

November

“BRANCHING OUT” Newsletter

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CURRENT EVENTS

October 20th two of our youth confirmed their faith after completing two and half years of study and reflection. The service was very moving and a strong reflection of their spirituality. They both spoke eloquently of their faith journey. If you missed this special service, you can read their speeches below:



**Gabby Homes,
Pastor Anne Durboraw
and Martha Durboraw**



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"Hi I am Martha Durboraw. Most of you all know me. Today I'm confirming my faith because faith is such an important part in my life. First of all I want to thank my family for being here with me today because they too, are such an important part in my life! So starting off I want to talk about my favorite Bible verse that sticks out to me and shows me how much my faith means to me. My chosen verse is John 6:35-36. Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But as I told you, you have seen me and still do not believe." As I have read this verse over and over again I have realized that this sticks out to me the most because, I have had many saddening and rough times happen to me within my life. But that's something that occurs to us all, and although we have those sad or hard times – whether it be we lose a loved one in our family or a sibling goes off to college and you don't see them often, or a very important person in your life has cancer. All of these things hurt so badly, but that is why my faith is so important to me. Because, when you begin to doubt and you feel the sadness and stress just collapsing on you, when you believe in Christ, then He takes that whole load of that stress off your shoulders.

Every single day I wake up and there's not a day that goes by and I don't think about or pray about something to God. I love my Lord so much. That is why I chose this verse because it points out to me that Jesus is the Word of God. He teaches me that He is the Bread of Life, and anything bad happening in my life may still be there but it is all okay when I'm praising and believing in Him.

My faith is something I will never ever let go of or forget because there is so much I love about coming to church every Sunday of my life. Even as a little girl at church, I would be asking everyone if they had any spare peppermints or gum, by chance. Or I loved going to church picnics and enjoying and praising the Lord while we enjoyed the amazing food that everyone had made. Those are the moments that count and that are so memorable. But really, the most important reason for gathering together, is that we all believe and all have faith, something that all of us will never let go of!

As I have grown up in this church it is such a happy place. I look forward to coming to church every Sunday in my life. John 6:35-36, shows me that I believe in Jesus Christ who is the Bread of Life and He will help me throughout my whole life! My faith to me is so important and I know if I didn't have faith, I would not be as happy as I am now. Today I'm confirming my faith because I want to spend the rest of my life praising and loving Jesus Christ".

Martha Durboraw

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"Good morning everyone.

Today I will be reading one of my favorite bible verses, Psalm 23.

The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still water. He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of shadow and death, I shall fear no evil. For you are with me. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows. For surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life. And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

In second grade my teacher Mrs. Fergouson each month would give us a bible verse to remember. Psalm 23 was given to us one month. The length of it had scared me at first, knowing I was getting graded on it. But once I started to memorize it I became less nervous. When it came time to recite it to her I got an A on it. This is the one verse that I can still recite by memory. The meaning behind this verse is that Knowing the Lord will always be with you through every stage of your life.

Earlier this year during confirmation classes with Mrs. G, we were assigned to choose a gospel to read all the way through, then we wrote about who Jesus was to us. When I first started to write it, I was at a loss for words, because I didn't know how I could possibly write in on paper who Jesus was to me. He had done so many amazing things with all of his miracles and teaching parable. I was having the same feeling while first writing this because we were asked to write about what our church meant to us. So I knew I had a lot I wanted to say since I've grown up in the church. So I guess I'll just start from the beginning. Some of my first memories in the church were Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and annual events like the Strawberry Festival or Oktoberfest. I loved going to Vacation Bible School. I always had so much fun with my friend and learning about the Lord. Another early memory is sitting in the church pews with Papa and Mama Fox (or as me and my siblings call her, Sugar). They are like grandparents to me and my siblings. We would always go to their house and I loved that. Without such a close church like this one we would have never had an opportunity like that. Some other memories that came later would be being able to help with nursery and Vacation Bible School. I love that I am able to help out my church and work with little kids. Other things like going on mission trips and youth group events are also things that I enjoyed to do with my church. Being able to help my community is huge to me. And some of the most recent memories being the past two years of Confirmation class with Mrs. G. They have been amazing. Our church is very lucky to have her to help the young adults in the church learn to grow in their faith. So I just wanted to give big thanks to her, as well as Pastor Anne, who I've enjoyed the past couple weeks of Confirmation classes talking in depth about Bible verses and what they meant to us."

