the Messenger

Lutheran Church of God's Love

November 2026

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Worship Assistants

New volunteers welcome! Training provided.
SIGN UP for **NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**
or visit the **Sign Hub**.

A message from Pastor Brandi

The month of November is a unique character in the life of the church. It is a period of transition wherein we celebration *All Saint's Day*, *Christ the King*, and the *First Sunday of Advent* along with the remaining Sundays after Pentecost. And, as we move into cooler days we fulfill our civic responsibility by voting; honor our veterans and celebrate Thanksgiving. As people of faith, we trust through all of life passages and celebrations...those that include both sorrow and joy...the Triune God accompanies us and sustains us.

Therefore, this November, let us give thanks and praise for the Father's loving faithfulness and Son's amazing grace that supplies us in every circumstance and let us welcome the Spirit's movement into our lives daily. I look forward to seeing you in worship.

† *Pastor Brandi*

All Saints Sunday
November 1

Worship services will include a slideshow tribute to those who have died in the past year and an opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones.

A printed list of the names in the tribute is on the Ministry Resource Table in the Commons.

Youth ELCA Gathering *Upcoming Fundraisers*

Panera Bread

We're raising dough!
Tuesday, November 10
4:00pm – 8:00pm

Visit the *Panera Bread* in **Levittown** with THIS FLYER and God's Love will receive 20% of purchase price.

Paper flyers will be available on **Sunday, November 8**.

Hand-Decorated Christmas Wreaths

Order between November 1 – 22
Pickup December 6

Samples of the three types of wreaths available are displayed in the Commons. Pick up an order form or CLICK HERE to order online. **Wreaths are $30 each**.

Payment is due by November 22; cash or check, payable to God's Love. Note *"wreath"* in the memo.

Parents' Night Out

Saturday, December 5 • 5:00pm – 8:00pm • at Church

Need an evening for Christmas shopping, dinner with friends or simply a little time to relax?

Drop the kids off at church! As a fundraiser for the group attending the *2027 ELCA National Youth Gathering*, our youth and a wonderful team of adult volunteers—including several teachers— will entertain your kids with Crafts, Games, Dinner and a Movie all for a donation of your choosing. With average babysitting rates in our area around $20 per hour per child, this is a great opportunity to enjoy an affordable night out while supporting a great cause!

Registration is required for all children. Please sign up using THIS LINK. Thank you for your support!

Questions? Contact **Sandy Anthony**, **Allison Dunkerley**, or **Chrissy Thiemsen**.

You'll never know how many parts of you are living on in other people. The encouragement you gave. The kindness you showed. The confidence you helped build. We leave pieces of ourselves behind more often than we believe.

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Youth Group Event *Dinner and a Movie*

Saturday, December 12 • 6:00pm – 9:00pm • the Loft

Gather for some Christmas fun with your friends. We will have dinner and watch the *Christmas Story* from *The Chosen*.

SIGN UP now and invite a friend!

November Fellowship "Lunch"

Sunday, November 1 • 12:30pm

La Villa Pizza & Family Restaurant

21 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Morrisville

Next lunch event: Sunday, December 6

November Highlighted Collection *St. Nicholas Day*

It's the most wonderful time of the year!

Our annual collection of holiday gift donations kicks off **Sunday, November 1!** Donations will support:

Bucks County Housing Group	**Cradles to Crayons**	**Woods Services**
Interfaith Food Alliance	**Family Service**	**Pastor Requests**

Tear-off tags with gift ideas are posted in the **Lobby of Love❤**. Select a tag, go shopping, wrap the gift, *if directed to do so*. Return the item, **WITH TAG ATTACHED,** to the church office **on or before Sunday, December 6.** During worship that morning, St. Nicholas will be here to welcome your gifts.

NOTE: There are two agencies that offer *online shopping*; items purchased are delivered *directly* to the agencies.

Monetary donations are also welcome. Add *"St. Nicholas Day"* in the memo section of your check or envelope and place in the offering plate.

Questions? Contact **Karen Hoch**

"Let's Talk Turkey" Collection

through November 22

November is a time to count our blessings. Share your FREE turkeys with those less fortunate.

On Sundays, place your donation on the "turkey cart" in the **Lobby of Love❤** or bring it to the church office between 9pm – 2pm Monday – Friday.

Got Candy?

Do you have leftover candy after the Halloween Trick-or-Treaters? Your kids got candy they don't like? Consider donating this candy to **HOPE**.

