

Lebanon Lutheran Church November 2023 Newsletter

Sunday School 9:30 am

Worship Service 11:00 am

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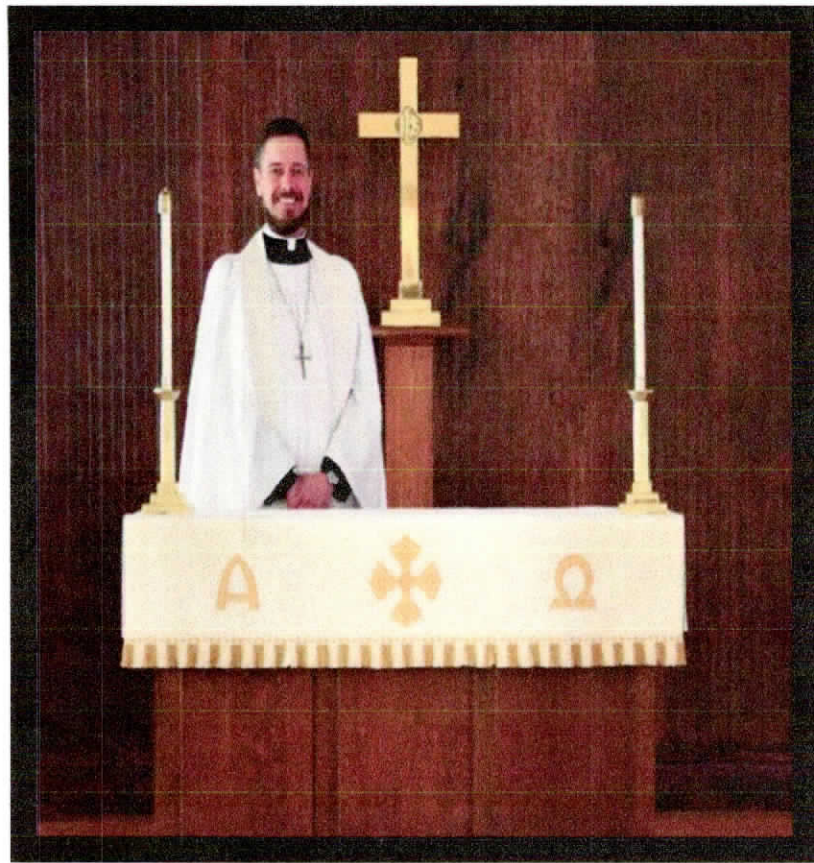
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A Message From The Pastor

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Revelation 7:9-12

"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" A wonderfully comforting truth that the Church confesses with joy. Our Eucharistic Worship is centered on this central truth, and we proclaim it in word and song. We can and should be comforted by the great reality that salvation is something safe with the Triune God whom we worship. If it were in our hands as something to be accomplished or even preserved, we would have reason to be anxious! But, as it is, God has provided for our salvation in Jesus Christ, the Lamb Who was slain, and He has perfectly secured it for our endless benefit.

Yes, it is true that we are to make use of the divinely appointed means of grace. We must receive the salvation that properly belongs to God as His work on our behalf in the ways that *He has revealed*. We are to hear and receive the Word of God: preached, written, and sacramentally enacted. Through these means the Church receives the salvation won by the Lamb and is preserved in it. There are no other means for receiving it, and we should never be so arrogant as to invent some other way or appoint our own self-chosen works or means.

And we do *sing* this blessed reality. You may recall the passages from Revelation, especially the 5th, 7th, and 19th chapters, are sung in two of our Hymns of Praise that preface the Collect of the Day and the Readings in the Service of the Word: *This is the Feast* (which we will sing on All Saints' Sunday) and the Canticle from *With One Voice – Salvation Belongs to Our God*.