Thank you, Gabby Holmes

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11 a.m.</u>
11/3	Martha Durboraw	8:30am service ONLY
11/10	Cole Marble	Ashley Alt
11/17	Hazel Rectanus	Anna Plank
11/24	Norma Durvin	Emma Durboraw

Greeters:

11/3	Plank Family	
11/10	Marble Family	Alt Family
11/17	Schwartzbeck Family	Bassler Family
11/24	Peters Family	Plank Family

Lector:

11/3	Norma Durvin	
11/10	Shannon Marble	Dale Gray
11/17	Lisa Schwartzbeck	Cathie Luetje
11/24	Rick Peters	Bob Plank

Ushers:

11/3	Plank Family	
11/10	Marble Family	Alt Family
11/17	Schwartzbeck Family	Bassler Family
11/24	Peters Family	Plank Family

Communion Assistants:

11/3	Bob Galandak	
11/10	Shannon Marble	
11/17		Cathie Luetje
11/24	George Potter	Charlotte Hollenbeck



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SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES:

Sunday – November 3rd ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. – Holy Communion

Following service remembrance of those who have joined the Church Triumphant this year

9:45 am – Congregational Annual Meeting – Fellowship Hall (NO Sunday School)

11:30am – Potluck Luncheon

12:30 pm – SLY “Turkey Bowl”

Sunday – November 10th

8:30 a.m. – Holy Communion

9:45am – Presentation “Native American prayer dancer and flute player, Boe Harris”

11 a.m. – Service of the Word

12:30pm - Cooking Up Soup for the Homebound (Volunteers needed)

Sunday – November 17th

8:30 a.m. – Service of the Word

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School for All Ages including Confirmation Classes & Adult Bible Study

11 a.m. – Holy Communion

Sunday – November 24th CHRIST THE KING

8:30 a.m. – Holy Communion

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School for All Ages including Confirmation Classes & Adult Bible Study

11 a.m. – Holy Communion

All Mondays – 7 p.m. – Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

All Tuesdays – 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – GriefShare

All Wednesdays – 9:30 a.m. – R & R – Fellowship Hall

All Thursdays – 7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary – Childcare available but most contact Choir Director Maryann Leckron at 410-635-2944

Will not practice on Thanksgiving, November 28th

Sunday – November 3rd – 3 pm- 7pm – “Scouts Court of Honor”

Tuesday – November 5th – 7 pm – Council Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Sunday – November 10th – 12:30pm Cooking Up Soup for the Homebound

Tuesday – November 19th – 7 p.m. – All Committee Meetings – Fellowship Hall

Sunday – December 1st – ALL MUSIC SUNDAY



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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: November 3rd, after 8:30 am service with potluck lunch to follow. If you are interested in serving in the Council and would like to be a nominee, please speak up from the floor during the meeting.

ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY: November 3rd, 8:30am service, we remember those who have joined the Church Triumphant this past year. If you would like a loved one remembered in the bulletin please contact the church office 410-635-6177 or e-mail stlukes5@verizon.net. Also there will be a remembrance table, feel free to bring a photo to share.

Those Saints we remember are Wayne Betts, Cletta Bohn, Helen Devilbiss, Kathryn Green, Shirley Grossnickle, Wayne Hatfield, Connie Keller, Paul Koontz, Jr, Barbara Krebs, Marlene Mealey, Charles Miller, Wanda Vance and Kathleen Welsh.

Native American prayer dancer and flute player, Boe Harris – NAKAKAKENA, will be honoring our Veterans with her dancing and music. Boe has entertained millions, far and wide, including places like Kennedy Center in Washington, DC and traveled to Europe entertaining our armed forces, as well as NATO bases. **MARK YOU CALENDERS - November 10th between worship services at 9:45am**

Cooking Up Soup for the Homebound: Volunteers needed to cook soup for our Homebound. Supplies will be provided, to cook soup and freeze for when Pastor Anne visits any of our Homebound this winter. Great service hours project for our Youth. **Sunday - November 10th – 12:30pm**



OUR MAIL:

To my new church family, I would like to thank you for the cards and prayers during my recent back surgery. It was a time I needed strength to come from my faith and you helped in the process of a long recovery. It will good to be back in the pews, playing peek-a-boo with the young children, praising God with my church family and of course listening to Pastor Anne's sermons.

