



### **MAILING ADDRESS:**

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### **WORSHIP:**

In-Sanctuary Worship on Sundays at **10:00 a.m.**

### **MINISTERS:**

ALL THE MEMBERS EVERYDAY

### **PARISH SECRETARY:**

Korinne Hotzman, 610-790-7195 (cell)  
Office Hours: Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### **MUSIC DIRECTOR:**

Jane Battaglieri, Phone: 610-370-0965

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Michael Braucher, President  
Richard Gruber, Vice President  
Theresa Shurr, Secretary  
Pat Yocum, Financial Secretary  
David Hartman, Treasurer  
Jane Battaglieri  
Christopher Becker  
Matthew Kasisky  
Linda Lash  
Dianne Leininger  
Erin Readinger

### **BUILDING PRINCIPLES:**

- Devotion to Jesus as Lord and Savior
- Compassionate Sharing and Community Service
- Persistent Faithfulness
- Courageous Witness
- Flexible Leadership

### **PURPOSE STATEMENT:**

God's purpose for our congregation is to:

Learn God's mission

Share God's love

Witness through Word and Service

Welcome all to a fellowship of forgiveness and thankful praise

### **BERN BUGLE NEWSLETTER SPONSOR**

The *Bern Bugle* for November is sponsored to the Glory of God by Harry and Patricia Yocum in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary.

### **COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

The following discussions took place and decisions made at our council meeting on Monday, October 16th:

- A new total price of \$30,521 for the sound system was voted on and approved by council. This new price includes for extras such as recording. The original quote was \$29,275.
- The Confirmation class will be doing a Nativity presentation in December.

**OUR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING** will be on **Monday, November 13th at 7:00 p.m.** Please note the date change.

### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Articles for the December *Bern Bugle* are due by **Tuesday, November 14th.**

### **EPLER'S UCC FOOD & FAITH**

Epler's UCC will be holding their Food & Faith worship service on **Friday, November 3**, with a fellowship meal at 6:00 p.m. The meal will pork BBQ with sides. The worship service will begin at 7:00 p.m. The topic for this evening will be "Jesus and War." Special music will be provided by Judy Whitmoyer. Come out for an evening of worship and fellowship.

### **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS**

Yes, it's that time of year already. Daylight Saving Time ends on **Sunday, November 5, at 2:00 a.m.** Time to "fall back." Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

### **OFFICE CLOSED**

The church office will be closed on **Thursday, November 23**, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, November 28.

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On All Saints' Sunday, this year on **November 5**, we will remember those who have gone before us to the triumphant church in heaven. This year: Sandy Ensinger, Bruce Hoster, Doris Schlappich, Ronald Stonefelt, and Doris Supplee. We believe they surround us even now as we continue our course on earth. They support and cheer us on. You are invited to bring framed pictures of your loved ones who have gone before us to be displayed around the sanctuary, reminding us of their presence with us. A candle will be lit and a bell will toll as the names of those who have died this year are read. If you have a loved one who passed away since November 2022 and whose funeral was held somewhere else, please contact the church office if you would like their names included. Please remember to take home your pictures after the worship service. This will be a day of both remembrance and celebration.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

All children are invited to join us for Sunday School after the worship service from 11:00-11:30 a.m.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no Sunday School on **Sunday, November 19**, due to the Congregational Meeting.

## FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

Thank you to those members who assisted at the food pantry distribution on Saturday, October 21st at Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity. Your help was greatly appreciated.



## THANK YOU

Dear Bern Lutheran Church, you have been a huge blessing to the Mission and Lighthouse. We really appreciate all of your efforts to support us by hosting another clothing drive. Thank you for being the hands and feet of the Lord. – Blessings, *Diane Schenk*, Hope Rescue Mission

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We invite you to join us for worship on **Sunday, November 19 at 10:00 a.m.** Our Congregational Meeting will take place immediately following our worship service. At this meeting we will be voting on the Proposed Budget for 2024 and electing new members to council.

## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

We will be taking orders for wreaths to remember our military veterans. The laying of the wreaths will take place on Saturday, December 16th. A service will take place before the laying of the wreaths at 1:00 p.m. at Bern UCC. Please come into the church building at 1:00 p.m. for the service and your assignments. If you are interested in helping to lay the wreaths, contact Barry Shurr at 610-372-7229. See the order form included in this newsletter for more details and to place your order. **The deadline for orders is Friday, December 1st.**

## CONFIRMATION CLASS AND ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Our confirmation classes have begun with 5 young adults in class this year. Below is the schedule for our Confirmation classes and the acolytes scheduled for the month of November:

	<u>Acolyte</u>
November 5 – Class	Aidan Slusser
November 12 – Class	TBA
November 19 – NO Class	TBA
November 26 – NO Class	TBA

## THANKOFFERING

A thankoffering will be taken on Sundays, November 5, 12, and 19 for under-privileged children in Berks County.

*coming soon...*

**ANGEL TREE** – We will again be participating in the Berks County Children & Youth Services Christmas gift program. We hope to have more names of children to pick from. More details will be available in our December newsletter.

**CHRISTMAS CAMP 2023** – Epler's UCC will be holding a Christmas Camp for kids on **Saturday, December 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Although the camp is free, registration is required. Please go to [www.eplerschurch.org](http://www.eplerschurch.org) or email Pastor Gary Rarick at [pastorrarick@gmail.com](mailto:pastorrarick@gmail.com). See the flyer on the bulletin board for more details.

## FALL CLOTHING DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who brought in donations for the Hope Rescue Mission and Lighthouse. Rob Turchi, CEO of Hope Rescue Mission gave a presentation and sermon during our worship service on October 22. We thank him for the inspiring message he shared with us.



## Celebration

### ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SET-UP

On Saturday, November 11, at 9:45 a.m. we will be setting up the Social Hall in preparation for our Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, November 12. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated.

### ANNIVERSARY SERVICE SPECIAL MUSIC

Beginning at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, November 12, there will be special music before our worship service by these talented musicians: Jane Battaglieri, Barbara Braucher, Sally Koch, and Dave Stahl. Come early! You don't want to miss hearing them.

### CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

After the worship service we will join together for a luncheon consisting of fruit cup, tossed salad, roast beef and roast turkey, whipped potatoes, buttered carrots, French-style green beans with almonds, coffee, ice cream, and cake. Sounds delicious!

## IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

### MEMBERS:

Brooke Noecker, Evelyn Drobnick, Robert Hissinger, Donna Marks, Pauline Shuman, Lisa Miller, Tim Moyer, Myra Bernhart, and Ruth Keeney

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Sherry Lockhart, Eva Fox, Kelly Cockrum, Terri Hine, Ziomara, Ginny and Nelson Eyrich, Nick Odagis, Lara Pappas, Danielle Roberts, Alex Vasquez, Paul, Sheri Mafeo, Eleanor, Glenva, Warren, Courtney Davis, Giselle Davis, Joanne King, Tim Brown, Robin Brown, Matt DeLeon, Pastor Joyce Seip, Arthur W. Zimmerman, Natalie, Bob Stoner, Ashley Rizzuto, Philip Triantis, Mike, Peggy Deemer, Joe and Karen Young, Brian, Jamie Hey, Glenn Jones, Kailey, Renee Fullmer, Patrick, Susan, Joyce, Rev. Fred Foerster, Brenda Frey, and Lesley Wegman

*(If you would like to add anyone to our prayer list, please contact Korinne in the church office. Please also notify her of anyone that could be removed.)*



## CHRISTMAS COOKIE FELLOWSHIP

You are invited to join us on Sunday, December 3, before worship between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and again after worship coffee, cookies, and fellowship.

Hope to see you there!

Sponsored by the Worship & Music Committee



# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

(\* Denotes 80 years young)

- 1 Nathaniel Lash
- 3 Arlene Lengel \*
- 4 Jane Schaeffer \*
- 6 Nathan Braucher
- 8 Donald Greenwood
- 9 Robert Noecker
- 9 Shyann Parks
- 12 Ryan Readinger
- 13 Arlene Ensinger \*
- 16 David Greenwood
- 16 Carl Lash
- 17 Carol Ann Gould
- 17 Darryl Schlappich
- 18 Ashlin Long
- 18 Jeffrey Schucker
- 21 Richard Gruber
- 28 Margaret Reagan \*



# NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Marke and Jamie Wismer (18 years)
- 11 Harry and Patricia Yocum (51 years)



**Redner's**  
WAREHOUSE MARKETS  
SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM

### REDNER'S GROCERY RECEIPTS

Thank you to everyone who brings in Redner's receipts. When you shop at Redner's with a rewards card, bring your receipts to church and place them in the box in the hallway near the guest book. Those small pieces of paper turn into dollars for our congregation. Thank you all!

