

SHELLS MESSENGER
Shells Evangelical Lutheran Church
September 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.

First Holy Communion



National Night Out

SAVE THE DATES:

August 25 at 10:30am – Youth Group Party
 September 8 at 9am – Children/Youth Sunday School, Confirmation, and Adult Forum Resumes
 September 9 at 6:30pm – Bible Study Resumes at Shells
 September 12 at 7pm – Senior Choir Resumes
 September 13 at 6:30pm – Mini Golf and Ice Cream
 September 15 at 9am – Blessing of Backpacks and Welcome Back Brunch
October 2 at 7pm - Feast of St. Michael and All Angels (Blessing of First Responders)
October 4 @ 6:30pm - Blessing of the Animals
October 12 - National Acolyte Festival in Washington DC
 October 13 – CROP Walk
 October 27 from 5-8pm - Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat
November 2 @ 6:30pm - All Souls Day
November 11 @ 6:30pm - Feast of St. Martin of Tours (Blessing of Veterans)
 November 23 -Yuengling Brewery tour
 December 8 at 10:15am – Annual Congregation Meeting and Advent Family Event and Potluck
 December – Christmas Caroling
 December 28 – Teen and Young Adult Event

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.

This month's special offering will go to benefit the Love of Family Fund. Please pick up an envelope in the narthex.

We are again collecting items for our teachers classrooms. Tissues, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, EXPO markers, pencils, pens, crayons and markers are always needed. Construction paper, Scotch Tape, kids scissors, and highlighters. We appreciate your help in supporting the important people in our children's lives.

Do you feel called to walk the journey of faith at Shells Lutheran Church? We will be receiving new members this Fall. Please contact the Church Office for more information.

September Family Fun Event: Mini-golf and ice cream at Challenge Family Fun Center Friday September 13 @ 6:30pm (366 Middletown Road, Hummelstown, 17036). Please sign up by September 8 on the sheet in the Narthex. If we have 15 or more people the cost is \$8 - payable at the event. If we have less than 15, the cost is \$11 for adults and children \$8.50. Any questions, please see Kathy or Bethany Espenshade. If cost is an issue, please speak to Father Barnes.

ALIVE 2024: Join middle schoolers from across the Lower Susquehanna Synod at Camp Nawakwa from September 27-29. Please visit the Lower Susquehanna Synod website for more information. The cost is \$139 and Shells will cover half of the cost (full tuition coverage available if needed).

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We are collecting paperback Bibles for the PA Psychiatric Institute in Harrisburg. Please consider donating an unused PAPERBACK copy of the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) to support this community project. We are in need of 40 paperback Bibles. Donations will be collected in the Social Hall.

2025 Bishops Election: The Lower Susquehanna Synod will elect our next bishop at Synod Assembly in 2025. Listening sessions to uplift desired skills and gifts in the next bishop are being held throughout the Synod. The Harrisburg Conference's session will be from 6:30-8:30pm at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church on August 26.

"Fill My Cup" Women's Retreat: Deacon Kristen Barnes will serve as chaplain for a combined Shells Lutheran, Christ Lutheran Elizabethtown, and St. John Lutheran Hoernerstown women's retreat at Gretna Glen from September 27-29. Cost is \$145.00 (due September 8 and includes two nights lodging, 5 meals, and participant's retreat set.) Please sign up in the Narthex.

September 3 from 5-7pm is Shells Church's night to volunteer at the Central PA Food Bank. Please see Frank Molitoris or Louise Murphy for more information.

RACETRACK PROJECT - Thank you to the Congregation and the Adult Sunday School Class for making this year's project such a success. This was the biggest undertaking we have had and you all came through with flying colors. We met our goal with donations and did not have to purchase any items. Wow, what a feat! Special thank you to Diana Budd for keeping us on track and keeping a running count of our items, Linda DeMario for sewing all of the wonderful bags and to my helper and set up girl, Karen Gussler. Everyone did a fantastic job and I appreciate all your help. Since we don't know what our numbers will be going forward, we will continue to collect items as we have this past year.

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER - Bar Soap & Combs

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER - Tissue & Lip Balm

Thank you all for job well done. Your help and participation is so appreciated.

