



## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

Immediately following the worship service, lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall. The congregational meeting will begin after lunch.

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**In case of inclement weather:**

### **CANCELLATION INFORMATION**

**Please check your email,  
our website ([www.schwarzwaldlutheran.org](http://www.schwarzwaldlutheran.org)),  
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Channel 69 — WFMZ-TV Stormcenter,  
or our answering machine (610-779-3480).**

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### **SOUP GROUP**

For all ages

Monday, January 19 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

We will make two kinds of soup,  
have some lunch and package  
the soup for distribution on this MLK Day of Service !!



# Thank you!

WHEN A COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER...A  
ROOM IS FILLED WITH TOYS AND MANY CHILDREN  
HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS.!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE  
SCHWARZWALD LUTHERAN CHURCH TOY GIVE  
FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE  
EXETER AREA FOOD PANTRY!



WE COULD NOT BE MORE APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR  
SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT. WE COULD NEVER  
MAKE THIS HAPPEN WITHOUT YOU!

EVERY TOY MAKES A DIFFERENCE.



THANK YOU ALSO FOR THE MANY VOLUNTEERS  
WHO JOINED US FOR THIS JOYOUS DAY!

(P.S. THERE WERE MORE TOYS UNDER THE TABLES FOR RESTOCKING)

SO MANY TOYS!!

AND CLOSE TO 500 CHILDREN SERVED!

WE ARE SO BLESSED TO LIVE IN A COMMUNITY  
WHO TREASURES IT'S CHILDREN.



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM  
SCHWARZWALD LUTHERAN CHURCH AND THE  
EXETER AREA FOOD PANTRY!

# THANK YOU!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! . . .

. . **from** Exeter Township Volunteer Fire Department—Thank you for your generous gift to the ETVFD. We are thrilled to have your support. Through your donation, we have been able to accomplish serving Exeter Township and St. Lawrence Borough citizens and continue working towards providing emergency services when called.

. . **to** Barry Hoover for purchasing a new clock for Fellowship Hall.

. . **to** Sally Kennedy and Diane Hafer for preparing turkey vegetable soup for the New Journey soup kitchen.

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## **PARLOR COFFEE CAFÉ / GREETERS**

Scan the QR code below or use the Sign-Up Genius link to sign-up to bring a baked good for the coffee café or to be a Greeter on a Sunday morning:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4FA9AD2FA7FD0-60582416-schwarzwald>



## **PRAYER GROUP**

The January meeting dates for the Prayer Group are  
the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM.

Please contact Joanne Rutherford for additional information at  
610-406-9355 or [jmr14290@gmail.com](mailto:jmr14290@gmail.com).

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

# JANUARY

## 2026

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<b>4</b> 9:15am Adult Sunday School (FH) 9:30am Sunday School (SS) 10:45am Worship Service 11:45am Sr. Choir reh. (FH) 11:45am Undecorating (S) 7:00pm AA meeting (SR)	<b>5</b> 10:00am Social Ministry Committee mtg. (FH) 5:45pm Girl Scout Troop 11135 (FH) 6:15pm Girl Scout Troop 1909 (SS) 7:00pm AA mtg. (SR)	<b>6</b> 10:00am Tuesday morning Bible Study / Work Group (FH) 11:00am Prayer Group (FH)	<b>7</b> 7:00pm NA Meeting
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<b>25</b> 9:15am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Sunday School (SS) 10:45am Worship Service 11:45am Lunch / Annual Mtg. 11:45am Sr. Choir reh. (FH) 12:00pm Confirmation Class (FH) 5:30pm Sinfonia Rehearsal 7:00pm AA mtg.	<b>26</b> 5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 1867 (FH) 7:00pm AA mtg. (SR)	<b>27</b> 10:00am Tuesday morning Bible Study / Work Group (FH)	<b>28</b> 7:00pm NA Meeting

**Key:** HC—Holy Communion FH—Fellowship Hall SR—Scout Room CR—Choir Room PCC—Pastor's Conference Room  
 EAB—Exeter Schools Admin. Bldg. SS—Sunday School room(s) PL—Parking Lot LGI - Large Gathering Room