I love how the Church Year winds to a close with these great festivals. On Reformation Sunday we recall how Christ the Lamb won salvation for us apart from our own works of the Law, and how that salvation is given through faith alone. On All Saints' we celebrate the faithful who have persisted in that faith and are now safely in the glory of Christ the Lamb. On Christ the King Sunday we revel in the truth that Christ has been exalted high above every power and principality, that the ruler and judge of the nations is also the one who mercifully saves His people. We end on a high note or triumph – and that is what our Christian life is meant to be, one transformed through sharing in the triumph of our Lord Christ over our enemies.

It has been another great year in the faith of Christ here at Lebanon. We have celebrated 175 years of God's faithfulness to his saints at Lebanon Church, assisted the brethren in the Spirit's work of forming a new congregation (Lutheran Church in the Valley), completed a session of Catechism and faith formation for adults, provided material assistance for a number of godly charities, started Confirmation instruction for one of our youth, had several Bible Studies and other classes for ongoing Christian education, established a Congregational Deacon Training program at the District level, and – God willing – will see three lay leaders complete CREDO formation before the year is up.

These are little triumphs that show forth the triumphant rule of the Lord Jesus Christ and His perpetual care for His children. Let us not forget them and let us be glad!

As another year is completed in the sure and certain victory of Christ, we can recall God's many blessings even as we prepare for a new year of service to God and one another.

We have some new things coming soon, including an additional Sunday Divine Service at 8:30am. This Service will be offered beginning on the First Sunday of Advent. There are new faithful ideas to pursue and new challenges to meet – and we can forever trust that God will guide us in all these undertakings as we follow His will and seek His blessing.

Rejoice and take courage in our Holy, Mighty, Immortal, and ever merciful Lord!

Prayerfully,

Pastor Porter

Events at Lebanon

Do you or someone you
know need a ride to
Church?

Please contact Ann Deming
(540)869-5795 Leave Mssg.

Wednesday's

8:15 AM Matins

10:00 AM Individual
Confession & Absolution

1:30 PM Communion

5:30 PM Vesper Service

November Birthday's

1st J.D. Cutlip

2nd Rose Beauchesne

8th Teresa Gochenour

16th Willard Clem

16th Mark Dotson

18th Reese Estep

20th Grace Lowe

22nd Sheri Hamman

30th Joe Jackson

Women's Meeting
Thursday, November 16th @
7:00 PM

Men's Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, November 11th @
8:00 AM @ Queen St Diner

Cleaning Day - Saturday
November 11th @ 9:00 AM

*Semi-Annual
Congregational
Meeting is Sunday,
November 12 following
the Divine Service*

*Wreath Making @ 9:30
Sunday, November 26*

*Ladies Christmas
Brunch @ 10:00 on
Saturday, December 9*

**Bring a dish to share
Collecting items for Pregnancy Center

November Anniversaries

10th Greg & Carolyn
Frye

Sunday School Class led by
Chris Heird is at 9:30 Sunday

Christian Education

Children's/Elementary
Sunday School Classes led
by Leslie Heird, Dorothy
Harriman and Missy
Hockman is at 9:30 Sunday

Choir Practice

Choir will practice
Thursday, November 2nd
Thursday, November 16th
@ 7:00 PM

**See Evelyn if interested in
joining the Choir*

*If you would like to send
George and Rose a note, they
would enjoy hearing from you.*

George & Rose Beauchesne
103 Lee Burke Road, Apt E5
Front Royal, VA 22630-8421

Flowers For Sunday Morning Worship

*If you would like to provide
flowers, please see Dorothy
Harriman (540)409-6470*



Christmas Parades

We will have a float in the Woodstock, Strasburg & Middletown Christmas Parades this year. We need volunteers to help with the float and to participate in the parades. A sign-up sheet is at the church entrance.

