

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY





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ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2025 10:45 A.M.

HYMNS ON THE CARILLON

CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

PRELUDE *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* Labenske

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made!

Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

C Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN #532 *Gather Us In*


GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.


C And also with you.

KYRIE


P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C 
Lord, have mer - cy.


P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C 
Lord, have mer - cy.


P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of
God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C 
Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us
pray to the Lord.

C 
Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C 
A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S CIRCLE The Rev. David Blitch

FIRST READING Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 149 *read responsively*

¹Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

²**Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.**

³Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

⁴**For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.**

⁵Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.

⁶**Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,**

⁷to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,

⁸**to bind their kings with fetters
and their nobles with chains of iron,**

⁹to execute on them the judgment decreed.

This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the Lord!

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:11-23

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 6:20-31

²⁰Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON The Rev. David Blitch

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY #712 *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A God of all that is, delight in the praises of your people and revive the spirit of your church. Move through us with boldness so that we proclaim the gospel of Christ throughout the world. Renew and revive pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of the beginning, give us the courage to advocate for environmental policy that will ensure a viable future for generations to come. Restore desolate places to health and flourishing. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of all our days, guide the leaders of governments, nations, municipalities, and all those seeking office. Accompany election officials and volunteers. Dismantle injustice and oppression wherever it is found. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of comfort in troubled times, we pray for those in need of protection and care, especially:

Ken Bryant	Bob & Cindy Fliegel	Barbara Hafer
Connie Harman	Barry & Ruth Hoover	Larry & Priscilla Houp
Gwen Kauwell	Andy Kent	Mary Phillips
Zoe Schmaldinst	Walt Smithson	Pat Weiser
Pastor & Barb Bardo	Sarah Blatt	Debra Hoerner
Jayne Phillips	Jackie Rohrbach	Tracy Rohrbach
Betty Scollick	Audrey Seltzer	Jim & Lauri Walker

We pray for all those concerns and people we quietly name in our hearts.

Silent prayers.

Trusting that you are constant in mercy, protect those who seek safety and solace. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of what is yet to come, encourage and inspire those who give their time, talent, and treasure in service to your church. By their commitment, further the work of ministry in this place and uplift your gospel. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We remember our members, made Saints by the grace of God, who have gone from this Life to Glory in the last year,

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|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| James Bernhard | Pat Grim | Dorace Harding |
| Marlene Harlow | Barry Hecker | Leon Kerner |
| Bob Pendi | Janice Smithson | Alice Specht |

Gracious God, we thank you for giving us these dearly departed to know and to love through their days of life on Earth. We now humbly commend them to your care. May we be comforted and take courage by remembering the promise given in our baptism, that you are with us always through this life and prepare a place for us in your Eternal Kingdom. To you be all honor and glory now and forever. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of our Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Share the peace with one another.

Please be seated.

OFFERING The Gift of Love Sr. Choir Hopson

Please stand.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of

bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be

fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -

nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

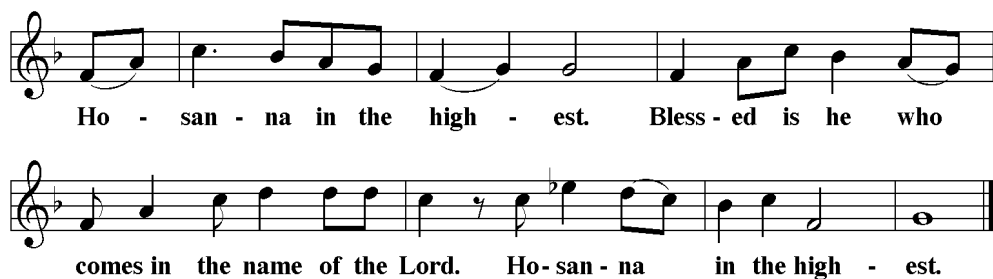
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

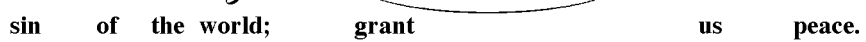
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD





C Amen.