In Loving Memory of our Mom and Mom-Mom,  
Doris Supplee...



As many of you know, our Mom, Doris, passed away on 9/26/23 and we wanted to pay tribute to her and to also thank the congregation for being her church for so many years. Even when Mom moved down to be

closer to her family a few years ago, she continued to remain a member of Bern Lutheran Church. Although she attended church near her new home, she never wanted to become a member of another church since Bern Lutheran was her church home. Mom was a very active member of the community as well as the church including countless volunteer hours at the Heritage Center, Food Bank, Meals on Wheels and many other community services. She always looked forward to the cookie and pie baking and soup fundraisers at the church. Mostly she loved her church, the services, the people and her love for God. We are forever grateful to have had the extra time with her these last few years and she really enjoyed all the family time and adventures we had together including the very special time with her grand-children and great grandchildren who were the loves of her life. We miss her so very much and she will be in our hearts and lives forever. Thank you for being part of her church family and for bringing joy to her life.

Love,  
Doris Supplee's Family



## ALTAR FLOWER, BULLETIN, AND NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIPS

You can sponsor Altar Flowers for \$35.00/week, Bulletins for \$20.00/week, or our monthly Newsletter for \$40.00/month. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway with your name and dedication next to the date(s) you want to sponsor.

If you wish to sponsor Altar Flowers, but don't want to pay the cost for both vases, you can split the cost with another member. Each vase would cost \$17.50 and each sponsor could still include a dedication in the bulletin. Thank you!

### Altar Flower Sponsors:

November 5 – Tim and Beverly Moyer  
November 12 – The Schuler family  
November 19 – *sponsor needed*  
November 26 – Philip and JoAnn Ketz

### Bulletin Sponsors:

November 5 – Jay Field  
November 12 – Jay Field  
November 19 – Jay Field  
November 26 – Jay Field

### Newsletter Sponsor:

Harry and Patricia Yocum

### Church Openers:

November 5 – Dianne Leininger  
November 12 – Theresa Shurr  
November 19 – Richard Gruber  
November 26 – Michael Braucher

### Church Greeters:

November 5 – Barbara Auchenbach  
November 12 – Nancy Malandra  
November 19 – Barbara Auchenbach  
November 26 – Nancy Malandra

### Lectors:

November 5 – Jay Field  
November 12 – Carol Eichner  
November 19 – David Greenwood  
November 26 – Barbara Braucher

### Supply Pastor Schedule:

November 5 – Pastor William Fryer  
November 12 – Pastor Kenneth Gould and  
Pastor William Fryer  
November 19 – Pastor Kenneth Gould  
November 26 – Pastor David Kistler

**BERN EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH PROUDLY  
RECOGNIZES AND THANKS  
THESE MEMBERS WHO HAVE  
SERVED IN THE FOLLOWING  
BRANCHES OF THE UNITED  
STATES MILITARY:**

### ARMY

Jay Field  
Donald Greenwood  
E. Berry Hey, Jr.  
Robert Hissinger  
Jack Kochan  
C. Jacob Stricker

### NAVY

Craig Myers  
Gerald Pawlyk

### AIR FORCE

Gary Drobnick  
David Haas  
Judy Haas  
Shawn Hissinger  
Harry Yocum, Jr.

### MARINES

Christopher Becker  
William W. Kerns

Please notify the church office of any other members you know of who have served our country.



**VETERAN'S DAY**  
**Saturday, November 11, 2023**



# WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Please help Bern Cemetery Company remember our military veterans by sponsoring a wreath in either the Bern Cemetery and/or the Bern Historic Graveyard this holiday season.

