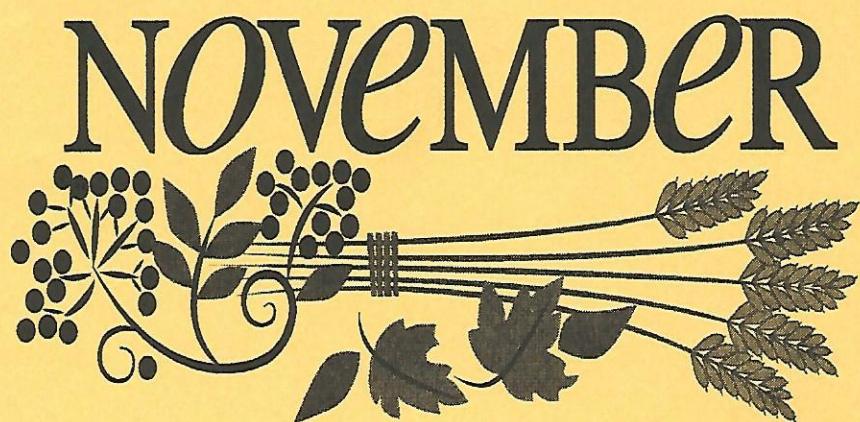


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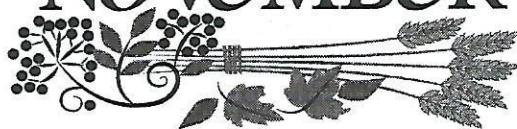


**2017**

# HILLTOPPER

November, 2017

## NOVEMBER



Sadly the cold weather is upon us as November is arriving. Honestly I can't say it's a bad thing. For me it means hot chocolate nights with my family, cuddling up under cozy blankets and spending time together. At the end of October we celebrated with our annual Trick or Treat/ Messy Church. This years theme was Ezekiel and the dry bones. We had a great turn out and wonderful weather! I want to thank everyone who donated, helped, and participated. We loved all of the decorated cars, themes, and costumes! Looking forward to next year, and praying for the same awesome weather!

Looking ahead we are planning a Polar PJ fund-raiser party on December 8th from 6-10pm. We will be watching the Polar Express, having Hot Chocolate, pizza, and popcorn. Make sure to come in your favorite PJ's, bring a blanket and pillow. Parents this event is a great opportunity for anyone who is looking for child care to do any holiday shopping, have a date night, attend a holiday party..... etc. All donations will go into the Christian Education account. Please contact me or Pastor to sign up. We are really looking forward to a wonderful evening!

As the nights are growing longer and the temperatures are dropping lower, make sure to keep warm. My family and I want to wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving!  
God Bless! Heather

## Consistory Elders and Deacons

### Elders:

Randy Steele  
Amanda Steele  
Bill Dulaney  
Linda Dulaney  
Carolyn Graham  
Cathy Hanks  
Shirley Veahman

### Deacons:

Cheyrl Chizmar  
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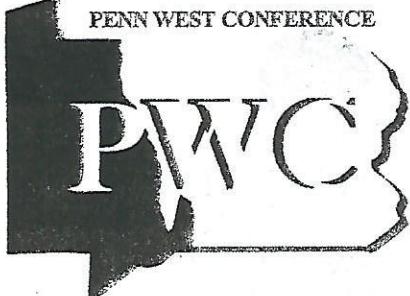
HILLS CHURCH



