

BERN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
820 West Leesport Road, Leesport, PA 19533

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

MINISTERS:
ALL THE MEMBERS EVERYDAY

TRANSITIONAL PASTOR:
Pastor Diane LaFauci, Phone: 484-794-5503 (cell)

DESIGNATED PASTOR:
Pastor Gary Rarick, Phone: 610-401-1545 (cell)

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:
Brenda Reichart, President
Richard Gruber, Vice President
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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's Newsletter Sponsor

The November *Bern Bugle's Joyful Notes* is sponsored by Pat and Harry Yocum for their wedding anniversary.

Council Meeting Highlights

The following discussions took place and decisions made at our Council Meeting on Monday, October 19th:

- Discussed options to address deterioration of existing steeple and will present options to congregation at the November meeting.
- Approved updated constitution which will be taken to the November meeting for congregational approval.
- Agreed to offer use of our social hall for Synod Council meetings.

The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday School

All children are invited to attend Sunday School after the worship service.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Sunday School on **Sunday, November 22**, due to the Congregational Meeting.

All Saints Sunday – November 1st

During our All Saints Sunday worship service on Sunday, November 1, we will be remembering with thanksgiving all the faithful departed. This year we remember: Pastor David Kistler, Delores Kistler, Richard Myers, Sr., Pastor Joyce Seip, and Chrissy Tossona.

Sign-up Sheets for November

We are in need of Altar Flower sponsors for November 8, 15, and 29. Please sign up if you would like to sponsor any of these dates. Thank you!



Sandtart Cookie Time

We will be baking sandtarts again this year. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hallway for orders of 1 lb. or ¼ lb. containers, with or without nuts. **Orders will be taken up to November 1st.**

November Lunch Bunch

The ladies will be meeting on **Monday, November 2, at 12 noon** for their monthly fellowship luncheon in the Social Hall. Come join us!

Epler's UCC Food & Faith

Join along with the members of Epler's Church on **Friday, November 6, at 6 p.m.** for their fellowship meal and **7 p.m.** for their worship service. The theme will be "Fruits of the Spirit."

Berks Heim Sunday Worship Help Needed

Berks Heim offers worship services for residents on Sunday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. Help is needed to transport patients in wheelchairs to and from the service. If you are able to assist with transport on **Sunday, November 15**, please sign up on the sheet on the Outreach bulletin board in the hallway. Thank you!

Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the December *Bern Bugle's Joyful Notes* are due by **Tuesday, November 17th.**

Thank Offering Sunday – November 22

This year, our special offering will support World Hunger. With our donations, we help to provide food and hope to people facing hunger and food insecurity around the world. As we gather on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, we invite everyone to consider making a special gift to support World Hunger. Collections will take place on November 15 and 22.

Congregational Meeting

Please make a note that our Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 22**, immediately following our worship service. During this meeting we will be voting on the 2027 Proposed Budget, electing new members to council, and voting on options to address the deteriorating steeple.

Hope Rescue Mission/Lighthouse Fall Clothing Drive

Our clothing drive is underway to help men, women, and children of Hope Rescue Mission and Lighthouse Women's and Children's Center. Our drive will run **through November 22.** We will be collecting new or gently used items.

Items especially needed include:

- Coats and jackets
- Sweaters and sweatshirts
- Shirts and pants
- Socks, hats, and gloves
- Blankets and other warm clothing

Your generosity can make a meaningful difference for a man, woman, or child preparing for the colder months. Thank you for helping us share warmth, comfort, and hope with families in our community!

Office Closed

The church office will be closed on **Thursday, November 26**, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, December 1st.

Christmas Potluck Luncheon and Holiday Kick-off

Our Potluck Luncheon/Holiday Kick-off will be held on **Sunday, November 29**, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those who would like to contribute a side dish, drinks, or dessert. There is also a sign-up sheet for those planning to attend so that we know how much food to prepare. We are hoping to spend some time together before everyone is caught up in the busyness of the holiday season. There will be food, fellowship, and some holiday craft activities.

We will also have our Angel Tree available with the names of children in need of Christmas gifts. We hope you will join us for good food, fellowship, and the beginning of the Christmas season!



THANK YOU

Dear members of Bern Lutheran Council and Congregation, thank you for your gift of a Wawa gift card on October 4th in recognition of Clergy Appreciation Month. I appreciate your kind thoughtfulness. It is a joy for me to be able to serve twice a month as your supply pastor. God's blessings to you all! – Pastor William Fryer

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 19th**. 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 Tuesday, December 1st**.

