

# Covenant NEWS



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# Covenant Farmers' Market

Our season is winding down. Our last day will include the Harvest Festival on October 8. Another good season, with some rain days which forced us to set up inside, elbow-to-elbow with the Rummage Sale, but it encouraged market shoppers to peruse the rummage sale too.

As intended, we have many faithful shoppers that come every time and new ones every Saturday. Hot dogs and pop for a dollar is increasing to over 100 sold every Saturday. That certainly kept Ted Lockmiller, our Congregational President, busy this last Saturday as a new helper to the Market.

Many thanks to Janet Wilkins with her soups and salads, Donna Franz, with all her pies and her role as our treasurer. Also Vince Besednjak, as manager of the market, has continued organizing and overseeing the operation. There are many others who cheerfully give their time helping as Annie Copeland, Marie Prendergast, Madeline Ptak, Joan Garvin, Steve and Claudia Senderak, Rich Nemeth, Tonia Black, Mary Kaye and Jody Bernardo, Nancy Langtry, and several others.

Our faithful vendors, Avon (Vivian Paul), The Tiny Jelly Co. (Tom Shelley), and breads & treats (Sonia McKnight), are a part of the Farmers Market knowing each other and helping out where needed. Our Harvest Festival will have face painting, scarecrow making, tractor rides, pumpkins, hay bales, and corn stalks. We will close out the season for this year, but not for Covenant Farmers Market. Each year it gets better, by adding customers, vendors, helpers, and a bigger appearance in the Community. Please consider helping out these last few weeks and/or next year!

*Dick Ptak, Director  
Covenant Farmers' Market*



**October-November 2016**



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## Congregational Assembly Meeting

Sunday, October 16, after the 9:00 worship service, we shall gather in the Parish Hall for a Congregational Assembly Meeting. At that time we shall present the proposed budget for 2017, and discuss the status of the Call Process.

Please plan to attend. This church cannot function without your help and prayers as plans are made for the coming year.

### *Save the Date!*

**Sunday, 10/2, 10:30:**

Joint Eucharist Service with  
Triune Lutheran Church  
Followed by a Potluck Luncheon

**Saturday, 10/8, 9:30 - 1:30:**

Fall Harvest Festival & Covenant  
Farmers' Market

**Thursday, 10/13, Noon:**

Retirees' Luncheon  
Speaker: Bishop Allende

**Sunday, 10/16, 10:45:**

Congregational Assembly Meeting

**Thursday, 10/27, 5:00 PM:**

Covenant-Hope Community Meal

**Sunday, 11/6, 9:00 AM:**

All Saints Day service honoring  
loved-ones who passed this year

## *Mutual Ministry Committee*

What is the Mutual Ministry Committee? It is the avenue between our Pastor and the Congregation. As specified by our Constitution and Bi-Laws, the vice president of Congregational Council is the Mutual Ministry chairperson and the president of Congregational Council is a member. There are to be three additional members appointed by Council. The current members are Linda Wright, Peggy Smith, Allan Treichel, Council President Ted Lockmiller, and me. Naturally our Pastor, when we select one, will also be a member.

We have had two meetings with Pastor Stork, since he was our supply Pastor for over a year. Our last meeting was mainly drawing on his knowledge on things we should be looking for in a minister for our Congregation. He said we are very good at administering to our shut-ins and ill, and have a good Administrator in Jen Garberich as well as being our Church Secretary. We would need a minister for our spiritual needs and to help us reach out in the community.

One of my concerns was not getting feedback from our Congregation. He suggested putting a request in the bulletin periodically and the newsletter with a tear-out to write questions and concerns. Look for that in the future. He said he would pray for us and we wished him God's Blessings for the future.

*Dick Ptak*

*Mutual Ministry Chairperson  
Congregational Council Vice President*

## A Get-Acquainted Potluck with Triune Lutheran Church on October 2nd

The Call Committee has met with the committee from Triune Lutheran Church of Broadview Heights, to discuss our 'yoking' together and sharing a pastor. They planned a get-together for the two congregations. Following a joint worship service with our members and the members of Triune, which will be held at 10:30 AM on Sunday, October 2, we will be hosting a potluck lunch.

Covenant will provide the main dish and beverages. Please join us and bring a side dish or dessert to share.

The joint call committees will begin interviewing pastoral candidates soon!

## Stewardship

Where did the year go? It seems like only yesterday that we were talking about Stewardship for 2016 and it is already time to consider our commitments in the coming year to do what God calls us to do in 2017. The Farmer’s Market, Camp Covenant, the community meals, and home communion for our shut-ins exemplify Our Mission Statement of “Reaching Out, Reflecting Christ, Renewing Lives”.

