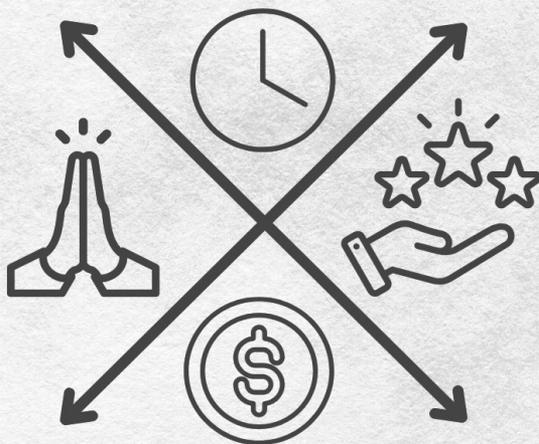


# United In Christ Lutheran Church

## GIFTED STEWARDS



*a focus on time, talent, treasure, and thanks*  
September 21-October 12



## *Talent*

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
September 28, 2025

*The Rev. Katy Moran*

# ***Welcome to our church!***

*We hope the service is meaningful, and uplifting,  
and that you will experience God's presence here.*

*May God bless you during worship today.*

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## **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS**

*Please see a greeter.*

## **ELEVATOR**

*Please see a greeter.*

## **REST ROOMS**

*Downstairs across from the church office.*

## **DIAPER CHANGING TABLE**

*In fellowship hall family restroom.*

*Visit us at [www.unitedinchristlutheran.net](http://www.unitedinchristlutheran.net)*

### **UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF**

**The Rev. Justin G. Lingenfelter: UIC Pastor**

**The Rev. Katy Moran: CELC Pastor**

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**Marilyn Gresh: Music Director**

### ***United In Christ's Mission Statement:***

*Led by the Spirit, we follow Christ's call to honor  
God and neighbor through worship, learning, service,  
prayer, stewardship and invitation.*

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our maker, our helper,  
and our keeper.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of  
God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful and loving God,

**We are your stiff necked people. We trample on the  
needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn  
away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our  
sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been  
found.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ  
came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have  
been found. In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

*Christ, Be Our Light*



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE



1. A - bove the hills the an - gel hosts  
2. In heav'n, on earth reigns God Most High,  
3. Sing jus - tice, mer - cy, joy and peace,  
4. We wor - ship you, our thanks we bring,  
5. To Je - sus Christ, God's Son, our Lord,



*Sing glo - ry! Glo - ry! Glo - ry!* God's Love is come to  
Yet ten - der - ly God  
God's own good will grants  
We bow be - fore you  
The Lamb of God, E -



seek the lost. *Give Glo - ry to God in the High - est!* \_\_\_\_\_  
hears our cry.  
sin's re - lease.  
as we sing  
ter - nal Word,

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord God, you are the source of a variety of gifts in the unity of your Spirit. Manifest your Spirit in us for the common good, that we may be salt to the earth and a light to the world, giving glory to our Father in heaven, through your son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

## EXODUS 35:30-36:1

<sup>30</sup>Then Moses said to the Israelites, “See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel son of Uri son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; <sup>31</sup>he has filled him with a divine spirit, with ability, intelligence, and knowledge, and with every kind of skill, <sup>32</sup>to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, <sup>33</sup>in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, in every kind of artistic craft. <sup>34</sup>And he has inspired him to teach, both him and Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. <sup>35</sup>He has filled them with skill to do every kind of work done by an artisan or by a designer or by an embroiderer in blue, purple, and crimson yarns and in fine linen or by a weaver—by any sort of skilled worker or designer.

36 <sup>1</sup>“Bezalel and Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the Lord has given skill and understanding to know how to do any work in the construction of the sanctuary shall work in accordance with all that the Lord has commanded.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

