

Covenant NEWS



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November-December 2015
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Voices of The Church Through The Ages

You might have assumed that the huge carillon bells were installed at the time of construction of the Covenant bell tower in 1951, but they were actually a feature installed a decade later. A fundraising campaign was launched, and each of the bells is engraved with a dedication by the donor, and each one was named after an apostle or leaders of Lutheranism in the countries across the world. These details are set out on our website (<http://covenantmaplehts.org/about/church-history/building-fixtures.html>).



On December 3, 1961, the Lutheran Church of the Covenant installed the bells into the tower which had originally been dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Emma F.L. Stettinisch. These carillon bells rang out hymns and praises to God over the years, and were aptly titled: "Voices of the Church Through the Ages."

In 1986, having up-dated the system, the congregation re-dedicated these bells. At a cost of some \$12,500, the system was reprogrammed to permit these bells to ring out, to sound their voices in hymns, in songs or praise, to call people of all ages to worship, and to provide a musical heritage for all to hear.

The program from 1986 includes the explanation of the bells originally prepared and used on December 3, 1961. It gives us a neat 'look-see' into the bells themselves, together with their names, and how the monies were originally raised to pay for them.

Special thanks and appreciation were offered to the following who were involved in refurbishing the Bells in 1986: Van Bergen Bellfoundries, Noel Jones, Inc., and Richard E. Pavelka. In addition to these, Alex Hohenstein, congregational president, spent many, many hours of volunteer labor in working with these men in readying the system; the Board of Managers, Charles Welker, Chairman, assisted by Edward Fojta, David Draves and George Lautanen prepared the Bell Tower for the workmen.

As time passed into the new millennium, the control system crashed, and mechanisms have deteriorated. Thanks to a \$7,000 donation from Bob Buettner, Covenant able to purchase a new control system in 2013 from the Verdin Company. The carillon bells gained new life and automation thanks to their old, familiar friend and caregiver, Alex Hohenstein.

Please visit our website to see more photos, dedication booklets and newspaper clippings related to the Bell Tower.



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The 2016 Stewardship Campaign

The Stewardship Drive Temple Talks at the Saturday and Sunday Services on November 7-8, 14-15 and 21-22 will feature presentations by Barb Gaglione, Board of Finance Chair Gwen Susanek, Council President Ted Lockmiller, and Vice President Dick Ptak. Pledge forms are being collected now. Please see the insert in this newsletter. This year our budget planning has been complicated by the pastoral call process. Having a budget in place allows the Lutheran Church of the Covenant to plan and carry out its ministries. Thank you all for being cheerful givers. Transcripts of the Temple Talks are provided below.

Week 1: Written by Gwen Susanek

My husband Tom's cousin and her husband had nothing. They lived in a small apartment, received a disability income which was a very small amount for two people to live on. They never had any extra money for clothes or things that most of us take for granted. They did have a van which was handicap-equipped but sometimes toward the end of the month they didn't have enough money to put gas in the van.

In spring of this year, "Mary" passed away after suffering one of her many seizures and falling down the cement steps to do laundry. She never regained consciousness and her husband, "John" had to make the decision to take her off life support.

Throughout the years, we helped them with food, clothes, toiletries and gas money. Every Christmas Tom and his other cousin would take Mary & John out to dinner at The Olive Garden, their favorite place

to eat. They appreciated everything.

After Mary passed away, Tom continued to visit and help John. He had a 25 year old, 24" TV but with all of the new, fangled stuff they have for TVs now, he couldn't watch his TV. We gave John the TV from the back bedroom and to John it seemed like he was in a movie theater.

I guess the whole idea behind this story is that there are people all around us, family, friends and neighbors that are in need more than we are and to give is such a good feeling. Giving comes from the heart and when we give our offerings each week, it is coming straight from our hearts. We know the money is used to keep our church going, whether it be paying the employees, utility companies or for repairs. It is our congregation's generosity coming from our hearts that keeps everything running just as Tom and I tried to keep the household running for Mary and John.

Week 2:

Written by Gwen Susanek, based on ELCA Stewardship Newsletters

The small catechism teaches that daily bread includes everything that we come in contact with on a daily basis, that supports the needs of our body, everything from food and water, to government, good neighbors, etc.

In the end, it will all be taken away from us, not because of punishment, but because this is not the goal of our lives. When we are gone, that is when we will truly live and it will not include the things mentioned above, because we will be with the Lord, our Savior.