**Luther's 95 Theses**  
**500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation**

*Continued from last month . . .*

4. When someone gives you something, learn to say thanks. A thankful heart makes joy. The authors of the Heidelberg Catechism knew this 500 years ago when they wrote: " . . . Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ." And you don't have to be awash in material things or get what you want to be grateful. Psychologists have studied the attitude of gratefulness after a natural disaster and discovered that people who had lost their homes and possessions tended to bounce back quicker if they had an attitude of thankfulness, rather than those who were mad at their circumstances, etc.
5. If you look hard enough you can 'prove' any prejudice you have. If you look even harder, you'll find there's only people. When Jennifer and I were in Germany we encountered prejudice and stereotypes often, our own and others. People told us we acted like 'typical' Americans. Or we would say to each other, "That's just because they are German." The really interesting thing after a year of being overseas was that we started saying things like "That wasn't very German of her" or "Well, he's an odd Frenchman" meaning that they had broken our stereotype of how they should act. At the end of the day, we're all human. We all hurt if we burn our fingers on the stove. No one likes being disrespected. Love and understanding go a long way.
6. When you can't think of anything to do, talk about Jesus. In some ways, going to Germany was a big wake up call for me. I struggled with the language, foreign customs, being a minister in a church that was not at all like my home church (8,000 members!). There was a steep learning curve. But I learned that when the conversation flagged or I didn't have any idea what I was supposed to do, talking with someone about Jesus and his ministry, was a great start. To-do lists are important. Productivity is important. Having rapport with the person sitting across the table is important. Jesus is paramount.



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Conference Minister/President  
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September 22, 2017

Dear friends in the Penn West Conference,

When I was around twelve or thirteen years old, I remember going to Confirmation Camp at Living Waters. I remember that our theme was the idea of "covenant." I didn't know what a covenant was, but I learned that it was a sacred agreement. I remember being encouraged to make a covenant that week, so I promised God that I'd be as nice to all the other campers as I could be. So I spent a lot of time being sickeningly sweet nice and feeling downright miserable. To top it off, it stormed a lot of those evenings, and in the clasps of thunder that echoed through the cabin, I thought God was telling me that I was failing in keeping my covenant. And I felt homesick on top of all that! Then, at one point, I confided in a friend about my misery. My friend said to me, "Just be yourself." After that, the skies cleared (emotionally for me, and, ironically, physically at the camp). I felt like I could be who I was and still keep covenant with God and others. And I could discover joy by being the person God made me to be. It was a powerful lesson that has stayed with me throughout my life. And it wouldn't have happened had if I had never gone to Living Waters.

Every fall since I began serving as Conference Minister, I have sent a letter asking for support for the camp during the winter months. The winter is typically a challenging season financially for the camp, and your gifts at this time will go a long way to helping Living Waters into the next calendar year. You can join me in making such gifts and/or in becoming a camp sponsor next year. The sponsorship program this past year helped a lot more youth and children attend camps at Living Waters, and your continued support of this will make a difference for campers next year.

The gift of a life touched by the grace of God is priceless. If you would like to support the camp with a gift, please contact them at 300 Living Water Road, Schellsburg PA 15559. Please let us know if you would like to donate toward general support of the camp over the winter months or if you would like to sponsor a camp for next year. Gifts of \$250.00 would sponsor a three day camp. Gifts of \$500.00 would sponsor a full week camp, and gifts of \$1000.00 or more would sponsor multiple camps. You may also donate through Penn West Conference online by clicking on the Donate button at [www.pennwest.org](http://www.pennwest.org). If you donate this way and want your gift designated a certain way, please email us at either [office@pennwest.org](mailto:office@pennwest.org) or [david@pennwest.org](mailto:david@pennwest.org) to ensure that we do so properly.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the camp, feel free to email Joni Hufford at [lvngwtrs@embarqmail.com](mailto:lvngwtrs@embarqmail.com), Don Kelly at [dpk24@comcast.net](mailto:dpk24@comcast.net), or Jay Shaffer at [jayeshaffer@gmail.com](mailto:jayeshaffer@gmail.com). Or, you may call Living Waters at 814-733-4212. May God's blessings be with you in these beautiful fall days, and always!

Sincerely,

David J. Ackerman



**The Chancel Choir will  
Meet on Mondays  
at 7PM.  
Hope to see you there!**



**Emmanuel Reformed Church  
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## **EMMANUEL REFORMED CHURCH NEWSLETTER**

**Deadline for the  
December/January  
Newsletter Articles:  
November 15, 2017**

**SAVE POSTAGE AND PICK-UP  
YOUR NEWSLETTER  
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**"Could we study Exodus instead  
of the book of Acts?"**

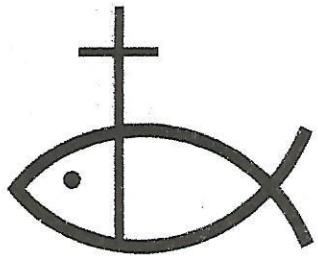


**COVERED DISH  
LUNCHEON  
First Sunday of every month  
November 5, 2017**

The luncheon will recognize those having birthdays and anniversaries during that month.