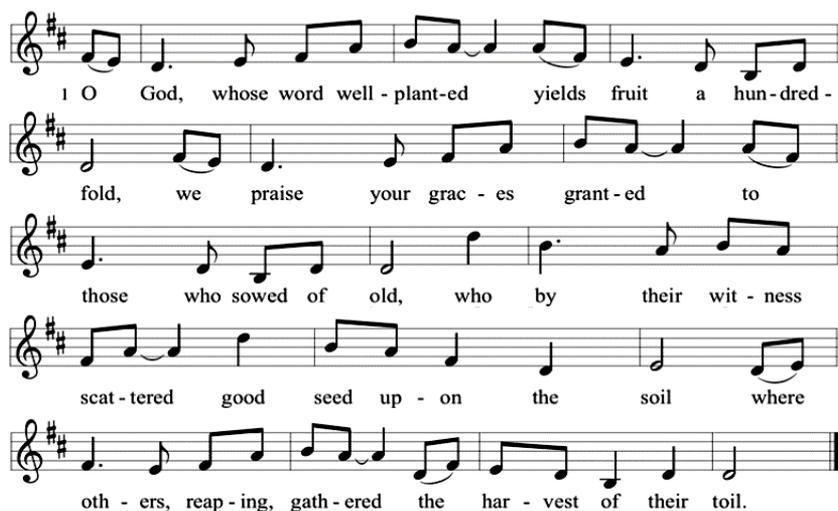
## 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



1 O God, whose word well - plant - ed yields fruit a hun - dred -  
fold, we praise your grac - es grant - ed to  
those who sowed of old, who by their wit - ness  
scat - tered good seed up - on the soil where  
oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.

## GOSPEL READING

## MATTHEW 5:13-16

This is the Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## SERMON

*We All Are One in Mission*



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.  
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:  
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

**APOSTLE'S CREED**

Let us confess our faith using the Apostle's 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

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

*Prayers continue with each petition ending:*

God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.  
**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*The minister and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please share the peace at whatever level of physical contact with which you are comfortable.*

***Please fill out an Attendance Card,  
and place the card in an offering plate.***

## OFFERING

You are invited to place your offering in one of the plates as they are passed or to make use of our online offering plate through [tithe.ly](http://tithe.ly) by scanning the QR code to the right. You may also place your offering at [www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/giving](http://www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/giving) by clicking on the green "Give Now" button.



## OFFERTORY HYMN

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to  
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They  
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we

place up - on your ta - ble. We do not wor - ship  
grew in your good plea - sure. What once was com - mon,  
lift in prayer be - fore you. Lord, by your grace now

as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
dai - ly food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

1 Long, long a - go in Je - ru - sa - lem, as the  
2 High on a throne sat the might - y Lord, robes  
3 Oh, what a sight it was to see and

scrip - tures do re - cord, I - sa - iah to the  
flow - ing through the hall, while six - wing - ed an - gels  
oh, what a sound to hear! The tem - ple door - posts

tem - ple came to see the ho - ly Lord.  
flew a - bove. I - sa - iah heard them call.  
shook and quaked, and smoke was in the air.

*Refrain*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, God's  
glo - ry fills all heav'n and earth, God of pow - er and might.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us saying:

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

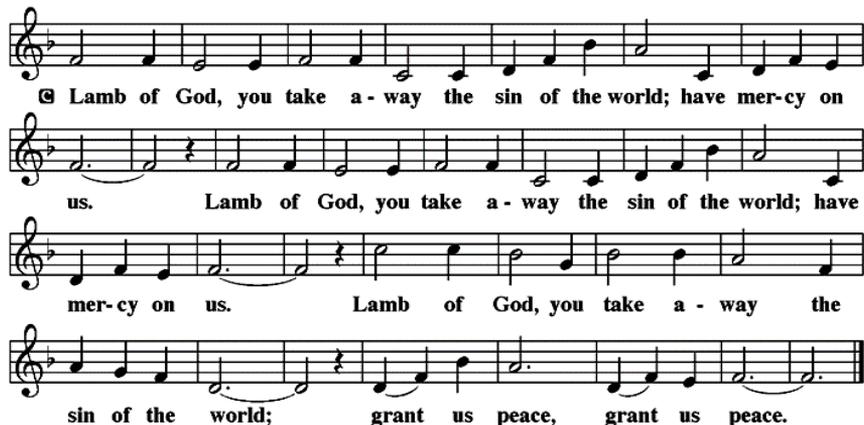
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

**Thanks be to God.**



© Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

*Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, and all people are invited to his table. Those who do not wish to receive communion are invited to receive a blessing.*

The body of Christ, given for you.