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING (*July 31, 2024*)

2024 Approved Budget \$277, 995

Income: \$159,112.27

Expenses: \$155,347.76

Love of Family: \$2,360

Local Food Pantry: \$2,601.14

Capital Improvement: \$17,535

Abiding Memorial Fund: \$580

Adult Forum: \$241.51

Sub Sale for Lutheran Campus Ministry: \$765.50

Friends in Action: \$1,195

Richard Sarker, Missionary: \$1,000

Lutheran Campus Ministry at WVU: \$2,342

World Vision (VBS): \$1,050

ELCA World Hunger: \$896.01

Lutheran Disaster Response: \$190

SHELLS MUSIC MINISTRY

Welcome to the 2024-2025 choir season at Shells! Our music ministry is deeply rooted in Holy Scripture, supporting and enhancing the congregation in worship. Our choir season runs from September to May, offering many opportunities to participate in our shared music ministry.

The **Senior Choir** rehearses weekly on **Thursday evenings** from **7:00 to 8:15 p.m.**, beginning this year on **Thursday, September 12**. Our Senior Choir leads Sunday worship, enhancing the liturgy with choral offerings, psalms, hymnody and gospel acclamations. We strive to challenge ourselves with a wide selection of choral repertoire for our lectionary-based worship. We invite any Senior High youth through adults to join Senior Choir!

Children In Worship is our Sunday School music program for **preschool through 5th grade**, providing opportunities for our children to share in worship in many ways. The children learn music for *Shells Bells*, our children's bell choir, scripture readings with rhythm instruments and songs for worship. *Shells Bells* play and learn music as part of the Sunday school opening each week, beginning at 9am.

On *Children in Worship* Sundays our Sunday School children, confirmands and youth also assist with worship by serving as acolytes, torch bearers, book bearer, crucifer, reading the lessons, leading the Prayers of Intercession, and assisting ushers. The children participate in worship the **first Sunday** of each **month**, October through May, beginning **October 6**.

We're excited to begin another season of **Children and Youth Handchime Choir** for children entering 2nd grade through senior high youth! The Handchime Choir rehearses the **first and third Sunday** of each month from **10:30 – 11:00 a.m.**, starting **October 6**. Our ringers work on ringing techniques, recognizing notes and learning music for worship. Please join us to discover Handchimes!

Our youth also have the opportunity to share in our music ministry with seasonal choir, ensembles, solos, keyboard and instrumental music scheduled during the choir year. Please let me know if you play an instrument in band or orchestra.

An invitation to share in our music ministry is extended to all! We hope the opportunity to be a part of our music ministry at Shells brings our members joy and spiritual uplifting, as we bring joy to others with our musical offerings, while giving glory to God. We are grateful for those who are able to share this gift with others.

Please don't hesitate to call, text or email me if you have any questions:
cell phone (717) 991-8862 or email at scdbjd@aol.com.

With joyful songs and praise,
Barbara Dupler
Director of Music

*Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King,
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.*

Take My Life, That I May Be ELW 685

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES – SEPTEMBER

Steve Espenshade, Karlene Jaggan, Matthew Terry, Diane Elliott, Sherry Ulsh, Justine Wiltraut, Grant Kauffman, Gracelyn Hilbert, Lucas Terry, Jeff Buse, Erik Espenshade, Sheryl Rozman, Marilee Hrivnak

God will never forget that you are his child.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

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| 9/1 | Kiera Karijomenggolo | 9/11 | Lauren O'Brien |
| | Mary Eileen | 9/13 | Ellie Frye |
| | Shellenberger | | |
| 9/2 | Jeff Buse | 9/14 | Azyel Jaggan |
| 9/4 | Shirley Huber | 9/15 | Dan Boyer |
| | Rodney Pepper | | Craig Espenshade |
| | Ryan Jaggan | 9/17 | Troy Wiltraut |
| 9/6 | Brandon Suhr | 9/22 | Katherine Shellenberger |
| 9/8 | Laura Molitoris | 9/29 | Diana Budd |
| 9/10 | Don Whitehaus | | Anna Holler |

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

Those who have died:

Those in the Shells Church Catechumenate Process (please pray for the formation of those preparing for full Confirmed/Voting membership on this congregation): Jordan Frye, Lexi Frye 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, 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 Rebuck, 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.