Please plan to attend and join fellow members in celebration and fellowship.

Please bring a covered dish to share.



If you know of someone in need of prayers, please contact Linda Dulaney to initiate the Prayer Chain (724-325-3785).



**THE PRAYER CHAIN** is in need of some volunteers. If anyone is interested in being part of this chain please contact Linda Dulaney or call the church office (724)327-3050. Your name can be added at anytime.



The Choir is collecting used greeting cards for St. Jude. A box is located near the organ in the sanctuary.

Linda Dulaney is collecting Box Tops for Education and Campbell's labels. A box is located near the organ in the sanctuary.

Volunteers are needed:  
Meals on Wheels  
Murrysville Christian Concern  
Salvation Army  
Check: [www.Murrysvillegov.org](http://www.Murrysvillegov.org)

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**EMMANUEL REFORMED CHURCH of the U.C.C.**  
**VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BEST!!!**  
**WITH GRATITUDE AND THANKS!!**

*THANKS TO THOSE WHO QUIETLY  
REACH OUT TO MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION  
WHO ARE SICK OR IN NEED OF SUPPORT.*

**THANKS  
from the  
HEART**

We collected 189 items for the residents of St. Paul's Home "Christmas in July". A special thank you to everyone who donated gifts.

**THANKS  
from the  
HEART**

Dear Pastor Joseph and Prayer Ministry, We want to thank you for the prayer blanket and all the times you prayed over it. The very best place to be is in someone's thought and prayers! Thank you for your kindness. Wayne and Pat Otwell

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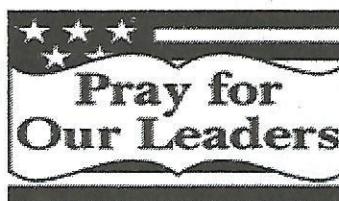
Thank you to our PA CleanWays Volunteers who  
came out on a beautiful morning on Saturday,  
October 21, 2017.

Amanda and Rob Bank, Sandy Sinan, Susan Gay,  
Tom and Lois Grudowski, Pastor Joseph Hedden  
and Randy and Janise Steele.

*O give thanks  
unto the LORD;  
for he is good.*

PSALM 136:1, KJV

**Continue to pray for all the military families and those who have loved ones in the Armed Services serving in difficult situations and deployments.**



Congratulations to Amanda Steele and Rob Bank on their wedding Sunday, September 24, 2017. God Bless and Love to the Both of You!



New Babies

Congratulations to Don and Lauren Moore on the birth Of their Daughter on September 21, 2017. Gabriela Jay Moore was 7 lbs. 4 oz. and 19 inches long. Proud Grandparents are Wayne and Linda Moore.

**THANKS  
from the  
HEART**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Mitten Tree Project. We collected 39 gloves and hats. The Angel Tree and Westmoreland Food Bank Collection started In October.

#### MEMORIAL FLOWERS

To order Memorial Flowers, please call Linda Dulaney or Heidi Compton at 724-325-3785. The prices are Altar—\$25.00 Chancel—\$50.00

*God Answers Prayers*

**OUR NEWSLETTER PRAYER LIST:**  
Please call or email the church office  
If you see a name missing and needs  
added to our prayer list.



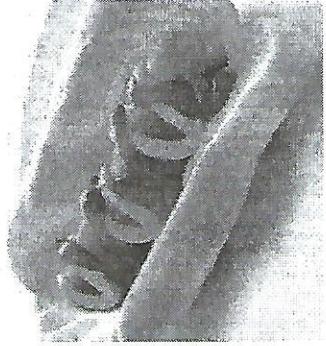
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Cheryl Ignatius  
Edith Letham  
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Leonard Holt  
Donna Cline  
Brandon Humberger  
Bonnie Humberger  
Bonnie Yanko  
Cindy Allingham  
William Hoffman  
Peggy McNaughton  
Gary Curl  
Sandy Smail  
Debby Simko  
Donna Carroll  
Christine Chesky  
Darrin Nichter

#### Hospital Update

**In the Hospital:**  
Donna Cline @ William Penn Apartments  
Barbara Karp @ Brookvale Memory Care  
Dorothy Daw @ Kane Regional  
Edith Letham @ Redstone  
Catherine Cline @ William Penn Apartments

**Home From The Hospital:** Tressa Clark  
Bella Baughman  
Aria Dulaney  
Cheyrl Chizmar

BREEZEWOOD TRUCKER TRAVELER  
BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>  
9AM-5PM



EVERETT ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

161 BLACKSTONE RD



EVERETT, PA

!!!COME TO SHOP!!!