Christmas Cards for our Homebound Members

You may have noticed a table with a basket on it in the hallway on your way into church. We are collecting cards to send warm wishes to our homebound members for Christmas and to let them know we are thinking about them. All you have to do is sign a card of your choosing, put the member's name(s) on the envelope, place it in the basket, and we will take care of the rest.

Bern's homebound members are:

Gary and Evelyn Drobnick
Richard Greener
E. Berry and Margaret Hey
Ruth Keeney
JoAnn Ketz
George and Jane Schaeffer
Darryl Schlappich
Pauline Shuman

Please have your cards to church by **Sunday, November 29th**. Thank you!



ELECTION DAY – Tuesday, November 3rd

Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry

Thank You!

Following is a list of 145 food items that were delivered to the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry on October 16th.

Cereal	26 boxes
Pasta	19 boxes
Mac & Cheese	33 boxes
Mac & Cheese Cups	8
Spaghetti	12 boxes
Pasta Sauce	5 cans
Tuna	34 cans
Chicken	6 cans
Other Meat	2 cans

The Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry is very appreciative of the generous food/monetary donations from the Bern Evangelical Lutheran Church congregation.



THANKSGIVING BEATITUDES

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference.

—Author unknown

INCOME AND ATTENDANCE
August 2026

For the Week Ending	Income toward Budget Expenses	Attendance
9/06/2026	$ 1,610.00	43
9/13/2026	$ 1,880.00	41
9/20/2026	$ 1,440.00	63
9/27/2026	$ 1,765.00	37

$3,259.19 is needed per week to meet 100% of the Budgeted Expenses

Budget Report – Year to Date

	September	YTD
Income	$7,950.00	$108,493.00
Cong. Fundraising	.00	4,737.00
($3,216 Chicken BBQ, $675 Redner's S-A-T, $846 Other)		
Total Funds	$7,950.00	$113,230.00

Actual Income / Expenses	September	YTD
Budgeted Income	$7,664.00	$89,720.00
Non-Budgeted Income	286.00	23,510.00
Budgeted Expenses	9,123.00	101,561.00
Non-Budgeted Expenses	.00	20,737.00
Benevolence to be Paid	310.00	1,449.00
Surplus/Deficit	-1,483.00	-10,517.00

Benevolence	YTD	2026 Pledge
Synod and ELCA	$1,226.00	$3,000.00
World Hunger	1,022.00	1,500.00
Mission Field	1,671.00	1,300.00
W.B.M.D.	564.50	600.00
Other ($2,524; FofF $750)	3,274.00	

Capital Improvement Acct.	September	YTD
Member Contributions	$ .00	$ 1,355.00
Interest	89.00	787.00
Expense	.00	.00
		$51,596.82

Savings Account	September	YTD
Thrivent Choice Dollars	$ .00	$ 1,132.00
Interest	.00	6,031.09
Expenses (Move to FofF Acct.)	.00	-3,890.55
		$290,217.23



A FEW GOOD MEN

What this dying world could use
Is a willing man of God
Who dares to go against the grain
And work without applause;

A man who'll raise that shield of faith,
Protecting what is pure,
Whose love is tough and gentle,
A man whose word is sure.

God doesn't need an orator
Who knows just what to say.
He doesn't need authorities
To reason Him away.
He doesn't need an army to guarantee a win.
He just needs a few good men.

Men full of compassion who laugh and love and cry;
Men who'll face eternity and aren't afraid to die;
Men who'll fight for freedom and honor once again;
He just needs a few good men.

He calls the broken derelict
Whose life has been renewed,
He calls the one who has the strength
To stand up for the truth.

Enlistment lines are open
And He wants you to come in.
He just needs a few good men.

— *Words and music by Suzanne and Barry Jennings © 1990 Townsend and Warbucks Music*





HONORING FAITHFUL SERVICE

Each year on Veterans Day, we pause to give thanks for the men and women who have served our country with courage, sacrifice and devotion. Their willingness to defend freedom reminds us that service often comes with great cost.

