

Greetings,

As we look forward to our fall schedule at Schwarzwald Lutheran Church, we have many opportunities to worship and serve together. We are thankful for these opportunities as we live in an anxious world. We treasure gathering together to hear God's word and find fellowship in worshipping. We reflect on Paul's words to the Philippians, "Rejoice in the Lord always. The Lord is near."

The adult Sunday school class is discussing Max Lucado's, *Anxious for Nothing*, focusing on Philippians 4:4-8. When we focus on Paul's words we can use the word CALM to center our thoughts.

- C** Celebrate God's Goodness
- A** Ask God for Help
- L** Leave Your Concerns with God
- M** Meditate on Good Things

Blessings to All



Visitation and Home Communion

Pastor Simmons has graciously volunteered to do visitations and Home Communion until we call a new pastor.

Thank you to Pr. Simmons!!

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR TRAINING

Through Lutheran Congregational Services

Would you be interested in becoming a Eucharistic Visitor for SLC? This would enable you to provide home communion to our sick and shut-ins. The one-day event is from 9:30a to 4:00p and there are two different dates/sites to choose from on the list — 10/23 or 11/6. If you are interested, please call the church office at 610-779-3480.

Upcoming supply pastors:

10/3 —The Rev. Virginia Biniek

10/10 —The Rev. Richard Bardo

10/17—The Rev. Ken Gould

10/24—The Rev. Donald Simmons

10/31—**Reformation Sunday**—The Rev. Donald Simmons



**Daylight Savings time ends
on Sunday, November 7.**

Set your clocks **BACK** one
hour on Saturday night,
November 6.

CANCELLATION INFORMATION

**If any services or events being held at the church are cancelled,
please check your email, our website
(www.schwarzwaldlutheran.org),
Facebook page (Schwarzwald Lutheran Church),
Channel 69 — WFMZ-TV Stormcenter, or our answering machine
(610-779-3480).**

BREAKFAST BUNCH

Thursday, October 14, at 9:00 a.m. at
Effie's Charcoal Chef Restaurant on Perkiomen Ave.

ALTAR FLOWER AND BULLETIN SPONSORS—2 sponsors per week. If you would like to sponsor the altar flowers (\$25) or bulletins (\$14), please use the sign-up sheets on the clipboards in the Narthex or call the church office.

TUESDAY MORNING GROUP

The Tuesday morning Bible Study/Work Group meets every Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall. Please join us!

SCHWARZWALD WALKERS

Saturday, October 23rd at 9:00 a.m.
Angelica Creek Park Trail
Berks Nature Center
575 Saint Bernardine St.
Reading, PA 19607

There are two parking areas. We will meet in the larger of the two lots. The first on your right when entering from the address listed above, which is off of Route 10.

This is a paved path great for easy walking and strollers!

See you all then! Enjoying God's natural beauty, one local trail at a time.

PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets every other Tuesday at 4:00 PM
in the Church Office.

The October dates are the 5th and 19th.

Please contact Joanne Rutherford for additional information.

610-406-9355 or jmr14290@gmail.com



Join us for a night of family fun at

SCHWARZWALD LUTHERAN CHURCH

250 CHURCH LANE ROAD, JACKSONWALD



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021

(RAIN OR SHINE)

5:00 PM-7:00 PM

(SET UP 4:00-5:00 PM)

-  COME IN COSTUME!
-  DECORATE YOUR TRUNK!
-  CHILDREN UNDER 12 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RESERVE A SPACE,
PLEASE CALL 610-779-3480.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for TRUNK OR TREAT

See previous page for more details.