People are always taking inventory of what they have or comparing what they have to the person next door. But again, in the end we will have nothing, because all the material things that we have today are

just loaned to us while on this earth. We will be in heaven with the Lord. Being in heaven with the lord, we will no longer need material things, but will be embraced by his love in eternity.

As stewards of God, he shows what he has done for us and given to us. We give our first fruits to Him and his church.

We are all God's beggars. We brought nothing into this world and we will take nothing out of it (1Tim 6:7). Set your offerings in comparison to your total income. This makes it a sacrifice, a spiritual gift. Set the money aside for the Lord and trust that He will provide.

Week 3:

From *Our Daily Bread*, Friday, September 4, 2015, by Poh Fang Chia

Today's Reading: Ephesians 4:7-16

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

People Power

The whole body... grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

A man was boarding a train in Perth, Australia, when he slipped and his leg got caught in the gap between the train carriage and the station platform. Dozens of passengers quickly came to his rescue. They used their sheer might to tilt the train away from the platform, and the trapped man was freed! The train service's spokesman, David Hynes; said in an interview, "Everyone sort of pitched in. It was people power that saved someone from possibly quite serious injury."

In Ephesians 4, we read that people power is God's plan for building up His family. He has given each of us a special gift of His grace (V. 7) for the specific purpose that "the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work" (V. 16).

Every person has a job to do in God's family; there are no spectators. In God's family we weep and laugh together. We bear each other's burdens. We pray for and encourage one another. We challenge and help each other to turn from sin. Show us, Father, our part in helping Your family today.

Are you a spectator or a participant?

What gifts do you have?

In what ways can God use you to help others grow closer to Him?

We need each other to get to where God wants us to go.

Save the Date!

Saturday, 11/21, 1:00-3:00 pm:
Community Meal at Hathaway United
Methodist Church,
6060 Turney Road, Garfield Hts.

Friday, 12/4, 6:45 - 8:30 pm:
St. Nick Nite children's event.
See back cover.

Saturday, 12/5, 2:00 pm
United Handbell Choir performs at
Gallery One. See page 6.

Thursday, 12/10, Noon:
Retirees' Luncheon
Call the Church Office to sign up for
lunch! See page 6.

Monday, 12/14, 10:00 am:
Bible Brunch

Thursday, 12/17, 5:00 PM:
Covenant-Hope Community Meal

Thursday, 12/24, 7:00 PM:
Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, 12/26:
No Saturday Evening Eucharist

Sunday, 12/27 9:00 AM
Service of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, 12/27 10:45 AM
Sunday School
Interactive Christmas Program

Office Closed

After an Advent season
which is sure to be
blessed and memorable,
but also busy at Covenant,
the office will be
closed beginning
Thursday, December 24
and will be open on
Monday, January 4.

Blessed Birthday Wishes to...

A blessed birthday to each of the following Covenant members born in November:

- 2nd- Matthew Marik
- 3rd- Heidi Zimmerman
Donna Franz,
Steve Senderak
- 7th - Donna Kobella
Jordan Koenig
- 11th - Don Rusher, Jr
- 12th - Dave Gaglione
- 14th - Lois Williams
- 24th - Elsie Balogh
- 26th - Marge Kriynovich
Vince Besdenjak
- 29th - Emily Garberich
- 30th - Dylan King

Happy Anniversary

Wishes to...

- 11/17 Elaine & Keary Knerem
- 11/27 Donna & Bob Franz

(if any important dates have been omitted, please notify the church office so records can be corrected!)



Wow!! What A Wonderful Sixth Season For The Covenant Farmers Market

Our 13th Saturday of the season was the Harvest Festival with scarecrow making, face painting, and tractor hay rides. The usual produce with pumpkins, hay bales, and corn stalks were there for that Fall feeling. There are so many thanks for all that helped out to make it a WOW season. Vince, our Manager, had set-up started before 8:30 A.M. along with help from Rich, Tonya, and others. Vince had choreographed assembling and disassembling the canopies with four people performing. Our able Assistant Manager had to take over one time when Vince was not able to be there. Paula arranged for the bakery, while Janet had soups and salads for the market. Donna made pies every market along with being treasurer. Mary Kaye and Jody brought produce from the market each week. Jody was our main waver to vehicles passing by the Church. Annie helped with the customers, identified the greens, and did some waving duty. Gary with his lemon bars, Ann, Jen, Claudia, Laura, Marie, and many others baked and helped at the market.