In this time of transition, it is easy to feel apprehensive about the future. It seems like forever since we had a full time pastor and were comfortable with how things were going. Sometimes, the more things change, the more they stay the same. Pastors have changed, but our commitment to Covenant, this community and the larger Church has remained the same, and have maybe even been strengthened. Don’t we feel a little tighter bond to one another, a little more committed to “make this work”?

While we may a little uncertain about what Covenant will look like next year or the year after that, God has a plan for each and every one of us and Covenant as a whole. Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. Each one of us has a special talent to offer, time to give, and treasures to offer; “alone we can do so little; together we can do so much” (Helen Keller).

As the time approaches to make our pledges for 2017, please prayerfully consider what your commitment of your time, talent and treasure will be in 2017.

In Christ’s name,

*Gwen Susanek, Chairperson of Board of Finance  
& Barb Gaglione, Stewardship Coordinator*

## All Saints Day

On November 6, our worship will commemorate those who have died in the past year. Traditionally as each name is read during the prayers of intercession, a bell will be tolled and a candle will be lit.

We remember with sadness the absence of the faithful departed, but at the same time, we celebrate with joy and thanksgiving to God the life they shared with us while on earth. By faith, we are also assured that we will be in communion with them again through the hope of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who conquered death and rose to eternal life, so that we too might live a new lift.

As is written in God’s word through the book of Daniel: “But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever -- forever and ever.”

Join us to celebrate the lives of our dearly departed who will be remembered on All Saints Sunday: Rosemary Linert, Eleanor Lautanen, William Balogh, James Svoboda, Heidi Zimmerman, Rita Eitel, and Shirley Ingham.

## 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.

## Blessed Birthday Wishes to...

each of the following Covenant members born in October:

- 1st- Jane Schuetz
- 6th- Elaine Knerem
- 7th- Marquise Lane
- 17th - Katie Garberich
- 23rd - Sara (Kobella) Rittmeyer
- 24th- Jennifer Lasher-Dobush
- 26th - Steve Dobush
- 28th - Bert Zahn
- 31st - Bishop Allende,  
Ryan Spychola

and each of the following Covenant members born in November:

- 2nd- Matthew Marik
- 3rd- 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...

- 10/10 Donna & Steven Kobella
- 10/12 Jennifer & Steve Dobush
- 10/16 Nell and John Lanese
- 10/18 Bert & Marie Zahn  
Nancy & John Werner
- 10/22 Madeline & Dick Ptak
- 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!)



## In Memoriam

Two long-time members of The Lutheran Church of the Covenant entered the Church Triumphant recently.

**Rita Eitel** passed away on August 20 at the age of 91. She is survived by a family who loved her dearly: daughter Christine Goodrich (Robert) and son Steven Eitel (Dotti); the loving grandmother of Erin Brown (Michael), Kevin Goodrich (Tammy), Jeffery Goodrich (Shannon), Sean Eitel (Michelle), Melissa Bartok (James) and Lance Baldwin (Sandi); the cherished great-grandmother of Meghan, Allison, Tyler, Logan, Michael, Madison, Emma, Abby, Blake and Brady; the adored sister of the late Louise Good; and the dear aunt of Donna Snider and Wayne Good.



Rita grew up in the St. Andrew Lutheran Church of Cleveland and was a founding member of The Lutheran Church of the Covenant when it was formed by the merger of St. Andrew and Trinity Lutheran Church of Maple Heights. Christine was the first girl baptized at the newly-formed Covenant. Rita was active at Covenant, serving as a Sunday School teacher for many years.

**Shirley Ingham**, who passed away on September 30 at the age of 84, was the beloved wife of John Ingham for 64 years. She was a loving mother to Gail, Karen, Donna, Mark, Kimberly and Denise, who blessed her with many cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

As faithful members of Covenant for over 50 years, both Shirley and John made their faith in Jesus as Savior and participation in church life a foundation of family life. Shirley was an officer in many Covenant organizations, including chairperson of the Greeters, and of the Covenant Women's Guild. She was very active with the Miriam Circle and the Altar Guild.



We thank God for having given us these two faithful servants to know and to love as companions in our pilgrimage on earth. And we pray that God keeps us in faithful communion with them until that day when we are all gathered into God's heavenly home.

## Sunday School and Retirees

**Sunday School classes have resumed.** Rev. Harry Werner will be teaching a unified class for all of the adults. Chuck Dickey and Jody Bernardo look forward to leading the teens and younger students.

**The next Retirees Luncheon** is set for Thursday, October 13 at noon. Mark your calendars!

The featured speaker this month is someone you might have heard of before... Bishop Abraham D. Allende! He will share photos and stories from his recent trip to South Africa.