SENDING HYMN
#793 *Be Thou My Vision*

DISMISSAL
A Go in peace. Share the harvest.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Sonata in D*Cimarosa

SERVING AT WORSHIP

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are a visitor, a special welcome to you, and if you are without a church home, we invite you to join our fellowship. You are also encouraged to sign our guest register with your preferred contact information. If you do not have a Bible at home, please take one from the welcome table. Visitors who are communing members of other Christian congregations are cordially invited to receive the Sacrament with us. Welcome to the Lord's table where we are one with Christ!

The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by Charles and Anita Heydt in celebration of their granddaughter Kathryn Shaffer's birthday.

The **bulletins** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored 1) by Heather Hafer on All Saints' Sunday in memory of her Daddy, Scott Hafer, and 2) by Jennifer Reinert in honor of Jack Murphy's baptism anniversary.

Large print bulletins and hearing receivers are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance.

Children's toys, games, puzzles and books can be found in the Narthex.

Church-time Nursery is available downstairs in the "Parent and Me" room with plenty of toys and books for toddlers and youngsters.

The **November issue of the *Pulpit and Pew*** is available for pick-up in the Narthex and Vestibule entrances.

Altar flower sponsors (\$25) are needed for November 16, 23 and 30 and all of December. **Bulletin sponsors** (\$14) are needed for the remainder of November and all of December. Please use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

The **BREAKFAST BUNCH** will meet on Thursday, November 13, at 9:00 a.m. at the Breakfast Hut Restaurant on Perkiomen Avenue. All are welcome!



Veteran's Day Recognition

Veterans, please save the date of Sunday, November 9, for a special recognition of your service to our country. To make sure our list of Veterans is up-to-date, please call the church office with the years you served and your branch of military, 610-779-3480. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!**



MILLER-KEYSTONE
BLOOD CENTER

**GIVE BLOOD.
GIVE HOPE.**



UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

November 10 - 22

at Miller-Keystone Blood Center in Leesport

To schedule an appointment:

Call Miller-Keystone at 800-223-6667, ext. 2

APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED

All donors must present valid ID with:

- First & last name
- Photo &/or signature

Veterans, ask your coordinator
about our complimentary MKBC
Military Challenge Coin.