- Please consider donating candy for the "trunkers" to hand out. All candy can be dropped off at the church office.
- Please consider signing up to decorate your trunk. Please look for the sign-up sheet on the events bulletin board downstairs or call the church office.
- Help with set-up or clean-up. Help stock candy.
 - Feel free to email or call the Trunk or Treat coordinator, Sarah Hoover Gibson, with any questions at sth100284@gmail.com or 610-209-2121 or you may also contact the church office 610-779-3480, administrator@schwarzwaldlutehran.org.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Charlotte Jeschonnek
- 2 Sarah Gibson, Sharon Lessig
- 3 Diane Whitehead, Leigh Urwiler
- 4 Susan Gross
- 5 Carl Bieber, Jon Correll, Sawyer Schaeffer
- 6 Laurie Vlasak, Bob Fliegel
- 7 Cathy Tice
- 8 Michael Trexler
- 10 Kristen Killoran
- 11 Mark Hoover, Tammy Schmehl
- 12 Mike Gumpert
- 13 Evan Carson, Shaun Schweitzer
- 14 Dorothy Hoerr, Jacob Thomas, Azlyn Ramus, Stacey Bossler,
Gwendolyn Kauwell
- 15 Michael Gallagher, Heather Reidinger
- 16 Virginia Frey, Stephanie Hafer Shaak, Whitney Fayewicz
- 19 Dennis Moser
- 20 Lucas Palange
- 21 Margaret Bieber
- 22 Heather Doll, David Scalese
- 23 Jill Hafer
- 24 Allison Correll
- 25 Scarlet Jordan, Dee Miller
- 26 Lynkyn Harlow, Craig Houpp
- 27 Lori Mack, Bradly Shollenberger
- 29 Michael Billinger
- 30 Sandra Ruppert
- 31 Heather Hafer, Kay Oswald



BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY

If your birthday is in October
and is not listed here,
please call the church office,
610-779-3480,
with your full birth date M/D/Y.
Thank you.

THANK YOU!
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. . **from** Leon Kerner — A big thank you to Pastor Steve and Ginni Frey for the recent visit. It was indeed a great day. We celebrated communion and also had a very meaningful visit. It goes without saying it was very much appreciated.

. . **from** the Exeter Area Food Pantry—Thank you for your generous donation. Your generosity will help to make a difference in the lives of people in need in our community.

. . **to** Peg Gumpert, Carol Gunzelmann, Marilyn Oplinger, Mary Phillips and Linda Strain for preparing vegetable soup for the New Journey soup kitchen and to the Jaegers for delivering it.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

And....we're back! Our Sunday School year got off to a great start with the Rally Day Carnival. It was wonderful to see all generations of the church come together to celebrate and welcome the children back. The first few weeks of in-person Sunday School have also been great.

Our next big event is Trunk or Treat! This will happen on Sunday, October 17th from 5:00 - 7:00. This is our biggest community outreach event of the year, and we need your help to decorate a trunk! Set up may begin between 4:00 & 4:30. Please let us know you will decorate a trunk by signing up on the Youth News board or by speaking with Crystal or Diane. Candy is provided or you may provide your own. Candy donations are welcome any time and may be delivered to the church office or placed in the bin in the Sunday School area.

Be sure to save the date - November 21st. This is Sunday School's big fall event. Painting with a Twist will be coming for our Jr. & Sr. High children. Pre-registration is required for the painting experience. Our children in grades 5 and younger will enjoy yoga that morning.

Lots to look forward to!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<h1>OCTOBER 2021</h1>			
3 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 11:30am Acolyte training (S) 5:00pm #167 Girl Scouts 7:00pm AA mtg. SR	4 5:00pm Fellowship Hall in use (FH) 5:30pm Yoga (PV) 7:00pm AA mtg. (SR)	5 10:00am Bible Study / Work Group (FH) 4:00pm Prayer Group (FH)	6 5:30pm Yoga
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24 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service (S) 12:00pm Baptism (S) 7:00pm AA meeting (SR)	25 5:00pm Fellowship Hall in use (FH) 5:30pm Yoga (PV) 7:00pm AA mtg. (SR)	26 10:00am Bible Study / Work Group (FH)	27 5:30pm Yoga
31 9:15am Sunday School (SS/FH) 10:30am Reformation 7:00pm AA meeting (SR)			

