

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you** – to our Ushers: Bob Yoder – to our Worship Assistant: Rebekah McKenzie – to our Acolytes: Stella McKenzie and Mackenzie Favero – to our Altar Guild Members: George & Kris Meade, Donna & Bob Yoder, Audrey Ferris and to our Reconciler: Bela Molnar.

*Thanks to Cole Kelly for playing the oboe for today's service. Cole is one of our youth who are going on the Mission trip in June, 2019, to Lorraine OH.  
We appreciate Cole sharing his music with us this morning!*

**THE CHANCEL ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Richard Dutzman; Given by his parents.

**THE CHANCEL ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Dorothy and John Schoch; Given by the Bernardini Family.

## **WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

Tina Ashbaugh  
Dorothy Beacom  
Janet Beall  
Rob, Dana, Laurel Beatty



## **WE ALSO PRAY FOR:**

6:00 Pat & Don Andelmo, Damian Arenth, Dorothy Beacom, Bill Bichsel, Linda Birge, Linda Bradish, Sandy Buehner, Jeanne Clark, Edna Dymond, Deborah Ethier, Chuck and Irene Evans, Julie Fallin, Evelyn Gilbreath, Nancy Hartwick, John Heilman, Peggy Henry, Maureen Horansky, Dora Ann Huth, Abby Johnson, Cindy Lemon, David Little, Lindsay Little, Grace Lucas and Bob Lyons.

10:00 John MacDonald, Donna Magerl, Audrey Mauro, Derek McClemens, Christopher Molar, Linda O'Donnell, Michael O'Donnell, Gary Oswalt, Gage Peters, Rich Radcliffe, John Ring, John Russell, Theresa Russell, Tony Santacasa, Sarah Schlegel, Patti Smith, Mary Sorrells, Wilma Stewart, Arlene Switzer, Marianne Trainor, Gail Verico, Dawn Werner, Joy Wisneski, and Gloria Zagorac.

*(Have you asked us to include the name of a person on our prayer list whose condition has been improving and whose name can be safely removed from our weekly prayer list? If so, please contact the church office.)*

**FAMILY FUND:** We have exceeded our goal by \$820.30.

**ATTENDANCE:** Nov 17: 6:00 pm – 54 Nov 18: 10:00 am – 79

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Pastor  
Pastor Emeritus  
Organist  
Parish Administrator

Wayne G. Gillespie  
Steven J. Myers  
Nancy Finke Sheehan  
Sheri C. Segiel

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**YOUTH MISSIONARIES, CHAPERONES, PARENTS:**

Mark your calendars for our next meeting on **December 2** after the service. We will be collecting Sarris candy orders, as well as providing additional trip updates.

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**Congregational Christmas Party**

**Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. at  
Denunzio's Italian Trattoria ~ Monroeville.**



*Christmas Party*

**(Check made out to Christ's Lutheran Church is due ASAP)**



You are invited to a **Birthday Party for Jesus!** Please join us on **December. 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 9:00 am in the Upper Social Hall. There will be music from our talented students, cake, activities and lots of Christmas Spirit.

***Our whole church family is invited to come!***

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## ***OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE***

It is time to, once again, gather together and assemble a team of Mission Partners to serve on next year's church council.

2019 will bring about a change in direction for our leadership. We will be reducing the number of Council Members from 12 down to 9.

We will be organizing as ministry teams and working to eliminate the individual committee assignment / responsibility. Our goal is to make it easier to serve the members of the congregation. We will need to fill three positions to have the 9 members we need for church council.

I will be speaking about this in the coming weeks.

Please give this some prayerful thought and if you are willing to step forward and help us with this important work, please let me know.

Respectfully,  
Dave Hanshew  
Council President

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## ***CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN***

We are taking orders for Christmas poinsettias now through **December 17<sup>th</sup>**. Order envelopes are in the Information Center. All poinsettias will be red and cost \$10.00 per plant. Order envelopes may be placed in the offering plates or the Parish Administrator's mailbox.





“Need to do some holiday gift shopping? Who doesn’t enjoy a sweet treat under the tree?”

The youth missionaries will be sponsoring a Sarris candy fundraiser now thru December 2 in order to raise more funds for the mission trip! Four different ways to order, see below:

1. Pick up a brochure in the church foyer, complete and return it to the labeled return box (in the main foyer).
2. Go to [sarriscandiesfundraising.com](http://sarriscandiesfundraising.com) to browse items and when ready to order, type in group **ID number 10-3311** so our kids get credit.
3. Seek out one of the youth missionaries to place an order. You’ll see them in the brightly colored yellow shirts at upcoming services, and their names and pictures are on the bulletin board in the foyer.
4. Order by contacting Gretchen Kelly by email at [kellys567@verizon.net](mailto:kellys567@verizon.net) or by cell phone (412) 720-7230 or Trish Lasher at email [nurse5051@comcast.net](mailto:nurse5051@comcast.net) or by cell phone (412) 956-2294.

***(Cash or check made out to Gretchen Kelly)  
(Candy will be delivered on Dec 13, 2018)***

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***The Plum Food Pantry’s Annual Christmas Toy Drive  
is now in progress.***

Our congregation has always generously supported this program. The children’s name tags and signup sheet are located in the church entrance hall. Please attach tags to gifts. They would prefer the gifts to be un-wrapped. If the gifts are wrapped, please write on the tag what is inside the package. This avoids duplication of gifts for the same child. *Gifts must be brought in by Sunday, **December 9th.***



Thank you for participating in this important ministry!