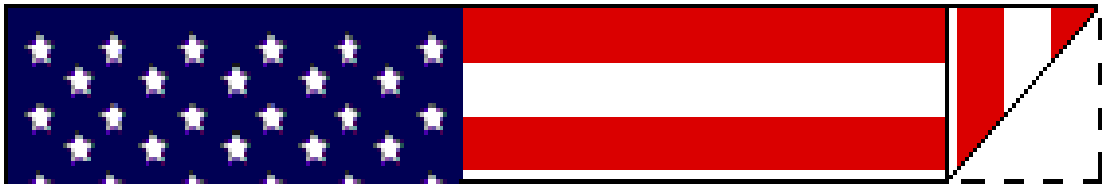


As Christians, we are called to honor those who serve and to pray for veterans, active-duty military members and their families.

We also remember that true peace comes from God, who is our refuge and strength.
May this day lead us to gratitude, prayer and renewed commitment to serve others with humility, courage and love.

The Thirteen Folds

Ron Tranmer©



Military honors are performed every day
at the gravesites of hero's who have died.
Rifles fire to the sky, then is heard a buglers cry
and our country's flag is folded with much pride.

The flag that drapes a casket is handled with respect
as it's folded by the Honor Guard assigned.
In case you don't recall, there are thirteen folds in all
and the meaning of each one is here defined.

The **FIRST** fold represents the symbol of all life.
The **SECOND** stands for life eternally.
The **THIRD** is made in honor of all veterans who have died
in the fight for the right to keep us free.

FOUR reminds us of the weaker nature of mankind,
and our never ending need for God above.
We'll pray to Him for guidance, in peace or at war,
with hopes that we are worthy of His love.

Fold **FIVE** is a tribute to this country we call home.
We will defend, and fight to keep it strong.
May we always be right, in the cause for which we fight;
But America's our country, right or wrong.

SIX. A symbol of our hearts, for it is there we pledge,
allegiance to our flag as we stand tall.
A nation under God, and through Him indivisible,
with liberty and justice for us all.

The **SEVENTH** for armed forces. Each and every branch
who protect our country from the enemy.
On ocean, ground, or in the sky, victory will be our cry
and "Old Glory" will wave on from sea to sea.

Fold **EIGHT** is a tribute to those who gave their all.
In the valley of death so far away.
The bravest of the brave, who lie in their grave,
That liberty's light may shine today.

Fold **NINE** is for mothers, and all of womanhood.
And for the love and faith they resonate.
With devotion, they have molded the character of men
and women who have made this country great.

TEN is for all fathers, who have lost sons and daughters,
Yet still proudly, hold their heads up high.
Freedom's price to them is clearer. Our flag even dearer,
and a hand goes to their heart when one goes by.

The **ELEVENTH** fold is for our right to worship as we please
in a land where we are still oppression free.
Fold **TWELVE** gives all glory to our eternal God;
Though He may not be the same to you and me.

In the THIRTEENTH final fold, **the** stars are uppermost.
That they face to the heavens is a must;
For this fold reminds us we're a nation under God.
Founded by the words, "IN GOD WE TRUST".

The short remaining section is then tucked in nice and tight,
to hold the thirteen folds in place to keep;
Reminding us of mothers who, with love, tucked in the covers
of a child lying quietly asleep.



Jesus, Jammies & Joy is a project of the Collaborative Confirmation Class. This is part of the confirmation program of the youth that we have in class.

5th Annual Jesus, Jammies & Joy



November 1 – November 30, 2026

NEW winter pajamas for children
Please select **children sizes** newborn - XXL 18
(one piece or a two-piece sets – no pajama pants without tops)

Pajamas will be distributed through:
Lighthouse Women & Children's Center,
Mary's Shelter, Opportunity House,
Safe Berks, and Schuylkill Hope Center

Monetary donations can be sent to Zions Lutheran Church,
354 Zions Church Road, Shoemakersville, PA 19555 and
marked "Jesus, Jammies & Joy" in the memo.

Thank-you for helping to bring joy to the children this Christmas and keep them warm & cozy throughout the winter!

For more information contact Zion's Lutheran Church (610) 562-3112

ALTAR FLOWER, BULLETIN, AND NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIPS

You can sponsor Altar Flowers for $40.00/week, Bulletins for $20.00/week, or our monthly Newsletter for $40.00/month.

