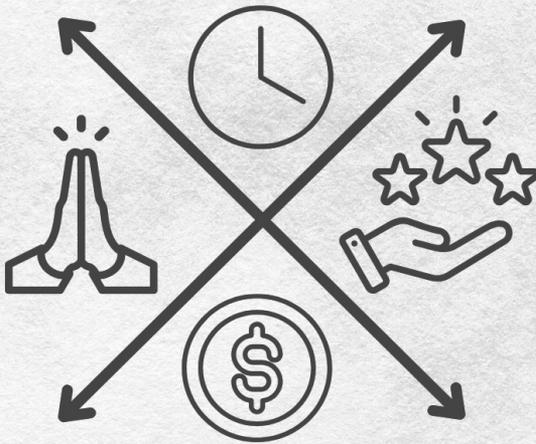


# United In Christ Lutheran Church

## GIFTED STEWARDS



*a focus on time, talent, treasure, and thanks*

September 21-October 12



## Treasure

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

October 5, 2025

*The Rev. Justin G. Lingenfelter*

# ***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.**

*Praise and Thanksgiving*



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things  
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's  
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work  
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -  
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will

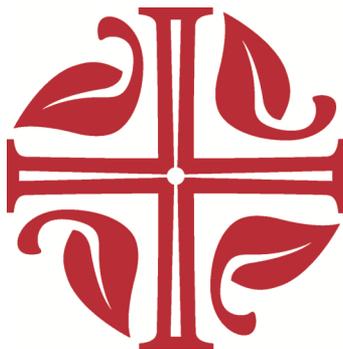


or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.  
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.  
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.  
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

**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.

God our provider, you entrust to us the treasures of your kingdom and call us to live according to the richness of your mercy. Grant us courage to be shrewd with the metrics of this world, while faithful to you in the abundance we share with the neighbors around us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

## LEVITICUS 23:9-14

<sup>9</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses, <sup>10</sup>“Speak to the Israelites and say to them: When you enter the land that I am giving you and you reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest. <sup>11</sup>He shall raise the sheaf before the Lord, that you may find acceptance; on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall raise it. <sup>12</sup>On the day when you raise the sheaf, you shall offer a lamb a year old, without blemish, as a burnt offering to the Lord. <sup>13</sup>And the grain offering with it shall be two-tenths of an ephah of choice flour mixed with oil, an offering by fire of pleasing odor to the Lord, and the drink offering with it shall be of wine, one-fourth of a hin. <sup>14</sup>You shall eat no bread or parched grain or fresh ears until that very day, until you have brought the offering of your God. This is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your settlements.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

## ACTS 4:32-5:6

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. <sup>36</sup>There was a Levite from Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means “son of encouragement”). <sup>37</sup>He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money and laid it at the apostles’ feet.

5 <sup>1</sup>But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; <sup>2</sup>with his wife’s knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles’ feet. <sup>3</sup>“Ananias,” Peter asked, “why has Satan filled your

heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? <sup>4</sup>While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" <sup>5</sup>Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. <sup>6</sup>The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.

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**

**LUKE 16:1-14**

This is the Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

16 <sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to

him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.'<sup>3</sup> Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.'<sup>4</sup> I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'<sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'<sup>6</sup> He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.'<sup>7</sup> Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'<sup>8</sup> And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.<sup>9</sup> And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup>"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.<sup>11</sup> If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?<sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?<sup>13</sup> No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

<sup>14</sup>The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all this, and they ridiculed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **SERMON**

*O God beyond All Praising*



1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day  
2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,  
3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;  
its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;  
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,  
but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown-  
and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:  
though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:  
we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,  
for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,  
to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,



we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.  
and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.  
and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

## **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.**

*We Give Thee But Thine Own*

1. We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
 2. May we Thy boun - ties thus As ste - wards true re - ceive,  
 3. The cap - tive to re - lease, To God the lost to bring,  
 4. And we be - lieve Thy Word, Tho' dim our faith may be;

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
 And glad - ly, as Thou bles - sest us, To Thee our first - fruits give.  
 To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ - like thing.  
 What - e'er for Thine we do O Lord, We do it un - to Thee.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.  
 Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*After worship please join us in the  
 fellowship hall for social hour.*

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# What's Happening at UIC

- Sun, Oct. 5      Worship, 10:00am  
Social Hour, 11:15am  
Pet Blessing, 1:00pm  
Faith Lab, 4:30pm
- Mon, Oct. 6      Cub Scouts, 6:30pm  
Boy Scouts, 6:45pm
- Tue, Oct. 7      Worship and Music Meeting, 11:00am  
Boy Scouts, 6:45pm
- Wed, Oct. 8      Bonhoeffer Study, 6:30pm
- Thu, Oct. 9      Supplying Getting Ahead Meal, 4:30pm
- Fri, Oct. 10      Office Closed
- Sat, Oct. 11      Baby Steps Diaper Pantry, 10:00am-11:30am
- Sun, Oct. 12      Worship, 10:00am  
Special Social Hour by UIC Council, 11:15am  
Outreach Meeting, 11:15am