Key: **HC**—Holy Communion **FH**—Fellowship Hall **SR**—Scout Room **CR**—
SS—Sunday School room(s) **LGI** - Large Group Instruction Room

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 8:30am Yoga (PV)
(PV)	7 6:00pm #1909 Girl Scouts (FH)	8	9 8:30am Yoga (PV)
(PV) Youth Council (FH)	14 9:00am Breakfast Bunch 6:10pm Cherub Choir (CR) 6:30pm Junior Choir (CR) 6:55pm Handbell Choir (S) 7:35p Sr. Choir CR ▼	15 2:00pm Exeter Area Food Pantry	16 8:30am Yoga (PV)
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CR—Choir Room PV—Pavilion S—Sanctuary P—Parlor N—Narthex
 YR—Youth Room CO—Church Office K—Kitchen Z—Zoom

Church Council Meeting Highlights (July)

No August council meeting will be held.

T-Mobile Lease Amendment – Kevin Kennedy: Kevin received and forwarded to council the packet of drawings and draft lease amendment. Issues with the drawings: 1) The proposed double door entrance would not allow for landscaping. 2) There would be interference with the Sprint entrance. We would need approval from Sprint before allowing T-Mobile to utilize the space.

From Social Ministry - Since the Exeter Area Food Pantry is no longer located at Reformation Lutheran Church, there is no reason the Toy Drive needs to be held there, especially when it is and has been Schwarzwald's project. The time-consuming moving of the collected items to another location would also be eliminated. Therefore, the Social Ministry Committee would like to host this year's Christmas Toy Drive on site, including both the collection and distribution of toys, to clients of the Exeter Area Food Pantry, the date of distribution being Friday, December 10, 2021. Council agreed.

In the Property Committee Report, Kevin reported he wrote to Daniel's Ground Maintenance about his dissatisfaction of their scope of work. They had not mowed for 2 weeks, they have not trimmed for numerous weeks, they were not power blowing the driveway, parking lot and sidewalks, and were not applying weedkiller. They responded that since we were not happy with their work, they would no longer be mowing. Our contract requires 30 days written notice by either party. We had to scramble for someone to mow. Frank Kerber found us someone who would do it for an additional \$10/week. Kevin wrote to Daniel's and told them they were in default of the contract.

Request to hold a Thanksgiving lunch for the Exeter Senior Citizens hosted by the BBB Klub here in SLC Fellowship Hall on November 17, 2021. Council approval was given.

Sue Bryant made a suggestion to develop a 2BY2 visiting group. Christ sent his disciples out 2 by 2 and did visitations. At the Bryant's old church, they had 6 or 7 groups of 2 that went out on a monthly basis and visited the shut-ins and home bound. Think about it for the future.

We should have an employee policy manual. Denton will talk to Christy D'Angelo and obtain her assistance in developing an HR manual.





WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN ACOLYTE

**AS AN ACOLYTE YOU ARE A "COMPANION"
"OR ONE WHO HELPS" DURING A WORSHIP
SERVICE. YOU ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF
THE WORSHIP SERVICE. (1) YOU HELP BY
LIGHTING THE CANDLES, (2) accepting the
offering plates from the ushers. (3)
ASSISTING DURING THE DISTRIBUTION OF
COMMUNION, AND EXTINGUISHING THE
CANDLES AT THE END OF THE SERVICE.**

ACOLYTE TRAINING

For ages 9—15

Sunday, October 3 11:30 a.m.

in the Sanctuary

Social Ministry Committee Outreach Report

Mary's Shelter, 615 Kenhorst Boulevard, is preparing to unveil their new addition with the fully furnished rooms at their Open House on Friday, October 8, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. As you may recall, Schwarzwald was partnered with the Exeter High School Design Team. "Our room," #25, will soon be the home for a homeless young woman, as she is given a place to stay and assistance to forge a brighter future. When you come to the Open House, you will be able to visit all of the rooms that have been furnished during this most worthy project.

