

THE LAMPSTAND

Mellingers Evangelical Lutheran Church † 80 Gockley Road † Stevens, PA 17578

Volume 11 Number 11

November 2018



This Photo by Unknown Author is licensed under CC BY-NC-ND

Pastor's Message The Exciting Church Days in November

After the long days of Pentecost things begin to change. Not only do the leaves change but things begin to change quickly in the Church Year. The Church Year is a three year cycle of readings for worship which are based on the life of Christ. The beginning of the Church Year is the first Sunday in Advent which this year is December 2nd.

The last Sunday of the Church Year is Christ the King Sunday which this year is November 25th.

After the exciting Reformation Sunday on October 28th we go immediately into the celebration of All Saints which will be held on Sunday November 4th. Here we remember the Saints who God has used to build the Holy Church in the power of the Holy Spirit and to teach faith in Christ and pass it down from generation to generation. All Saints Sunday is an emotional time as we remember loved ones who are no longer here in this life but upon whose faithful witness we now continue to share with all the love, grace, forgiveness and challenge of Almighty God through the work of Jesus Christ.

Not long after Reformation Sunday also is the celebration of Martin Luther's birthday on November 10, 1483...535 years ago. Luther never wanted people to be called Lutherans. He was trying to reform the Christian Church to get it to return to Scripture and know the grace of God. By the way, November 10th is also the birthday of Rev. Traci Glover who was born considerably later.

While we are in November we should certainly not forget Thanksgiving. While this is not a specifically religious holiday it is nevertheless certainly appropriate for us to pause and remember that God is responsible for all we have and to come together in worship on Wednesday evening November 21st at Mellingers at 7:00 pm.

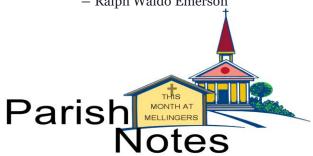
As we enter what society calls the "holiday season" let us enter it knowing that God is with us and take every opportunity to thank and praise God because of the many gifts we receive, the most important of which is the gift of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

See you in Church and Sunday School.

In Christ, Pastor Tim



For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends. Amen
— Ralph Waldo Emerson



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Thanksgiving Eve Worship November 21st

Despite all the hardships and tensions in our modern world, we have much to be thankful for. Please join us on the evening of November 21st at 7:00 for worship as we begin the holiday season with a proper recognition that it is God Almighty who gives us all we have and Who is with us in all things and at all times. Please take time in your busy preparations to stop and join us as we praise and thank God.

SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES

We are in need of the following Worship

Assistants: Acolytes, Candlebearers, Communion Assistants, Crucifers, and Lay Worship Leaders. Anyone interested in participating in worship as a leader in this way should contact Pastor Tim or the Church office.

Volunteers Wanted for the Nursery: In the quest to provide a pleasant nursery experience for all, we are extending to the congregation the ability to work in the nursery on the dates that they choose. The sign-up sheet is available on the table in the narthex. You MUST have a completed PA Child Abuse History Certification and PA State Police Criminal Record check completed and turned in to the office. Forms can be obtained through the office or at the following websites:

PA State Police Request for Criminal Background Check Volunteer Only:

https://epatch.state.pa.us/TandCVolunteerAction.do

PA Child Abuse History Certification: http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/cs/groups/webcontent/doc uments/form/s 001762.pdf

Volunteers Wanted to Take Communion to Shut-ins: To supplement Pastor Tim's visits, Mellingers is looking for volunteers who would like to be trained to visit and take Holy Communion to our shut-ins. This ministry will benefit those receiving communion and will also be a blessing for those who offer it. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Tim at (717) 468-9049.

Calling All Sewers: If anyone is willing to sew school kits for Social Ministry's LWR Ingathering, please contact Betty Cordes at (717) 335-3624. Patterns are available in the church office. Cut patterns are currently available from Betty Cordes. Please note that sewers keep sewing throughout the year to replenish the stock needed for the upcoming year's school kits.

