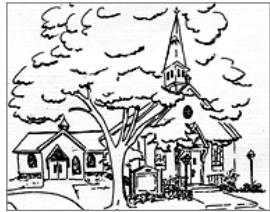


# November 2018

A Caring Community Empowered  
by God to be Disciples of Christ

Cooksville  
Lutheran  
Church  
News



*"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation.*  
" ~Hebrews 11: 1-2



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## A Horn of Plenty

Kelsey Wollin Dunn

As the American holiday of Thanksgiving nears, Christian bellies growl in anticipation of the bountiful feast of baked turkey, seasonal squash, sage-infused stuffing, and potatoes mashed in a manner singular to different families—lumpy, or no lumps?

We all have our traditions!

And our centerpiece on our dining room table, too, which often times incorporates, or is, a cornucopia. The cornucopia most commonly displayed is a hollow, horn-shaped woven basket from which grains, gourds, leaves, or other seasonal decorations tumble.

While many of us associate the cornucopia with Thanksgiving, it was around long before the Pilgrims came to America.

The word "cornucopia" is from the Latin "cornu" (meaning "horn") and "copia" (meaning "plenty") dates back as far as 5 B.C., and is abundantly, but variably, explained in Greek mythology.

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**The annual meeting will be held the first Sunday in February. All groups and committees can submit their Annual Reports to the office anytime between now and mid-January.**



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We celebrate Thanksgiving with a vague nod to a hazy history-class lesson of a time when the Pilgrims arrived in the New World and feasted with the Native Americans Indians who helped them. After all, it is easier to just have all the first-grade kids trace their hand on construction paper and color a turkey than to get into the politics and religion of the history lesson!

The Pilgrims came because they had fled religious persecution in England. They were Puritan Separatists and it was illegal not to attend official Church of England services. They faced fines, penalties, imprisonment and execution. They fled first to Holland and then to American to settle a colony and be free to worship in the manner in which they believed, which was that worship of God should be independent of the trappings, traditions, and organization of a central church. They believed in God and they trusted in him as they embarked on this brave journey...



Land was sighted on November 9, 1620. The passengers had endured miserable conditions for about 65 days, and it is said they were led by William Brewster in Psalm 100 as a prayer of Thanksgiving:

<sup>1</sup>Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his<sup>[a]</sup>;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.

<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

In one legend of the cornucopia, it was said to have provided endless sustenance, refilling itself with whatever its owner requested. In our congregation, we know that Jesus is that for us, filling us endlessly with all that we need, and overflowing our hearts with his mercy and Grace.





# CONNECT

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. ... You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Mk 12:30

**CONNECT** continues to plan activities and discussions designed to learn more about each other this year.

After Harvest Dinner, we will be the coffee/treat team for the following Sunday, Nov. 11. Join your church family for a CONNECT activity at the coffee fellowship time!

**Gathering meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month.** The group has made lots of Lefse and hopefully will do Christmas decorating and Christmas boxes. Pat Foltz keeps us aware of Skaalen activities. We served the Sept bingo birthday party at Evansville Manor. We also have been responding favorably to special financial requests.

The Nominating Committee has been meeting in preparation for the coming Annual Meeting in February. Stay tuned for the January Newsletter where nominees will be announced!



**And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.**

*Hebrews 10:24-25*





# Worship Matters

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. -Psalm 100:2

## November 4 All Saints Sunday

On this Sunday we remember everyone who makes up the "Communion of Saints":

those in every time and place who are our brothers and sisters in Christ. We especially remember the newly baptized and those who have died in recent years. We believe that we are united in Christ in a ***living*** community that stands before the eternal God who is lovingly present in all places and in all ages.



On Sunday, November 5, you will have an opportunity to light a candle and place it on the altar for your loved ones who have passed into life eternal. Votive candles will be available for you to use.

This is a visual reminder that whenever we stand before God, we stand in the presence of the saints who worship God with us. Whenever we commune, we are joined to the body of Christ — which is a real living community of all who have died and all the baptized throughout the world. ☩

## Book of Remembrance



Katherine Snell

Born: March 21, 1941  
Entered Church Triumphant Feb 4

Tara Krake Davis

Born: July 18, 1983  
Entered Church Triumphant May 13

Reed Remley

Born: December 3, 1957  
Entered Church Triumphant May 20

Wayne Rohloff

Born: May 4, 1931  
Entered Church Triumphant Sept 19

**Rest eternal grant them, O Lord  
And let light perpetual  
shine upon them.**

During the Sundays of November a Book of Remembrance will be on a table in the narthex so that you may write your loved ones' names in it.

## November 26 Christ the King

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the church year. We end the year just like we anticipate the end of all ages — in a festive celebration of Jesus as King of

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Kings and Lord of Lords. He will come again to gather all peoples, living and dead, for the “marriage feast of the Lamb,” which will have no end.