Woodstock Christmas Parade – Friday, December 1st

***Line Up will be @ 5:30 pm on Kingree Drive off of Water Street or in the parking lot of the County Government Building on Mill Rd – More information to follow
(Parade starts @ 6:30 pm)***

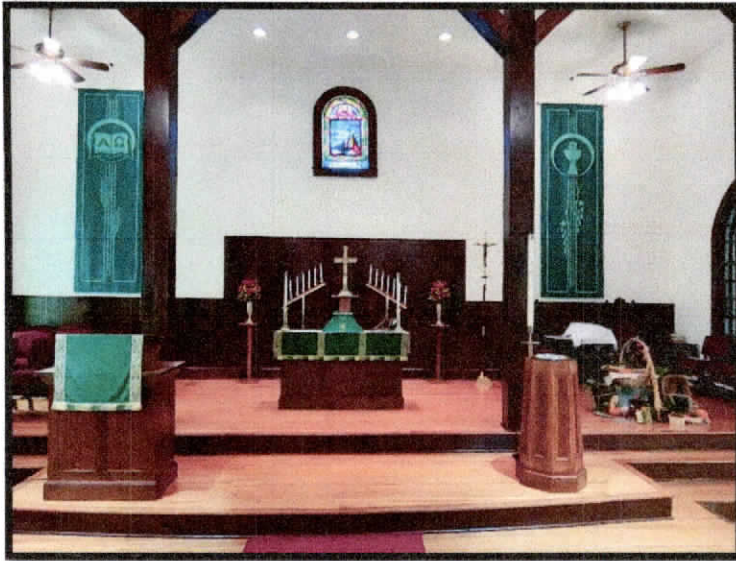
Strasburg Christmas Parade – Saturday, December 2nd

***Line Up will be @ 3:30 pm on Ash Street
(Parade starts @ 4:30 pm)***

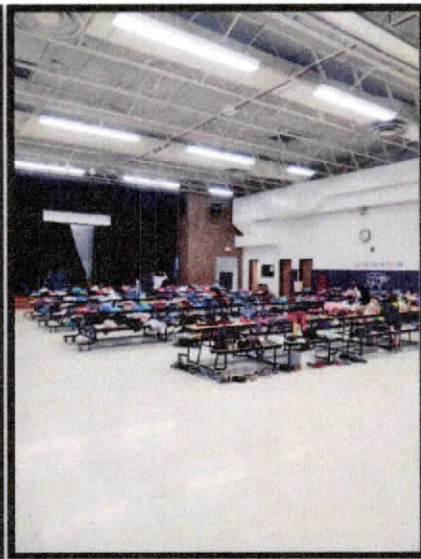
Middletown Christmas Parade – Sunday, December 3rd

(Parade starts @ 2:00 pm)

****We will decorate the float after worship service on Sunday, November 26th @ Jeff & Sheri Hamman's house @ 132 Fox Ridge Drive, Woodstock. Lunch will be provided.***



Pictures of the Sanctuary on Harvest Festival Sunday on October 8th. Thank you to everyone that helped with the nice harvest display. Thanks be to God for all that He has given us.



GIVING DAY

Giving Day in October held at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Thank you to everyone @ Lebanon for all of the items that they donated and to those who were able to give a helping hand. This event was able to help those in need in our community.

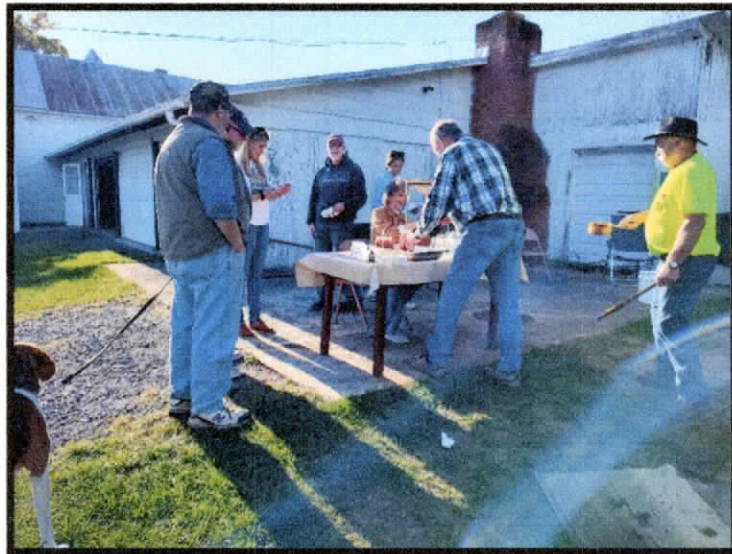
Compassion Cupboard Monthly Needs

Below is a list of items which are needed for November and December and distributed to those that are in need in our community. You can bring items to church and place them in the basket. (No glass please - jars, etc.)