Dave King

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Thank you so much for congratulations, cards, prayers and goodies! With the birth of our little Elizabeth Melissa Marble, born on September 5th. We feel truly bless to have this church family!

Tom, Shannon, Cole and Isaac Marble

Many thanks for all the prayers, cards and visits after my hip surgery and unplanned recovery and rehab at Lorien in Taneytown. A planned one-night hospital stays turned in to a month at Lorien for rehab. Everyone's thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

Bonnie Barnes

Thank you for all of those individuals that came out to clean the church and fellowship hall October 12th. The place looks great and your hard work is greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Bob Galandak and Dale Gray for the great job they did on cleaning the sanctuary carpet.



Your Church Family!

Special Thank you to Mary Ann Galandak for the time and preparation she does every Sunday teaching our confirmation class. You have again given a positive influence for 2 young ladies. You are so appreciated!

Your Church Family!



Gabby Holmes, Mary Ann Galandak and Martha Durboraw

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSERIES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

11/1 Tom Marble
Kylie Wahl
11/3 Hope Gray
11/6 Gilbert Durboraw
11/7 Scott Matteson
Stephanie Keeney
11/8 Anna Plank
11/10 Adam Leckron
11/11 Sandra Gugliuzza
Glenn Durboraw
11/13 Sidney Leckron
11/16 Stephen Parrish
11/19 Mary Margaret Myers
Joey Masilek
11/20 Austin Schwartzbeck
11/23 Nancy Parrish

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

11/1 Wendy & Rick Peters
11/5 Patty & Chris Helphenstine
11/11 Joan & Don Hoff
11/20 Elizabeth & Bill Delaney
11/22 Linda & Rick Selby
11/26 Dawn & Doug Waskiewicz
11/28 JoAnn & Andy Cashman
11/30 Tieresa & Bill Hibberd

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

RALLY DAY was held September 8th. As the children wanted to help other children in need, they put together 25 hygiene kits. The kits were taken to the Service Center, in New Windsor, where they will be sent to those in need within the United States.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

The Annual Church Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 3rd following the 8:30am worship service. As we would like our Sunday School teachers and staff to have the opportunity to attend, there will not be Sunday School Classes that Day. There will be Childcare provided during the Meeting, by our youth.

On Sunday, November 10th, we will have a special guest presenting Native American Dances and also playing the flute. As we want the children to attend this special performance, there will not be Sunday School, classes on November 10th. All Classes will resume on November 17th at 9:45 am.

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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS:

Plans are being made for Advent and the Christmas season. Information will be forthcoming.

DONATIONS OF ITEMS AND/OR TIME NEEDED

CHURCH NURSERY:

We are in dire need of volunteers to help in the church Nursery during both worship services. Please consider a week during the month or every other month to assist. If able contact Joyce Brozik at 410-374-1955.

COOKING SOUP FOR THE HOMEBOUND: Volunteers needed Sunday, November 10th at 12:30pm. Come to the Church Kitchen.

CALL FOR COATS PROGRAM: Collections continue through 11/15, coats and outerwear for infant through adults. Donations can be dropped off at Shepherd Staff in Westminster during regular business hours; Monday, Tuesday, Friday 10 am to 2 pm and Thursday 3 pm to 7pm.

DIAPERS: "Carroll Baby" There is a box in the Narthex for diapers; baby wipes and diaper cream for the less fortunate of Carroll County. See Lauren Bukszar for any information.

ST. JAMES FOOD PANTRY: Collection nonperishable food items. Box is in Narthex.

JENNY'S KIDS: Collecting healthy snack items along with schools supplies for children of need, teachers place in their backpacks. Snack items should be non perishable and school items needed are pencils, pens and spiral notebooks, etc.

CHRISTMAS GIVING: The Mitten Tree will rise a little earlier than usual this year. December 6th is St. Luke's next rotation for Shepherd's Table. It seemed weather wise, to distribute warm outer wear then. Please decorate the tree with socks, mittens, gloves, scarves and hats of all sizes. Not only will the tree look festive, but this will add a warm glow to many hearts, yours included.

