



Advent
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**JOIN US
AT CHURCH
OR ON
LIVESTREAM
AT 6:45P
WEDNESDAYS**

DINNER PRECEDING AT 5:30PM - CELEBRATION HALL

Midweek Bulletin



Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent!

To view worship on a computer, tablet or mobile phone, you only need to access the church website and **click on the day's worship image at 11:00 am or later.**

[Sunday's Bulletin](#)

[Visit our website](#)

[LCGS YouTube](#)

Christmas Decorating - This Saturday at 9:00 am

We will begin decorating the Narthex and Sanctuary for **Christmas on Saturday, December 3rd!** Families are invited to come assist with putting up displays and decorating the trees while enjoying some holiday music and treats! We'll meet in the Narthex at 9 a.m. and likely be done by 11:00. Contact Visual Arts Ministry Leader, [Daneene Lucas](#) (410-838-3549) with questions.



Advent Mid-Week Worship

"The Angels Sing: Favorite Carols of Christmas will be celebrated on **Wednesdays, November 30, December 7, 14th at 6:45 pm.** On December 21st, a Blue Christmas Service is offered especially for those hurting during the holidays. The worship services will be livestreamed as well.

You are invited to join us for a **potluck dinner in the Celebration Hall beginning at 5:30.** Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex (or call the church office) if you plan to attend. Contact Gina Miller with questions or if you would like to assist with dinner.



Christmas Poinsettia Sponsorship

Part of our Christmas Sanctuary decorations includes a beautiful display of poinsettias surrounding the altar. Sponsorship of the flowers is available in memory or honor of a loved one(s) for **\$10 per plant by December 18th**. There will be a mix of red and white depending on the florist's availability. The sponsorship information will be printed in the Christmas Eve worship bulletin and plants will be available to pick up after the last Christmas Eve service. Please be sure to add your information to [this sign up to order](#) but, you can pay by either check or [eGiving](#) (choose Christmas poinsettia from the drop down menu). Contact the [church office](#) or flower chairperson, [Merle Fetzer](#), with questions.



Sunday School Christmas Pageant

Our Sunday School youth will present the Christmas story through word and song (and super cute costumes) on Sunday, **December 18th during the 11:00** worship service. All are invited to stay for a cookie reception in the Narthex after worship.



Free Advent Calendars

"A Journey Through the Psalms With ELCA World Hunger." In the Psalms we will find the pleas of a people — our spiritual ancestors — for renewal and transformation, for justice and peace, and for hope and comfort. Calendars are available from the counter in the Narthex now.

Loving God, inflame us with a holy yearning for a just world where all are fed, that we may be part of the promise you are fulfilling in our midst. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

An Update from the Ministry Site Profile Team

The Ministry Site Profile team completed its work and after being approved by the Church Council in October, the document has been forwarded to the Synod for posting. Our team's work is completed, and the process is now turned over to the Call Committee to interview candidates and to ultimately submit to the congregation its recommendation for our new Pastor. Much thanks goes out to my colleagues on the Ministry Site Profile Team (Matt Messick, Sam Raedeke, Dana Rein, and Deb Smeton) for their diligence and perseverance in developing a document that most observers to date have deemed to be authentic and accurately descriptive of our congregation. Thanks also go out to the 115 members and participants who returned surveys and the 19 ministry teams and faith groups who were interviewed to provide the data and input required to develop the profile.

Now that the Ministry Site Profile is submitted, we'd like to share the results. The summary section of the profile stated that our church is "seeking an experienced, energetic, and charismatic new Pastor. We feel that we are ready to grow our membership and need a leader who can assist us in rebuilding the sense of community that we enjoyed prior to COVID. We are committed to building the faithfulness of our members and preparing them to be disciples to spread God's message. We seek to be a welcoming faith community that can meet the spiritual needs of a greater number of youth and young families. We have spacious physical facilities that can easily meet the needs of a growing congregation and house new ministries to better serve our community's needs."

Finally, below are the top five ministry tasks and pastoral gifts that you identified as being essential for the success of our new Pastor. The top five ministry tasks were as follows:

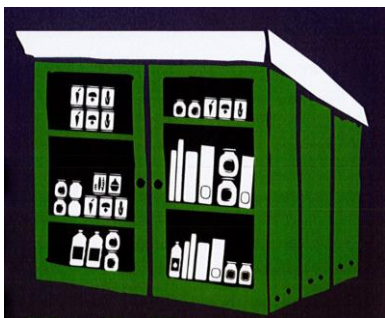
1. Promotes, develops, and implements the church's mission.
2. Delivers sermons that provide context to interpret scripture and relate to daily life.
3. Oversees or participates in the Christian education of children and youth.
4. Builds a sense of community.
5. Oversees the spiritual formation and direction of members.

The top five gifts for ministry identified by you were as follows:

1. Provide care and nurture.
2. Build a sense of community among the people with whom he/she works.
3. Be an effective communicator.
4. Be an effective teacher.
5. Be effective in working with youth.

Thanks again to all of you who participated in this process and provided the data that brought our profile to life.

-Ray Schmalzer, MSP Team Member



Little Free Pantry Opening Soon!