The cost for the wreath is \$17.00. They are live wreaths from Maine and are 22 inches in diameter with a red bow. They will be placed at the graves on Saturday, December 16, 2023. **Wreaths across America will be having a ceremony prior to the laying of wreaths on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Bern Reformed UCC Church. Please come into the church building for the service and assignments.**

**We are also looking for volunteers to help with the laying of the wreaths on the cemetery. Please let Barry Shurr know if you are able to help. You can speak with him either at church or by calling 610-372-7229. Thank you!**

Checks are to be made out to "Bern Cemetery Company." **Deadline is Friday, December 1st** and could be put into the offering plate or given to cemetery board member, Barry Shurr. You can also mail your check to Barry Shurr at 118 Berkley Street, Reading, PA 19605.

Please fill out and return the bottom of this form with your check by Friday, December 1st. Thank you!

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Sponsor (your name):

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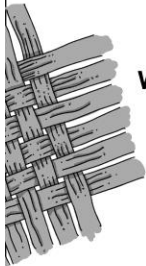
Place on Grave of \_\_\_\_\_ or where needed \_\_\_\_\_

Number of wreaths \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amounts: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Handicrafts can spark appreciation for simple items. Weave this basket as a gift.



**What you need:**

- Paper plate
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Yarn (different colors)

**What you do:**

1. In the center of the plate, trace something round. Draw 9 lines (evenly spaced) from the circle to the plate's edge.
2. Cut along each line, stopping at the center circle. Trim more of the plate off so the cuts make a gradual V shape.
3. Fold the plate's sides upward to form basket sides. Keep these upright as you weave a bowl-shaped basket.
4. Begin weaving a length of yarn at the circle's base. Hold the end of the yarn in place as you spread the length over and under each side of the plate.
5. Switch colors to make a pattern. Keep the yarn tight as you weave up the sides.
6. To finish, bend down any remaining paper. Leave a tail of yarn and tuck it under a woven portion. Share your craft with a friend!

## THANKS-FILLED GIVING

The virtues of gratefulness and generosity are connected. When we're truly thankful for all God provides, we want to sow generous seeds in other people's lives. What will be the harvest?

*Directions: Solve the clues associated with each picture. Then write the words in the correct spaces to complete 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV.*

This becomes a plant \_\_\_\_\_



Willing to give \_\_\_\_\_

The result of planting seeds \_\_\_\_\_



The act of gratitude \_\_\_\_\_

Food made from wheat \_\_\_\_\_



Now he who supplies \_\_\_\_\_ to the sower and \_\_\_\_\_ for food will also



supply and increase your store of \_\_\_\_\_ and will enlarge the \_\_\_\_\_



of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be

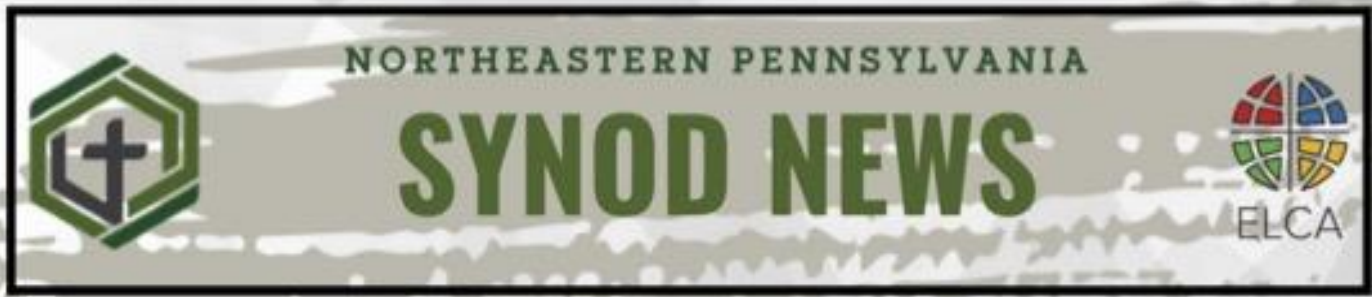
\_\_\_\_\_ on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result



in \_\_\_\_\_ to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV



Answers: seed, bread, harvest, generous, thanksgiving



## *Interconnected, Diverse, and Wild Creation*

Have you ever worked on a crochet or knit project, and got to a point where your yarn ends up tied in a bird nest-looking mess? Or maybe you're one that works with a fishing line, and while re-spooling a reel you end up with a knot with loops and swoops that make you scratch your head and wonder, "Now what?"

