

## **SHELLS MESSENGER**

**Shells Evangelical Lutheran Church**

***November 2024***

Vibrant Worship + Active Service  
 Accessible Education + Enriching Fellowship  
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We are a community of the Triune God, nourished by Word and Sacrament, sent forth by the Holy Spirit into the Grantville community and beyond to share the life-changing news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed.

### **SAVE THE DATES:**

October 27 from 5-8pm - Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat

**November 2 at 6:30pm - All Souls Day**

**November 10 at 9am – In-Gathering and Noisy Offering**

**November 11 at 6:30pm - Feast of St. Martin of Tours (Blessing of Veterans)**

November 23 - Yuengling Brewery tour

December 7 from 9am-1pm – Holiday Market at St. John Hoernerstown

December 8 at 10:15am – Annual Congregation Meeting, Advent Family Event, and Potluck

December 15 at 3pm – Christmas Caroling

**December 24 at 7pm – Nativity of the Lord: Christmas Eve Vigil (Family Liturgy)**

**December 24 at 10pm – Nativity of the Lord: Christmas Eve at Night**

**December 25 at 10am - Nativity of the Lord: Christmas Day**

December 28 – Teen and Young Adult Event

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**This month's special offering will go to benefit the Lutheran Disaster Response.** A generous parishioner has donated \$10,000 for hurricane relief and challenged the congregation to match giving. Please pick up an envelope in the Narthex.

**Race Track Project:** We are in need of the following items for both men and women: 26 Shaving Cream, 33 Chapstick, 41 Deodorant, and 12 Tissues. We will be supplying toiletry bags for 20 women and 30 men this year. We will be assembling them on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you all for your kind support of this cause.

**The Girl Scouts are continuing their sneaker collection for the next few months.** We are collecting any size or condition of sneakers. There is a box in the Narthex. Thank you, Anna and Nora.

**Do you feel called to walk the journey of faith at Shells Lutheran Church?** We will be receiving new members this through Baptism, Confirmation, and Transfer on November 24 at 9am. Please contact the Church Office for more information.

**FALL FESTIVAL 2024:** On Sunday, October 27 from 5-8pm there will be a Fall Festival/Open House @ Shells. Trunk-or-Treat, root beer floats, and hayrides will be in the graveyard from 5-6:15pm. Food in the Social Hall and pumpkin decorating in the Education Building as well as Smores/Campfire/Games in the Pavilion from 6-7:15pm. Silent Movies with organ accompaniment will be performed in the Church from 7:15-8pm. Please sign up to volunteer for the different activities in the Narthex. There will be a basket in the Narthex to collect candy donations for Trunk-or-Treat. Please invite your family and friends!

**November Family Fun Event:** Trip to Yuengling Brewery Tour, Saturday November 23 early morning (exact time TBD). More information to come but we wanted you to know what the tour would entail so you could plan if you are able to attend. Sign-up sheet will be in the narthex later in September. 1. All tour visitors must wear completely closed shoes. No sandals, flip flops, clogs, Crocs, or anything with openings around your foot is acceptable. It must be a completely closed shoe. To be safe, sneakers work best. 2. During the tour, visitors may experience sudden changes in temperature throughout the brewery. You will also experience elevated noise levels in various departments. 3. Please note the tour is not wheelchair accessible. Be prepared to walk 150 stairs. Visitors can enjoy a free sample (ID required) or visit the gift shop while visiting the brewery if they choose to opt out of tour. Tour lasts about one hour. Any questions, see Kathy Espenshade.

**There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for the sale of homemade pumpkin rolls, \$20 each,** to benefit Colton Nydes, Ed and Mim Fake's grandson, to help replace some of the income that will be lost by his mother having to take a leave of absence from her job to care for him following surgery for a brain tumor. Thank you for your support.

**In-Gathering and Noisy Offering will be November 10th.** Please consider shelf stable items that could be put toward Thanksgiving dinner. These items can be put in the basket in the Outer Narthex. Thank you for helping our neighbors at the Grantville Food Pantry. Any questions please see Connie or Sheryl.

