The Chronicles

November 2026 A newsletter for the friends and family of Christ's Ev. Lutheran Church

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Deacon's Corner

Giving Tuesday – December 1, 2026

I recently had an opportunity to meet with my colleagues of the Upper Bucks Conference and the topic of stewardship came up. Our meeting then led us to discuss how many non-profits take advantage of ***"Giving Tuesday"*** campaigns as a means to offer folks the opportunity to give easily on line to the organizations of their choice. We could not help but ask the question: "Why Not Us?"

As many of us know, over the summer months our congregations experience shortfalls in giving as folks are away on vacation and regular church attendance drops. We believe that participating in the ***Giving Tuesday*** campaign can help us to make up those shortfalls so necessary to continue doing the ministry here at Christ's Evangelical Lutheran that God has placed on our hearts and has called us to do by generous donors providing the resources needed.

Thrivent is committing $3 million to boost support of organizations like ours through their **Giving *Tuesday*** *campaign* and so we want to invite you to please consider giving an additional gift on **Giving Tuesday, December 1, 2026.**

To make a donation:
Visit thrivent.com Giving Tuesday, December 1, 2026
To make a donation: https://thrivent.com/resources

This will take you to the page that says: *"Together We Can Do More"* Scroll down until you see *"Partnering for greater impact."* Under that is a block to click that says: *"Search Organizations."* Click this box which will take you to the page where you can type: Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Trumbauersville, PA, and the church will appear. There will be a "Donate" button to the right which you can click. The site will walk you through the rest of the process to make your donation.

Again – We thank you for your consideration to make a gift to the church.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at kafflerbach@gmail.com or call me at 215-715-7497.

Blessings,
Deacon Kathleen Afflerbach

UPreach Committee

The UPreach Committee focuses on nurturing faith, deepening relationships with God, and inspiring all generations to grow in faith and service.

The Committee is comprised of:

- Christian Education
- Worship & Music
- Bells of Blessings Handbell Choir
- Milestone Ministry
- Youth Committee

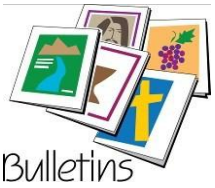
November Worship Services

Sun, Nov 1	***All Saints Sunday***
9:00am	*Worship Service with Holy Comm and Deacon Afflerbach* ***(Lighting of Candles for members and Family and Friends who have passed since last All Saints Day)***
Sun, Nov 8	***24th Sunday after Pentecost***
9:00am	*Worship Service with Deacon Afflerbach*
Sun, Nov 15	***25th Sunday after Pentecost***
9:00am	*Worship Service with Deacon Afflerbach*
10:15am	***Congregational Meeting***
Sun, Nov 22	***Christ The King Sunday***
9:30am	*Joint Worship Service at St. John's Lutheran Church Richlandtown*
Sun, Nov 29	***First Sunday of Advent***
9:00am	*Worship Service with Holy Comm and Deacon Afflerbach* ***Lighting of the Advent Wreath***

2026 Average Sunday Worship Attendance

October: 28

Year to date: 25



Bulletin Sponsors

Given to the Glory of God by

Nov 1	**Becky & Paul Gerhart, Jr.** in honor of **his mother, Evelyn.**
Nov 8	**Marilyn J. Bobb** in honor of **her brother, David Bobb.**
Nov 15	**Paul Gerhart, Jr., Post Commander of John Rivers Memorial VFW Post 11322** in honor and memory of **All Veterans.**
Nov 22	**NO Sponsor Needed.**
Nov 29	**Karen Landes.**

The cost to sponsor bulletins is $20.

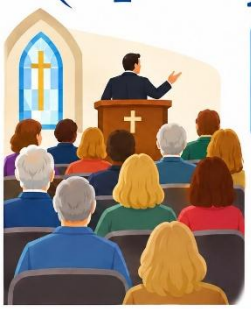
INreach Committee

The INreach Committee helps support the life and ministry of our church by working behind the scenes to ensure we are good stewards of what God has given us.

The Committee is comprised of:

- Finance
- Property
- Stewardship
- Communications
- Memorial Garden

Congregational MEETING



Join us on
Sunday, Nov. 15th at 10:15am
for our Annual Meeting.

We will be discussing the 2027 budget and voting for new Council Members.

We ask that all members try to attend this meeting.

A Note from the Financial Secretary

Reminder!

If you purchased something throughout the year and would like a credit for it on your statement, please give me a copy of the receipt and don't forget to let me know to whom the receipt belongs!

Thank you!
Joan Kratz

Financial Report

September 2026 Statistics

MONTHLY

September Offerings & other income	$ 3,107.43
September Expenses	$ 5,212.93
Shortfall (-)	**($ 2,105.50)**

YEAR TO DATE

Income	$53,311.
Expenses	$60,714.
Shortfall (-)	**($ 7,403.)**

Offerings can be placed into the offering plate on Sunday, mailed to the Church or dropped off when Cheryl is in the office. We ask for your continued help to support our ministry.