I've noticed that when I experience the dilemma of a knotted skein, I feel frustration and anger. If I'm not in my clearest headspace, I will reactively pull one loop at a time, looking for one with any ability to move. "This one moves? Great!" I'll pull it in either direction until it stops. Still knotted? Find another! And again, and again. If I'm not careful I can end up tightening the knot even further, never to be unwound and destined for the scrap pile.

On my clearer days, I can take a jumbled mess of a knot and get it unwound and collected into a smaller ball of yarn without even needing to cut it from the rest! In Times like this, I have found, that the frustration and the anger are still present, yet in letting them pass while I pause, I create the opportunity to take care and intention in my untangling.

I wonder if God feels like that sometimes when, as the interconnected, diverse, and wild Creation that God so deeply loves, we get ourselves all knotted up through broken relationships, judgments, and ignorant acts. I wonder, does God reactively start pulling at us to take action? Does God accept our jumbled mess, allowing us to make different choices and seek right relationships that honor our connectedness? Does God enjoy the feeling of seeing us come together to co-create something new and beautiful?

May you know and trust that the One who has knit you together in the womb is the One who is eager and ready to create goodness and mercy in and through you this day and always. Blessings on your detangling.

Reverend Lauren Applegate  
On Leave From Call







We Love 2023:  
The Reconciling  
in Christ Process

Saturday, November 4, 2023  
8:30AM-3PM  
at The Lutheran Center  
2354 Grove Rd., Allentown

Join the synod's LGBTQIA+ Ministry Team as we host a special day of education, information, and fellowship on this year's theme: The Reconciling In Christ process. We are thrilled to welcome Carla Christopher, Assistant to the Bishop for Justice Ministries in the Lower Susquehanna and Delaware-Maryland synods, to work with us on integrating our commitment to racial justice into our RIC efforts.



SAVE <sup>THE</sup> DATE  
**synod**  
**assembly**  
JUNE 8TH 2024

NATIONAL  
**YOUTH**  
GATHERING  
Registration - now open!  
 [www.elca.church/gathering](http://www.elca.church/gathering)



*This Thanksgiving, we acknowledge  
this land is Indigenous*

# NOVEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			ALL SAINTS' DAY		6:00pm-Food and Faith Worship Service, Epler's UCC  6:00-8:00 pm – Frog Pond (AA)	12:30-5:30pm-Social Hall Rental (Kim Pirtle)  TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<u>All Saints' Sunday</u> 9:00am-Confirmation Class 10:00am-Worship 11:00am-Sunday School  OPENER: Dianne Leininger LECTOR: Jay Field ACOLYTE: Aidan Slusser			6:00pm-Hawk Mountain Boy Scouts (Social Hall)		6:00-8:00 pm – Frog Pond (AA)	9:45am-Setting up Social Hall for Anniversary Celebration  VETERAN'S DAY
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<u>24th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 9:00am-Confirmation Class 10:00am-Worship 11:00am-Sunday School -25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  OPENER: Theresa Shurr LECTOR: Carol Eichner ACOLYTE: TBA	7:00pm-Council Meeting				6:00-8:00 pm – Frog Pond (AA)	9:00am-Berks Quilters Guild Social Hall Rental (all-day workshop)
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<u>25th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 9:00am-Confirmation Class 10:00am-Worship -Congregational Meeting -NO SUNDAY SCHOOL  OPENER: Richard Gruber LECTOR: David Greenwood ACOLYTE: TBA		9:00am-Berks Quilters Guild Social Hall Rental (all-day workshop)		 OFFICE CLOSED	6:00-8:00 pm – Frog Pond (AA)	
26	27	28	29	30		
<u>Christ the King Sunday</u> NO Confirmation Class 10:00am-Worship 11:00am-Sunday School  OPENER: Michael Braucher LECTOR: Barbara Braucher ACOLYTE: TBA		4:00-7:00pm-Berks Festival of Faith				