ALTERNATIVE GIVING: We will again have items available from **Lutheran World Relief for Alternative giving.** Items are available to select from a and will be on display later this month.

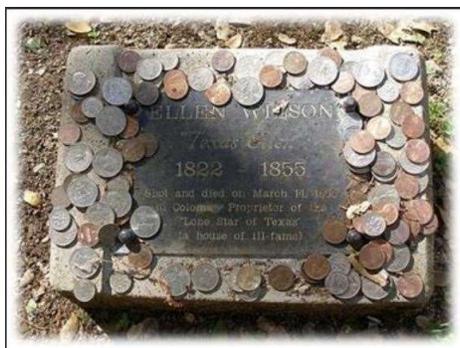
POINSETTIA CHURCH DECORATIONS: Each Christmas Eve our church sanctuary is adorned with poinsettias of reds, whites and pink. These poinsettias are available for purchase of \$10 dollars, that you can present, in honor or in memory of, your loved ones. Their names along with your message will be listed in the Christmas Eve's Service Bulletins. If you are interested, order forms will be on the Church Office Bulletins board, make checks payable to St. Luke's Lutheran Church and turn into the Church Office or place in Administrative Assistants' box. Money would need to be in by **December 1st.**

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PLANNING AND LOOKING AHEAD:

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA:

Our cemetery will be participating in Wreaths Across America. This event honors our nation's veterans and is held at Arlington National Cemetery as well as over 2,600 cemeteries nationwide. All participating cemeteries will hold a ceremony at the same time: 12:00 pm on Saturday, December 14th. To sponsor a wreath or to be a volunteer to lay a wreath (any age, children welcome), please get an order form from the church office or go online to www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org and use MDSLWC code. **Ordering deadline is November 3rd.**



Many times, at a veteran's grave you will see coins on the headstone, but do you know what those coins mean? A penny means the grave site was visited. A nickel indicates that the person that is visiting the site trained at boot camp with the deceased veteran, while a dime means the person served with them in some capacity. A quarter at the grave means that the person who left it was with the veteran when they were killed.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

Would you like a variety of cookies for the Christmas holidays without having to bake multiple recipes? Then here's an opportunity you won't want to miss. Mark your calendar for St. Luke's Cookie Exchange on **Sunday December 15, 9:30-10:30 AM.**

If you would like to participate, bake at least 4 dozen cookies. Package the cookies in clear plastic bags (so they can be clearly seen), 6 cookies per bag and include copies of the recipe. PLEASE, no chocolate chip cookies; we are striving for a variety. When you make your selections to take home, take the number of cookie bags you brought minus one. For example, if you brought 4 dozen/8 bags, you then select 7 bags of cookies. The eighth bag will go on the reception table for all to enjoy. Although it is not required, it would be helpful in our planning to know who is participating. Please contact Martha DeBarthe at 410-756-5862 (home); 301-412-7431 (cell/text) or marthadeb@comcast.net. If you do not wish to bake cookies, you can still come for fellowship and enjoy some delicious cookies and hot cider.



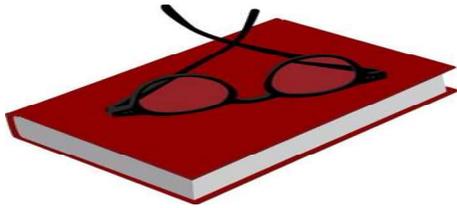
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ADVENT STARTS DECEMBER 1ST:

“All Music Sunday” for both services.

OUR LIBRARY CORNER

The winds are blowing, and leaves are falling. It is time to “FALL” into books and read. Stop by and browse our shelves. Halloween and Thanksgiving Books are on display for the children to check out. Upcoming.....we have many books and other media for the Advent and Christmas season for adults, teens and children to enjoy. They will be on display late November and through the Holidays.



Honor someone with a book for our church library. It is a wonderful gift.

A Blessed Thanksgiving to All,
Joyce Brozik, St. Luke’s Librarian

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Is November 24th, submit information via e-mail at stlukes5@verizon.net or place in folder/bin outside church office door near wall calendar.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Beth King, Administrative Assistant

If I missed sending you a copy of the Branching Out Newsletter, it is not my intent and I am truly sorry. Please e-mail me your e-mail address to stlukes5@verizon.net.