Yours in Christ,
Brian Fenstermacher, Treasurer

Thank You!

Thank you to all who provided Raffle Baskets or purchased tickets for the **Raffle Basket Fundraiser.**

Thanks to all who volunteered and contributed to making the **Trunk or Treat Community Event** happen.
You are greatly appreciated!

Also thanks to everyone **especially Paul Gerhart, Jr.** our Council President who participated or donated to the **Pie the President Event.**

OUTreach Committee

The OUTreach Committee is dedicated to sharing Christ's love through service, support, and connections that strengthen our community and beyond.

The Committee is comprised of:

- Evangelism
- Social Ministry
- Stitches of Love

LOAVES & FISHES

Quakertown Ministerium
FREE Community Dinner
Nov 5th at 5:30pm
(1st Thursday of each month)
at Trinity Lutheran Church
102 N. Hellertown Ave., Quakertown
All are welcome!

F.E.A.S.T. pantry

News!

In **September** we served a total of

Households: 181

101 Children, **207** Adults, **190** Seniors.

We are grateful for the amazing groups of volunteers and those who continue to donate to the Pantry. Thank you all!

Current Needs are:
Spaghetti
Soups, Chilli, Beef Stew
Crackers

Deb & Gary Nace,
Social Ministry Chairperson
and FEAST Coordinator

Nov Worship Volunteers

Date	Lectors	Usher	Acolytes	Communion Assistant	Altar Guild	Council Coordinator
Nov 1 9am Worship Holy Comm Deacon Afflerbach *All Saints*	Michele Daley	Loretta Brugger	Chris Gendeloff	Linda Niemenski	Debbie Nace	Loretta Brugger
Nov 8 9am Worship Deacon Afflerbach *Sunday School*		Paul Gerhart, Jr.	Annabelle Fox	N/A	N/A	Paul Gerhart, Jr.
Nov 15 9am Worship Deacon Afflerbach *Congregational Meeting*	Linda Niemenski	Amy Wulffleff	Ryan Cole	N/A	N/A	Kayla Wulffleff
Nov 22 9:30am Joint Worship at St. John's Lutheran Richlandtown	Joint Worship at St. John's Lutheran Church Richlandtown Christ The King Sunday					
Nov 29 9am Worship Holy Comm Deacon Afflerbach *Advent 1*		Amy Wulffleff	Justin Cole		Linda Niemenski	Brian Fenstermacher

November Birthdays

3 Gavin DeReiter
Scott Heckler
Gerald Landes
4 Linda Niemenski
10 Emma Fox
20 Kyndred Wright
22 Jill Christopher
Olivia Stauffer
24 Kim DeReiter
26 Nelson Gerhart
27 Amy Ruscavage
29 Colin Cole

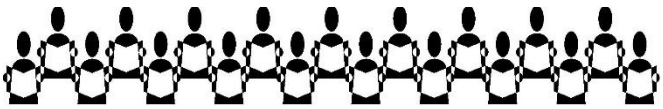
Zion Choral Concert

Performance with 80 member Choir

November 8, 2026 at 3:00pm

Quakertown UM Church
1875 Freier Road, Quakertown, PA 18951

For information: www.zionchoral.com



CHURCH COUNCIL

Church:

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Web Site: http://www.christslutheran.com

Church Officers:

Paul Gerhart, Jr., President (267) 992-4973
Loretta Brugger, Vice President
Amy Wulffleff, Secretary
Brian Fenstermacher, Treasurer
Joan Kratz, Financial Secretary
Rostered Minister
Deacon Kathleen Afflerbach

Committee Chairpersons:

INREACH:

Communications	*Becky Gerhart*
Finance Comm.	*Brian Fenstermacher*
Memorial Garden	*Paul Gerhart, Jr.*
Mutual Ministry	*Michele Daley & Paul Gerhart, Jr.*
Property	*Brian Fenstermacher*
Stewardship	*Open*

OUTREACH:

Evangelism	*Nicole DeReiter*
Parish Life	*Dean Niemenski*
Social Ministry	*Debbie Nace*

UPREACH:

Bells of Blessings	*Cathy Heller*
Worship & Music	*Linda Niemenski & Gail Bambu*
Christian Ed.	*Loretta Brugger Kayla Wulffleff*
Youth Ministry	*Kayla Wulffleff*

Next Church Council Meeting will be held on Nov. 1st at 10:20am

CHURCH COUNCIL

Please pray for:

Gary Atherholt	Mary Jane Fitzgerald	Larry Sweigart
Evelyn Gerhart (Paul)	June Grove	Gail Bambu
Bernie Wilkins	John J. Daley	Penny
David Bobb	Christin Outwin	Caitlin Gifford
Albert	Bruce Faulkner	Beverly Faulkner
Andrea	Dorothy Brinkman	Mary Ann Hamrick
Sharon	Beth Mealey	Dave Watson
J.P. Daley	Mary Roberts	Denise McKnight
Natalie	Becky Gerhart	All Military Personnel

Family of Henry Kane Family of Richard Miller

Great Grand Children of Jack & June Grove
Seaton Richard Jansen who was born on 9/29/26
Serenity Anola Jones who was born on 10/15/26

and Christ's Church in the World

Veterans' Day 2026
Salute to all Veterans

Veterans

Malcom D. Bealer	John J. Daley	Scott DeReiter
Andrew Gerhart	Paul Gerhart, Jr.	Zachary Gerhart
Col. John E. Grove	Chase Hanley	Corey Hanley
Kevin Hoffman	Mark Hosier	Dean Niemenski
Ron Mallery	Fred Reith	Mark S. Schantz
Elliot P. Stauffer	Tobin D. Stauffer	Larry Sweigart
Dave Watson		

In Memoriam

Richard Andre	George Bedford	Russell Benner
Bill Boyle	Brian Brooks	Ed Brous
John Buehrle	George Daniel	John Daugherty
Ken DeReiter	Theodore Ewer	Robert Flack
Willard Fluck	George Ford	Jack Forgash
Ernest Fox	Harold Fox	Robert Fox
Roy H. Fox	Sharon Fox	Terry Fox
Willard Gerhard	Paul Gerhart, Sr.	Harry Griffith, Sr.
Leon Hackney	Ken Heckler	James Horne
John Horne	Hewitt Hutchinson	Harold Jones
Gordy Kissner	Henry Kline	Lloyd Levy
Orvis L. Nace	Alfred Niemenski, Sr.	Walt Orlowski, Sr.
Clair Ortt	Eugene Ortt	Gerald Parvin
Dwight Rist	George Roberts	Earl Rush
Lester Schaffer	Russell Schantz, Sr.	Russell Schantz, Jr.
Barry Seifert	Glenn Stauffer	Clifford Trumbauer
Whitey Sveinbjornsson	David Weaver	Elmer Weaver
Martin Weaver	Jeff Wentz	

Next Easter is March 28th!

The Easter Candy Committee would like to start making the candy **Thursday, January 14, 2027,** therefore we would like to get the supplies starting in November.

The following items are needed for January:

21 51oz. jars of Skippy or JIFF Peanut Butter

82 8oz. pkgs of Cream Cheese

61 lbs. of Salted Butter

94 2lb. boxes of 10x Sugar

8 18oz. pkgs Oreos

5 26oz. jars of Sprinkles (choc & rainbow)

8 tubs of Pretzel Rods

2 16oz. bottles of Vanilla Extract

22 14oz. bags of Coconut

January 2027 Schedule for Making Candy

Jan. 14th • Jan. 18th • Jan. 21st
Jan. 25th • Jan. 28th
12:00pm to 3:00pm

Thank you!

Monetary donations are accepted to offset the cost of chocolate and packaging. Thank you!

President's Corner

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them." — John F. Kennedy

I am an avid believer in that quote. There are people that need that pat on the back and the ones that just do things because they know it is just right. In this day in age there seems to be to many that want that pat on the back.

Your church council are the kind of people that do not need that pat on the back. They do what is asked of them because God gave them the talents. Just think back about everything that happened at "YOUR CHURCH" this year. I was blessed to work with them the last two years. I will be taking a year off as President of Congregational Council. There are two open seats that need to be filled.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

On November 15 after church, we will be having our annual budget meeting. This has been a decent year financially. We could always do a little better. If are reading this and have not donated this year, please consider donating. We have 2 more months till 2027 will be here. With Deacon Kathleen Afflerbach leading us it has helped us financially, honestly otherwise we would have a major deficit. If you have not been to church to meet Deacon Kathie, come out and meet her.

The Deacon has been like the analogy "bread and butter" which is often used to illustrate **partnerships or complementary relationships**. She has been at every event we had plus more. She brings a lot to the plate with knowledge she gains at Synod meetings.

There is a group meeting to update the Bylaws. They have not been updated since 2010. Our next step is the updating of the Constitution and the Church Council handbook. Once this is done, we will send it off to Synod for approval. When Synod approves them, we will propose them to the congregation.

Our annual Trunk and Treat was well attended. We had 14 stations set up. Our pavilion kitchen was open, and we had our raffle baskets out. We did something out of the ordinary this year. It was called "Pie the President" for a dollar donation. We raised $98 for a Lutheran Charity called "Lutheran Congregational Services."

With the holidays coming, I am going to close with this.

