



The Chi-Rho
November 2024



Christ Lutheran Church
29 S. George Street, York, Pa. 17401

Our Mission:
Reflect God's love in the heart of York.

Our Vision:
To be a vibrant congregation in the heart of
York praising God,
connecting people to Christ,
and serving the people of York and the world

*Companions with the Itete Hospital of the Konde
Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania*

November readings

November 3

All Saints Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 24

Revelations 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44

November 10

1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:28-34

November 17

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11-25

Mark 13:1-8

November 24

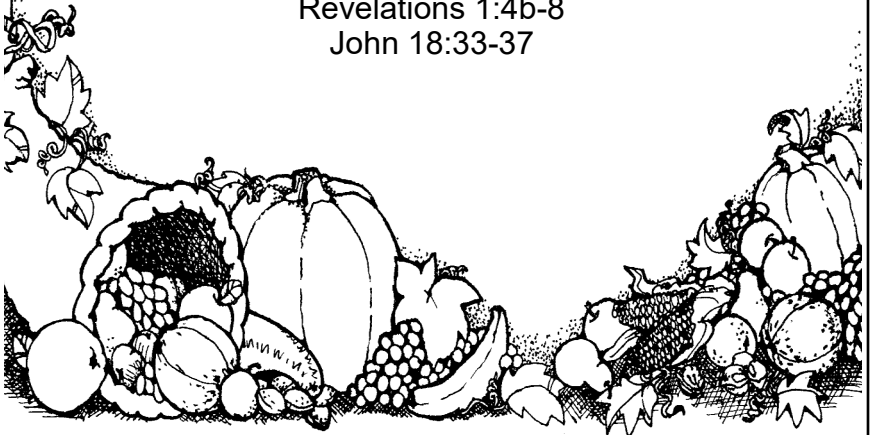
Christ the King

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm 93

Revelations 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37





Blood Pressure Checks
Sunday, November 3, after worship

Social Ministry Meeting
Thursday, November 7, 2:30pm

Open Mic Night
Saturday, November 9, 6:00pm

Finance Meeting
Monday, November 11, 7:00pm

Guys Night Out
Tuesday, November 12, 6:00pm

Council Meeting
Monday, November 18, 7:00pm

Community Meal
Sunday, November 24, 12:00pm

Office Closed
November 29



A note from the pastor

Interim Pastor newsletter November 2024

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

First of all I want to tell you how excited I am about serving as your interim Pastor! As I write I have only been serving for one week but already I have experienced a warm welcome from the staff and Council leaders. They couldn't have been more gracious. I plan to write a letter for the newsletter every month but this one will be a little longer as I have some items that I want you to know right away.

- I will be in the office Monday through Thursday morning unless I have a meeting elsewhere. Friday will be my day off.
- I want you to know that you can call me whenever you need me. My cell number is 515-321-4582. You can also reach me at the church phone number during office hours.
- PLEASE be sure to let me know if you or a family member is hospitalized. Mindreading is not a skill I have mastered.
- The Council is planning a Sunday in the next couple of weeks when my wife Stephanie can be available for a special coffee hour during which I will pull up a chair and conduct an open forum. I have found this to be a great way for you to get to know your new interim pastor.

- One thing I have appreciated is the number of people who have said “If there is anything that I can do for you please just let me know”. Well, if you are one of those people, I’m taking you up on it. One thing that concerns me is the number of shut-ins we have in their own homes or assisted living facilities. I have always tried to bring communion to shut-ins once a month. I cannot do that by myself. So what I am asking is for as many volunteer Eucharistic ministers as we can. All that this involves is taking a home communion kit (these are furnished by the church) along with you after worship on Sunday and then visiting one of our shut-ins where they live sometime during that week. I will provide a brief liturgy for home communions. You can look over our shut-in list in the office and select one that you know or you may choose to use this opportunity to develop a new friendship. The more volunteers we get, the better I can get around to each shut-in once a month.

Serving Christ, and You,
Pastor Doug





Comfort Bags for the Community meal.

We will be preparing “Comfort” bags to be given to the folks who attend our community meal. We will be giving these out at our December 22nd meal.

We would like to include personal size toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, combs, wash clothes, razors, shaving cream, hand cream, socks (men and women). If you would like to donate any of these items, there will be a container in the lower narthex for these donations.