Photos Wanted: Do you enjoy taking pictures of special moments? Would you be interested in sharing those photos with the church? We are looking for photos to share in the newsletter, on our website, Facebook, etc. Sharing is easy, you can send them through email at mellingerslutheran@gmail.com.

2018 Coffee Social Bakers Needed: The 2018 Coffee Social charts are available in the narthex. Please sign up for a date to provide after service treats.

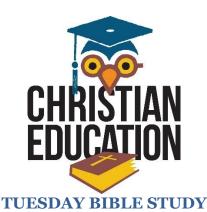
FINANCIAL REPORT

General Receipts Compared To Budget September

	Receipts	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Over/</u> (Under)
10/7/2018	4,015.24	5,104.74	(1,089.50)
10/14/2018	3,526.25	5,104.74	(1,578.49)
10/21/2018	4,196.51	5,104.74	(908.23)

General Receipts Compared to Budget

<u>rear to Date</u>				
	Receipts	Allocation	Over/(Under)	
10/21/2018	175,249.80	199,884.75	(24,634.95)	



Please join us if you can for our weekly Bible study which meets in the Faith Café at church every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00-3:30. Currently we are discussing selected Bible topics.

The discussions are usually thought provoking and often fun as we talk together and enjoy spending time with God's Holy Word as it uplifts us and guides us along life's way.

BIBLE STUDY BREAKFAST

Resumes: November 10 at 8:30 am Where: Cloister Diner in Ephrata Contacts: Skip Hutchinson or Carl Tobias

YOUTH GROUP TO GO ON AN ECUMENICAL ADVENTURE

Sometimes the best way to learn about our own faith and worship practices is to spend some time observing how other people worship and to hear what it is that they believe. Mellingers Youth Group are planning to do just that. Sometime after the first of the year, the Youth, advisors and Pastor Tim will be attending the Ephrata Community Church on Saturday evening. Then, on Sunday morning they will be attending The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Lancaster. Following the worship in Lancaster the group will all go to lunch together and Pastor Tim and the advisors will discuss with the Youth and compare and contrast the two services with what we do at Mellingers and discuss theological similarities and differences as well.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES DIGITAL ELECTRONIC GIVING

Mellingers is in the process of implementing digital, online and electronic giving in order to allow members or anyone for that matter to support the important ministries of the Holy Church here at Mellingers and around the world even when they are away.

Contact the church office for details (717)336-8800.





#SIPBOLDLY

Iwrfarmersmarket.org | 877.LWR.MRKT

LWR FARMERS MARKET COFFEE is a new line of coffee sourced directly from farmers participating in Lutheran World Relief projects. Every delicious cup helps transform poor communities that depend on their coffee crop to feed their families. Farmers get a strong up-front price for their coffee beans and a portion of the profit. With LWR Farmers Market Coffee, farmers aren't just suppliers of coffee beans, they are partners in the coffee business.

Mellingers will be selling **medium and dark roast coffee for \$8 per bag**. A display of the products is available in the Narthex next to the lamp. Coffee is available to purchase in the church office.

CONTRIBUTION OPPORTUNITIES:

Contributions may be made to the following funds at any time and may also be used to aid people in designating monies for memorials. Should you wish to donate to any of these funds, please place funds in an envelope and provide the name of the fund in which you would like your donation placed, your name, and your envelope number. Should you choose to remain anonymous, do not include your name and envelope number.

- ♣ The Kitchen Project Fund
- The Seminarian Fund
- → Maintenance and Building Fund
- → Youth Gathering
- → Campus Crusade for Christ
- ♣ Needv Fund
- ₱ Security System

LIFE OF THE CHURCH MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 2:

Hanging of the Greens 10:15 amChristmas Dinner and Party for all ages Noon

December 9

 Annual Congregational Meeting with election of Council and discussion of the 2019 Resource Allocation (budget) 10:15 am

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Mission Quilts

- Our donations departed the warehouse on May 21, 2018 for Tanznia.
- Our donations departed the warehouse on June 22, 2018 for Armenia.