GIVEaPINT.org | 800-B-A-DONOR |



Sunday Sinfonia

Music is the Tie That Binds

November 15, 2025

3PM

Keystone Villa at Fleetwood

501 Hoch Rd
Blandon, PA

November 16, 2025

3PM


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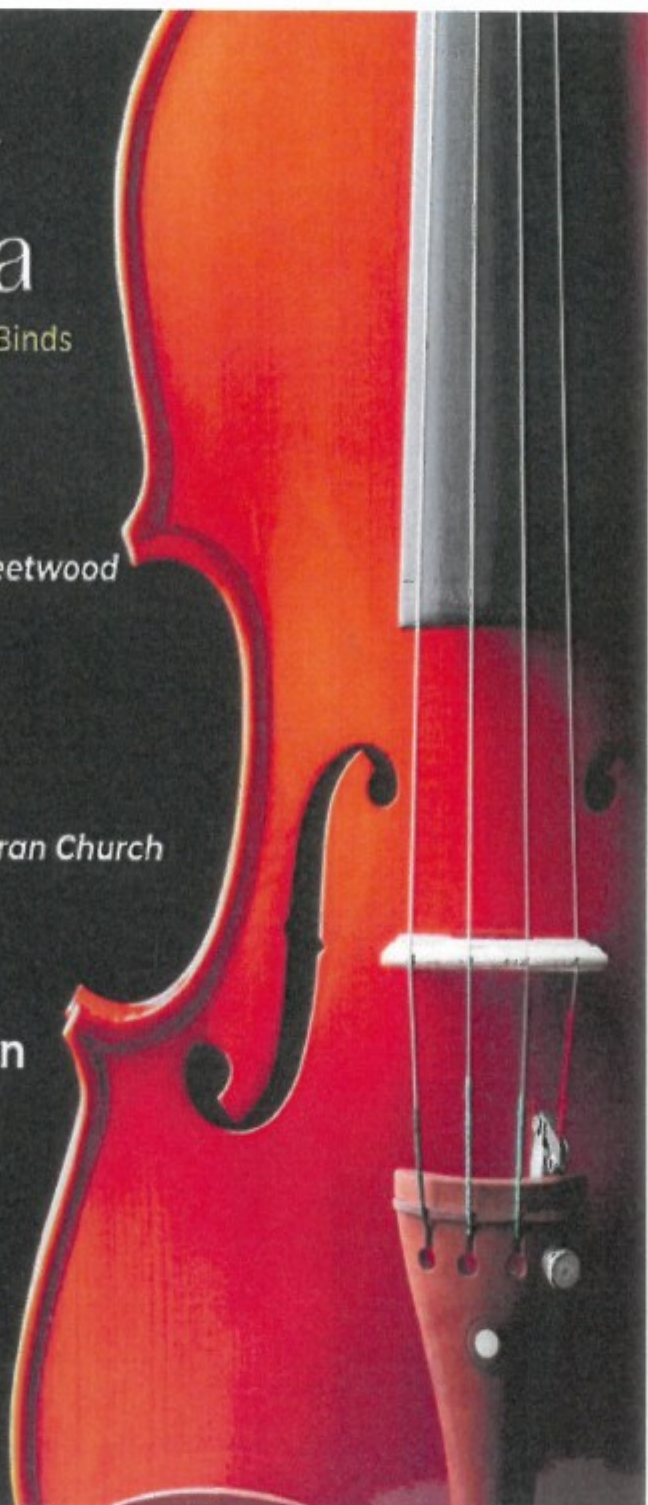
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SINFONIA



THANKOFFERING SUNDAY

What: Thankoffering Sunday

This year, we will support our community by providing foods for our Little Free Pantry. With the theme of Thanksgiving in mind, we will be collecting foods that will help those visiting our pantry add to their Thanksgiving meals, as well as daily needs.

When: November 23, 2025

How: On Thankoffering Sunday, you will find collection bins to the left and right of the stairs nears the pulpit and lectern. Your food donations may be placed in the bins when you come forward to commune. If you would rather make a monetary donation, consider writing a check, made out to Schwarzwald Lutheran Church, or purchasing a gift card from ALDI, Redner's, Giant, or other grocery stores. The latter may be placed in the little red shopping cart which will also be in front of the church.

Suggested foods include:

stuffing mix
mashed potato mix
jars of gravy
canned vegetables
cranberry sauce
jars of pumpkin
rice
beans
pasta
boxes of cereal
oatmeal
boxes of macaroni and cheese
ready to make meals
canned meats

Thank you for making Thankoffering Sunday a success!



COME, GATHER, PREPARE

Advent FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

(following worship)

11:45 AM-1:45 PM in FELLOWSHIP HALL



11:45 — 12:15 Light lunch — pizza , veggies

12:15 — 1:15 Crafts and activities

1:15 — 1:45 Lighting of the outside Advent wreath,
gather for crafts and dessert

PIZZA LUNCH

MUSIC

CRAFTS FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND ADULTS

**+ A SPECIAL "PREPARE & SHARE" TABLE FOR OLDER KIDS AND
ADULTS TO MAKE DECORATIONS FOR SHUT-INS**

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST OUTDOOR ADVENT CANDLE

Invite your friends and come for an afternoon of fellowship as we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of the Christ Child!

10th Annual Toy Give
for the Children of the Exeter Area Food Pantry
December 12, 2025
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 a great success. Over **440 children** ranging in age from birth to 18 years received gifts to make Christmas morning memorable. Too many local families are still struggling to make ends meet. We are expecting a very large number of them to be registering for toys again this year.