We would like to have any donations by November. 24th.

The logo for the Advent Giving Campaign is centered on a dark blue rectangular background. The text "Advent Giving Campaign" is written in a gold, serif font. The word "Advent" is on the top line, "Giving" is on the middle line, and "Campaign" is on the bottom line. Small gold stars are placed around the text: one above the 't' in "Advent", one above the 'i' in "Giving", one to the left of the 'G' in "Giving", one to the right of the 'n' in "Campaign", and one above the 'n' in "Campaign".

Advent Giving Campaign

During Advent, the Social Ministry Committee will be collecting gifts for the following agencies: our Childcare Center, ACCESS York, The Lehman Center and Hannah Penn School Community of Hope.

There will be a collection box for donations in the lower narthex beginning November 30, 2024.

The following items are needed: board books for the Childcare Center, Twin sheet sets and towels for ACCESS, boys and girls school uniforms sizes 6-10 for Hannah Penn/Community of Hope and paper products such as paper towels, tissues and toilet paper for the Lehman Center.

Please help us support these valuable church and community ministries. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.



Advent Walk to Christmas:

Light the way with Family fun

December 6, 2024

First Friday

6.30 pm to 8:00 pm

During this fun Advent celebration, walk through luminaries, play games, create crafts, earn prizes, and enjoy hot chocolate and Christmas cookies.

Embody the spirit of Christmas!

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Volunteers and Cookies Needed for Light Up Night-December 6th

We will be having hot chocolate and cookies/treats for the Light Up night on December 6th. If you would bring them in package ready to give out (either individually wrapped or in small bags) that would be appreciated. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Lower narthex for cookie/treat donations starting Nov 3rd.

We will also need volunteers to help with Light up night. Volunteers are needed to help with the following: set-up (during the day), tear down, handing out cookies and hot chocolate, helping with the stations in the courtyard, greeters to direct people and probably some others. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lower narthex starting Nov 3rd.

Thank you for considering volunteering for this event





What a great time the children and youth had picking pumpkins!



Sleepover



A night of fun
and service.





THANK *you* *for* GIVING!

Sincere thanks to all who contributed non-perishable food items to our Harvest Home Pledge Sunday! We donated 378 items to the Food Pantry, reaffirming our continued commitment to stewardship in downtown York.

There is still time to return your Pledge & Time/Talent cards to the church office if you have not done so already.

We are blessed by your continued commitment to Christ Church!

Child Care Center Child of the Month



This month our child spotlight is on Navi. Navi is one of our preschool students. She loves playing with baby dolls, Barbie dolls, reading books and singing. Her teachers enjoy having her in class and say that she is very polite, a great helper, and always remembers to use her manners. Her favorite snack is SunChips.

At this time, we are very much in need of snack items. Some items that we are specifically looking for are whole grain goldfish, whole grain cheezits, whole grain saltines, animal crackers, SunChips, and graham crackers. With the weather getting cooler, we are also in need of tissues. As always, thank you so much for your generous donations, and for your support of our center!



**CHURCH OFFICE/STAFF/CHILD CARE
SNOW/BAD WEATHER POLICY:**

Again, this year (winter 2024-2025), the church office, childcare center, will follow the York City School Cancellation/Delay Policy (Monday through Friday). If the York City Schools have a delay, cancellation or early dismissal due to snow/bad weather, then the office staff, and childcare center will do the same. On snow/bad weather days, the property department will be at the church to supervise the snow removal contractor and to do sidewalk clearing/salt application. Any evening services/activities that are on the calendar when a snow/bad weather day occurs, could possibly be cancelled or delayed. Always check with the pastor/group leader/chairperson/music dept. person/property dept./church office or any other contact person before coming to the church. **For Sunday services**, after assessing the weather condition, Pastor Doug will determine whether the church services will be cancelled or delayed. This information will be relayed to WGAL 8 for display on the WGAL 8 website (WGAL.com) and/or possible television broadcast.



END OF MONTH GIVING REPORT

September 2024 Report

Actual envelope giving for the month	28,277
Budgeted envelope giving for the month	27,500
Monthly surplus in envelope giving	777
YTD actual envelope giving	241,372
YTD budgeted envelope giving	247,500
YTD deficit in envelope giving	-6,128

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