Mary Kaye along with Tonya from the Lions of Maple Heights made and sold hot dogs and a pop for one dollar -- a good money-making item, it brought in a lot of people. Our vendors were the Avon Lady, Vivian, Sonia with baked goods, and Tonya from The Lions Club of Maple Heights. Marie was a great help and does not even belong to our Church. She says "I get more out of helping than I give." Nancy filled in where ever needed. Again thanks to the many that helped out for a few Saturdays.

As Director, I had the easy job of updating the rules and purpose, writing the letter for the permit from Maple Heights, tracking our vendors with their registration cards, and getting fresh produce from Ruffeners Hilltop Farms, especially the best sweet corn in Ohio. Brown eggs from a farm in Alliance are the other item I was able to get. Not to mention waving duty when needed.

Our main purpose was to bring good food to the community at a low price. We feel we accomplished this along with making our Church known with our signs out front and waving to all going by the Church. We are able to support our Church by contributing monies from the market to the general fund.

All the participants seemed to enjoy helping at the market, even though we were tired afterwards. All are welcome for next year, vendors, helpers, and customers. We look forward to next year with new and better ideas on how to serve the community. If you have not had the pleasure of being at the market, won't you join us next year? If you had the pleasure please come back!

God's Blessings To All,

Dick Ptak, Director, Covenant Farmers Market



Covenant-Hope Community Meals

The Board of Evangelism & Social Ministry invites you to our monthly Covenant-Hope Community Meals. The meal begins at 5:00 p.m. in the Covenant Parish Hall. They are usually held on the LAST Thursday of each month but due to the holidays, November and December will be different.

We will not be hosting a meal in November, but there will be one on November 21 from 1:00-3:00 pm at Hathaway United Methodist Church at 6060 Turney Road, Garfield Heights, OH 44125. You MUST register by calling the church at 216-663-8438. Eat-in will cost \$1.00, take-out \$2.00.

Our December Covenant-Hope Community Meal will be held on Thursday December 17. Then we will be back on schedule with meals on January 28, February 25, and March 31.

This joint effort originated with Hope United Methodist Church of Bedford, but now also includes Faith Walk Fellowship Church, with each congregation contributing their time and talents in preparing and serving meals. The Maple Heights Seniors have been faithfully attending and enjoying the food and fellowship. We have added entertainment to the monthly event with puppet shows, singing and poetry performances, and movies in the coming months.

It is a great way for the three churches to reach out to a community that is very much in need of a place to gather to discuss concerns and connect with people who really care. The only missing ingredient is attendance by members of Covenant. This is one way to serve Christ with little effort—and you get a delicious meal while you are Reaching Out, Reflecting Christ and Renewing Lives.

Mary Kaye Bernardo, Board of Evangelism & Social Ministry

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee is at present in a holding pattern, as reported previously. Our finances still put Covenant in the category of only being able to afford a part time pastor. Our Synod liaison, Pastor Biermann, has once again reported to us that he has no candidates available for consideration. He will continue to guide us and pray for us as he looks for possibilities. The committee will continue to communicate with Church of the Master with the possibility of negotiating a shared pastor once their covenant with St. John's expires next June.

Chuck Dickey, Call Committee Chairman

Sunday School Classes

The Berean Bible Group now meets with Pastor Harry's class on Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 in the Parlor for morning coffee/goodies, and extensive conversation combined with laughter. The Group is open to anyone. Jody Bernardo teaches elementary to confirmation students and confirmation thru high school kids are with Chuck Dickey. We hope to see even more participants at Sunday School and the potlucks in the future.

Blessed Birthday

Wishes to...

A blessed birthday to each of the following Covenant members born in

December:

- 4th - Shirley Ingham
- 6th - Laura Bewsey
- 8th - Mary Kaye Bernardo
Gwen Susanek
- 14th- Jane Gradert
- 15th- Peggy Smith
- 18th- Heather Lasher
- 20th- Kara Constant
- 24th- Olive Evanofski
- 26th- Courtney Wright
- 28th- Dick Ptak
- 29th- Sheila Werner



January:

- 5th - Linda Wright
- 10th - Maud Wright
- 12th- Joshua Reddig
- 14th- Kelly Bhatnagar
- 16th- Rebecca Werner
- 17th- Phyllis Nemeth
- 20th- John Werner
- 22nd- John Ingham,
Alivia Kyle
- 24th- Bryan Treichel
- 25th- Janet Wilkens,
Karen Zack
- 28th- Jean Smith
- 29th- Jean Rusher

Happy Anniversary

Wishes to...