The following Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a new church year.

Throughout the year we will follow in the footsteps of Jesus: in his birth, baptism, ministry, death, and resurrection. ☩

## December 2 First Sunday of Advent

The season of Advent is about anticipating and preparing for Christ's arrival.

The Word of God, Jesus Himself, is “coming to us.” God comes to us in many and various ways. He speaks to us through the prophets and saints. He comes in the beauty and mysteries of nature. Most of all, God comes in the person of Christ, speaking to his listeners face to face. *Emmanuel* — “God With Us” — visited the earth in person, and now, through the Holy Spirit is within every baptized believer and present wherever two or three are gathered in His name. Christ is present with us in the bread and wine of Holy Communion and in the proclaimed Word, the Gospel. ☩



## WELCOME to BETHLEHEM!

Our annual Christmas program will take place on Homestead Sunday, December 16.

This is your chance to invite others to be a part of this Narrative with live participants.

There are:

- a. NO rehearsals
- b. NO lines to memorize
- c. NO worry about where you stand

Instead, there are:

- a. wonderful costumes!
- b. parts for everyone at any age!
- c. many smiles of wonder...  
...as the beloved story of Christ's birth is told by the INN KEEPER.

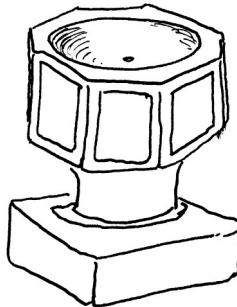
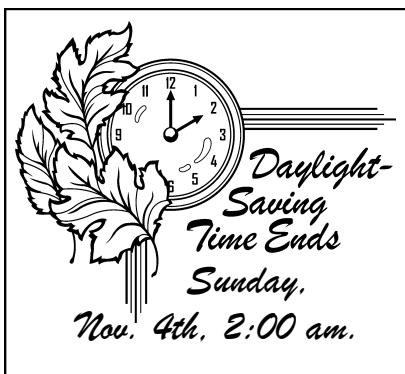
Mark your calendars and invite friends, family and neighbors to be a part of this beautiful visit to BETHLEHEM.





## Sunday, December 2

We need help to decorate the church for Advent & Christmas! Following worship on Dec. 2nd we will decorate the church and fill cookie tins for our special friends, and enjoy a light lunch of sloppy joes and snacks served by the Council!



### Did You Know?

The shape of a baptismal font is often either hexagonal or octagonal, as a reminder or acknowledgement of the 6th day or the 8th day, Good Friday and Resurrection Day.

And, as beautifully stated by Regina Kuehn, author of the book *A Place for Baptism*,

“The baptistry is an abiding reminder of what we once were, what we now are, and what we shall one day yet be...”

**Philippians 4:6-7 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.**

**And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**



# HARVEST DINNER!

**Sunday Nov. 4th!**

Invite all of your friends and neighbors to celebrate the harvest season in Cooksville, and the abundance we are blessed with every day!

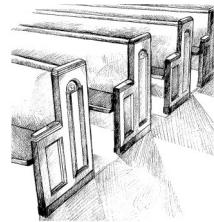
**Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, squash,  
green bean casserole, cranberry sauce,  
dinner rolls, lefse, beverages and dessert!**

Serving from 11:30 am until gone.

Adults \$13 Children \$6 (ages 6-12)

## From the Pews ...

Churches were not commonly furnished with permanent pews before the Protestant Reformation . It was the rise of the sermon as the central act of Christian worship that prompted the need for this now standard item of church furniture.



In some churches, pews were installed at the expense of the congregants, and were their personal property; there was no general public seating in the church itself. In these churches, *pew deeds* recorded title to the pews, and were used to convey them. Pews were originally purchased from the church by their owners under this system, and the purchase price of the pews went to the costs of building the church

Certain areas of the church were considered to be more desirable than others, as they might offer a better view of services or, indeed, might make a certain family or person more prominent or visible to their neighbors. During the late medieval and early modern period, attendance at church was legally compulsory, so the allocation of a church's pews offered a public visualization of the social hierarchy within the whole parish. At this time many pews had been handed down through families from one generation to the next. Alternatively, wealthier members often expected more prestigious seating in reward for contribution to the material upkeep of the church.

*~source Wikipedia*



# November Birthdays

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. - Ephesians 2:10

1 Christian Farberg  
7 Cheryl Haakenson  
Bill Schwarting  
8 Jayne Mallon  
12 Kriss Hamilton

16 Bob Haakenson  
Hope Larson  
18 Jennifer Nelson  
20 Rocky Jaworski  
22 Brook Starks  
25 Trudy Stace

**Quilting News:** Thanks to the generous gifts of time, money and materials, we were able to make 120 quilts this year. We sent 108 to Lutheran World Relief and 12 go to AWARE in Evansville. We thank David Stadt from St. Johns for picking them up for use. We also made a Christmas quilt to be silent auctioned, the proceeds going to one of our food pantries. Bid high, bid often!