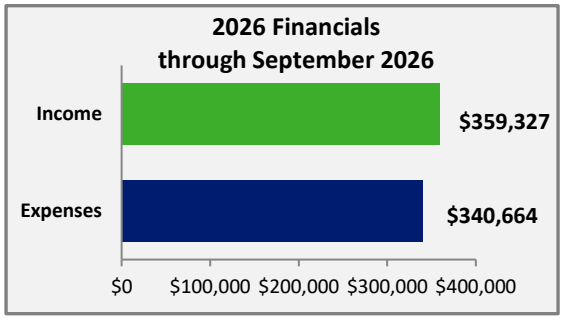
Our friends at the *Reach Out Foundation* drop-in center in Penndel have a sweet tooth. Place donations in the container in the **Lobby of Love❤**.

Reach Out Foundation Lunches

In the midst of all the holiday hustle and bustle, please take time out for people who will not be getting presents, a Christmas dinner with loved ones or even have a warm bed to sleep in. You can help by providing an item for the bagged lunches delivered each week to the *Reach Out Foundation* in Penndel.

SIGN-UP for **DECEMBER** or visit the **Sign↑Hub.** Details are in the signup.

Place donations in the **Lobby of Love❤** **Tuesdays by 10:30am**. **Questions? Sarah Wheeler**.



Adult Faith & Life

10:00am • Fellowship Hall *unless noted*

Details on the *Ministry Resource Table*

Sunday, November 1 (Room A1/A2)

DEATH CAFÉ an open discussion about death and dying—because talking about death should be a natural part of life. Refreshments will be served. Join the conversation.

Sundays, November 8, 15 and 22

LIVING LUTHERAN We'll discuss contemporary issues through the lens of our Lutheran faith using articles and reflections from the ELCA's Living Lutheran magazine. Topics will include "Just War," "Virtual Church" and "Biblical Truths."

Sundays in Advent, December 6, 13 and 20

IMAGO DEI Seeing as God Sees: Every human being bears the image of God (imago dei) but this is not just a theological concept. It is a way of seeing, a way of being the church. We'll explore this through reflection, discussion, group activity and prayer.

November Saturday Social *Friendsgiving*

Saturday, November 21

5:00pm – 7:00pm • Fellowship Hall

Join the fun for one of our most popular Saturday Social events! The church will provide the turkey and gravy; please bring a Thanksgiving side dish or dessert to share.

After dinner, the kids will enjoy a church-wide scavenger hunt. We will all share our blessings by assembling 100 Blessing Bags for those who will attend our AHTN Shared Meal in 2027.

This is a well-attended event so please sign up in advance and indicate what dish you will bring.

RSVP at THIS LINK or the **Sign↑Hub.**

RSVP not required to attend.

Questions? Contact **Sandy Anthony**.

Scenes from "Joshua"

On October 24, 17 people traveled to *Sight and Sound Theater* in Lancaster to see "Joshua." Once again, the show did not disappoint. They really do live by their motto "Where the Bible Comes to Life."

Gratitude Sunday

November 8

Bring your completed 2027 Intent Card to worship

God's Caring Stitchers

Our knit and crochet group has been busy creating handmade items for people in need. They recently delivered the items listed below. Thank you to everyone who made all this possible!

Cindy Sundstrom, *Coordinator*

- 7 Adult Afghans and 11 Baby Blankets to Bucks County Homeless Shelter
- 8 Lap Robes for Crestview Nursing Home
- 27 Children's Hats and 16 Scarves to Bucks County Housing Group
- 28 Cowls to Pastor Violet Little's Welcome Church in Philly
- 3 Prayer Shawls for people in need of comfort in our congregation
- 92 Newborn Hats to Maternity ward of Capital Health
- 6 Scarves and 50 Prayer Squares to "On Eagles Wings" summer bible study
- 166 Prayer Squares to AHTN and future gatherings
- 50 Chemo Hats to Abramson Cancer Center
- 10 Scarves and 20 Hats to Reach Out Foundation
- 10 Prayer Blankets to patients at Doylestown Hospital
- 6 Baby Blankets, 5 Baby Hats, 1 Sweater, and 6 Lap Robes to ANA
- 8 Lap Robes, 3 Kids Blankets, 1 Baby Blanket, 1 Adult sweater, 12 Cowls, 18 Scarves, & 1 Hat/Scarf Set for NGA, now called "New Clothes New Chances"