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**YOUTH GROUP** - CSFP Senior Food Box Packing with the Westmoreland County Community Food Bank will be on December 15<sup>th</sup>. We will help to pack over 1,300 boxes for senior citizens (age 60 and over) in our community.

**Those attending should park on left side of building and enter through double green doors. Follow signs to registration area. No open-toed shoes are permitted and you must be 14 years of age to participate in the event. Remember to wear layers for a chilly warehouse!**

**Address to this event is: 100 Devonshire Dr. Delmont, PA 15626.**

### *Tis the Season!*

Christmas caroling will take place after the Sunday worship service on **December 16<sup>th</sup>**. Please meet in the upper social hall and bring a packed lunch. We will enjoy lunch and then head out to spread Christmas Joy.

There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby. Contact Melany Andree at [brettmelandree@gmail.com](mailto:brettmelandree@gmail.com) or 724-697-4279 with any question.



**Hope to see you there!**

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Christmas  
Concert

With all of the hustle and bustle of the holidays, we are pleased to welcome the **Kiski Valley Community Band on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**. We're looking forward to this family- favorite night of music.

This jolly group of musicians will perform selections sure to lift your spirits and will be followed by refreshments in the social hall. The free-will offering collected will benefit the Plum and Kiski Area Food Banks.

*If you would like to attend, but need transportation, please call the church office and we'll make arrangements so you don't miss this fun holiday event. (Please do this by Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.)*

Bring your family, invite your friends and neighbors and enjoy an evening of wonderful Christmas music!

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### **Join us for "Hark and the Not-So-Heavenly Choir"**



Children's  
Program

This year our Sunday School is excited to present **"Hark and the Not-So-Heavenly Choir"** on Sunday, **December 16, 2018 at 9:00am** in the Sanctuary. The program will feature musical performances from our youth and then a fun filled program that everyone will enjoy.

For Sunday School students: We will have dress rehearsal during Sunday School on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> and then tentatively again on Saturday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> from 10am-11am. For more information contact Melany Andree at [brettmelandree@gmail.com](mailto:brettmelandree@gmail.com).

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**Caring Hearts & Hands will meet on  
Thursday, DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm at  
Palmieri's Restaurant**



# The Shofar

November 25, 2018 – Week 91



**Calling our Mission-Partners to Prayer  
and to the Daily Reading of Holy Scripture**

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## **This Week's Daily Bible Readings**

### **Sunday – Christ the King Sunday**

Morning – Revelation 1:4b-8

Evening – John 18:33-37

### **Monday**

Morning – 2 Kings 23:15-25

Evening – Revelation 11:1-14

### **Tuesday**

Morning – 1 Samuel 17:55 – 18:5

Evening – Revelation 11:15-19

### **Wednesday**

Morning – 2 Samuel 2:1-7

Evening – John 16:25-33

### **Thursday**

Morning – Nehemiah 9:6-15

Evening – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

### **Friday**

Morning – Nehemiah 9:16-25

Evening – 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

### **Saturday**

Morning – Nehemiah 9:26-31

Evening – Luke 21:20-24

### **Council Weekly Prayer Request**

The Church Council is asking you to pray that the Lord will stir our hearts and bless us as we reflect upon our budget for the coming year, and as we seek people who feel called by God to join others who are leading our congregation into the future.

### **Pastor Wayne's Weekly Prayer Request**

Pastor Wayne asks you to pray for religious leaders in the Pittsburgh area who are continuing to gather with each other to discuss ways that we can continue to support the members of the Tree of Life synagogue and work together to foster new and deeper levels of understanding in our communities.

### **Please remember those who are grieving:**

Laurel Gillespie, Eric Waxbom, Betty Reagan, Ally Hauger, George Truby, Dorothy Beacom, Lori Ruggiero, Pastor Wayne Gillespie, Linda Hess, Amy Lederer, Jennifer Vanhorn and Marlene Gerdes, Jack Savage, Grace Lucas, Sandra and Alex Thompson, Marlene Earl and Marianne Trainor.

**(This is a list of our congregation's mission-partners who have recently experienced the loss of one of their close family members. The process of grieving can take a very long time, and those who are moving through a painful time of transition appreciate receiving words of hope and encouragement from their friends, and are comforted by the fact that they are remembered by you.)**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**Sunday 11/25/18 through Sunday 12/2/18**

**Sunday 11/25**      ***Christ the King Sunday***

9:00 am      Sunday School  
10:00 am      Traditional Worship  
7:30 pm      Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Monday 11/26**

6:30 pm      Cancer Support Group  
8:00 pm      Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

**Tuesday 11/27**

9:00 am      Sewing Group  
5:30 pm      Kindermusik

**Wednesday 11/28**

10:00 am      Kindermusik  
6:00 pm      Girl Scouts  
6:30 pm      Christian Life Community Meeting  
7:00 pm      Boy Scouts

**Thursday 11/29**

**Friday 11/30**

10:00 am      Kindermusik

**Saturday 12/1**      ***Congregational Meeting***

6:00 pm      Come as You Are Worship

**Sunday 12/2**      ***Congregational Meeting ~ Advent begins***

9:00 am      Sunday School  
10:00 am      Traditional Worship  
11:00 am      Mission Trip Meeting / Sarris Candy order due  
7:30 pm      Narcotics Anonymous Meeting