November: Instant Mashed Potatoes and Can Meat

December: Evaporated Milk and Saltine Crackers

Apple Butter

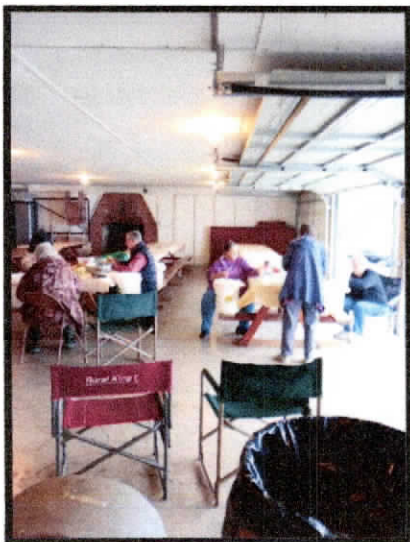
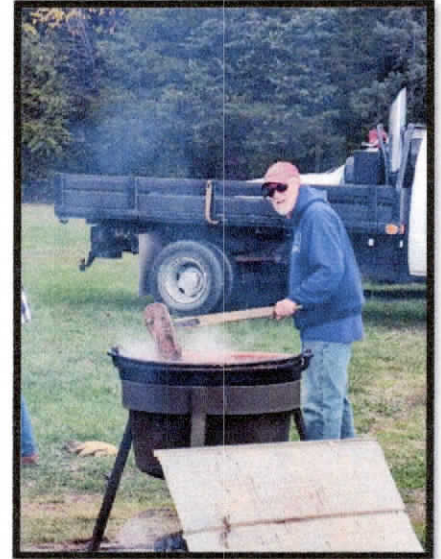
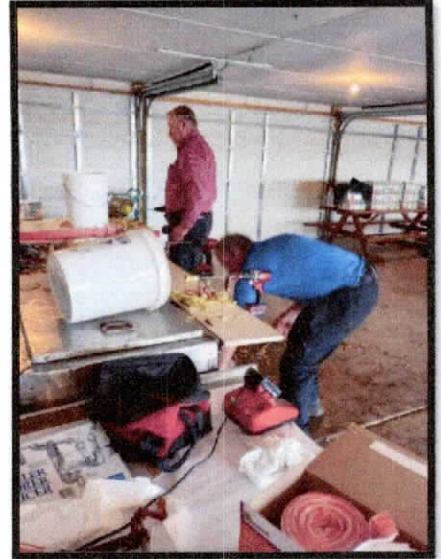


Thank you to everyone who provided food, helped with snitting the apples, boiling and packaging the apple butter. It was a great time of fellowship.

We had a lot of pre-orders and we still have some apple butter left to sell.