!!!COME FOR LUNCH!!!



### Service of Remembrance

All Saints' Day

Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>



Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>



Sunday, November 5th thru Sunday, November 19th

We are collecting non-perishable food for the Food Bank



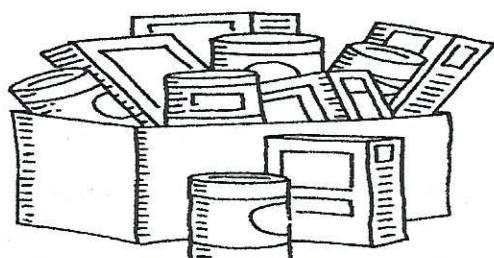
Christmas Poinsettia Order Forms will be coming in  
November. Please check your church bulletin for more information.



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**  
**NOVEMBER 23rd**  
**and NOVEMBER 24th**  
**(Office Closed)**



Dates to be  
Announced



**FEED THE  
HUNGRY**

*Beginning Sunday, November 5th  
Thru Sunday, November 26  
we are collecting non-perishable  
food for the Westmoreland County  
Food Bank*



**VETERANS DAY**

November 11, 2017  
Remember our Veterans

# *The Recipe Corner*



*A recipe from...*

**Lois Grudowski**

## **Pumpkin Smoothie**

**1 can (15 oz.) Libby's 100% Pure Pumpkin, chilled  
1 can (12 fl. oz.) nestle carnation evaporated lowfat 2% milk, chilled  
1 1/2 cups orange juice  
1 small sliced banana  
1/3 cup packed light brown sugar  
2 doz. ice cubes (optional)  
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon (optional)**

**Place pumpkin, evaporated milk, orange juice, banana and sugar in blender; cover. Blend until smooth. Pour over ice. Sprinkle with cinnamon, if desired. Makes 6 servings.**

# *The Recipe Corner*



*A recipe from...*

**Lois Grudowski**

## **Squash and Kale One Pot Pasta**

**12 oz. whole wheat rotini**

**3 cloves garlic, minced**

**16 oz. peeled and cubed butternut squash**

**4 oz. Kale, chopped**

**1 1/2 tbsp. dried thyme**

**1/4 cup olive oil, divided**

**Salt and Pepper**

**1 cup grated parmesan cheese**

**Cook pasta in a large pot of salted water, according to package directions. Drain, reserving 2 cups of pasta water.**

**Put pasta water back in pot and add garlic, squash,**

**Kale, thyme and 2 tbsp. olive oil. Season with salt**

**and pepper. Bring to a boil then reduce to a simmer,**

**Stirring frequently until squash is tender, about 10 minutes.**

**Add pasta to vegetables and raise heat to medium.**

**Drizzle with 2 tbsp. olive oil, stir to combine and cook another 5 minutes. Serve topped with cheese. Serves 6.**

## 42nd ANNUAL CHRISTIAN ART SHOW

Saturday and Sunday, November 11 & 12, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m. on Sunday at Calvary Lutheran Church, 4725 Old William Penn Highway, Murrysville, PA. (See map on reverse.)

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this show is to offer area Christian artists the opportunity to use their God-given talents to express their Christian faith and life and to share it.

**RULES:** Work must be original - no patterns or kits or copies. We encourage works expressing a Christian thought or teaching. Entries should be wired for hanging on pegboard. Tables will be available for non-hanging crafts and sculpture. Limited space is available for hanging pieces over three feet wide. Name, address, phone number, title and price (if for sale) must be attached to the back of each artwork. Student artwork may be unframed or mat-framed. Please - no substitutes from pre-registered items.