- 12/4 Belinda &
John Arnold



Adopt-A-Turkey

Southeast Clergy Hunger Center Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Southeast Clergy Hunger Center continues to feed families and individuals in increasing numbers. Because the U.S. Department of Agriculture is giving less food to the Cleveland Foodbank, the Hunger Center's funds don't go as far.

As a result, the Center is asking member churches to consider an "Adopt-a-Turkey" drive to provide turkeys for the families at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

To that end, Covenant has established an "Adopt-a-Turkey fund".

On average, turkeys run from \$12 to \$14 dollars each.

If you are so moved, please make a contribution to the Southeast Clergy Hunger Center, either directly or through the Lutheran Church of the Covenant. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

The United Handbell Choir is performing at Gallery One on Saturday, December 5, 2:00 pm.

All are welcome to come enjoy the holiday music in this lovely art gallery setting.

Gallery One, 7003 Center Street (Route 615) between Rt. 2 & I-90, in Mentor, 44060.

Retirees Luncheon!

The next Retirees Luncheon is set for Thursday, December 10 at noon in the Parish Hall. Mark your calendars!

If you have an idea for a guest speaker, or a topic you would like to learn more about, please notify the church office.

Board of Mutual Ministry

According to Covenant's By-Laws, the Mutual Ministry Committee "shall consist of the President, the Vice President, (chairperson of the committee), the Pastor and three members who are appointed by the Congregational Council." Council has approved the appointment of my nominees: Peggy Smith, Linda Wright, and Allan Treichel. Pastor Stork said he is willing to meet with the Committee as long as he is our presiding minister.

The Mutual Ministry Committee acts as a liaison between the congregation and the staff, and is responsible for the overseeing of the encouraging ministry within the congregation. If you have any concerns or issues to address, please contact any of the Mutual Ministry Committee members and s/he will bring it to the committee.

Dick Ptak, Board of Mutual Ministry

Raise the Roof!

The Education Wing roof replacement and repair of the Parlor/Nursery roof has been completed. The total cost was \$22,825. The Kitchen roof is not in good condition; however there are not sufficient funds to do any preventive maintenance on that roof at this time.

The crack resealing of our parking lot and driveway has also been completed. The total cost was \$2120.

Over the past few months, we have been able to do some plumbing repairs and replacements in our restrooms and also repair a pump/motor for the heating system. This was possible due to specific donations and labor from various members of the congregation. We thank them!!

Alex Hohenstein, Board of Managers

Sunday School Christmas Program on Sunday, Dec. 27

Attendance in the children's Sunday School classes is dwindling, but the spirit of Christmas is not!

The Board of Education is planning an audience participation Christmas program during the Sunday School Hour on December 27.

Come and celebrate the meaning of Christmas and participate in the Christmas program! No rehearsals necessary, just the spirit of Christmas.

See you there!



First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33: 14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3: 12-4: 2;

Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

Today we are reminded of our fragility. We hear about the second coming of Jesus. Why does this reading frighten us? For those of us who believe in Jesus and love him, Jesus comes as the fulfillment of our deepest dreams and longings. But at the same time this reading informs us that everything we are used to, everything we take for granted – the very ground we walk on – will cease to exist. It isn't just that our own personal lives will someday end, but that everything material that we have worked for will no longer exist. So with this Advent we are again asked to examine the theme of life with its beginnings and endings.

1. What am I hoping to accomplish in the time I have left on earth?
2. What is it right now that seems to be giving meaning to my life?
3. How does what I hope to accomplish and what gives me meaning affect others?

Ultimate holiness is God. Imagine for a minute a "holiness" magnet with its two opposite poles. One pole pulls you toward ultimate holiness and the other towards a life absent of all meaning.

1. Where do you find yourself on this continuum?
2. What are some specific things that pull you in either direction, towards the Holy Spirit or the world?



Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

The crowds came to John with a longing and expectancy and asked him what they needed to do for salvation. John answers with a basic morality that we've heard all our lives. He speaks of a morality of justice and charity. The person in a position of authority is to use power justly. People are never to abuse their power. And to the people in general, he says, "If you have two cloaks, give one to the poor. Share your food with the hungry." After hearing this, the crowd is still full of anticipation and asks if he is the Christ. John answers that he is not, that one greater than he is coming.

Imagine John the Baptist is talking today (like Dr. Phil) and giving you some "straight talk". "Here is what you need to do. Don't abuse power. If you have extra material goods beyond your needs give them to others. Trust in God to fulfill you."