"DO YOUR OWN THING" TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY December 8, 2018

Leave Mellingers Lutheran Church, Schoeneck at 6:30 AM

Leave New York City

after a day "To Do Your Own Thing" at 7:00 PM

Get dropped off and picked up at rear of Winter Garden Theater (7th Avenue and 51st Street).

Trip Price: \$50 Linda @ 336-6177

COMMUNION FLOW

In order for communion to flow freely communicants are encouraged to form a line to the altar. Time in line can be used for prayer. meditation and listening to or singing to the music.

SEMINARIAN UPDATE

By Scott Brubaker

It is over half-way through the semester. My online class "Story of Jesus and the Early Church" which is a New Testament overview, is proceeding well. I began my clinical pastoral education (CPE) on an extended unit (part-time) at Lancaster General Hospital on October 1. It will run from October through April. It involves a 3.5-hour weekly class (Monday afternoons) and an additional 13 hours per week (Tuesdays and Wednesday evenings) making rounds in the hospital. So much to learn, it is like drinking from a fire hose! However, I am finding it to be very rewarding to help folks stay calm and deal with the pressures of a hospital visit and/or stay.

See you in Church and Sunday School.

As always, I thank God for your prayers and support.

In Christ,

Scott

How to help Scott with Tuition Expenses

If you feel called to help assist Scott financially, please take advantage of the white envelopes and select the Seminarian Fund. Congregational support (whatever is given through Mellingers) is matched, dollar for dollar up to half of tuition cost, by supporters of the seminary.

PRAYER CORNER

Interested in receiving or making prayer chain updates throughout the week? Visit our website at www.mellingers.org. The links to sign-up are under the Resources tab.



To my Mellingers family,

Thank you so much for the flowers. They are so pretty. They made me feel good. Thanks, Arlene Halterman

To my friends at Mellingers,

Thank you for the prayers, cards, calls and visits while I was recovering from my fall. Thanks to Pastor Tim for his visits and calls. All were greatly appreciated.

Donald Hain

Thank you very much for your wonderful hospitality for the Ramsey family. Your outreach demonstrates the love Christ described for his church. Larry and the family are very appreciative of your kindness and the warmth and comfort of your fellowship space and kitchen. We could not have accommodated the number of people that attended the time of the fellowship after the Celebration of Judy's Life. Thanks again. With Love, Pastor Lyle Neal

Thanks for the altar flowers.

Betty Wolf

To our family at Mellingers,

Thank you for your prayers and compassion you have show us at the loss of Mildred. May God continue to keep you in your loving ways. Barb, Heidi and Bob Getz



- The church council overrode last month's movement and permitted the Youth and Sunday School to replace the carpeting in the Youth and Lord's Lab rooms.
- Skip distributed the financial reports and the 2019 proposed Disciple Resource Allocation. Changes will be made from the meeting and handed out at the next meeting for further discussion.
- The yard was fertilized.
- Humidity is down in the rooms downstairs.

- Replacement of the air handler unit was discussed. We are in the process of getting more bids.
- The church boxes will be placed out for Hurricane Relief.
- We will review the Security Committee report in November.
- Kelly Parrish gave an update on Church Software status.





685 GOOD DRIVE P.O. BOX 4125 LANCASTER, PA 17604-4125 PHONE: 717-295-3900 FAX: 717-391-9582

Current program information is available in the narthex and at the hospice website.

Pre-Thanksgiving Meal Saturday, November 10, 2018 4:00-6:00 PM



Thanksgiving Meal is just too good to have once a year!

Jim and Marie Redcay are donating their "Raised Free-Range Domestic Bronze Turkeys". They say "It's the best turkey you will ever eat." The meal is being prepared and cooked by the Lee Arment team.

