

# Niantic News

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## *A message from the Pastor...*

As the weather turns cooler and the leaves begin to turn and fall, we think of those Autumn celebrations that mark the time and progression of the year. The big day in October comes at the end, Halloween. While Halloween is a fun season for kids of all ages it also tends to overshadow another important day for the church. On October 31 (All Saints Eve or All Hallows Eve), we also celebrate Reformation Day. On that day in 1517, Luther posted his call for debate over the practice of selling indulgences commonly known as the 95 Theses. We celebrate this day as the beginning of the Reformation even though what came to be known as the Reformation was likely far beyond the imagination of Dr. Luther when he put out the call for debate.

We normally transfer the celebration of the Reformation to the last Sunday in October as we observe Reformation Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the lasting impact of Luther and the other reformers. The significance of Reformation Day goes far beyond the history of a single church or nation. The Reformation altered the religious landscape of first Europe and then the world, paving the way for new forms of worship, church governance, and theological study. The Reformation promoted the translation of the Bible into many languages, making scripture accessible to ordinary believers. It encouraged literacy, education, and critical thinking.

This year, we will celebrate the heritage of the Reformation in a new way. We are delighted to announce a special celebration: our congregation will join with our neighbors at St. Paul's, Sassamansville for a joint worship service on Reformation Sunday. United by the Spirit, we will come together to remember our shared heritage and rejoice in the transformative power of God's Word.

On October 26 at 9AM, we will welcome members of St. Paul's to Christ Lutheran that they may join us in celebrating our Lutheran identity and unity. Reformation Sunday is not only a celebration of our past, but a call to unity and renewal. Our joint worship will be a testament to the bonds we share, reminding us that in Christ, we are one people, and one Church called to serve and love our neighbors.

Please mark your calendars, invite your friends, and join us for this memorable occasion. Let us come together in faith, honoring our heritage and looking ahead with hope.

In Christ,  
Pr. Matt

**Official Pastoral Acts**

(Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings)

None since August 25, 2025

**Notification in Case of Illness**

Christ Niantic Lutheran hopes that all members will notify the church office if they become aware of any member who is ill or who may have other pastoral needs. Please do not assume that "someone else" has already called. We do not mind receiving multiple notifications. Thank you!

**Church Office Hours****and****Pastor Matt's Contact Info**

The Church Office Hours are Monday through Friday, 9 – 2 p.m.

If you need to speak to Pr. Matt regarding a pastoral emergency, please call him at (484) 587-6506.

Pr. Matt's Office Hours are Friday's from 10 AM – 1 PM.

All other calls can be called into the church office or left on the answering machine.

**From the Church Office****Newsletter Deadline**

Information for the November issue of the Niantic News is **due by Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**.

There are several ways for you to submit your articles:

- ☒ E-mail it to me at christluthchurch@windstream.net;
- ☒ Submit it on a borrowed church's USB flash drive;
- ☒ Place your typed or neatly written copy in my mailbox outside of the offices.

**NOTE:** The church office will be closed on Tuesday, Oct. 7 and Wed. Oct. 8 because the Admin Assist will be attending the Parish Secretaries Seminar. Answering machine and mail will be checked.

**MEMBERSHIP AT CHRIST LUTHERAN**

**VISITORS** are always welcome to the Table!

**MEMBERS** (two types): Voting & Non-voting

The only way you can ever be removed from the membership roll at Christ Lutheran, or any ELCA congregation:

- You request a transfer
- You ask to be removed
- You depart this life

**VOTING** members must make a record of having:

- Filled out a communion card and received the Lord's Supper ONE time per year
- Contributed ONE time per year, making sure your name or envelope number is included

**Attendance**

Date	Worship (9:00 AM)	Bible Study	
August 3	37	13	
August 10	34	12	
August 17	50	15	
August 24	46	15	
August 31	35		
2024 Sun. Avg.:	52		
2025 Sun. Avg.:	40	14	
<i>[Prior year averages are based on same time period]</i>			

**October Birthdays**

- 1 Charles Orner (1933)
- 3 Kenneth Moser
- 4 Ernest Fox
- 5 Michael Appold (1938)
- 6 Amy Eichinger, Grant Stevens
- 7 William Floyd (1942)
- 9 Zoe Eichinger
- 11 Susan Bendinsky (1942), Drew Hoffman
- 12 Tirrell Hoffman, John Moll (1937)
- 14 Matt Bauer, Lisa Heydt, Bruce Houck, Alexandra Nester
- 19 Lorrie Zuber
- 21 Mackenzie Hoffman
- 25 Sandra Miller, Jackson Moser, Tenley Willman
- 30 Wendy Barton, June Herb (1938)



**Quilt Tying**

On **Tuesday, October 14** beginning at **9:30 a.m.**,  
we will be tying quilts in the social hall.

Help is always needed!!

Then we will go to the...

**Lutheran Ladies Lunch**

Our next lunch will be **Tuesday, October 14**  
at **12:00 noon**.

