

Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for October: Bonnie Helmick & Arlan Schaeffer

Worship Assistant: Eileen Fisher

Acolyte: Matt Hinkle

Nursery Caregiver: Kira Weller

This week's flowers and bulletins are sponsored by the Sunday School in honor of Sophia Jink's 90th birthday.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Teresa Skoog

Flowers:

2017 Flower & Bulletin Sign-up sheets are posted on the Narthex bulletin board. If you sponsor flowers for the week, please remember to take them with you after the service; if you do not want to take your flowers home, please let Nikki know and she will make sure they get to a shut-in to enjoy.

Last Week

Last Week's Attendance:

Church: 54 Sunday School: 27

Last Week's Offering: \$1,751.00

2017 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,070.65



Rev. Mary Lake-Dillensnyder, Pastor

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October 22, 2017

20th Sunday after Pentecost

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(+) *Those who are able please stand*

Bold - congregation responds as able

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Simple Gifts" arr. by T. Birchwood

+CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Psalm 66
Shout joyfully to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name;
Make His praise glorious, how awesome are Thy works!

+HYMN "All Creatures of Our God" Faith & Praise No. 6

CONFESSION OF SIN
~ Silent Prayers ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)
Hear the Good News in Jesus Christ. We are forgiven;
Thanks be to God.

+GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to The Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen

+STATEMENT OF FAITH (unison) Apostle's Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hades; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty' from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)
Almighty God, inspire our hearts and minds that we may hear anew your message for us today. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON [OT page 475] Psalm 7:1-10

HYMN "Take My Life, and Let It Be" Faith & Praise No. 664

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON [NT page 5] Matthew 6:19-24

SERMON "Being Christian Thru Our Funds" Pastor Mary
PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM "Fall Like Rain" Stan Pethel

+OFFERING RESPONSE
We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE (prayers for local and worldwide concerns)
PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors) Blue Hymnal page 37

+HYMN "Give Me Thy Heart" Faith & Praise No. 672

+BENEDICTION

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you; With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

+POSTLUDE "God Is So Good" arr. by G. Sewell



Welcome Visitors – We warmly welcome you and ask that before you leave today, please make sure to sign the guestbook on the podium out in the Narthex.

Communitas – The weekly Communitas are available for you in the narthex.

Acolytes Needed – Young or Young at Heart are needed to help out. If you are interested please contact Nikki at 610-367-8114 for more details.

Community Outreach Ministry – We will continue to support our local community through Boyertown Multi-Service. For the month of October we will collect a few needed items for Thanksgiving Meals. Please do not feel like you have to contribute but if you can, know it is greatly appreciated by those who are in need! Items needed are:

- Boxes of Apple Cider Mix
- Evaporated Milk
- Boxes of Corn Muffin Mix
- Monetary Donations to Purchase Turkeys (please give donations to Nikki Weller)
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Boxes of Pie Crust Mix

Grocery Gift Cards to Support Missions: Giant, Redner’s, & Weis – See Connie Hile

Fundraiser – Contact our sexton, Charles Anhalt (484-333-1424), for discounted in-house tile and carpet cleaning with 20% of all proceeds donated to our church in your name.

Dave Stahl – Mark your calendars for November 12th at 10 am. Dave Stahl & the Sacred Orchestra will be at St. Joseph’s Lutheran Church during their 10 am worship service. We will have our Sunday School at 8:30 am then join them for their 10 am service. A shuttle will be available from our parking lot to their church.

All Saints Sunday – The first Sunday in November. We celebrate long ago saints and those known to us as saints; people who inspired us by grit and determination to “keep on trying.” Many of those people are the pastors who lives shaped and influenced our own. Some of the PSEC pastors who retired years ago are now in need of special assistance. Because their retirement income is low, the churches of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference supplement the cost of their health benefits. We remember these saints as we receive the PSEC special All Saints offering. Your generosity will bring peace of mind and improved health to those who have served the church so faithfully in the past. The entirety of the offering is used to supplement the needs of 9 of the retired pastors, spouses, and widows in the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference who need assistance with health and dental insurance. Envelopes to give and more info are available in the Narthex.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday – October 22

8:30 am Sunday School
8:30 am Confirmation Class
9:30 am Worship Service
4 pm Wilcox Corn Maze

Monday – October 23

9 am Prayer Group
9:30 am Bible Study

Wednesday – October 25

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal
8 pm Cantata Rehearsal

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday – October 29

8:30 am Sunday School
8:30 am Confirmation Class
9:30 am Worship Service

Monday – October 30

9 am Prayer Group
9:30 am Bible Study

Wednesday – November 1

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal
8 pm Cantata Rehearsal

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" ~1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for the men and women in the military, your neighbors and community, and our church. Pray for all those celebrating miracles. Prayers for all those who are suffering from violence, fear for their lives, those who have been affected by violent acts, those suffering from wounds and most importantly those who have lost a loved one.

Help us keep our prayer list up to date. To add, remove, or update a prayer request, please contact the church office or place a colored prayer request slip from your pew in the offering plate. Prayer requests are kept on the list for a 4 week period, if you would like the person to remain on the list for an additional 4 weeks, please contact Nikki with an update.

Marie Schollenberger -----Recovering in Manor Care, Laureldale

Kris Endy (Bill & Dawn Endy’s Daughter in Law) -----Battling Cancer

Marijane Kirby (Anita Brady’s Sister) -----recovering from surgery