Benefits Love Inc, Cocalico Home of Hope Faith United Fellowship Hall 357 Walnut Street, Denver, PA

Reservations: call Tim Hegeman (717) 475-3530

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

November 2018

- Quilt Auction at Nawakwa November 4
- Women's Craft Retreat at Nawakwa November 8-11

December 2018

• Advent Day Apart at The Wittel Farm - December 8

January 2019

- Winter Youth Retreat at Kirchenwald January 4-6
- Winter Fun Day at Kirchenwald January 20
- Chicken & Waffles at Nawakwa January 20
- <u>CampPerson Meetings</u> at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa -January 20

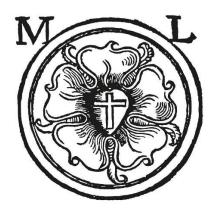


2018 Advent Retreat

"Biblical Images of man and Christ"

Two lectures given by the Reverend Adam Morton, Assistant Pastor of The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, Lancaster PA and PhD candidate in Systematic Theology

at The University of Nottingham, United Kingdom.



Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church Saturday 8 December 2018 9:00am to 1:00pm

Schedule:

9:00am Welcome
9:05am Service of Morning Prayer
9:20am Fellowship/Coffee
9:30am Lecture #1 "Let us make Adam in our image:
the human being in the Old Testament"
10:20am Fellowship/Coffee
10:30am Lecture #2 "Conformed to the image of his
Son: Jesus and restored humanity"
11:20 Break/Questions
11:30am Service of Holy Communion
12:05 Catered Lunch
1:00pm Departure

RSVP to the Church Secretary Office@salemephrata.org or 717.733.6646 by November 26, 2018. Space is limited. A suggested \$10 donation



 $\underline{\text{This Photo}}$ by Unknown Author is licensed under $\underline{\text{CC BY}}$







Lower Susquehanna Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

ELCA Conference of Bishops Statement on East Jerusalem Hospitals

10/2/2018 2:30:00 PM

In early September, members of the Conference of Bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) were saddened and dismayed to hear reports that the U.S. government was planning to discontinue financial assistance to Augusta Victoria Hospital and five other East Jerusalem hospitals.

We appreciate and strongly affirm ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton's Sept. 6 letter to Secretary of State Michael Pompeo, calling for the "release of \$25 million of U.S. FY 2017 funding that will help to ensure that there is no interruption in the treatment of Palestinians at the East Jerusalem hospitals, especially the most vulnerable cancer and kidney patients referred to Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH) from Gaza and the West Bank."

She noted that, as an institution owned and operated by the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), "Augusta Victoria Hospital is able to operate because of the support of LWF member churches, like the ELCA, and long-standing partnerships with countries like the United States. In the last decade the U.S. government, through USAID, has invested nearly \$10 million in AVH to bolster its capacity as a cancer center. In addition, the U.S. government has provided over many years tens of millions of dollars in aid to help cover the costs of the cancer patients and others referred to AVH and the other East Jerusalem hospitals."

Eaton stressed the urgency of U.S. government action, saying: "The delay in the disbursement of the 2017 funding for the East Jerusalem hospitals is contributing to an acute and severe cash-flow crisis for AVH and the other hospitals," and that immediate release of the funds is necessary "so that AVH can make payments to pharmaceutical suppliers of cancer medications, pay staff and avoid any interruption in the treatment of patients."

In the past several weeks, neither the LWF nor the ELCA have received any official announcement about the status of this funding and, therefore, we appeal to President Donald Trump to instruct the U.S. Department of State to release this vital funding so these patients will receive the treatment and care they need.

HOME CONNECTIONS

FRUGAL FAMILIES

Featuring a low-cost meal and a whimsical read. Relaxation and stress reduction are important to stay happy and healthy especially in tough economic or emotional times.

CHRISTIAN HUMOR A CAT GOES TO HEAVEN

A cat dies and goes to Heaven. God meets him at the gate and says, 'you have been a good cat all of these years. Anything you desire is yours, all you have to do is ask.' The cat says, 'Well, I lived all my life with a poor family on a farm and had to sleep on hardwood floors.' God says, 'Say no more.' And instantly, a fluffy pillow appears.