*The communicant may say: **Amen***

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

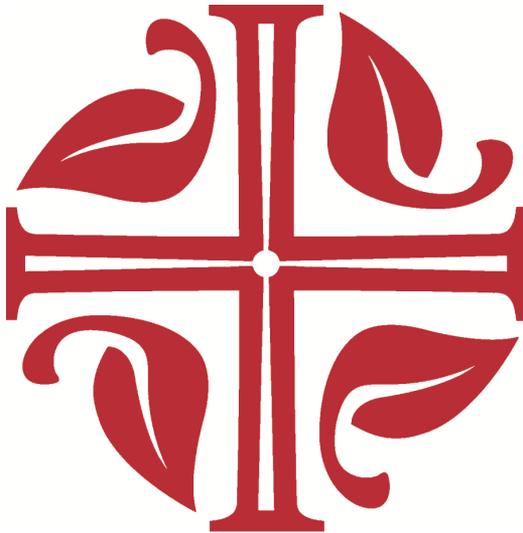
*The communicant may say: **Amen***

*Music will accompany the distribution of communion.*

## TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**



## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



1 O Lord of the blos-som, O God of the seed, O gra-cious pro -  
2 O Lord of the har-vest, O God of the feast, where sor-rows are

vi - der for all hu-man need, you have nour-ished our faith at your  
van-quished and joys are in - creased, where the tree of life grows in your

ta - ble of grace, and nur - tured new life in the light of your  
or-chards a - bove, we'll join in the cho-rus in praise of your

face. O Lord of the grain - field, O God of the  
love. Sing praise to the Fa - ther, sing praise to the

vine, you've fed us your pres - ence in bread and in  
Son, sing praise to the Spir - it. Praise God, Three in

wine. In com - mun - ion you've blest to us ar - bor and  
One! You have made us one peo - ple you've fed by the

plow, and shown us the gos - pel, your word for us now.  
hand, O Lord of the heav-ens, O God of the land.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, †  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Let Streams of Living Justice Flow*

1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance; pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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# What's Happening at UIC

- Sun, Sept. 28    Worship, 10:00am  
                      Social Hour, 11:15am
- Mon, Sept. 29    Cub Scouts, 6:30pm  
                      Boy Scouts, 6:45pm
- Wed, Oct. 1      Packing Panther Packs, 6:00pm  
                      Bonhoeffer Study, 6:30pm
- Fri, Oct. 3        Office Closed  
                      Delivery from Food Bank
- Sun, Oct. 5        Worship, 10:00am  
                      Social Hour, 11:15am  
                      Pet Blessing, 1:00pm  
                      Faith Lab, 4:30pm



**Please remember to pickup  
your October  
Newsletter today!**

**Additional copies are  
on the Welcome Table  
in the Narthex**

# UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

**Please pray for:** family and friends of Rick Guffey, family and friends of Diane Gottlieb, Bertie Danowsky, Patrick Moseley, Gigi Pray, Ted McPherrin, Bob Troxell, Eugene Bain, Annette Baker, Carol Troxell, Mark Rabuck, Shirley Russell, Bob Keifer.



## **Are you or a loved one in need of prayer?**

Submit your prayer request by calling 570-568-2254  
or emailing it to [office@unitedinchristlutheran.net](mailto:office@unitedinchristlutheran.net)

We will email your prayer request to UIC's prayer chain and  
keep them on the prayer list for 4 weeks, unless

# Happy Birthday

*Pam Hauck 9/29*

*Cheryl Koons 9/30*

*Linda Caris 10/1*



*If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the church office with these dates.*