Pints/\$5.00 * Quarts/\$9.00**

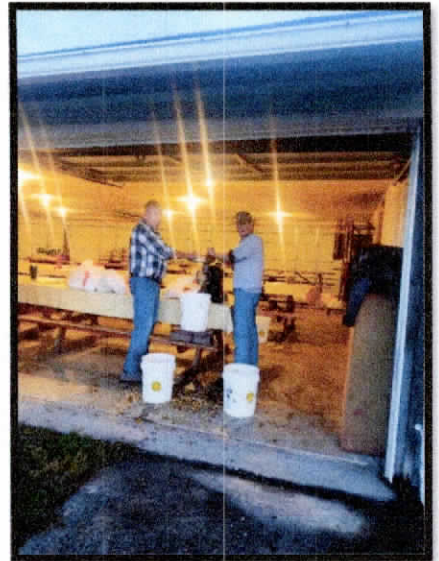
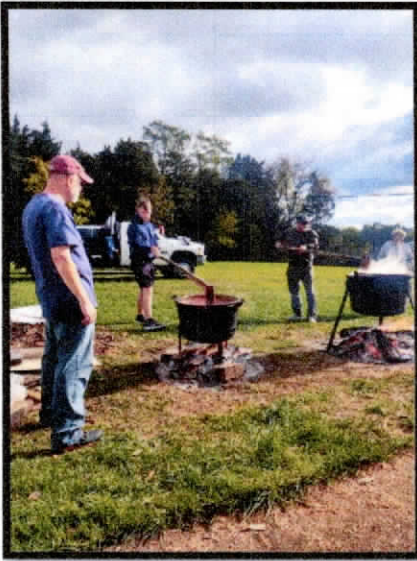
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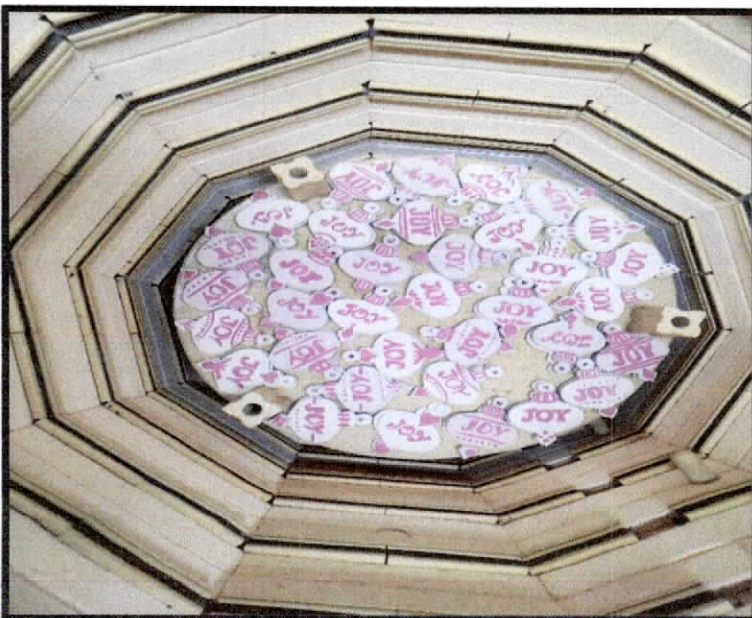
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Making Ornaments For Christmas Parade



Thank you to Mike & Melinda for all of their help and for opening their home to us to make the Christmas Ornaments for the Christmas Parade. Also, thank you to everyone who helped make the ornaments. It was a great time of fellowship.

NALC Disaster Response Donations



The NALC Atlantic Mission Regional Convocation was held on Friday, October 13 & Saturday, October 14 at St Paul Lutheran Church in York, Pennsylvania. There was a "NALC Disaster - Stuff the Truck" event held on Friday and at the Women's Meeting they assembled the health kits that were donated by each church congregation and everyone helped to pack the truck. They received 234 Health Kits, 57 Flood Buckets, 11 School Kits and 118 Blankets, Quilts, Prayer Shawls, etc. Thank you to everyone at Lebanon Lutheran Church for all of your donations, they were greatly needed and appreciated.

2 Corinthians Chapters 6-9

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26 9:30 Advent Wreath Making – No Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service *After Divine Service - Decorate Christmas Parade Float @ Hamman's House – Lunch is provided *Last Sunday	27 10:00 Ephesians Bible Study 7:00 Adult Christian Education	28 11:00 The Maynard Service (Greenfield) 7:00 Neighborhood Watch Meeting	29 8:15 Matins 10:00 Individ. Confession 1:30 Communion Service 5:30 Vesper Service	30	Christmas Parades 1) Woodstock Christmas Parade Friday, December 1 st - Line up @ 5:30 (Parade @ 6:30) 2) Strasburg Christmas Parade Saturday, December 2 nd - Line up @ 3:30 (Parade @ 4:30) 3) Middletown Christmas Parade Sunday, December 3 rd - Line up @ 1:00 (Parade @ 2:00)		