



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I have just returned from our synod's convocation for rostered leaders [pastors and deacons], I want to thank you for sending me for three days of worship, learning and fellowship. I value this brief Sabbath each year as it gives me an opportunity to sing my heart out. I especially look forward to the taize healing service. If that singing is a foretaste to come, I'm looking forward to life with the choirs of angels singing day and night 😊! Each year we learn from a leading theologian, usually a Lutheran, and have hours of fellowship sprinkled in the schedule. It is time for us to be still and know that God is God and God's in charge. We rostered leaders are servants of God called to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Actually, All baptized are called to be servants of God.

Our keynote speaker this year was The Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen, who helped us see the theology [theo= God, logy= study] of Christians from new perspectives. As she was talking about her studies in Germany, my mind wandered back to my first visit to Germany. I was traveling with a group of NATO troops and their families for a week of skiing in the Alps. I was excited to be in the land of Luther and kept looking for a Lutheran church. But no Lutheran church was found. A chaplain was with our group, so I asked him why there were no Lutheran congregations. He explained that we were in the heart of Roman Catholic country, so Lutheran churches were scarce, and that the Lutheran churches were identified as *Evangelische*. You see, Luther's early followers were not identified as Lutherans. That name was used by Luther's opponents as a putdown.

This brings us to politics in our nation today. When we hear someone identified as an evangelical, we usually think of the conservative right political party which talks about moral issues such as gun control, abortion, immigration etc. and not about the good news of Jesus Christ. The ELCA does have social statements on such issues. Check under social statements on the ELCA website. The root of evangelical is the Greek word for good news. Evangelical connotes the unimaginable good news that there is **nothing** we can do to earn our way into heaven. Many Christians believe that our good works gets us into heaven. **We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.** Salvation is a **gift** through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Although we cannot earn our way into heaven, we have the 10 commands given to guide our relationship with God and with one another. Although we cannot earn our way into heaven, as a response for this gift of salvation, we can serve God and one another. The good news is free, a gift from God and is forever. That, folks, is GOOD NEWS

A spiritual explains salvation this way: So low you can't get under it, so high you can't get over out, so wide you can't get around it, you must get in through the door. The door of faith in Jesus Christ is the key to our salvation. As many of Mark's healing accounts reminds us, "Your faith has made you well, made you free, saved you." AMEN

Shalom,

Pastor Bev +



Only new prayer requests will be in the weekly bulletins.

**CONTINUED PRAYER REQUESTS:** Brad Bartley, Ann Boben, Landon Brewer, Tom Brosenitsch, Carol Bulger, Nancy Bulger, Samantha Bulger, Nellie Chmara, Kim Christy, Cynthia sister of Bev Brosenitsch, Rick Dickerson, Don, Emma [child suffering from viral meningitis], David English, Mark Fox, Bernie Fedorka, Barbara Frantz, Charlotte Glaspey, Brett Greenhill, Andrienne Haegg, Judy Hart, William Loveridge, Bobbie Marchlenski, Martin Matscherz, Nolan Nachriener, Newborn Conrad, Don Nielsen, Terry Oakes, Verna Patscko, Sherry Pengidore family on death of her son, Lois Peoples, Mike Pollack, Jax Ramirez, Erin Roman, Bud Senn, Family of Audrey Sherman, Kim Stolfer family on the death of his father-in-law, Dawn Swidorsky, Louise Spithaler, John Wherry, Lilly Wolfe, and Ron Zinkham.










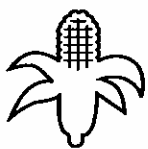

**Please keep the church updated on your prayer request. All updates and request may be emailed to [splcofzelie@gmail.com](mailto:splcofzelie@gmail.com) Also if you would like to be notified of any needed prayers, please email the church office, with your email address.**

# PUZZLE

## HARVEST OF GOODNESS

God always provides, no matter the season.

*Directions: Match the shapes in order to write the words in the correct places below.*

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 what is , and   
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  : , NIV

Answer: “The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.” Psalm 85:12, NIV

### Returning thanks

After a family sat down for breakfast, the father offered his standard prayer of thanks. Afterward, though, he began his usual grumbling about financial hardships, the food’s poor quality, how it was cooked and so on.

One of his children interrupted: “Dad, did God hear what you said a while ago when you were giving thanks?”

“Certainly,” the father replied confidently.

“And did he hear what you said just now about the bacon and the coffee?”

“Of course,” the father said, more hesitantly.

“Which did God believe?”

*Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus’.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:18*

Dear Members of St. Paul:

Willing Workers

Hopefully many of you had the opportunity to come and taste the delicious food at both the Fall Festival and our Annual Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner this month. Please know though that it takes a great deal of work for these events to happen and the Willing Workers always need help in both the kitchen and parking lot. If you have any spare time when they are holding an event, take time to volunteer your services. The Willing Workers have donated a great deal of money to purchase many needed items for this church and we should be willing to donate our time to help them out whenever possible.

We will be voting on council members as well as the budget for 2019 on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in running for council, please see a member of council. We are always in need of individuals to join us. Please mark your calendars to attend church on that day. We are looking to form a joint ministry with Zion Lutheran Church as well as to call a minister to serve each of our congregations. The current budget that has been prepared is reflective of sharing the cost of this minister (salary, pension, health benefits, mileage, etc.) on a 50/50 basis. At this point, we realize we cannot support a minister on our own and thereby forming this joint ministry is certainly our answer to many hours of hard work, getting to know one another and a great deal of prayers. We have both been very transparent in sharing our finances to form this agreement. Please realize that by accepting this budget you also must agree to help support it. Although we would love to see everyone in church every week, we realize with work schedules, sickness, vacation, etc. that is not always possible, however, we still receive bills and they need to be paid. The Gas Company does not look at our attendance and say we only need to pay 25% due to the number we had in church for the month. Our bills still arrive whether you are in church or not. Please plan to include St. Paul in the preparation of your monthly budget.

We will also be celebrating All Saints Sunday on November 4, 2018. If you have lost a loved one in the past year, we would like to recognize them by including their name in the prayer of the church. Please let Pastor Bev or the church office know of anyone that you would like to have included in this prayer.

*Linda*

Fall Festival was a great success. We were to be open Saturday and Sunday but the cold weather made soup and sandwiches just what the vendors and shoppers wanted. We ran out of everything but cookies and brownies on Saturday. We talked about going home and making more soup but most of us had been there from 7AM so we wrote a note for the door and closed up at 6PM. Thank you so much to all who worked in the kitchen, dining room, and the parking lot. Still have some bills to come in but we did very well.

Next year we will have to keep an eye on the weather report and prepare accordingly.

Again, thank you to all who worked in the kitchen and dining room, parked cars, made soup, made sandwiches, baked brownies, made cookies and spent most of the day in or around Strobel Hall.

The Oktoberfest Pork and Sauerkraut dinner was also a big success. We raised \$1000 and served 105 dinners. Thank you to everyone who helped with donations of food and helped the night of the dinner!

#### Historical Society Christmas House Tour

Marietta Reeb has contacted us to show the church on the annual Home Tour which will be held on December 1, 2018.



We will decorate the church November 28, 29, and 30. At this time I don't know what time or what we will do each day. Keep an eye on the bulletin and I will set up a schedule. If you have ideas to make it even better than in the past, please let me know. If you want to serve on the committee to do this please tell me. Phyllis and I will be taking the visitors on the tour. We did this a few summers ago and have a little script.

Marty

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#### HARVEST HOME SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 18

Please bring non-perishable food items to share with those less fortunate than ourselves. A table will be set up in the front of the church for you to leave your donation.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday school has started under the leadership of Elizabeth Muthler. Parents of children age 3 and up are encouraged to have their child/children stay after worship for 10:00 am Sunday school where the children's focus will be on following Jesus. If you have any questions or would like to help in any way, please see Elizabeth.

The Christian Ed program is important to the life of the church and we welcome ideas or thoughts you may have on ways to grow our program. Your support and attendance is a blessing. By encouraging your family to attend you will increase our numbers, and more importantly, enrich everyone's experience.

The confirmation students of both St. Paul and English have started meeting again and their activity for November will be to take part in the Thanksgiving community service at Passavant Retirement Center on November 18. Please see Pastor Bev if you have any questions concerning the confirmation program.

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Join us Sunday mornings for our Adult Sunday school class as we continue to study the I Am book. All our welcome to join us.

Pastor Ralph Kusserow is leading us in a Bible Study on the first and third Wednesday of each month starting from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Please try to attend.

At English Lutheran a Bible study will be held at the home of Wally Schuring the second Monday of each month.