1. If you heard these "straight talking" words, how would they call you to live life differently, live life more in line with the level of God's kingdom?

2. What things would you have to change in your life?

A good coach enables you to improve your game. A great coach enables you to improve your life. John the Baptist is a good coach. He tells his followers what to do; he gives them a deeper way to live the game of life. John then points the way to Jesus. Jesus is a great coach. He doesn't just want his followers to change a few things about their lives. As with his followers, he calls us to a whole new level of life. He wants our whole life – all of it. If we lose our life we will find it.

1. What would you have to do to give your whole life over to Jesus?
2. What keeps you from this life of radical trust?

Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6



John the Baptist preaches a baptism of repentance in a world where the rough way would need to be made smooth. Jesus was born into a world of light and darkness, a world of cultural delights and problems. We are born into the same world. Our attitudes and values begin at birth to be shaped by our environment. Our values, though sometimes very good, are still in some ways distorted. This is a result of original sin. Imagine a time line with your birth date at the beginning left of the line. Imagine further that this is the early years of your life, up to age 10. Good things and bad happen to you.

1. Can you remember a few things/events that could have led you into the darkness of sin?
2. Can you remember some life-giving circumstances that allowed you to grow in holiness and wellness?
3. How have your choices after age 10 influenced your walk with God?

*We Wait Together
for the Lord
Advent 2015*

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45



The gospel tells us "that as soon as Elizabeth heard the voice of Mary at her door, the baby in her womb leapt for joy." Ideally this is the effect the Incarnation should have on us all. God loves us! God likes us! God has chosen to become one of us! We need today, no matter where we are at on our faith journey, to leap for joy.

Jesus took flesh 2,000 years ago and lived with us and saved us. Jesus again takes on humanity in our baptisms. He says, "You are mine, I love you and I'm going to make my dwelling in you. From now on, you are a new creation. It is not only you acting or talking but also me acting and speaking in you. You are my eyes, my hands, my feet, my compassion to the world." The hardest thing to believe about the Incarnation is that our God, Emmanuel, is still with us. We have to believe in His presence in the continued life of His Church and in us individually. We need to hear Him speaking through the Scripture, the words of our liturgies, our sacraments and our ordinary lives.

1. Have I ever thought about my baptism as a way that Jesus' presence is incarnate in the world today?
2. How do I see Jesus acting through my hands or my mouth to others who need Jesus?
3. Can I think of a time that Jesus has ministered to me through the actions of another person?

For this Advent and Christmas season make a commitment to spend time with Jesus the way we do with our friends, listen to His words and act in concrete ways to show Him our love.

*Resources for Discussion & Reflection -- 2012
from the Lutheran-Catholic Covenant Commission*

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

NOVEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 Sunday School Hour	2 Board of Elections set up in Parish Hall 5:45 pm ** ECOT TESTING Nov 2-4	3 Board of Elections in Parish Hall All Day 7:00 pm Bd. of Worship & Music in Parlor	4 9:00-2:00 **	5	6	7 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
8 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 Sunday School Hour 10:30 Altar Guild Meeting	9 10:00 am Bible Brunch in Kitchen Overflow	10 7:00 pm Council Meeting in Parlor	11	12 7:30 Lion's Club Meeting in Parish Hall	13	14 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
15 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 Sunday School Hour	16	17 7:00 pm Evangelism & Social Ministry Mtg. in Parlor	18	19 7:00 pm Board of Education Mtg. in Parlor	20	21 1:00-3:00 pm Community Meal at Hathaway UMC 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
22 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 Sunday School Hour	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
29 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 Sunday School Hour	30					

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

DECEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 pm Bd. of Worship & Music in Parlor	2	3	4 6:45 pm St. Nick Nite	5 2:00 pm United Handbell Choir at Gallery One 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
6 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 Sunday School Hour	7		9	10 Noon Retirees Luncheon 7:30 Lion's Club Meeting in Parish Hall	11	12 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
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20 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 Sunday School Hour	21	22	23	24 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas Day Office Closed	26 NO Saturday Evening Eucharist
27 9:00 am Lessons & Carols Service 10:30 Sunday School Program	28 Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30 Office Closed	31 Office Closed		

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

JANUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
3 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School Hour	4	5 7:00 pm Bd. of Worship & Music - Pastor's Office	6	7	8	9 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
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31 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School Hour						