"**Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." — Marcel Proust "**

Paul Gerhart, Jr., Council President

NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9am Worship Holy Communion Deacon Afflerbach *All Saints Sunday* 10:20am Church Council Meeting	**2**	**3** 11am FEAST Pantry	**4**	**5** 5:30pm Loaves & Fishes Trinity Lutheran 6pm FEAST Pantry	**6**	**7**
8 9am Worship Deacon Afflerbach Sunday School 3pm Zion Choral Concert @ Quakertown UM Church	**9**	**10** 11am FEAST Pantry 5:30pm Girl Scouts 6pm Code Blue Dinner	**11** 6:30pm-7:30pm Confirmation Class Deacon Kathie	**12** 6pm FEAST Pantry	**13**	**14**
15 9am Worship Deacon Afflerbach 10:15am Congregational Mtg 4pm Thanksgiving Dinner & Ministry Update	**16** 1pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting	**17** 11am FEAST Pantry 7pm Caregiver Support Group Meeting	**18** 6:30pm-7:30pm Confirmation Class Pastor Rachel	**19** 6pm FEAST Pantry	**20**	**21** 11am FEAST Pantry
22 9:30am Joint Worship at St. John's Lutheran Church Richlandtown	**23**	**24** 11am FEAST Pantry 5:30pm Girl Scouts 6pm Code Blue Dinner	**25**	**26** Thanksgiving NO FEAST Pantry Office Closed	**27**	**28**
29 9am Worship Holy Communion Deacon Afflerbach First Sunday of Advent 2pm Success Rehab	**30**					

You're Invited!

2026 Congregational Thanksgiving

Potluck Dinner & Ministry Update

Dear Church Family,

As we approach the season of gratitude, it is time to gather, share a meal, and celebrate everything God has done in our community this year. Please join us for our

Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner

November 15 at 4:00pm
Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall.

This will be a wonderful night of shared food, warm fellowship, and a special update on the status and vision of our church as we look back on 2026.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the board in the Narthex if you are attending and what food you are bringing to share.

Thank you!

Join the Caroling Caravan

Christmas visits to our shut-ins will take place on

Sunday, December 6th at 2:00pm

Meet up at the church parking lot to caravan or drive separately.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to attend.

Any questions or to sign-up please call the Church Office at **(215) 536-3193** or email at **christselca@verizon.net.**

Thank you!

Trumbauersville Fire Company

— Station 58 —

Holiday BAZAAR

Saturday, November 7, 2026
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Firehouse Located at
142 N. Main St.
Trumbauersville, PA 18970

Local Crafters
and
Food in the Firehouse Kitchen

Come and get a head start on your Christmas shopping!

Thank you for supporting the Fire Company!

Help us DECORATE for Christmas!

On Sunday, December 6
following Worship Service

We will be decorating our church for the celebration of Christmas!

We will be putting up and decorating the Christmas tree!

Everyone is invited to help.

Please mark your calendars.

We need you!

Thank you!

Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to help decorate the church for Christmas, please order some poinsettias. They are available in the following colors: **Red, Pink, White, Marble** (pink & white) and **Red Glitter** (red w/speckles) for $8.00 per plant.

You may order flowers in honor/memory of loved ones. The list of those honored/remembered will be in the Christmas Eve bulletin and the January Chronicles.

Complete the form below to order poinsettias and place it in the offering plate or mail it with your payment to: Christ's Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 569, Trumbauersville, PA 18970.

The order deadline is Sunday, December 6, 2026. Questions can be directed to the Office.

Name of sponsor:_____

Phone Number: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Number of plants & colors: _____ Amount enclosed: $_____

Feel free to use more than one order form.

In Lieu of Flowers – Gift to the Following Fund(s)

Memorial Fund $_____ In memory of: _____

Organ Fund $_____ In memory/honor of: _____

Pastor's Discretionary Fund $_____ In memory/honor of: _____

FEAST Pantry $_____ In memory/honor of: _____

Deficit Reduction Fund $_____ In memory/honor of: _____

Name of sponsor:_____

Phone Number: _____ Envelope Number: _____

Amount Enclosed $_____

VETERANS CROSSES FOR SALE

The crosses are hand crafted wood. There is a 3" medallion in the center with **"US VETERAN"** burned onto the medallion. No other decoration on medallion.

There will be a solar waterproof pathway light on top of each cross to light the graves.

The crosses will be placed in the Christ Union Cemetery as a group on Easter March 28, 2027.

Price for Each Cross

$15.00

We are looking for a $200 initial investment to make 100 crosses.

Donations for initial investment or orders can be placed immediately. Thank you!

The proceeds for this fundraiser will go to the Trumbauersville Fire Company Station 58.

Checks should be made payable to **Paul Gerhart, Jr.** as chairman of this fundraiser.

For more information you can call Paul at

(267) 992-4973.