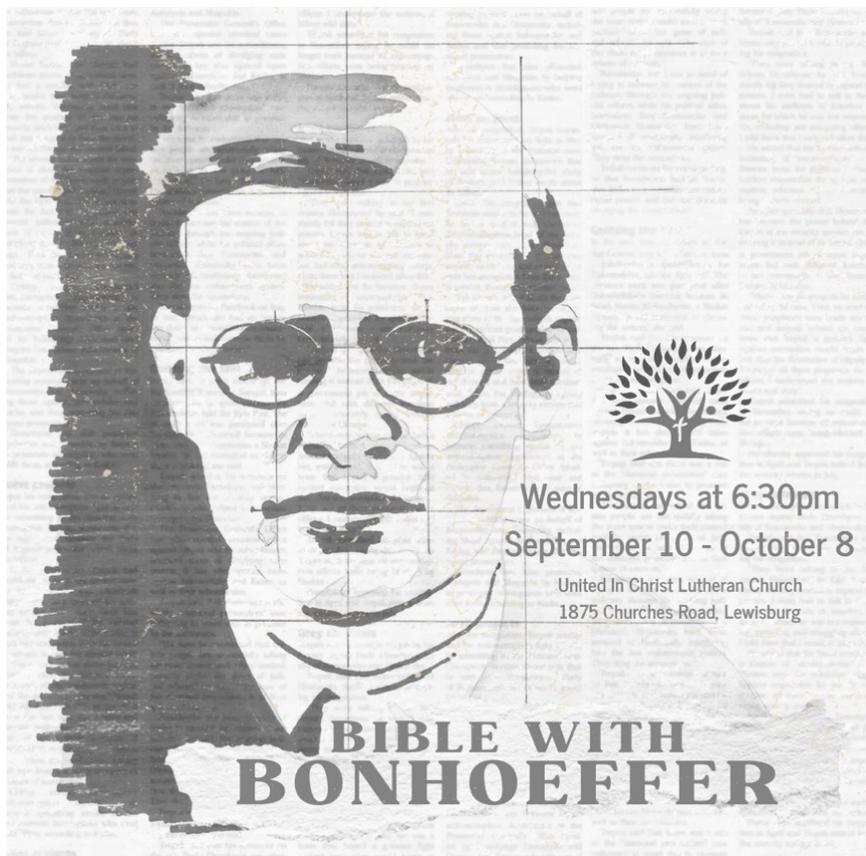
We need people to decorate trunks  
and we need candy.

You can sign up on the bulletin board  
to host a trunk.

There is a box in the Narthex  
for candy donations.

# BIBLE WITH BONHOEFFER STUDY

We will continue with our five-week study series on **Wednesday, October 1st and 8th at 6:30pm** as we dive into scripture alongside the life and convictions of 20<sup>th</sup> century Lutheran pastor, theologian, and martyr, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Formed in the decades following WWI and living as a German during the rise of Nazism and onset of WWII, Bonhoeffer developed works that provide deeply impactful insight into the convictions of faith as they met the realities of the troubled world around him. Each week we will dive into scripture together while using reflections from Bonhoeffer's works to continue wrestling with the meaning of faith in the world! We hope you will join us for study and reflection!





# SERVING OPPORTUNITY

Packing food bags for  
**MILTON PANTHER PACKS**  
Wednesday, October 1st ~ 6pm-7pm  
ST ANDREW'S UMC  
102 Lower Market St, Milton

## SENIOR EXPRESS FOOD BOXES

Food boxes will be delivered to UIC by the Central Pa Food Bank on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Delivery teams, please make plans to deliver your food boxes the following week.





# OAKS

## SENIOR CENTER

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# Tuesday, October 14

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10:00 am Doors Open

10:30 am Free Bingo with Prizes

11:30 am Halloween Craft

12:00 pm Free Lunch



OAKS Senior Center is free and has no age requirements.  
Everyone is welcome to join us!

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# WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	Sept. 28	Oct. 5	Oct. 12
Worship Leader	Katy	Justin	Justin
Social Hour	L - R	S - Z	A - D
Bread/Wine	S. McPherrin	J. Mertz	M. Shearer
Altar Guild	B. Guffey	T. Cromwell	S. Keifer
Digital Host	M. Shearer	B. Guffey	D. Murphy
Front Door Greeter	B. Swartz	Catherman Family	D. Byerly
	T. Swartz	Catherman Family	J. Byerly
Side Door Greeter	G. Weiser	R. Baker	B. Keifer
Lector	D. Murphy	M. Shearer	R. Baker
Ushers	R. Kling	K. Arndt	B. Guffey
	S. McPherrin	D. Baker	R. Kling
	K. Criswell	K. Baker	J. Mertz
	J. Mertz	S. Brown	M. Shearer
Communion Asst.	T. Cromwell	D. Murphy	B. Swartz
	S. Weiser	T. Cromwell	D. Baker
Guest Relations	T. McPherrin	G. Weiser	M. Mertz
Offering Counter	C. Shreck	B. Guffey	M. Shearer
	M. Shearer	L. Rabuck	M. Rabuck

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please try to trade with someone on the schedule and then notify the office of the change. If you are unable to trade with someone, please call Terri Cromwell at the church, 570-568-2254, and she will find a replacement for you.



## **Lutheran Church**

**1875 Churches Rd. Lewisburg, PA 17837  
570-568-2254**

**WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
Sundays at 10am

**THE REV. JUSTIN G. LINGENFELTER**

### **CHURCH OFFICE**

Open Mon. - Thur. 8:00am - 2:00pm  
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