We will be going to Toss of the Town,  
E. Phila. Ave., Boyertown.

We will meet in the parking lot at 11:30 a.m. to  
carpool to Toss of the Town.

Hope you can join us!

**Thank you...**

...to the Endowment committee for funding my  
week at Cross Roads Camp this summer! It  
truly is an amazing ministry for all ages, and my  
camp tuition helps to support all the great  
things they do. With gratitude, **Helena Finney**

...to the Endowment committee for paying for  
me to go to camp. It is a really great  
experience and I learned a lot. I had an  
amazing time. From, **Jane**

DATE	ALTAR FLOWERS*	BULLETINS
October 5	Bruce & Diane Houck	OPEN
October 12	Steve and Ava Novotny	OPEN
October 19	Terry & Gerry Flicker	OPEN
October 26	Linda Hoffman	OPEN

\*Cost of Altar Flowers is \$40.00 per week and  
Bulletins is \$20.00 per week. OPEN Sundays: sign  
up in narthex or call office. Please contact Sandy  
Gehman if you have questions or concerns.

**Reformation Sunday: October 26**

Lutherans join all Protestant  
churches in celebrating  
Reformation Sunday on the last  
Sunday in October. We  
remember the day, October 31,  
1517, on which Martin Luther  
posted his 95 Theses on the

door of the Castle Church in Wittenburg,  
Germany. This marked the beginning of the  
Protestant Reformation, a huge milestone in  
the history of the church and also an event  
that changed secular history.

...I'd like to thank everyone who came out for the  
Community Day on September 6! It turned out to  
be a nice day and I think everyone who joined us  
that day had fun, ate well and enjoyed the great  
music. First place in the baking contest went to  
Jennifer Lowery Bomboy, second to Bruce Houck  
and third to Carole Soffa. I'm wondering if Pastor  
Matt is still full from taste testing! (He really didn't  
know who baked which dessert!!) Sue Hoffman  
and Kay Barr did a wonderful job on the food  
with Bob Heydt and Bruce Houck on the grills.  
Kevin and Jennifer Bomboy donated water and  
Jennifer led the baking contest. Dave and Nancy  
Fioriglio took charge of games and Ginnie  
Wilkinson took on crafts. Diane and Ryan Houck  
introduced our next project for Boyertown Multi  
Service Festival of Trees and also had free hymnal  
angels, prayer shawls and cookbooks available  
for the community. Fox's once again supplied  
ice and coolers. There were many more  
volunteers that helped that day with set up,  
cleanup up and supported us the whole day and  
I just wanted to thank you all for making it a nice  
at day at Niantic! **Thank you, Lisa Heydt**

... for your generosity of 101 lbs. of food that we  
received on September 3 to our food pantry. We  
are so appreciative of your support to The Open  
Link and the Upper Perkiomen Valley Community.

**Marianne Lynch, Executive Director**

## Prayer Concerns

Prayer Chain Initiator: June Herb

Contact her at: (610) 754-7841 or junerose56@aol.com.

**NOTE:** Names on the prayer list remain on for one month, unless someone notifies June or the office to remain on longer.



### Health & Healing:

Angie – a friend of Melissa Seasholtz

Calli – a student of Pat Moser's daughter

Pat Gabel – Bob's wife

Lorraine Gehringer – friend of Charlie & Betty Hoffman

Heather – daughter of Kathy Romich/cousin of Lisa Heydt

Holly – niece of Melissa Seasholtz

Betty Hoffman

Charlie Hoffman

Samantha Hoffman

Crystal Hughes - Friend of Laurie Stofflet

Barbara Johns – Jamie Johns mother-in-law

Roberta Korsak

Addie Lorah – newborn daughter of a friend of Lindsey Mason

LaVerne (Muck) Moser

Charlie Orner

Pr. Jennifer Phelps – former member at CLC

Sara – co-worker of Kathy Watts

Janet Schaeffer

Todd (Scrufty) Slonaker – cousin of Gerry Flicker and Denise Hoffman

Carole Soffa

Tiffany - Nancy Fioriglio's cousin's daughter

Elaine Wolfe – friend of Linda Hoffman

### Direction:

David – Kathy Watts' brother

### Safe Travels:

Maria and Fernando – friends of Kathy Watts

### Death (Family and Friends of...):

Jim Ludt – neighbor/friend of Charlie/Betty Hoffman (9/1)

Gil Marrero – very good friend of Ken Watts (9/7)

Ben Delp – friend of Aaron Hoffman (9/14)

Glenn Hoffman – Denise Witman's cousin (9/16)

Hilton Johnson – friend of Matt and Laurie Stofflet (9/12)

Dylan McConnor – friend of Matt and Laure Stofflet (9/21)

### Military Deployed to Conflict Area/Serving in the Military\*:

Owen Dietrich – cousin of Lindsey (Riegner) Mason; Anthony

Lester – friend of Lindsey (Riegner) Mason; Dustin Lowery –

Jennifer Lowery-Bomboy's nephew; Quinn Mason - Lindsey

(Riegner) Mason's stepson; Matthew and Joseph Schwenk -

nephews of Amy Eichinger; Nathan Powell – son of a friend

of Amy Fluke

\*If you know someone that is deployed or serving, please contact June or the church office to put them back on the list. Thank you.