**ENTRY DONATION:** \$5.00 per adult for a maximum of four pieces of art should be included with entry form. The donation will help defray costs of the show. No commission is taken on sales.

**AWARDS:** A Judge will award ribbons for amateur, experienced, and student categories. The Art Show Committee will award Committee Merit ribbons for works best expressing a Christian thought or teaching. A Popular Award ribbon will be given based on votes by visitors to the show.

**DELIVERY AND PICK-UP:** Artwork should be delivered to the church Fellowship Hall (lower level) on Wednesday or Thursday, November 8th or 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Pick-up of work is on Sunday, November 12th at 4:00 p.m. Please - no early removal of work. Special arrangements may be made for other delivery and pick-up times.

**ENTRY:** Please complete (print clearly) and return the entry form below with your entry donation to Ruth Greer, 4748 Bert Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146 POSTMARKED no later than Wednesday, November 1st, 2017. Please make checks payable to: Tabitha Society. Please use one form per artist (forms may be duplicated). Additional forms or information about the show is available at the church office during weekday office hours or by calling the office at (724) 327-2898. The form is also available at [www.CalvaryLCMS.org](http://www.CalvaryLCMS.org).

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ENTRY FORM – 42nd Annual Christian Art Show, November 11 & 12, 2017 Calvary Lutheran Church, Murrysville, PA

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e-mail (if you would like next year's form sent as an e-mail attachment) \_\_\_\_\_

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Student - up to and including High School Senior (No entry donation)  Student Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amateur (\$5.00 entry donation)  
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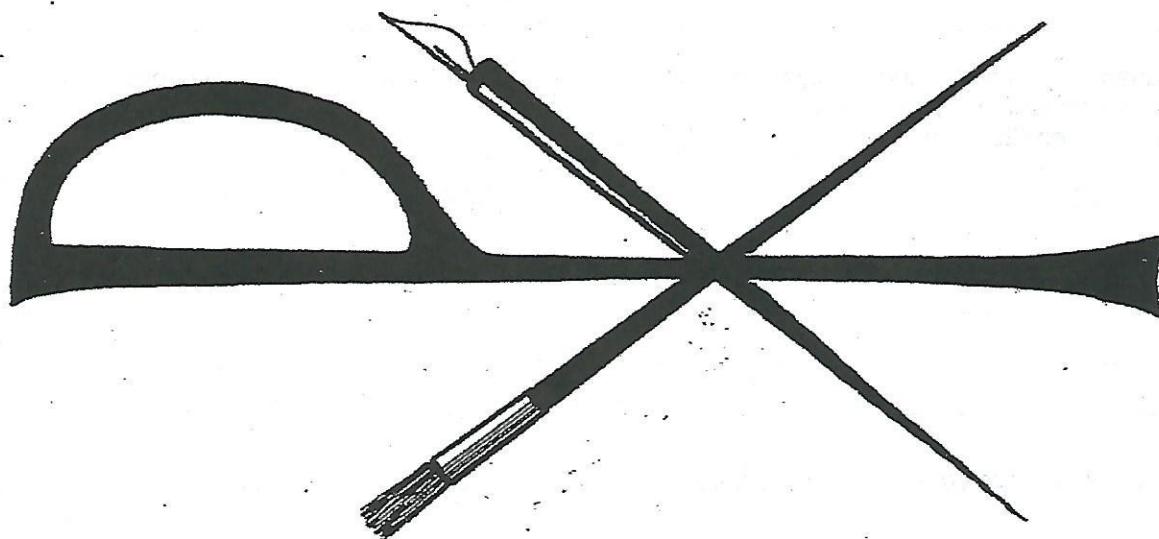
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All care will be taken to protect entries, but Calvary Lutheran Church cannot be held responsible for loss or damage.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

42nd ANNUAL

# CHRISTIAN ART SHOW



NOVEMBER 11 & 12, 2017  
Sat. 10am-4pm & Sun. Noon-4pm  
CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Old Wm Penn & School Rd, Murrysville

Entry forms are available at the church office  
or call (724) 327-2898 or at [www.calvarylcms.org](http://www.calvarylcms.org)

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November 5 and  
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## Emmanuel Reformed Church of the United Church of Christ



\*Activities are subject to change

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