Altar Flower Sponsors:
November 1 – Barbara Auchenbach
November 8 – ***sponsor needed***
November 15 – ***sponsor needed***
November 22 – Phil and JoAnn Ketz
November 29 – ***sponsor needed***

Bulletin Sponsors:
November 1 – Jay Field
November 8 – Beverly Moyer and Barbara Speicher
November 15 – Jay Field
November 22 – Jay Field
November 29 – Jay Field

Newsletter Sponsor:
Pat and Harry Yocum

Church Openers:
November 1 – Brenda Reichart
November 8 – Richard Gruber
November 15 – Brenda Reichart
November 22 – Richard Gruber
November 29 – Erin Readinger

Church Greeters:
November 1 – Barbara Auchenbach
November 8 – Barbara Auchenbach
November 15 – Barbara Auchenbach
November 22 – Nancy Malandra
November 29 – Barbara Auchenbach

Lectors:
November 1 – Brenda Reichart
November 8 – Richard Gruber
November 15 – Kate Schuler
November 22 – Tracey Leh
November 29 – Beth Hartman

Communion Assistants:
November 1 – Linda Lash
November 8 – Christopher Becker
November 22 – Tracey Leh
November 29 – Hannah Lash

Supply Pastor Schedule:
November 1 – Pastor William Fryer
November 8 – Pastor Diane LaFauci
November 15 – Pastor William Fryer
November 22 – Pastor Kenneth Gould
November 29 – Pastor Kenneth Gould



IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

MEMBERS: Nancy Malandra, Arlene Ensinger, Gary Drobnick, George and Jane Schaeffer, Janet Leh, Greg Knabb, Peggy Reagan, Evelyn Drobnick, Tina Hissinger, Berry Hey, Margaret Hey, Richard Greener, JoAnn Ketz, Donna Marks, Pauline Shuman, Lisa Miller, and Ruth Keeney

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Pastor David Roper, Deaconness Deborah Graf, Peter Graf, Pastor Wayne Heintzelman, Katie, Pastor Althea Albright, Pastor Virginia Biniek, Noel, Harvey Lengel, John Mountz, Jessica Keller, Joel Koch, Kathy, Joan Ponzurick, Dick and Janet, Jean, Mary, Kathy Sutphin, Lara and Drayton Pappas, Nick Odagis, Danielle Roberts, Sheri Mafeo, Eleanor, Glenva, Courtney Davis, Giselle Davis, Matt DeLeon, Philip Triantis, Mike, Peggy Deemer, Joe and Karen Young, Brian, Kailey, Renee Fullmer, Patrick, Susan, and Joyce

(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.)



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

What a wonderful way to observe Reformation Sunday by being together—outside of the four walls that bind us—focusing on the ministry and mission entrusted to us by God! Special thanks go to the joint Worship & Music planning group and to all leaders participating in the service. It reminds us that God is constantly in the business of reforming Christ's Church, that it may walk forward with the Holy Spirit's guidance.

As I was preparing for Reformation Sunday, what kept going thru my mind was that God is *continually reforming* Christ's Church! And if that were to stop happening, the church would stop happening!! And then we have to acknowledge that if *WE* stop reforming how *WE* do ministry and mission, our congregation stops happening!!

That is the case for several congregations on our synod territory in the past few years. Where people in leadership positions have not changed, where people serving in ministry areas of the congregation (Worship, Learning, Service, Witness, and Support) have not changed, where members have stopped (or have never been) understanding of the role they share with clergy and elected leaders, the congregations have gradually dwindled to where they can't even keep the heat on in the winter…or the doors open in the summer.

My confession: before I sensed God's call to ordained ministry, I was an "empowered" member of the congregation. A life-long Lutheran, nevertheless it took me awhile to understand that my baptism meant something…even if I didn't actually realize that it meant that God was gifting me for service and that somehow I was supposed to be part of the team in the congregation where God had planted me (I readily admit that it took me awhile to get that thru my thick head!). After confirmation I had started supporting the Sunday School with my ability at the piano. Then I started teaching a kindergarten Sunday School class—I thought it must be because I wanted to go to college to be prepared to be a teacher. Little did I know. After college and our wedding and our move to West Virginia, I got involved in the congregation we joined and even agreed to lead youth and adult studies (even tho' I didn't feel I was gifted enough to do it). What was I thinking??

Baptism does mean something! It means that God is gifting us to be part of Christ's mission and counting on us to **put faith into action**.

