

HILLTOP HERALD

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH www.churchohthehilop.org LINGLESTOWN, PA

NOVEMBER 2011

Buffet Breakfast, Food Fair and Silent Auction Saturday, November 5, 8-11AM

Buffet Breakfast

Our bountiful buffet breakfast will be served from 8-11AM. Our menu will include Eggs, Bacon/Sausages, Potato Logs, French Toast Sticks, Muffins/Rolls, Fruit Salad, Coffee and Juice. Tickets for this breakfast (\$5/adult, \$3/child age 6-12, children under 6 eat free) are available at the door.

Food Fair

- ◆ Homemade Soup "To Go" (Chicken Corn, Vegetable Beef and Ham & Bean) will be available for only \$6/qt.
- ◆ A great selection of Baked Goods and Candy will be on sale as well.

Silent Auction

A terrific selection of items will be available for your "bids" in this year's Silent Auction. We have everything from NFL clothing to artwork, from photos to jewelry, and on and on. Bids may be made the day of the Fair, as well as the next day between worship services. High bidders will be determined immediately following the 10:30AM service. You do not need to be present to be declared the "winner."

Advent

Advent is not just the "days before Christmas"; rather, Advent is a separate season of the church year with its own emphasis - a time of intense preparation and prayer in eager anticipation of the imminent return of our Lord. And so, at this time of the year we pray with a special fervor, "Come, Lord Jesus. Come quickly. Come soon."

This year, Advent begins on Sunday, November 27. On that day we will light the first candle of our Advent wreath. On succeeding Sundays, we will light an additional candle. As the light grows, so will our anticipation of our Lord's promised return.

On Wednesday, December 14, we will come together at 7:30PM to crown our 22nd St. Lucy. Look for more information in December's newsletter.

Accept, O Lord, The Gifts We Bring

Commitment Sunday November 20

Our Stewardship Theme for this year is taken from the first words of the hymn of the same name. These words remind us of what might be called the "circle of stewardship," for all the things we bring to the Lord are themselves gifts we have received from Him. Watch for a special mailing which will include your "Time and Talent" sheet, a Financial Commitment form, and information about Simply Giving, our electronic funds transfer program.

Your giving, on every level, is vital to the ministry of our church family.

All Saints' Sunday November 6

On this day we will bring to sacred memory the following members who have - since last All Saints' Day - entered the Church Triumphant:

Kenneth E. Basehore
Violet E. Bowers
D. Jeane Dinsmore
Nathan M. Dinsmore
Shirley Y. Euler
Stefan E. Haas
Joseph H. Kleinfelter
Fay H. Kreiser
Mildred C. Patrick

In addition, we will give thanks for the following child who has joined the Church Militant by Holy Baptism

Paityn Angel Pointer

Be sure to join us on this holy day!

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Youth Happenings . . .

Upper Elementary Youth Group (Grades 4-6)

- ◆ November 20 - 4-5:30PM - Meeting

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

- ◆ November 13 - 6-8:30PM - Meeting

After-Five Group, Wed, November 16

The After-Five Group will meet on Wednesday, November 16 at 7PM to assemble the wine basket for this year's raffle; please give your donated items to Beverly Stickley. AND, at 7:30PM, Wendy Plowman will make a presentation on teas. Please contact Beverly Stickley (545-3661 or bazstick@comcast.net) to let her know you will be attending that evening.

Snow Closings . . .

Wondering if worship has been cancelled? Please check TV channels 21 or 27, radio channels WHP580, 97.3FM or 99.3FM, or the web site abc27.com. You may also call the church office for a message.

Our Monthly Fellowship Breakfast . . .

will be held on November 20, in Fellowship Hall. This

Thank You . . .

- ◆ A "thank you" from the Ecumenical Food Pantry for 26 bags of food donated by our members. The break down was soup (57 cans), spaghetti sauce (22 jars), cans of tuna (44), cans of vegetables (27), cans of fruit (8), and assorted items of rice, pasta, ramen, peanut butter, jelly and macaroni & cheese (38). NOTE: We support this food pantry on a continuing basis. They have special need for soup, canned fruit, canned tuna, rice and spaghetti sauce.
- ◆ "Many thanks to all of you for the prayers, cards and telephone calls following my recent surgery. The flowers delivered by Marlene are still pretty. Much appreciation to Pastor Stickley for his telephone calls and support. Everything is AOK. Margaret Adams"
- ◆ John Bricker (Michael's father) says "thank you" for the altar flowers. He is recuperating well from his recent accident.
- ◆ A huge "thank you" to Emily and Tony Wright for the donation of funds to purchase a kitchen stove, given in memory of Emily's mother, Mary Hartman. Drop in to the kitchen to see this much-needed addition.

Coming along, s-l-o-w-l-y . . .

Pastor Stickley continues his recuperation from a dislocated ankle, and wants to thank everyone for their prayers and support.