Scenes from Reformation Sunday – October 25

Men's Bible Study
Mondays, Nov 9 & 23
7:00pm • the Lounge

God's Caring Stitchers
Fridays, Nov 6 & 20
1:00pm • Room A1/A2

Quilting Group
Thursday, Nov 21
10am – 3pm • Mods

Gals' Book Club
Thursday, Dec 3 • 7:00pm • Sottung's
"The Correspondent" *by Virginia Evans*

Preschool News

The 2s' Halloween

The trips to Styer Orchard, fire department visits and Pumpkin night were great opportunities for fun and learning for the preschoolers. The staff enjoyed an opportunity for fun and learning on our P**rofessional Development Day**, led by the *Environmental Education Specialist* at Tyler Park. She and her team presented Gardening Lab and a curriculum full of wonderful activities for preschoolers. In the afternoon, we toured *Adams Hollow Community Garden* in Bristol where several master gardeners taught us about gardening and composting. We came home with lots of ideas, books and even a greenhouse and lights to get us "growing."

The students are now learning about God's fall blessings; preparing for the *Harvest Social*. After the program, we will enjoy appetizers and desserts in Fellowship Hall. Preschool families bring non-perishable items for the church's food drive. At the end of the month, the children will begin to learn about Advent.

Thank you to those who supported our pie fundraiser. Order forms are available in the Commons between services on **November 1** or download at THIS LINK. **Place orders by Monday, November 2 at 9:30am**.

Thanksgiving blessings to you and your family!

ELCA Good Gifts *"Thank you for your generous gift of $5,119.76 to the ELCA Good Gifts. This money will benefit the Safe Water Project. Your Good Gift is a very good gift indeed! You equip God's people with what they need to live abundant lives."*

[Sunday School, the Service Ministry monthly collection in July and specific individuals all contributed to create this total gift.]

Emergency Relief Association *"Thank you for your donation of 798 pounds of food during the third quarter of 2026. Your generosity helps those in our community avoid hunger."*

[This includes food collected in the **Lobby of Love** ❤ in addition to our garden harvest.]

NOVEMBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 **ALL SAINTS' DAY** Worship 8:45 & 11a Education 10a Worship Mtg Noon Speed Faithing 5p	**2** Counters 9:30a	**3** **PRESCHOOL CLOSED** Staff Mtg 11a Women's Bible 6:30p Rejoice! 7:30p	**4** AV Team Mtg 10a Musicians Mtg 11a Bell Choir 6:30p Vocal Choir 7:30p	5	6 Knit & Crochet 1p	7 **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION** 11:00a
8 **GRATITUDE SUNDAY** Worship 8:45 & 11a Education 10a Youth Gathering Dinner 5p	9 Counters 9:30a Men's Bible 7p	10 Youth Fundraiser Panera Bread 4p–8p Women's Bible 6:30p Rejoice! 7:30p	11 Reach Out Bible 11a Bell Choir 6:30p Vocal Choir 7:30p Exec Team Mtg 7:30p	12	13	14
15 **NEW MEMBERS JOIN** Worship 8:45 & 11a Education 10a Confirmation Campfire 5p	16 Counters 9:30a Sat Social Plng 9:30a	17 Staff Mtg 11a Women's Bible 6:30p Rejoice! 7:30p	18 Preschool Harvest Social 6p–8:30p Bell Choir 6:30p Vocal Choir 7:30p	19 Church Council 7p	20 Knit & Crochet 1p	21 **QUILTERS** 10a-3p **SATURDAY SOCIAL** 5p – 7p *with* **YOUTH HANGOUT**
22 **CHRIST THE KING** Worship 8:45 & 11a Education 10a	23 Counters 9:30a Preschool Chapel 11a Men's Bible 7p	24 Preschool Chapel 11a Staff Mtg 11a Women's Bible 6:30p Rejoice! 7:30p	25 **PRESCHOOL CLOSED** Reach Out Bible 11a Bell Choir 6:30p Vocal Choir 7:30p	26 thanksgiving **OFFICE CLOSED**	27	28
29 **ADVENT 1** Worship 8:45 & 11a No Education	30 Counters 9:30a	Advent begins a season of waiting, hope and preparation as we turn our hearts toward the coming of Christ. As candles are lit and familiar promises are read, may we make room for God's peace and watch with renewed expectation for the light of Jesus.				

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