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 THROUGH 13 YEARS OLD. This can include toys, games, puzzles, dolls, cars, trucks, building sets, art supplies, Barbies, Legos, etc.

FOR THE TEENAGERS 14-18

Please note that we ARE NOT asking for filled shoeboxes this year.

Instead, we would appreciate the purchase of gift sets: Make-up sets, Nail Care Sets, Shaving Sets, Cologne Sets, Perfume Sets, Hand Cream and Body Wash Sets, Adult Art Sets, (Fine tip markers, graphic pencils, colored pencils) etc.

The Amazon Wish List below will include examples of these sets. They are available in many stores during the Christmas season. Teenagers will also receive a gift card to purchase something they would like from our generous partner, Hack Away at Hunger.

Donations of hats, socks, gloves and scarves for ALL AGES are also appreciated.

Donations of gently read CHILDREN's and TEEN's books that you no longer need are welcomed. New books are also appreciated.

All of these items can be placed in the collection box or you can deliver them to Schwarzwald Lutheran Church. There will be two collection boxes in the breezeway near the church office. The box is emptied daily.

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 in case you are looking for a little help choosing. 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 also search for the list named Exeter Toy Give 2025 under accounts and lists, search for a list on the Amazon home page.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/305TZ4QONCIV3?ref=wl_share

If you prefer to shop online at any other store website, the items can be shipped directly to Schwarzwald Lutheran Church, 250 Church Lane Road, Reading Pa 19606

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.

Toy Give

December 12th

11:00 AM—4:30 PM

The Toy Give will be here before we know it. There are currently 400 children registered to receive gifts that day.

If you would like to be part of the excitement by volunteering to help with set-up beginning on December 8th, or with the distribution of toys to parents, please reach out and let us know.

This is a community event that is sponsored by our congregation. You will enjoy every moment if you decide to help.

Call the church office (610-779-3480) or Doris Jaeger (610-780-9825).

Penn State Extension webinar on food safety for volunteers

There's still time to sign-up! Penn State Extension is offering a webinar on food safety for volunteers on November 6th at 6:00 p.m.

For more details and information, please visit their website —
<https://www.psu.edu/news/agricultural-sciences>

<https://extension.psu.edu/cooking-for-crowds-webinar>

Volunteers who help prepare and serve food for their nonprofit organization are encouraged to attend.

Penn State extension educators and faculty serve as instructors and are certified by the National Restaurant Association. All have received training on the most current food safety research.

Participants receive a certificate of completion after attending the program.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

(For many of these events, there are additional details elsewhere in this bulletin.)

Sunday, November 9

10:45 a.m.—Worship Service / Veterans Recognition

Sunday, November 16

10:45 a.m.—Worship Service

3:00 p.m.—Sunday Sinfonia Concert

Sunday, November 23—Christ the King Sunday

10:45 a.m.—Worship Service / Thankoffering Sunday

LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS:

Sunday, November 30—The First Sunday in Advent

10:45 a.m.—Worship Service

11:45 a.m.—Advent Festival

Outside Advent Wreath Lighting following the Advent Festival

Sunday, December 7—The Second Sunday in Advent

10:45 a.m.—Worship Service

5:00 p.m.—Outside Advent Wreath Lighting

Friday, December 12

11:00 a.m.—TOY GIVE!

Sunday, December 14—The Third Sunday in Advent

10:45 a.m.—Worship Service / Children's Christmas Pageant

11:45 a.m.—Christmas Cookie Exchange

5:00 p.m.—Outside Advent Wreath Lighting

Friday, December 19 (please note date change!)

7:00 p.m.—Exeter Sr. High School Christmas Concert in our Sanctuary

Sunday, December 21—The Fourth Sunday in Advent

10:45 a.m.—Worship Service

5:00 p.m.—Outside Advent Wreath Lighting

Wednesday, December 24—Christmas Eve

3:00 p.m.—Worship Service

7:00 p.m.—Worship Service

Sunday, December 28—The First Sunday of Christmas

10:45 a.m.—Worship Service