A few days later, 6 mice are killed in a tragic accident and they go to Heaven. God meets them at the gate with the same offer that He made the cat. The mice said, 'All our lives we've had to run. Cats,dogs and even women with brooms have chased us. If we could only have a pair of roller skates, we wouldn't have to run anymore.'

God says, 'Say no more.' And instantly, each mouse is fitted with a beautiful pair of tiny roller skates.

About a week later, God decides to check and see how the cat is doing. The cat is sound asleep on his new pillow. God gently wakes him and asks, 'How are you doing? Are you happy here?' The cat yawns and stretches and says, 'Oh, I've never been happier in my life. And those Meals on Wheels you've been sending over are the best!'

Widow's loaves

By Cathy Baca, member of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Berkeley, Calif.

I wanted to link Bible stories, healthy food and cooking, so I developed Bible Time Cooking for our day camp at Shepherd of the Hills. Children made recipes related to the Bible lessons taught by their counselors. All the ingredients from these recipes were available during biblical times, and the final products were served as a snack.

This recipe for widow's loaves is based on the story of Elijah and the widow (1 Kings 17:7-16). God sent Elijah to a widow during a great drought. When he arrived, she was almost out of meal. Elijah said God wanted her to make loaves for him.

Wheat was the favorite grain in biblical households, but barley, rye, spelt, millet, garbanzo beans and lentils were also grown. When wheat ran low, these elements were ground and added to or substituted for flour to make bread. The widow had likely done one of these things to make bread for Elijah.

God saw to it that the widow never ran out of food while the drought lasted. Her bread had enough nutrition to sustain her, her son and Elijah until rains brought a new crop.

Recipe (makes 1 medium loaf or 2 small loaves)
These simple flatbreads are made almost as 1
Kings describes, with only the addition of a bit of salt and some water. Children can even grind whole lentils and millet with a mortar and pestle, if you have one.

Ingredients

- ½ cup (whole wheat, spelt, millet, garbanzo, lentil or some mixture of these) flour/meal
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup water
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Additional flour or meal for kneading

Directions

- Mix flour and salt. Mix liquids together and add them to the dry, mixing well.
- Put flour or meal on a nonstick surface and turn the dough onto it.
- Sprinkle flour/meal on top of the dough, and knead 12 times. (If using flour without gluten this isn't necessary for rising, but it allows you to work in just enough meal to keep it from being too sticky.)

- Form dough into one or two small loaves.
- Transfer dough to a cookie sheet and flatten with your hand to about 1/4 inch or so thick.
- Bake at 400 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes.
- Cool on a wire rack.
- Note: These loaves can easily be made glutenfree. If you are cooking with children with gluten sensitivities, be sure all cooking instruments for them are kept separate.

https://www.livinglutheran.org/2017/09/recipes-from-the-heart/

CLEAN CONSCIENCE

Environmentally sound and inexpensive cleaning tips and/or reusing tips.



<u>This Photo</u> by Unknown Author is licensed under CC BY-SA

Tree Banding for Spotted Lanternflies

Banding – Tree banding is a way to help reduce the number of Spotted Lanternflies in the 'crawler' stage. (Yes, this is when they crawl, after the egg stage and before they can fly).

Banding a tree consists of attaching a sticky 'band' around the trunk of a tree. This band can be duct tape (or a similar material) attached to the tree with the sticky side facing out.

When the insects crawl up and down the tree, they will get stuck on the tape.

What we have noticed is that the lanternfly crawlers do not actually crawl down the tree – they mostly get blown or knocked off the tree then crawl back up. This is obvious when you see the insects sticking to the bottom portion of the band and not the top.

Lanternflies typically hatch in late spring so the bands should be on the trees by April or early May to be most effective.

One problem that needs to be considered is that birds can sometimes get stuck on the tape. It is best to use a material that is sticky enough to catch the lanternfly crawlers but not so strong that it will harm birds.