# 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 about 4 weeks.



## HAPPY *Anniversary*

*John and Jen Sheaffer 10/6/01*

*Chris Lee and Dawn Warren 10/10/11*



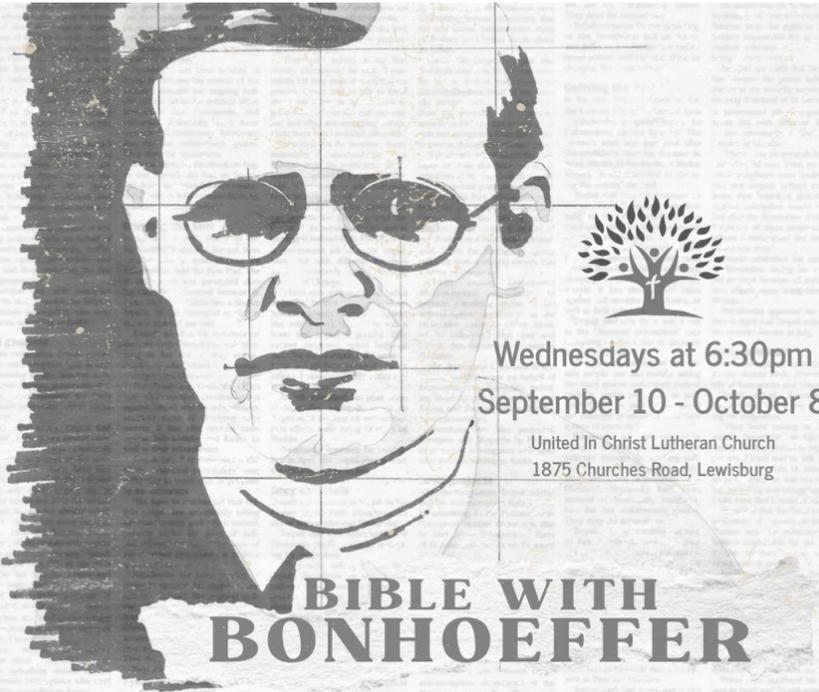
## Happy Birthday

*Cheryl Robuck 10/5*

*Shirley Russell 10/10*



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



Wednesdays at 6:30pm  
September 10 - October 8

United In Christ Lutheran Church  
1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg

# BIBLE WITH BONHOEFFER

# Annual Pet Blessing

**ALL PETS WELCOME!**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH  
1:00P.M.**

**CHRIST'S EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
100 S. 3RD STREET  
LEWISBURG, PA 17837

JOIN US ON THE 3RD  
STREET SIDE OF THE  
BUILDING!

DONATIONS OF PET FOOD  
AND SUPPLIES ARE BEING  
COLLECTED FOR MILTON  
LUTHERAN'S PET PANTRY!




**FREE!**  
**TRUNK  
 or  
 TREAT**

Saturday, October 18th  
 3pm - 5pm  
 Milton Lutheran Church  
 1125 Mahoning Street  
 Milton, PA 17847




**Autumn Hayride**

5 p.m. Sunday, October 19  
 St. John's Lutheran  
 70 S. Mill Road, Milton

Food & Fun!!

RSVP to Lois Buck  
 kbuckpa@dejazzd.com  
 by Oct. 15



# 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!

## **United In Christ Lutheran Church**

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# WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	Oct. 5	Oct. 12	Oct. 19
Worship Leader	Justin	Justin	Michelle
Social Hour	S - Z	A - D	E - K
Bread/Wine	J. Mertz	M. Shearer	K. Sprengle
Altar Guild	T. Cromwell	S. Keifer	M. Catherman
Digital Host	B. Guffey	D. Murphy	K. Guffey
Front Door Greeter	Catherman Family	D. Byerly J. Byerly	K. Baker S. Brown
Side Door Greeter	R. Baker	B. Keifer	R. Kling
Lector	M. Shearer	R. Baker	R. Sprengle
Ushers	K. Arndt	B. Guffey	L. Rabuck
	D. Baker	R. Kling	M. Rabuck
	K. Baker	J. Mertz	B. Swartz
	S. Brown	M. Shearer	T. Swartz
Communion Asst.	D. Murphy	B. Swartz	C. Robuck
	T. Cromwell	D. Baker	B. Catherman
Guest Relations	G. Weiser	M. Mertz	K. Noll
Offering Counter	B. Guffey	M. Shearer	P. Hauck
	L. Rabuck	M. Rabuck	K. Guffey

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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