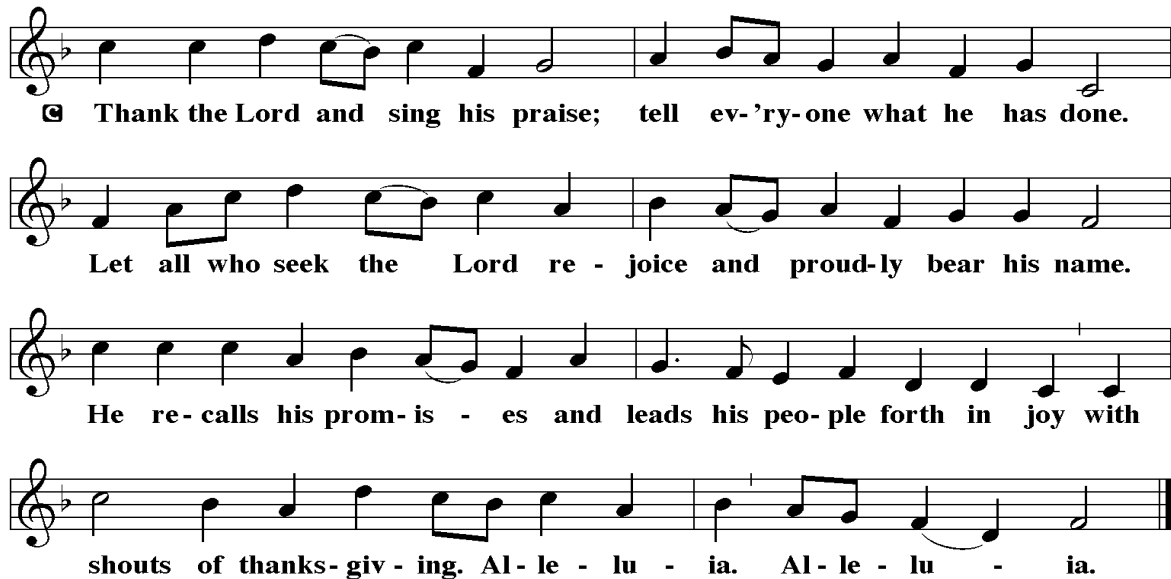
During the distribution the congregation and choir shall join in singing *Lamb of God*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please continue singing during distribution of communion the following hymns: ELW 481, 820, 854..

+ POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re- calls his prom- is - es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks- giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

+ POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, the host at every meal, at this table you spread out a feast for all peoples, the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Send us from this banquet to invite others into these good things, to let justice roll down like waters, and to care for the least of our sisters and brother; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and our Savior.

Amen.

TIME OF COMMITMENT

+ BENEDICTION

The blessing of Almighty God, the Father of glory, + Jesus Christ our peace, and the Spirit of truth, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“JESUS SHALL REIGN”

ELW 434

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW” JC. BACH

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ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the honor and glory of God by Linda Turchetta in memory of mother, Barbara Fetzer on her birthday.

A **LIVING GIFT** has been designated by Sandra & David Wright to the Westmoreland County Food Bank in memory of Lyn Strobel and Helen Lewis.

SERVING TODAY:	10:30
Worship Assistant	Open
Lector	Jean Mathers
Acolyte	Michael Hook
Crucifer	Ben Podolinski
Torchbearers	XXX
Greeters	Bob & Sonnie Davidson
Ushers	Rob & Josh Lipko
Altar Guild	Rachel King
Counters	Barb Henderson & Sally Hall

GIVING REPORT

NOVEMBER 16, 2014

BUDGET \$187,271.98

GIVING \$160,944.75

BEHIND \$ 26,327.23

IF ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT SALLY HALL OR SUSAN MARIANI.

Today, we welcome through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Liam Bradley Hefflefinger, son of Bradley Aaron & Kara Marie (Hixson) Hefflefinger. We also welcome Brad, Kara and Charlie Hefflefinger as new members to the Good Shepherd family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be considerate to those around you and observe silence during the prelude and service. This time is designed for personal meditation.

There are still a few pies that need to be picked up. If you ordered a pie and have not picked it up, it is in the refrigerator.

There is a sign up sheet in the commons area for the **ADVENT DINNER**. Don't forget to sign up.

Thank you to all of you who have donated to the Thanksgiving Baskets for those in need. The youth will be compiling the baskets at youth group tonight.

We will be decorating for the Advent/Christmas season on Monday, Nov. 24th from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Come help hang wreaths, decorate the tree and other seasonal traditions.

Our annual mitten tree will go up on Nov. 24th. We are collecting mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and even socks for all ages. Our collection will run until December 15th. All items will then be taken to the Salvation Army.



CHRISTMAS WISH LISTS

The names for the Christmas Wish List programs are on the way. We will be participating in the Trinity, North Side and Glade Run programs again this year. The information is available in the office. Please make sure that you sign your name and note the deadline on the respective folders.

Important Dates

November 23
December 7
December 13
December 14
December 24
December 28

Celebration Luncheon
Advent Dinner 5:00 pm.
Craft Bazaar
Christmas Concert - 10:30 service
Services at 4:00, 7:30 & 10:00 pm
Lessons & Carols – 10:30 service

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF November 23 - 30, 2014

Today is "Air Condition" Sunday

Sunday	9:30 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	@ 11:45 am.	Celebration Luncheon
	6:30 pm.	Grades 6 – 12 Youth Group
	7:00 pm.	Bell Practice
Monday	6:30 pm.	Webelos I
Tuesday	9:00 am. – 12:00 pm.	Brunot in Sanctuary
Wednesday	9:30 am.	NEWSLETTER FOLDING
Thursday		Happy Thanksgiving!
Friday	10:00 pm. – 3:00 pm.	Bridge Club
Saturday	5:30 pm.	Holy Communion
Sunday	8:30 am.	Holy Communion
		NO Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Holy Communion
	7:00 pm.	Bell Practice

ABOUT OUR GUEST SPEAKER, JIM CUNNINGHAM

Jim has had a long and distinguished career as a consultant, employee and volunteer for a wide variety of non-profit organizations. His hard work and dedication have positively impacted the philanthropic results and mission effectiveness of organizations throughout the eastern United States. Jim's expertise is in conducting feasibility studies and capital campaigns for congregations and non-profit organizations. He also has extensive experience in developing and implementing annual giving programs. Jim has helped raise millions of dollars in charitable resources for numerous organizations during his career. He was named the 2005 Outstanding Fundraising Executive by the Western Pennsylvania Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. He was also named a Distinguished Alumni of Butler County Community College in 2006.