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

# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

## OCTOBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:30-1:30 Farmers' Market 5:00 pm Saturday Eucharist
2 Get Together w/ Triune Lutheran Church 10:30 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 Potluck Luncheon	3	4 7:00 pm Bd. of Worship & Music in Parlor	5	6	7	8 9:30-1:30 Farmers' Market & Fall Harvest Festival 5:00 pm Saturday Eucharist
9 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 Sunday School Hour	10 7:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal	11 7:00 pm Council Meeting in Parlor	12	13 Noon Retirees Luncheon	14	15 2:00 Wedding in Sanctuary 5:00 pm Saturday Eucharist
16 9:00 am Sun. Eucharist 10:30 Congregational Assembly Mtg 5:00-8:00 Confirmation at CTK Twinsburg	17	18 7:00 pm Evangelism & Social Ministry Mtg. in Parlor	19	20 7:00 pm Board of Education Mtg. in Parlor	21	22 5:00 pm Saturday Eucharist
23 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 Sunday School Hour	24 ***** ECOT TESTING	25 ***** ECOT TESTING	26 Weekdays Oct. 24 - Nov 11	27 9:00-2:00 5:00 pm Covenant-Hope Community Meal	28 *****	29 5:00 pm Saturday Eucharist
30 Reformation Sunday 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 Sunday School Hour	31 ***** ECOT TESTING	***** ECOT TESTING	Weekdays Oct. 24 - Nov 11	9:00-2:00 *****	*****	

# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

## NOVEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
	*****	ECOT TESTING 7:00 pm Bd. of Worship & Music in Parlor	Weekdays Oct. 24 - Nov 11	9:00-2:00	*****	5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
6		7	8	9	10	11
Daylight Savings Time All Saints Day 9:00 am Sun. Eucharist 10:30 Sunday School Hour	*****	ECOT TESTING	Weekdays Oct. 24 - Nov 11	9:00-2:00	*****	5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
13		14	15	16	17	18
9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 Sunday School Hour 5:00-8:00 Confirmation at CTK Twinsburg		7:00 pm Evangelism & Social Ministry Mtg. in Parlor		7:00 pm Board of Education Mtg. in Parlor		5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
20		21	22	23	24	25
Christ the King Sunday 9:00 am Sun. Eucharist 10:30 Sunday School Hour					Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	Office Closed
27		28	29	30		26
First Sunday of Advent 9:00 am Sun. Eucharist 10:30 Sunday School Hour						5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist

## Server Schedule - October & November

	Asst. Min	Lector	Crucifer	Ushers	Altar Guild	Greeters
10/2	Alex Hohenstein	Nel Lanese	Jody Bernardo	A. Treichel B. Treichel		Alex & Paula Hohenstein
10/9	Allan Treichel	Ted Lockmiller	Katie Garberich	D. Schirmer K. Frajter S. Dobush	C. Frajter, J. Garvin, M. Zahn	Don & Ron Schirmer
10/16	Dick Ptak	Madeline Ptak	Emily Garberich	M. Garvin B. Zahn		Janet Wilkens
10/23	Marie Zahn	Bert Zahn	Ethan Lockmiller	A. Treichel B. Treichel	S. Werner, A. Copeland, P. Hohenstein	Barb Gaglione
10/30	Alex Hohenstein	Steve Dobush	Jody Bernardo	S. Senderak V. Besednjak		Harry & Sheila Werner
11/6	Nel Lanese	Maud Wright	Emily Garberich	A. Treichel B. Treichel	M. Ptak, N. Lanese, L. Bewsey	Annie Copeland
11/13	Allan Treichel	Ted Lockmiller	Katie Garberich	D. Schirmer K. Frajter S. Dobush		Mary Kaye Bernardo
11/20	Dick Ptak	Madeline Ptak	Ethan Lockmiller	M. Garvin B. Zahn	J. Rusher, C. Senderak, J. Skowronski, G. Susanek	Bert and Marie Zahn
11/27	Bert Zahn	Marie Zahn	Jody Bernardo	S. Senderak, V. Besednjak		Steve and Claudia Senderak
12/4	Maud Wright	Nel Lanese	Emily Garberich	A. Treichel, B. Treichel		

The Lutheran Church of the Covenant proudly presents its annual

## *St. Nicholas Festival*

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.

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

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



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The newsletters are always available our website [CovenantMapleHts.org](http://CovenantMapleHts.org).

## Covenant Farmers Market

**Every Saturday through October 8**

**9:30AM - 1:30PM**

**Fresh Produce Baked Goods Handmade Crafts & Goods Grilled sausages and hot dogs with a can of pop**

**Stop by for lunch and pick up your week's produce & desserts!**

## Fall Harvest Festival

**Saturday, October 8**

**Scarecrows, Hayrides for Kids, Fall Treats**

Potential vendors may obtain more information at 216-662-0370 or [covenantlc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:covenantlc@sbcglobal.net)

(This market does not qualify for the Maple Heights market voucher program)