In the next few weeks, we will be opening a Little Free Pantry in the front parking lot. A date for the dedication is in the works! This new ministry was proposed by a member of the Servanthood Ministry and approved by church council in late summer. Thanks to Steve Jackson, our builder, we are so excited to be able to expand our food ministry to include those that are in need in our surrounding neighborhood. The pantry will

be self serve for anyone who has a need and will contain non-perishable food, hygiene, and paper goods. While we are stewards of this pantry, it belongs to our community and our hope is that folks in the community will help take care of each other by assisting with stocking it. More info about this movement can be found at littlefreepantry.org. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, see the proposal [here](#) or contact [Lisa Steel](#) or [Gina Miller](#).



Youth Group This Sunday - December 4th

Reminder that Youth Group, for youths in grades 6 - 12, meets this Sunday, December 4th after the late worship service until 1:45. Mrs. Corinne is providing meatballs but we still need sides and desserts for lunch. Sign up using the sign up genius, [here](#).



Christmas Caroling and Holiday Movie

On December 16th, we will meet in the gym at 5:30 to help with the Christmas basket food sorting before heading out to spread some cheer to some of our church members. **Parents, we need drivers to accompany us for Christmas caroling.** We should return to church by 8:30

and you are welcome to stay for treats and to watch a Christmas movie until 10:00 pm.



RoadTrip - High School Retreat

High Schoolers - it's your turn! Roadtrip is back and will be held on **January 20 - 23rd in Hunt Valley!** It's a weekend of service projects, faith-filled discussions, and relationship building with new and old friends from

throughout our synods! This year's theme is *Who is...God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, I, We.*

Registration is due to Ms. Gina Miller by January 2nd and cost is \$220 for the weekend. Download the [flier](#) and [individual registration form](#) for all the details!



The Youth Group is looking for cookie bakers for their Cookie Walk sale on December 11th. Please use the sign up below to contribute your delicious creations to this great cause! Cookies will sell for just \$5 a box after late worship on **December 11th** and the proceeds will fund the youth's service project of making Birthday Boxes for the Baltimore Hunger project.

[Cookie Donations and Youth Sellers](#)

Daytimers' Christmas Meeting

The Daytimers, our senior ministry, will be holding our Christmas Meeting on **December 13th at 11:00 am**. Come dressed in your favorite Christmas outfit! Main courses, side dishes and desserts are needed for lunch. After lunch, we will enjoy a program from the "*Just Having Fun*" Singers.

Help is needed in the kitchen for food prep and organization and general set-up. If you can help, please arrive about 10:15. Questions, contact [Owen Ashbrook](#).



Christmas Card Exchange

There are boxes available in the Narthex for exchanging Christmas Cards with your church friends. Please remember to check the boxes for cards that have been left for your family, the cards will be in bins alphabetically by last name. The boxes will remain in the Narthex until January 8th. Unfortunately, any cards not picked up by

the 8th will be recycled



the Advent Season.

Color for Advent and Decorate for Christmas!

Have you seen the first completed Advent poster in the Sanctuary? It looks fantastic! There are 3 more to be completed so we still need your help in coloring! **We are inviting everyone, children and adults, to color the posters during the Coffee Socials and Wednesday Advent Dinners.** A new poster will be added to the display each Sunday during

As part of our Christmas Basket Project, non-perishable food items are being collected in the Celebration Hall to fill the food baskets which will be delivered to the families participating. **This Sunday, please bring dinner items for the collection and leave behind the blue divider in Celebration Hall.** Suggested items are listed below. Questions - contact [Karen Hilton](#), project leader.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
FOOD DRIVE**

Dinner

tuna fish, canned chicken, mac and cheese, canned soup, bottled juice, canned vegetables, spaghetti sauce, pasta, rice, stuffing mix, mashed potato mix, gravy, canned beans, etc.

October Treasurer's Report

	October, 2022 5 weeks	Year-to-date, 2022	October, 2021 5 weeks	Year-to-date, 2021
Income	37,008.64	348,268.53	37,247.55	366,742.18
Expenses	(22,575.30)	(305,486.32)	(41,870.60)	(385,887.93)
Income-Expenses	14,433.34	42,782.21	(4,623.05)	(19,145.75)



Weekly Flower Sponsorship

Each week, there is an opportunity to sponsor the flowers that beautify our Sanctuary for worship. Arrangements come from Petals and Posies in Jarrettsville. You may do so to give Glory to God in response to a Celebration or to honor the memory of a loved one. The sponsorship information will be printed each week in the worship bulletin. Payment can be made through *eGiving* or check and cost \$45 per arrangement. You can sign up by clicking the image button above or by contacting [Dawn](#) in the church office.

Questions? Contact flower chairperson, [Merle Fetzer](#).

3 WAYS TO GIVE TO GOOD SHEPHERD



CHECK/CASH

PLACE YOUR GIFT IN THE OFFERING PLATE DURING WORSHIP OR MAIL TO THE CHURCH OFFICE



E-GIVING OPTIONS:

1. GIVE AT LCGSELCA.ORG
2. TEXT "Give" TO 410-673-4483
3. SCAN QR CODE



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Need Prayers?

To add someone to the Prayer List, call the church office at 410-838-8081 or click the button to the left. Please give your name also so we can contact you for updates. To keep the prayer list current, we will keep persons on the list for 3 weeks

unless directed otherwise. The list is distributed to prayer chain member who are committed to including those on the list in their personal daily prayers.

You can also request a member of the Pastoral Care Ministry to contact you for prayer.

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