Another approach that can reduce the number of lanternflies is to scrape the egg masses off the tree and into a zip lock bag. Have some rubbing alcohol in the bag and soak the eggs to kill them. Using a putty knife or a plastic card can easily remove the egg masses.

Neither the banding nor the scraping of egg masses will eliminate the problem but, it may reduce the populations enough to make it worth the effort.

CONTACT INFORMATION STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Timothy Craven (717) 738-3838

Director of Christian Education:Diane Adair (717) 715-3124

Director of Music: Carl Tobias (717) 484-0127

Secretary: Kelly Parrish (717) 336-8800 mellingerslutheran@gmail.com

CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Linda Weaver (717) 336-6177 **Vice-President:** Troy Adair (717) 715-3126

Recording Secretary: Kelly Parrish (717) 336-8800

Members: Jen Brubaker (717) 940-3961 Nancy Eberly (717) 945-2895 Brittany Hartlove (717) 715-3127 Mike Leed (717) 475-8092 Randy Meckley (717) 572-6395 Jeff Nichols (717) 466-0298 Vic Richard (717) 733-8242 Rick Shortuse (717) 823-3616 Elizabeth Stief (717) 335-0028

> Owen Weaver (717) 951-7905 David Weidman (717) 336-4271

LEADERS

Auditors: Lynn Spotts (717) 721-7644 Treasurer: Skip Hutchinson (717) 733-5029

Assistant Treasurer: Nick Rampolla (484) 855-3543 **Financial Secretary:** Jill Showalter (717) 336-5032

Assistant Financial Secretary: TBD

Youth Group Advisors: Pastor Tim (717) 738-3838

Scott Brubaker (717) 598-4663 Jen Brubaker (717) 940-3961

Andy & Kristi Leonhard (717) 733-1260

Altar Guild: Barr Family (717) 626-0388 **Altar Flowers:** Nancy Hain (717) 336-6270

Special Flowers: Melanie Brubaker (717) 859-4849

Communion Assistant Coordinator: Kelly Parrish (717) 336-8800

Wedding Coordinator:

Brittany Hartlove (717)715-3127 **Camp Person:** Kim Craven (717) 738-3838 **Newsletter Editor:** Kelly Parrish (717) 336-8800

Web Site Editor: Office Staff 336-8800 **Lawn Care:** Pat Jeffers (717) 336-8170

Snow Removal: Randy Meckley (717) 336-3230 Scout Liaison: David Haldeman (717) 733-8551

Scripture Reader Coordinator:

Dorothy Hutchinson (717) 336-2563 **Greeter Coordinator:** Fay Weitzel (717) 336-2124

Blood Bank: Linda Weaver (717) 336-6177 **Blood Pressure Check Coordinator:**

Susan Specht (717) 336-4601

Coffee Social: John Hutchinson (717) 336-2563 Money Counters: Nancy Eberly (717) 945-2895

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Worship and Music: Nancy Hain (717) 336-6270 Social Ministry: Shirley Sweigart (717) 336-6803 Discipleship In Life: Bob Getz (717) 336-6236 Budget: Nick Rampolla (484) 855-3543

Endowment/Memorial:

Randy Brubaker (717) 733-9222

Property: Randy Meckley (717) 572-6395

Bible Study Breakfast:

Carl Tobias (717) 629-7314

SCOUT LEADERS

Troop 115: Sheldon Brubaker (717) 721-3863 **Cub Master:** Aaron Smee (717) 364-8135 **Daisy:** Chrissy Reddig (717) 917-6466

WEBSITE: www.mellingers.com

FACEBOOK: Please come check us out on Facebook. We are listed under **Mellingers Evangelical** Lutheran Church. Check with your children or grandchildren if you do not know how to use Facebook.

NOVEMBER RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS SUGGESTION

SEND A CARD TO CANCER PATIENT:

Jeremy Harting 10619 Olympic Pine Drive Las Vegas, NV 88135-1126

OR, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CONTRIBUTING:

https://www.gofundme.com/teamjeremy-and-megan



This Photo by Unknown Author is licensed under CC BY-NC-ND