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>org), Church), .</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Church Office closed</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Fellowship Hall in use by Girl Scouts (FH)</p>
	<p>Limited Church Office hours this week.</p>		
<p>ing (SR)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00am Breakfast Bunch (BH)</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>Council (FH)</p> <p>ing (SR)</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>2:00pm Exeter Area Food Pantry (EAB)</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>Senior Citizens</p> <p>ub.meeting (FH)</p> <p>ing (SR)</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>ing (SR)</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

rlor Coffee Cafe   **PV**—Pavilion   **S**—Sanctuary   **P**—Parlor   **N**—Narthex   **K**—Kitchen   **Z**—Zoom  
 up Instruction Room   **SCA**—Schwarzwald Cemetery Assoc.   **YR**—Youth Room   **CO**—Church Office

# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Owen Fotheringill, Carol Gunzelmann,  
Derrick Jackson
- 2 Tim Morgan
- 3 Collin Schaeffer, Rylee Boone
- 5 Terry Diehl
- 8 Tanya Stamm, Caleb Rahn
- 10 John D'Angelo
- 12 Kayla Paugh, Patricia Yoder
- 16 Patty Schmeer
- 17 Noelle Rutherford, Chase Reinert
- 18 Annalynne Thompson
- 19 Ruth Ann Foster, Amanda Hanchick
- 20 Lukas Kohler, Vincent D'Angelo
- 22 Max Kennedy
- 23 Cindy Fliegel
- 25 Amber Herber
- 26 Raina Sgroi
- 27 Doris Jaeger
- 28 Olivia Oatman
- 30 Grayson Morgan



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

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## Christian Education

January 4: Party - Happy (belated) Birthday, Jesus!

February 1: Sunday School Breakfast

January 11 - February 8: Souper Bowl of Caring

February 15: Mardi Gras/Lent Intro



## **New Year's Greeting from the Social Ministry Committee**

Happy New Year and best wishes to you as we welcome 2026! Each new year is always filled with possibilities and opportunities and our committee is ready to explore what lies ahead.

Many of our projects have become traditions and will be continued. We will strive to support various local charities with funds from our budget, as well as with the items gathered during collection drives.

Food ministries have always been at the fore front of the Social Ministry Committee's projects. Through a food safety seminar offered by the Penn State Extension, we have become aware of various procedures that need to be followed in order to safely cook meals for outside organizations. In order to comply with the recommendations, we may find it necessary to reevaluate how we prepare meals that will be shared with outside groups. More information will be upcoming as we begin to plan ways to assure that we offer a safe food ministry program.

Our first meeting of 2026 will be on **January 5 at 10:00** in the fellowship hall. New members are always welcome. If you have questions about the committee's role, please feel free to ask any of our committee members. We'll be happy to chat with you!

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Carol Gunzelmann, Doris and Bill Jaeger, Jan Krommes, Judi Merkel, Mary Phillips, Barb and Denton Quick, Pat Ruffner and Peg Gumpert

**GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS!**

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## **COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS** (November)

### **Pastor's Report**

Germany trip—all churches in our Parish were represented. Next summer we are looking into a bus tour, an Israel tour, & a Dietrich Bonhoeffer tour.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Finance/Stewardship Committee approved the October disbursements. Budget is in line with the Y-T-D budget. Reviewed the 2026 Proposed Budget

### **Old Business**

New doors in the office are complete.

### **New Business**

There will be a sign-up for the Parlor Coffee Café for baked goods and for Sunday Greeters.

"Cooking for Crowds" webinar was attended by Doris and Carolyn.

### **Budget Information—Monthly totals (November)**

#### **Income:**

Budgeted Income	\$20,192 (Current envelopes)
Actual Income	\$19,867 (Current envelopes)

#### **Expenses:**

Budgeted Expenses	\$28,145 (Amount includes a full-time pastor salary)
Actual Expenses	\$23,661

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# Pulpit *and* Pew

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