**Holiday Marketplace: December 7 from 9am -1pm at St. John Lutheran Church Hoernerstown.** Cookies by the pound! Local vendors with homemade foods and crafts. Come shop for your last-minute Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers.

**Be sure to check out the photos in the Social Hall highlighting some Shells Lutheran Church history as we prepare for the 200th Anniversary in 2025.** If you have photos you would like to add to the display, please clearly mark them and give them to Diana Budd or Diane Gotshall. We will be scanning the photos to make a digital slide show for the anniversary celebrations. Photos will be returned to you in Summer 2024.

**ALL SOULS' DAY**

**All Souls Day is being celebrated on November 2 at 6:30pm** (*Remembering all who have died in the Lord*). On this day we remember all the faithful who have died in Christ, whether recent or long ago. If you would like your loved one remembered in prayer at this Liturgy, please complete the sheet below and place in the Offering Plate, Theresa's mailbox in the Church Office, or email shellsadmin@shellschurch.org. We will also light a votive candle (blessed on Candlemas - 2024) and ring the chime in their blessed memory. **Please submit remembrances by Wednesday, October 30, 2024**



Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

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Remembered by: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**



**All Saints Sunday is being celebrated on November 3** (*Remembering all who have died in the Lord from November 4, 2023, to November 2, 2024*). Members of the parish who have died since last All Saints Sunday will be mentioned in prayer during the Sunday Liturgy. If a loved one or friend died during the year who was not a member of Shells and wish to have him/her remembered in prayer on this day, please complete the sheet below and place in the Offering Plate, Theresa's mailbox in the Church Office, or email shellsadmin@shellschurch.org. We will also light a votive candle (blessed on Candlemas - 2024) and ring the chime in their blessed memory.

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**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES – NOVEMBER**

*Emily Dupler, Evan Dupler, Gen Whitehaus, Al Germann, Gerry Hess, Emily Suhr, Gabriel Gonzales, Lyncoln Wilkinson, Ryan Jaggan, Kimberly Rodemaker, Father Barnes, Ben Rodemaker, Jameson Jurell, Cory Jurell, Laura Molitoris Thomas Smith, Anna Holler*  
***God will never forget that you are his child.***

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**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

11/1	Linda Blair	11/15	Elizabeth Holler
11/2	Matthew Gordon	11/17	JR Sholder Crew Schwartz
11/3	Jean Wiest	11/24	Lily Klos
11/5	Linda DeMario	11/28	Todd Espenshade
11/9	Kevin O'Brien	11/30	Bobbie Boyer
11/13	John Thomas		
11/15	Larry Suhr Brittany Jurrell		

**Prayer List:** The Family of Kitty Albright, Linda DeMario, Betty Espenshade, Don Espenshade, Ed Fake, Mim Fake, Herb Fisher, Al Germann, Angie Gonzales, Alfred Howard, Doug Howard, Jr., Nancy Iachini, Keira Karijomenggolo, Iva Rodemaker, Lucas Smith, Larry Suhr, Bev Ulsh, Jack Ulsh, Don Whitehaus, Our Shells Family Shut-ins, Our Law Enforcement Officers and Service Women & Men, especially Matt Gordon, Crist Espenshade, Nikolas Jaggan, Domico DeFrank, Keegan Wenner, Stephen Lugovich, Blake O'Brien, Michael Knaub, John Thomas and Chris O'Brien.

**Those who have died:** Kitty Albright and Chip Nash

**Those in the Shells Church Catechumenate Process** (*please pray for the formation of those preparing for full Confirmed/Voting membership in this congregation*): Jordan Frye, Lexi Frye Emma Jurell, Evelyn Mende, Julia O'Brien, and Nora Holler.