The committee would like to thank everyone for your support during this project. Thank you to those who purchased items to complete the room and kept us in your prayers.

One of the S.M.C.'s duties is to support various organizations with donations and/or monetary contributions. This is done on behalf of you, the members of Schwarzwald Lutheran Church.

In September, many people in the United States were impacted by Hurricane Ida. Wildfires continue to burn thousands of acres of land and homes. The Social Ministry Committee used a portion of its budget to send a gift of \$1,000.00 to ELCA Disaster Response to assist the people affected by these devastating events.

To learn more about the various ways you can personally help people in the U.S. and around the world, visit [ELCA.org/donate](https://www.elca.org/donate).

Future projects in the works: **November's Thank Offering** with a special guest speaker representing Keystone Military Families, preparation of Christmas Goody Bags for our homebound members, and the Christmas Toy Drive. More details about these and other projects will be forthcoming in the "Pulpit and Pew" and your Sunday bulletins.

God's Work, Our Hands!





WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

8 AM – 11 PM

Donate \$5 and enjoy:

- **25% off discount shopping pass**
- **Register to win a \$100 Boscov's gift card**

**100% of your donation
goes to SLC!**

Please see Julie Dickerson if you are interested in purchasing tickets or if you would be interested in helping to sell tickets.

Ticket sales benefit the youth at Schwarzwald Lutheran Church!

6th Annual Toy Give

for the Children of the Exeter Area
Food Pantry

December 10, 2021

Distribution will take place at

Schwarzwald Lutheran Church



We are so thankful to all the individuals and organizations that helped to make last year's event our biggest ever! Over 344 children ranging in age from birth to 18 years received gifts to make their Christmas morning memorable. The number of families being served by the Exeter Area Food Pantry has stabilized some since the challenges of Covid 19 last year. Nevertheless, we still anticipate a very large number of children. It takes a village to make this event a success!

THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS THAT YOU CAN HELP!

Please consider purchasing a toy or toys for children aged birth to 12 years old. This can include toys, games, puzzles, dolls, cars, trucks, building sets, art supplies, Barbies, Legos, etc.

Fill a shoebox with fun and practical items for a child aged 13 to 18 years old. Wrap the lid and box separately and place a rubber band or ribbon around it to hold it closed. Place a slip of paper inside with the either boy or girl and the age child that you have shopped for.

Boys: small electronic games, balls, comic books, sports team items, socks, etc.

Girls: make-up, nail polish, magazines, hair care items, socks, hair accessories, diary, photo book, etc.

Boy or Girl: Card games, games, puzzles, colognes, body wash, travel sized games, special notepads,

Gift Cards to Walmart, Target, Amazon, or area food chains

Donations of hats, gloves and scarves for all ages are also appreciated.

Donations of gently read children's books that you no longer need are welcomed.

All of these items can be placed in the collection box or you can deliver them to Schwarzwald Lutheran Church. There will be a collection box in the breezeway near the church office.

For those who prefer a monetary contribution, please send a check made payable to Schwarzwald Lutheran Church (marked "Toy Give") and send it to 250 Church Lane Road, Reading, PA 19606

Below you will find a link to an Amazon Wish List with suggested items you may purchase for the children. Any item purchased from this list will be shipped directly to Schwarzwald. You can copy and paste the link in your browser or email me to have a link sent to you. You can make selections of your own from any website of your choosing and have the items sent to Schwarzwald.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Q50Y4ZQKQS8Y?ref_=wl_share

If you have questions, please contact Doris Jaeger at 610-780-9825 or bdj43077@msn.com. You may also call the Schwarzwald Lutheran Church office at 610-779-3480.

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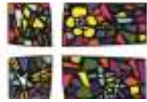
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We are a family of faith called to do God's will by inspiring Christian life through teaching and sharing His unconditional love for all.

Vision Statement:

To encourage growth of our faith family through community outreach and engaging youth to serve God.

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Join our family, share God's love.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Pulpit and Pew

OCTOBER 2021