## A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Merciful and generous Lord, you open your loving hands and bless us abundantly every day of our lives. Even when we go through dark times — suffering, sorrow, pain, desperation — you assure us that your loving, everlasting arms will not let us go. How generous are all your benefits, how supportive, how comforting to experience.

Today we join with “the great cloud of witnesses” who once praised you on Earth and now glorify you in heaven, offering our deepest gratitude for all the gifts you so generously give.

Accept then our thanksgiving for your love, your grace and all the blessings you bestow on us daily. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.



# Children and Families

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." - Matthew 19:14

Sunday School for elementary-aged children is based on the readings for worship. Students are invited to leave worship during the sermon time, returning in time for Communion with their families. All children are invited to attend, members or visitors. If you know any children who may be interested, please invite them to come to worship!



## This Month's Lessons

Sun. Nov 4th

(No Sunday School)

Sun. Nov 11th

*The Widow's Offering*

Mr. Brandt

Sun. Nov 18th

*Be Ready*

Mrs. Sime

Sun. Nov 25th

*Christ the King*

Mrs. Gregerson

## Sunday School Staff

Curtis Brandt

*(Sunday School Coordinator)*

Rhonda Wethal

Sue Parsons

Linda Sime

Connie Gregerson

Jennifer Nelson



## Adult Bible Study

Join us for  
Adult Bible Study!  
Sundays at 8:45 am.

See you there,  
Betty Hamilton



# Time for Prayer

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. - Acts 2:42

## Wednesday 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary



Jesus said, "My house shall be called a house of prayer." -Matthew 21:13

Coming together for prayer on Wednesdays is an opportunity to do what Jesus commands — to pray in God's house. Praying together also honors the people who have entrusted us with their requests. They trust that we will lift up their loved one in dedicated prayer.

*Thank you, Martha Johnson and Art and Doris Olsen, for praying each Wednesday for all the people on our prayer list and praying for our congregation.*

Everyone is welcome to join in prayer on Wednesdays in the Fellowship Room.

## Members and Friends in Our Prayers

**Please keep the following people in your prayers:**

Donna Haakenson, Steve Ehle, Barbara Kiskunas, Ramona Whittier, Basil Remley, Vicky Hubbell, Ronda Tomlin, Jenn Williamson, Marilyn Kueng, Sue Parsons, Dorothy Helley, Harlow Phillips, Evelyn Beyer, Judy Loy, Dale Westaby, Jan Kettle, Anne Kurey, John Garvan, Kari David, Rev. John Shep.

**CLC Special Friends:** Anna Hanson, Charles Hoff, Don Farberg, Dorothy Froemming, Rhea Wethal, Ruth Erickson, Virginia Sime, David Nelson.

**Military:** Andrew Newcomb, Ben Berge.





## Evansville Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00m  
St. Paul Catholic Church  
39 Garfield Ave.

In every thing give thanks, for this is the will of God  
in Christ Jesus concerning you.

~1 Thessalonians 5:18



### *Looking ahead to the Holiday Season ...*

#### December 2—Sunday

“Hanging of the Greens” at Cooksville Lutheran,  
following worship. Help decorate the church for  
Advent/Christmas and/ or pack cookies for holiday  
boxes.



December 13th “Longest Night” This service will be held on Thursday at 6:00 pm, followed by the release of sky lanterns in memory of loved ones.

#### December 16—Sunday

Homestead Sunday will feature our annual “Welcome to Bethlehem”  
pageant at 10:00 am. See page 5 for more information!

#### December 23—Sunday

Worship will be at 10:00 am, including communion.

#### December 24—Monday “Christmas Eve”

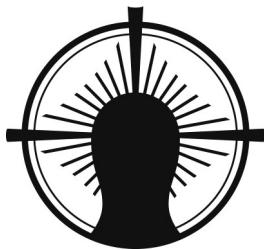
Candle-Light Worship at 4:00 p.m.

#### December 25—Tuesday

*There will be no worship service on Christmas Day.*

## Lifelong saints

Rather than limit the celebration of saints to one Sunday, some churches now observe a Season of Saints from World Communion Sunday (the first Sunday in October) to All Saints' Sunday (the first Sunday in November).



Saints aren't merely exceptional Christians, writes worship director Taylor Burton-Edwards. Instead, they're simply believers, all of whom are undergoing a lifetime of transformation into Christ's own people.

Pointing to a saint-themed hymn by Charles Wesley, Burton-Edwards notes that the lyrics are intended to be an "anthem for a lifetime," not a once-yearly occasion.