**Family & Friends:** Bob Baker, Saadia Baker, Nancy Balmer, Skip Balmer, Bill Birtle, Tom Boblitz, Dawn Brink, Owen Burns, Cory Cerperich, Verna Ebersole, Joan Espenshade, Jeanne Flickinger, Michael Gelehorte, Anne Gordon, Tom Gussler, Emily Hand, Rob Herman, Michael Hudak, Lydia Joy Konisiewicz, Lee Lippi, Eileen Longreen, Paul Longreen, Chris Kelly, Pokhim Ker, Dan Martin, Barb Morrow, Amanda Peck, Maisie Peeler, Lisa Pesta, Tony Prisco, Michael Riley, Laura Lou Rinker, Ken Rebeck, Molly Reinhart, June Rohrbach, Yvonne Rosenberger, Ryan, Suzanne Shaeffer, Bill Shultz, Janet Shultz, Kathy Spangler, Jay Stahl, Steve Tentylo, Stephanie Wagner, Aria Wenner, Kyle Wentz, Carol Wilson, and Jennie Womack.

**Anyone wishing to place someone on the prayer list** may call Theresa at Shells office, at 717-469-2586 or email at shellsadmin@shellschurch.org. Also, please remember to remove the names when it is appropriate.

## SHELLS MUSIC MINISTRY

*“Hallelujah!*

*Praise the Lord, O my soul!*

*I will praise the Lord as long as I live;*

*I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.*

*Psalm 146, v.1-2*

**Senior Choir** rehearsals continue weekly on **Thursdays**, from **7:00 – 8:15pm**. We are working on a wide array of choral repertoire, hymns, and song selections for our lectionary-based worship. An invitation is extended to all, from Senior High youth through adults!

Our **Children In Worship** will be highlighted in November with the children participating in worship on Sunday, **November 3**. **Shells Bells** will be playing the prelude, “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” and the Sunday school children and confirmands will be assisting with worship.

Our **Children & Youth Handchime Choir** for grades 2<sup>nd</sup> through senior high youth continues with rehearsals the **first and third Sunday** of each month from **10:30 – 11:00am**. We’re learning ringing techniques, recognizing notes and working on music for worship. Please join us to discover Handchimes!

Our **youth** can share in our music ministry with seasonal choir, solos, keyboard, and instrumental music scheduled during the choir year. Please let me know if you are interested in playing in a band ensemble for the Christmas season.

November Choir Schedule:

November 3 – Children In Worship – Shells Bells

November 10 – For the Bread Which You Have Broken – Senior Choir

November 17 – Stay With Us – Senior Choir

November 24 – Coronation – Senior Choir

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding our music program at Shells. I can be reached by cell/text 717-991-8862; or email [scdbjd@aol.com](mailto:scdbjd@aol.com). Please consider joining us this choir season.