Each of our three congregations in this parish is preparing for annual congregation meetings. It won't only be about adopting an updated constitution and approving a budget for the coming fiscal year. It will be about electing Council members. It will be about making decisions for the direction of our ministry. It will be about taking an honest look at our needs…and it will be about being open to the Holy Spirit's nudge to get us to step up to support the mission of the congregation and the parish in, perhaps, new and different ways.

I have confessed to you that it took me awhile to get that Christ was trusting me to respond to his call and be part of the team in the congregation where I was planted. Christ is counting on each one of us, no matter our energy level, no matter our past service, no matter our understanding of who we are in Christ.

We matter in the scheme of reforming Christ's Church. How awesome is that?!

Your Sister in Christ,
† Pastor Diane LaFauci

UPDATING THE CONSTITUTION

We need to update our congregation's constitution!! Council has approved the needed revisions and will be bringing it for congregational vote at our November 22nd meeting. Copies of the original constitution as well as the proposed updated one will be available for review on the table in the Narthex during the month of November to allow for review of the updates prior to the meeting.

The ***Model Constitution for Congregations in the ELCA*** is the basis for all ELCA congregational constitutions. Any item marked with an Asterix (*) is a required item and must be included in every congregation's constitution. When a congregation seeks to amend *any part* of its constitution, all required items since the last update must be added.

The *Model Constitution* is updated periodically at a Churchwide Assembly. Since the inception of the ELCA in 1988, there have been 17 Churchwide assemblies, hence the possibility of 17 sets of updates since 1988, including those ***required** and those **recommended**.

Why are amendments made to the *Model Constitution*? Amendments happen often because of situations that have arisen where the original constitution was not helpful or definitive in addressing an issue. Rationale for any proposed amendment is discussed at Churchwide Assembly and may be brought to a vote. If determined to be a *required* amendment, it will be indicated by Asterix (*). Other amendments may include *recommended wording* changes or simply *recommended additions*.

Who votes at a Churchwide Assembly? Synod bishops and selected staff/officers, plus representative members of congregations across the synod. Local members (active and in good standing in their congregations) are elected from each mission district. Others desiring to attend must be elected at the synod assembly. Every effort is made to reflect the culture and population of the church community (rostered leaders and lay members, balanced by gender, age, race, etc.)

What is necessary for amending/updating a local constitution?

- The process must be done at a legally called congregation meeting (as specified in the constitution). Active members in good standing are voting members.
- In order for a congregation to amend <u>*any part*</u> of its constituion, all ***required** items must be included. New required items must be added any time a congregation consitution is updated. Rewording some of our original wording must be done if the item is a ***required** item. Recommended wording/items may be added.

How do updates/amendments actually help us?

- The original constitution required notice of meetings by a certain number of days and notice to be sent by USPS. The updated constitution allows for electronic and phone notice of meetings, hence more efficient way of getting the word to members.
- The updated constitution allows for meetings to be facilitated by use of technology.
- Updates help a congregation to deal with unexpected and difficult local situations.
- Constitution updates facilitate calling currently designated rostered leaders.
- An up-to-date constitution is a "plus" when a congregation seeks to attract a new rostered leader (pastor or other ministry staff), as it indicates the health and level of functioning of the congregation.

NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2026

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to Remember, Honor, and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 1,600 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

WHY WE DO IT
We understand we have Veterans Day in the fall and Memorial Day in the spring, but our service members sacrifice their time and safety every single day of the year to preserve our freedoms. In many homes, there is an empty seat for one who is serving or one who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. There is no better time to express our appreciation than during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. We hope you will join us at any of our more than 1,600 participating locations to show our veterans and their families that we will not forget. We will never forget.

Please help Bern Cemetery Company remember our military veterans by sponsoring a wreath in either Bern Cemetery 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" in diameter with a red bow. **The Wreaths Across America service will begin at 1:00 p.m. at Bern Reformed UCC, on Saturday, December 19, 2026.** Wreaths will be placed at the graves following the service.

Please make checks payable to "Bern Cemetery Company"and **give to Barry Shurr or place in offering plate**. Checks may also be mailed to: Barry Shurr, 118 Berkley Street, Reading, PA 19605. **The deadline is Tuesday, December 1st**. If you are interested in assisting with the laying of the wreaths that day, please let Barry Shurr know.

Please return this bottom portion with your check by Monday, December 1st. Thank you!