Sister Mildred will lead a Bible study the third Wednesday of each month in the library of English

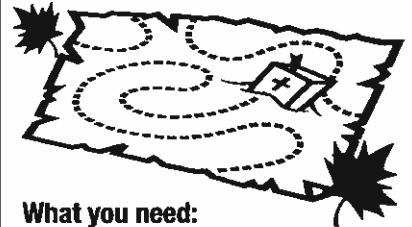
Lutheran. If you have any questions concerning this Bible study, call Sister Mildred at 412 736-3244.

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, & knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.*

*Proverbs 9:30*

# FALL SCAVENGER Hunt

Enjoy searching for seasonal aspects of God's creation!



#### What you need:

- Family members and friends, divided into groups if desired
- Maps of local areas
- Lists of fall-related items (one per person or group)
- Digital cameras or smartphones
- Prizes

#### What you do:

1. Hand out maps and lists of items (scarecrow, pumpkin, red leaf, squirrel, apple tree, pine cone, acorn, bug, bird, sunflower, etc.)
2. Instruct participants to walk through their assigned area, find and take photos of the items, and report back at a specific time.
3. When everyone returns, share your photos. Award prizes for the most items found, the most unusual item and so on.

### THIRD SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

There will be a Sunday Social on the third Sunday, November 18. It will be breakfast casseroles, pastries and breads. On Sunday Social days, the adult Sunday School class will have a stand-alone (meaning its not out of the current book we're working on), shortened class (20-30 minutes) for anyone wishing to stay after the social.

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### DEPOT DAY

We had a total of 39 churches/groups with total number of kits 2, 547 sent with truck to CWS on Tuesday, October 2. Thanks to all who helped and helped load the truck. Ed, the driver told us they just received a call for 4,000 clean up buckets for the Carolinas (we sent 48). This is a very worthwhile cause and I am glad our church serves as a collection point for all the people who donate their goods and time (plus I meet a lot of great people).

Phyllis Metz



Phyllis Metz will be turning 70 on November 7<sup>th</sup> and her friend's will be having a birthday party for her on Saturday, November 3, at the

American Legion. All are welcome to come from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM. There will be appetizers, a cash bar, and music and (of course cake).

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### COOKIE WALK 2018

Sydney McMurray will once again be holding a Cookie Walk fundraiser for the church. She will need your help in providing a special Christmas cookie so start thinking of a cookie you would like to make. In a few weeks, a sign up sheet will be passed around to bring your specialty cookies or ingredients for baking. The cookie walk is being planned for December 9.



## The Fantatix



Show Choir

### DINNER CABERET

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

### 5:00 pm TO 8:00 pm

The Fantatix Show Choir is a singing group that uses Strobel Hall for some of their rehearsals. To thank us for use of the hall they will be having a Dinner Cabaret fundraiser for our church on Thursday, November 15. **Menu will be Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Beverage and Dessert for \$10 Adults, \$5 Children 2 to 5 yrs and Under 2 yrs. Free.** Entertainment will run continuously from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The Fantatix Show Choir is under the direction of Mary Ann Mangini.

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You're invited to a private screening of *The Polar Express* on Saturday, December 1, 11 am and 2 pm at the Strand Theater. Admission is FREE. We ask that each family bring a donation or gift card for a Glade Run child. To reserve your seat contact Cheryl Martin at 724-452-4453, ext. 1277 or [cmartin@gladerun.org](mailto:cmartin@gladerun.org) Provide your name, number attending, showing choice and phone number.

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### NEWSLETTER

In order to cut down on cost of paper and stamps if you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please let Colleen know by giving her the best email to use or emailing the church office at [splcofzelie@gmail.com](mailto:splcofzelie@gmail.com)



### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

It is that time already to purchase a poinsettia for our Christmas Eve Candlelight worship service. Cost for a 6 1/2" potted flower is \$8.00. Help us fill the Altar area with a beautiful poinsettia. Forms will be in the upcoming bulletins or mail in your order to the office. December 3 is the last day to order. Flowers may be taken home after the service. Checks are to be made out to Marty Goetz.

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NOVEMBER



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SUNDAY  
FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 8:30 Choir Practice 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Sunday School	02	03	04	05	06	07
08 8:30 Choir Practice 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Confirmation Voting on Budget & Council Nominees	09	10	11	12	13	14
15 HARVEST SUNDAY 8:30 Choir Practice 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 Third Sunday Fellowship 2:00 Confirmation Thanksgiving Service at Passavant	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 8:30 Choir Practice 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Phyllis Metz turns 70 on Nov. 7! Help celebrate with her at the American Legion from 7:00 to 11:00. There will be appetizers, cash bar, music and of course cake.	30	31	01	02	03	04