Worship Assistants Schedule: September/October

| | Assistant | Lector | Acolyte | Communion Assistant | Greeter /Usher | Altar Care |
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| September 1 Ordinary Time 22 | Karlene Jaggan | Gen Whitehaus | Abigail Blair | Louise Murphy | Rich & Nadine Espenshade | Louise Murphy, Karen Gussler & Bobbie Boyer |
| September 8 Ordinary Time 23 | Gen Whitehaus | Diane Gotshall | Lexi Frye | Don Whitehaus | Rick & Linda Blair | Diane Suhr & Terry Kamerzel |
| September 15 Ordinary Time 24 | Raelene Smith | Lisa Lugovich | Douglass Howard | Lousie Murphy | Bert & Karen Gussler | Steve, Kathy & Bethany Espenshade |
| September 22 Ordinary Time 25 | Karen Gussler | Gen Whitehaus | Nora Holler | Don Whitehaus | Tom & Sandy Mader | Sandy Mader & Katie Shellenberger |
| September 29 Ordinary Time 26 | Sherry Ulsh | Raelene Smith | Ellie Frye | Raelene Smith | Joe & Diana Budd | Diana Budd & Carol Gordon |
| October 2 St. Michael at 7pm | Karlene Jaggan | Nadine Espenshade | Anna Iachini, Lily Iachini, and Mary Shellenberger | Don Whitehaus | Tom & Sandy Mader | |
| October 6 Ordinary Time 27 | Karlene Jaggan | Nora Holler | Abigail Blair, Matthew Terry, & Lucas Terry | Louise Murphy | Bert & Karen Gussler | Raelene Smith & Janet Klos |
| October 13 Ordinary Time 28 | Raelene Smith | Nadine Espenshade | Douglass Howard | Lousie Murphy | Rich & Nadine Espenshade | Louise Murphy, Karen Gussler & Bobbie Boyer |
| October 20 Ordinary Time 29 | Gen Whitehaus | Brenda Frye | Ellie Frye | Don Whitehaus | Rick & Linda Blair | Diane Suhr & Terry Kamerzel |
| October 27 Reformation Sunday | Karen Gussler | Steve Espenshade | Mary Shellenberger, Jacob Mende, & Gabe Gonzales | Louise Murphy | Tom & Sandy Mader | Steve, Kathy & Bethany Espenshade |

**If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day
please find a replacement and notify the Church Office.**

SEPTEMBER 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 Ordinary Time 22 6pm Boy Scouts | 2 | 3 5-7pm Central PA Food Bank | 4 5:30pm Mutual Ministry | 5 6pm Cub Scouts | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Ordinary Time 23 Children/Youth Sunday School & Confirmation Adult Forum 6pm Boy Scouts | 9 6:30pm Bible Study @ Shells | 10 6:30pm Parish Council | 11 6pm Girl Scouts | 12 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm Senior Choir | 13 6:30pm Mini Golf and Ice Cream | 14 |
| 15 Ordinary Time 24 Blessing of Backpacks and Welcome Back Brunch 6pm Boy Scouts | 16 5pm Race Track Meal 6:30pm Bible Study @ St. John | 17 | 18 6pm Girl Scouts Food Pantry | 19 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm Senior Choir Food Pantry | 20 Food Pantry | 21 |
| 22 Ordinary Time 25 Children/Youth Sunday School & Confirmation Adult Forum 6pm Boy Scouts | 23 6:30pm Bible Study @ Shells | 24 | 25 6pm Girl Scouts | 26 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm Senior Choir | 27 ALIVE Camp & Women's Retreat | 28 ALIVE Camp & Women's Retreat |
| 29 Ordinary Time 26 Children/Youth Sunday School & Confirmation Adult Forum 6pm Boy Scouts ALIVE Camp & Women's Retreat | 30 6:30pm Card Ministry 6:30pm Bible Study @ St. John | | | | | |

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