Those Who Serve

	Asst. Min	Lector	Crucifer	Ushers	Altar Guild	Greeters	Euch. Min.
Nov 1	Maud Wright	Nel Lanese	Emily Garberich	A. Treichel, B. Treichel	J. Rusher, C. Senderak,	Joan & Mike Garvin	Barb Gaglione; Annie Copeland
Nov 8	Marie Zahn	Bert Zahn	Jody Bernardo	D. Schirmer, K. Frajter, S. Dobush	J. Skowronski, G. Susanek	Arlene Lasher	Nell Lanese
Nov 15	Alex Hohenstein	Ted Lockmiller	Ethan Lockmiller	M. Garvin, B. Zahn	C. Frajter, J. Garvin, M. Zahn	Alex and Paula Hohenstein	Rich Nemeth; Jen Lasher-Dobush
Nov 22	Allan Treichel	Steve Dobush	Katie Garberich	A. Treichel, B. Treichel		Don and Ron Schirmer	Donna & Bob Franz; Janet Wilkens
Nov 29	Madeline Ptak	Dick Ptak	Jody Bernardo	S. Senderak, V. Besednjak	S. Werner, H. Scheller,	Janet Wilkens	none
Dec 6	Nel Lanese	Maud Wright	Emily Garberich	A. Treichel, B. Treichel	A. Copeland, P. Hohenstein	Bob & Donna Franz	Barb Gaglione; Annie Copeland
Dec 13	Bert Zahn	Marie Zahn	Ethan Lockmiller	D. Schirmer, K. Frajter, S. Dobush	M. Ptak, N. Lanese, L. Bewsey	Lois Gerstenberger	Joan Garvin; Nell Lanese
Dec 20	Allan Treichel	Steve Dobush	Emily Garberich	M. Garvin, B. Zahn		Barb Gaglione	Rich Nemeth; Jen Lasher-Dobush
Dec 24 7:00 Christmas Eve	Alex Hohenstein	Ted Lockmiller	Katie Garberich	K. Frajter, M. Garvin, S. Senderak, V. Besednjak	M. Ptak, N. Lanese, L. Bewsey, J. Rusher, C. Senderak, J. Skowronski, G. Susanek	Harry and Sheila Werner	none
Dec 27	Dick Ptak	Madeline Ptak	Ethan Lockmiller	S. Senderak, V. Besednjak	J. Rusher, C. Senderak, J. Skowronski, G. Susanek		Donna & Bob Franz; Janet Wilkens
Jan 3	Maud Wright	Nel Lanese	Jody Bernardo	A. Treichel, B. Treichel	C. Frajter, J. Garvin, M. Zahn	Annie Copeland & Hazel Scheller	Barb Gaglione; Annie Copeland
Jan 10	Marie Zahn	Bert Zahn	Katie Garberich	D. Schirmer, K. Frajter, S. Dobush		Mary Kaye Bernardo	Joan Garvin; Nell Lanese
Jan 17	Alex Hohenstein	Steve Dobush	Emily Garberich	M. Garvin, B. Zahn	S. Werner, H. Scheller,	Bert & Marie Zahn	Rich Nemeth; Jen Lasher-Dobush
Jan 24	Madeline Ptak	Dick Ptak	Ethan Lockmiller	A. Treichel, B. Treichel	A. Copeland, P. Hohenstein	Claudia & Steve Senderak	Donna & Bob Franz; Janet Wilkens
Jan 31	Allan Treichel	Ted Lockmiller	Katie Garberich	S. Senderak, V. Besednjak	M. Ptak, N. Lanese, L. Bewsey	Dick & Madeline Ptak	none
Feb 7	Nel Lanese	Maud Wright	Emily Garberich	A. Treichel, B. Treichel		Joan & Mike Garvin	Barb Gaglione; Annie Copeland

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The Lutheran Church of the Covenant

proudly presents its annual

St. Nicholas Festival

Friday, December 4, 6:45-8:30 pm

The St. Nicholas Festival is free & open
to all children of the community along with their parents,
aunts, uncles, grandparents & friends,
who are welcome to assist the children with crafts & activities.
All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.



REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

and is limited to the first 40 children, ages 3yrs-8th grade
Call (216) 662-0370 with names and ages of children to register.

Festivities Include:
Fun Advent Crafts, Christmas Music, The Story of St. Nicholas,
Light Refreshments of Cookies & Punch

The Lutheran Church of the Covenant 2016 Stewardship Drive

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- Worship services
- Ministries
- New opportunities to serve
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