

NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating Their First Communion

On Sunday, November 7 the following young people will share in their first communion at St. John's: Conner Hardin, Katelyn Kline, Corey Markovits, Austin Propst and Roger Thatcher. A picture of this year's class is included on the second page of this newsletter.

Thank you parents for encouraging your child with your presence in class and your support at home.

Feed My Sheep Gifts

This month our gifts of food will be shared with the Shenandoah Women's Center located on Raleigh Street. The center exists to aid women and their children suffering through abusive relationships. Housing, meals and clothing are provided throughout each family's transition period.

As with all our food drives, the usual staples are very important - soups, pastas, peanut butter, jelly, cereals and canned vegetables.

Covenants

If you have not turned in your covenant, please do so as soon as possible. The church office is in the process of completing committee assignments for next year and a new worship assistants schedule is due for mailing. Thank you!

50-Year Members

This year's class was presented on Sunday, October 31 and the honorees included: Jewell Louise Wall, Bruce Eagle Eyler, Obert Wilson Orr, Marlo Jean Barnhart, Richard Brooke Ettinger, Ned Marion Feltner and Frances Johnson Castleman. Congratulations and thank you for your faithfulness in serving our Lord.

Time Change - November 7

"Harvest Home" (Our Thanksgiving Offering)

Included with this newsletter is a special offering envelope, which is part of a project our parish has sponsored for over 35 years. We call it the "Harvest Home" Appeal and intend it to raise monies for our National Lutheran Home in Rockville, Maryland.

Every year we talk about offering our thanksgiving to God for his many blessings and we know it is an important part of every Christian's life and ministry to take time to thank our creator for his gracious blessings and love.

One of the ways St. John's attempts to do this is in remembering those elderly who depend so completely on the support of their fellow Christians. Over 90% of the more than 300 residents of this retirement and nursing facility have exhausted all their assets.

The monies we receive from the "Harvest Home" Appeal are forwarded to the Home with the only request being that they be used to provide something "special" for the residents. Often times our gifts are used to provide something extra in a dietary way, and occasionally, our gifts provide an unusual entertainment event. The idea is always that our gifts be used to bring something "extra" to the residents' lives.

I hope you will want to participate! Whatever you give will truly be a blessing!

Church Decorating and Graham Cracker Houses

The members of the Good News Sunday School Class invite members of the congregation to join them on Sunday, November 21 to decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

There will also be an opportunity for our young people to make graham cracker houses in Luther Hall while their parents are decorating the church. However, please notify Linda Riley to make sure that a house is available for your child. All participating parents are asked to bring a package of candy for the decorating. These will be provided.

A potluck meal will end the activities.

Confirmation Classes Beginning

The new classes will be starting Sunday, November 7 at 4PM in Luther Hall. Bess Day will be leading the 8th grade class and Pastor Riley will head the 9th grade class. All classes will be held in Luther Hall.

For the first class parents are asked to accompany their child/children to help with scheduling issues and to answer any questions there may be.

Again this year, the class schedule will be limited and parents are especially asked to make a special commitment to have their child/children present for classes.

Women of the ELCA Soup and Sandwich Sale

10AM-3PM Friday - November 5th in Luther Hall

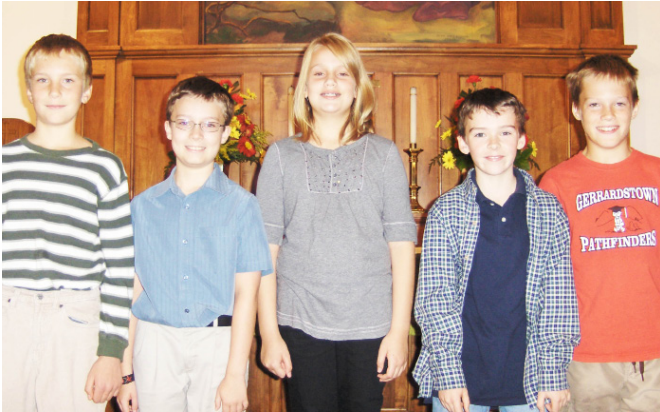
From the Parish Register

First Communion Class

On Sunday, October 17, the final class in this year's communion instruction was held. Members of the class from left to right are: Corey Markovits, Conner Hardin, Katelyn Kline, Austin Propst and Roger Thatcher.

The class members will receive their first communion on Sunday, November 7 at whichever service they normally attend.

Each year the class is offered to young people in the 5th grade of school or ten years of age.



Apple Harvest Parade Pictures

Included in this article are a number of pictures of members of the church who participated in the parade. This year was a little more unusual with a larger number of church members involved. Below are some pictures and commentary.

Apple Trample 5K Race

Two of our members participated this year - Bess Day and Teddy Roberts. Bess was posing for the picture and showing her rejoicing at the end of the event. Teddy was moving so fast that by the time I got my camera up he was already by. However, I was able to capture a very good picture of his "other side."



Other Participants

Other members were part of the parade in various ways. Some marched, while others drove. Two of our teachers were advisors to one of the largest cheerleading groups I have ever seen and I know they had their hands full all day. And then there was Sabrina Calabrese who was sound asleep when I took the picture below. It had been a long day for her by the time she got to St. John's.



Russ Voelker drove the Civilian Air Patrol entry

Sabrina Calabrese enjoyed the sun and the ride. You have to love the tiara.

And in the far right picture, how about that beautiful smile from Sarah Calabrese in her Girl Scout outfit.



Women of the ELCA Food Sale



The weather was wonderful and the people came hungry which was great for the Women. The lines of people stayed long most of the parade and everyone went home tired but happy as the result.

Thank You everyone who helped!

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Our Junior Choir Singing

Directed By Jennifer Moss
Sunday, November 14th
Second Service!
Please come and lend your support to this fine ministry of the church!

SPECIAL NOVEMBER EVENTS!

NOVEMBER 5 - Soup and Sandwich Sale in
Luther Hall **10:00AM - 3:00PM**

NOVEMBER 14 - the deadline for devotions to be included in the Advent Booklet. Sunday, November 28th is the first Sunday in Advent.

NOVEMBER 21 - PIE SOCIAL following both worship services. This will replace the "Coffee Hour." The purpose is to use this as a social event to kick-off the Thanksgiving holiday. We are asking for church members to bring their favorite pie to the social to help promote fellowship and fun.

NOVEMBER 21 - Church Christmas Decorating and Graham Cracker Houses for the young people. The time will be announced soon! Watch the bulletin!

NOVEMBER 28 - Congregational voting on Trustees and Church Council Members are both services. You will be voting on five Council members and one Trustee.

The CHURCH OFFICE will be CLOSED Thanksgiving Day, November 25th, and Friday, November 26th.

Thank You everyone who volunteered to write an Advent devotional!

**The 3rd Sunday of each month is
"RAISE THE ROOF" Sunday (November 21st)**