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NOVEMBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Sunday **10:00am**-Worship -Pastor William Fryer **11:00am**-Sunday School Opener: Brenda Reichart Greeter: Barbara Auchenbach Lector: Brenda Reichart Comm. Asst.: Linda Lash	2 **12:00pm**-Ladies Lunch Bunch	3 **10:30am**-Pastor Diane's Fall Bible Study **7:00pm**-Pastor Diane's Fall Bible Study on ZOOM **Election Day**	4	5 **4:00pm**-Bell Choir Rehearsal **5:00pm**-Choir Rehearsal	6 **6:00pm**-Epler's UCC Food & Faith Fellowship Meal and Worship Service **6:00-8:00pm** – Frog Pond (AA Group)	7
8 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost **10:00am**-Joint Worship with LCHT -Pastor Diane LaFauci -Baptism of Ralph William Elia **11:00am**-Sunday School Opener: Richard Gruber Greeter: Barbara Auchenbach Lector: Richard Gruber Comm Asst: Christopher Becker	9	10 **10:30am**-Pastor Diane's Fall Bible Study **7:00pm**-Pastor Diane's Fall Bible Study on ZOOM	11 Sandtart Mixing in Kitchen **6:00pm**-Hawk Mountain Council (Social Hall reserved) **7:00pm**-Finance Committee Meeting **Veterans Day**	12 Sandtart Mixing in Kitchen/Social Hall **4:00pm**-Bell Choir Rehearsal **5:00pm**-Choir Rehearsal	13 Sandtart Baking in Kitchen/Social Hall **6:00-8:00pm** – Frog Pond (AA Group)	14
15 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost **8:15am**-Outreach Committee Meeting **10:00am**-Worship -Pastor William Fryer **11:00am**-Sunday School **2:30pm**-Berks Heim Worship Service Help Needed Opener: Brenda Reichart Greeter: Barbara Auchenbach Lector: Kate Schuler	16 **7:00pm**-Council Meeting (Library reserved)	17 Sandtart Mixing in Kitchen/Social Hall **9:00am**-Berks Quilters Guild (Social Hall reserved) **10:30am**-Pastor Diane's Fall Bible Study **7:00pm**-Pastor Diane's Fall Bible Study on ZOOM **Newsletter Deadline**	18	19 Sandtart Baking Kitchen/Social Hall **4:00pm**-Bell Choir Rehearsal **5:00pm**-Choir Rehearsal	20 Sandtart Baking Kitchen/Social Hall **6:00-8:00pm** – Frog Pond (AA Group	21 **8:00am-12:00pm**-Heartland Herb Society (Social Hall reserved)
22 Christ the King Sunday **10:00am**-Worship -Pastor Kenneth Gould -Thankoffering for World Hunger -Congregational Meeting after worship -Fall Clothing Drive Ends -NO Sunday School Opener: Richard Gruber Greeter: Nancy Malandra Lector: Tracey Leh Comm Asst: Tracey Leh	23 Sandtart Baking Kitchen/Social Hall **9:30am**-Piano Tuning	24 **2:00pm**-Hope Rescue Mission Clothing Pick-up **4:00-7:00pm**-Berks Festival of Faith (Social Hall reserved)	25	26  **Office Closed**	27 **6:00-8:00pm** – Frog Pond (AA Group)	28
29 First Sunday of Advent **10:00am**-Worship -Pastor Kenneth Gould -Baptism of LeJin Hendricks-Swann -Potluck Luncheon/Holiday Kickoff Social Hour after worship **11:00am**-Sunday School Opener: Erin Readinger Greeter: Barbara Auchenbach Lector: Beth Hartman Comm. Asst.: Hannah Lash	30					



We are planning to adorn our sanctuary with red and white poinsettias for our Christmas Eve service. If you would like to order any plants, please return this form with your payment and place in the offering plate or mail to the church office by **Sunday, December 13th**. The price for each plant is $6.50. Thank you!

Number of poinsettias at $6.50 each: red_____ white_____

Total Amount Enclosed: $_____

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

ENVELOPE #: _____

DEDICATIONS *(In Honor of, In Memory of, or To the Glory of God):*

In honor of: _____

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In memory of: _____

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Given to the Glory of God: _____

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PLEASE NOTE: A minimum of 60 poinsettias are needed in order to decorate the poinsettia tree, with 25 of those being white for the cross in the middle. Thank you