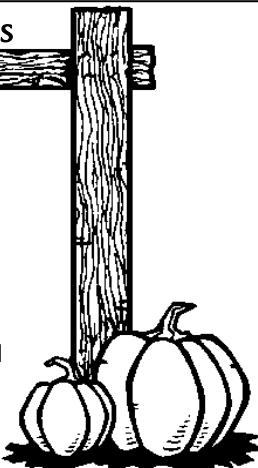
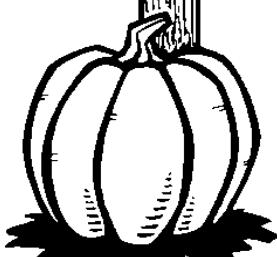
*Come, let us join our friends above  
who have obtained the prize,  
and on the eagle wings of love  
to joys celestial rise.*

*Let saints on earth unite to sing  
with those to glory gone,  
for all the servants of our King  
in earth and heaven are one.*

## Local Food Pantry Needs

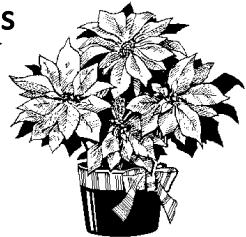
The Evansville Food Pantry gives Thanksgiving bags to families in the area. Area churches donate the items to be included in the bags.

Your participation in this gathering will be greatly appreciated by area families. Announcements will be made when details are known. Thank you!



## Planning Ahead for Christmas Poinsettias

*It is time to start thinking about flowers for Christmas. There will be sign-up sheets for poinsettias at church and in the December newsletter. Please sign up early as the deadline will be coming up before you know it!!*



## Let's Keep in Touch!

Please contact the church office if you or a family member:

- † Have a change of address or phone number
- † Would like to be added to the prayer list
- † Are interested in church membership
- † Become hospitalized or homebound
- † Would like to be baptized

### Church Staff

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Worship Coordinator & Choir Director, Jeanne Julseth: 608-882-0505

*Don't forget to feed  
your maintenance  
men!!*

*If you have the urge  
to do some baking as  
this cold weather  
begins to creep in to stay, be  
sure to drop off some of your  
extra cookies or treats for our  
Tuesday Group to enjoy while  
they volunteer of their time  
seeing after the physical needs  
of our church!*

*Thank you!*



### 2018 CLC Council

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**Rhonda Wethal (Sec.) 320-7184**

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Herb Hanson 455-6778



# November Worship Leaders

Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.

-Psalm 100:2

	Nov 4	Nov 11	Nov 18	Nov 25
Assisting Minister	Erik Haakenson	Ilene Axford	Kevin Brekke	Curtis Brandt
Ushers	Rosa Hanson & Cheryl Haakenson	Rosa Hanson	Rosa Hanson & Rich Krake & Rocky Jaworski	Rosa Hanson
Lector	Connie Gregerson	Jennifer Ehle	Linda Sime	Jennifer Nelson
Cantor	(none)	Betty Hamilton	(Homestead)	Betty Hamilton
Altar Guild	Pat Foltz and Ilene Axford			
Usher	Rosa Hanson	Rosa Hanson	Rosa Hanson	Kristie & Douglas Graf
Organist	Paul Haakenson	Naomi Shep	Jeanne Julseth	Naomi Shep
Sunday School Teacher	(no Sunday School today)	Mr. Brandt	Mrs. Sime	Mrs. Gregerson
Coffee Hour Host	HARVEST DINNER	Kathie Gunn	Remley-Brunsell Family	Sime Family

Thank you for helping us worship!

# Cooksville Lutheran Calendar for November 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
<b>Free Blood Pressure Screenings</b> <i>On the first Sunday of every month, a free blood pressure screening will be offered following worship in the Narthex. This service is offered free of charge for all who are interested. Please invite others who may benefit from these free screenings</i>				1	2	3
<b>4 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b> 8:45 Adult Study 9:30 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship 11:30- HARVEST DINNER	<b>5</b> 9 am Quilting	<b>6</b> 9 am Maintenance Group	<b>7</b> 10:00 am Prayer Time 7 pm Choir	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> 8:45 Adult Study 10:00 Worship & Sun. School	<b>13</b> 9 am Quilting	<b>14</b> 9 am Maintenance Group	<b>15</b> 10:00 am Prayer Time 7 pm Choir	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>18 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY</b> 8:45 Adult Study 10:00 Worship & Sun. School 11:00 Fellowship	<b>20</b> 9 am Quilting <b>7 pm Council Meeting</b>	<b>21</b> 9 am Maintenance Group	<b>22</b> 10:00 am Prayer Time 7 pm Choir	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	
<b>25 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b> 8:45 Adult Study 9:30 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship & Sun. School 11:00 Fellowship	<b>27</b> 9 am Quilting 11 am Staff Meeting	<b>28</b> 9 am Maintenance Group	<b>29</b> 10:00 am Prayer Time 7 pm Choir	<b>30</b>		

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