With joyful song and praise,

Barbara Dupler

Director of Music

**Worship Assistants Schedule: November/December**

	<b>Assistant</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Communion Assistant</b>	<b>Greeter /Usher</b>	<b>Altar Care</b>
<b>November 2 All Souls Day at 6:30pm</b>	Karlene Jaggan	Brenda Frye	Douglass Howard, Anna Iachini and Ellie Frye	Deacon Kristen Barnes	Rick & Linda Blair	
<b>November 3 All Saints Day</b>	Sherry Ulsh	Jordan Frye	Lexi Frye, Evelyn Mende and Anna Iachini	Louise Murphy	Joe & Diana Budd	Sandy Mader & Katie Shellenberger
<b>November 10 Ordinary Time 32</b>	Karlene Jaggan	Erica Strang	Lucas Terry	Louise Murphy	Bert & Karen Gussler	Diana Budd & Carol Gordon
<b>November 11 Feast of St. Martin of Tours at 6:30pm</b>	Raelene Smith	Gen Whitehaus	Ellie Frye, Lexi Frye & Douglass Howard	Don Whitehaus	Tom & Carol Gordon	
<b>November 17 Ordinary Time 33</b>	Gen Whitehaus	Raelene Smith	Nora Holler	Don Whitehaus	Rick & Linda Blair	Raelene Smith & Janet Klos
<b>November 24 Christ the King</b>	Raelene Smith	Ed Fake	Mary Shellenberger, Jacob Mende, Gabe Gonzales	Louise Murphy	Joe & Diana Budd	Louise Murphy, Karen Gussler & Bobbie Boyer
<b>December 1 Advent 1</b>	Karen Gussler	Steve Espenshade	Douglass Howard, Anna Iachini and Ellie Frye	Audrey Neiswender	Rich & Nadine Espenshade	Diane Suhr & Terry Kamerzel
<b>December 8 Advent 2</b>	Sherry Ulsh	Gen Whitehaus	Abigail Blair	Don Whitehaus	Bert & Karen Gussler	Steve, Kathy & Bethany Espenshade
<b>December 15 Advent 3</b>	Karlene Jaggan	Diane Gotshall	Lucas Terry	Audrey Neiswender	Rick & Linda Blair	Sandy Mader & Katie Shellenberger
<b>December 22 Advent 4</b>	Gen Whitehaus	Lisa Lugovich	Nora Holler	Don Whitehaus	Tom & Sandy Mader	Diana Budd & Carol Gordon
<b>December 29 Holy Family</b>	Ralene Smith	Karen Gussler	Lexi Frye	Louise Murphy	Joe & Diana Budd	Raelene Smith & Janet Klos

**Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Worhsip Assistants Schedule will be in the December Newsletter**

## NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>6:30pm All Souls Day</b>
<b>3</b> <b>All Saints Sunday</b> <i>Children in Worship</i> Adult Forum Hand Chime Choir 6pm Scouts	<b>4</b> 6:30om Bible Study @ Shells	<b>5</b> 6pm Cub Scouts	<b>6</b> 6pm Girl Scouts	<b>7</b> 6pm Cub Scouts  7pm Choir	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>Ordinary Time 32</b> <i>In-Gathering Noisy Offering</i> Children/Youth/Sunday School & Confirmation Adult Forum 6pm Scouts	<b>11</b> <b>6:30pm Feast of St. Martin of Tours</b> (Blessing of Veterans)	<b>12</b> 6pm Cub Scouts  6:30pm Parish Council  Lion's Club	<b>13</b> 6pm Girl Scouts	<b>14</b> 6pm Cub Scouts  7pm Choir	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Baptism Liturgy</b>
<b>17</b> <b>Ordinary Time 23</b> Children/Youth/Sunday School & Confirmation Hand Chime Choir Adult Forum 6pm Scouts	<b>18</b> 5pm Race Track Meal  6:30pm Bible Study @ Shells	<b>19</b> 6pm Cub Scouts	<b>20</b> 6pm Girl Scouts  <i>Food Pantry</i>	<b>21</b> 6pm Cub Scouts  7pm Choir  <i>Food Pantry</i>	<b>22</b> <i>Food Pantry</i>	<b>23</b> Yuengling Brewery Tour
<b>24</b> <b>Christ the King</b> <i>New Members Baptism</i> Children/Youth/Sunday School & Confirmation Youth Group Adult Forum 6pm Scouts	<b>25</b> 6:30pm Bible Study @ St. John	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Happy Thanksgiving	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

## STEWARDSHIP/GIVING (September 30,2024)

## 2024 Approved Budget \$277, 995

Income: \$195,538.92

Expenses: \$194,676.42

Capital Improvement Contributions: \$17,955

Adult Forum: \$306.51

Richard Sarker, Missionary: \$1,000

World Vision (VBS): \$1,050

Love of Family Contributions: \$3,440

Local Food Pantry Contributions: \$3,317.14

Abiding Memorial Fund: \$1,280

Emily Lingle, Friends in Action: \$1,195

Lutheran Campus Ministry at WVU: \$2,392

ELCA World Hunger: \$896.01

Lutheran Disaster Response: \$190

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