### Homebound Members of Christ Lutheran Church:

\*For current addresses of our Homebound, please contact the church office.

Gerald Flicker (Grandview Manor in Fleetwood);

Charlie Orner (Village at LifeQuest); Dorothy Willing (Frederick Living/Cedarwood); Sue Bendinsky (Chestnut Knoll)

## Mercy Ministry

Chershe Derr, Chairperson

### Redner's Save-A-Tape Program

Mercy Ministry is still collecting Redner's Save-a-Tape BUT when submitting your receipts, I have to have the bottom part that says "Today's Contribution - \$XX.xx" or Save-a-Tape with the dollar figure. Without this on the bottom, Redner's will not give us the 1% back. So, all you need to do is get a Save-A-Tape card from Redners, go shopping at Redner's and deposit your complete receipt in the box in the narthex. Redner's will send us a check for 1% of the receipts! It's that easy! Any questions, please contact Shirley Deery at (610) 367-0548.

## BOYERTOWN AREA MULTI-SERVICE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

During October, the Mercy Ministry Committee will be collecting items for the pantry. Non-perishable items of all kinds are always needed and appreciated.

The following items are current priority food pantry needs at the current time:

### FOOD

Pancake Mix	Pancake Syrup	Rice
Cereal	Crackers	Tuna
Pasta Sauce	Canned Soup	
Canned Fruit	Instant Mashed Potatoes	
Meat Meals (ex. Chef Boyardee, Manwich, Spam etc.)		
Pasta Sides		

### PERSONAL CARE

Bar Soap	Shampoo/Conditioner
Dish soap	Laundry Detergent
Toothpaste	Toothbrushes
Deodorant	

The Food Bank collection boxes are located in the coat/mailbox room.

**God's work. Our hands.**

September 7, 2025

**"God's Work, Our Hands": September 7**

On Sunday, September 7, we celebrated "God's Work, Our Hands" after worship with the assembly of "Kids Kits" for Church World Services (CWS). The kits were blessed on Sunday, September 14 before being shipped back to CWS. We thank everyone who helped in the assembly!

**Congregational Vitality Survey**

The Congregational Vitality Survey is a tool to help congregations assess where they see themselves as a congregation.

The survey will begin on Sunday, September 28 and will conclude on Sunday, October 12. The council is asking that each member of our congregation please take a moment and complete the survey either online, on one of the paper forms that will be made available, or in the parlor after church on any Sunday during the survey period. Online surveys can be done at any time by simply going to the "to be provided" site link and completing the form. Paper surveys will need to be completed and returned to either Dan Knaub or Dave Fioriglio for entry before 10/12. If you prefer, we will have a computer and assistance available after church on 9/28, 10/6, and 10/12. The site link and paper forms will be made available beginning on Sunday, 9/28.

**Book Club**

The Book Club will be reading the book: **"Thursday Murder Club" by Richard Osman.** The book in a bag can be borrowed from the bag that is on the table in the Welcome Center. We will meet on **Tuesday, October 21** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Welcome Center to discuss the book.

Participants are asked to come with suggestions for future reads.

If you have any questions, please contact Roxanne Fox.

**For our 80+ Members...****IT'S BIRTHDAY TIME AND YOU'RE INVITED!**

Invites were sent out to all those members who are 80+ years young in September!

Please come for lunch, entertainment and (of course) Ice Cream and Birthday Cake!

We're celebrating everyone's birthday including yours!

**Saturday October 25th**  
**11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

in the Social Hall at  
Christ Lutheran (Niantic) Church –  
353 Congo-Niantic Road

Please **RSVP** to Pat Moser by **October 14th**  
610-845-3731 or patmoser102@gmail.com.  
If you need a ride, please let us know!

We can't wait to celebrate with you!



## FESTIVAL OF TREES

"All God's Creatures" is the theme for Christ Lutheran Church Niantic's sponsored tree in this year's "Festival of Trees", a yearly event to raise funds for the many programs offered by Boyertown Area Multi-Service. During the months of October and November, please donate theme related decorations and gifts by the tree set up in the Welcome Center. Our tree will be on display with other sponsored trees during the "Festival of Trees" Open House on Friday, December 5th and Saturday, December 6th at Boyertown Area Multi-Service, located at 200 West Spring Street, Boyertown PA (near the YMCA). During the Open House, raffle tickets can be purchased to win a tree. Winners are contacted at the end of Saturday's Open House.

Unlock your inner creativity to adorn our "All God's Creatures" themed tree with items that reflect our warm and loving culture here at Niantic. Tree decorations, handmade gifts, gift cards, books, puzzles, and games are all suitable donations. Although the possibilities are endless, listed below are a few ideas to spark your imagination.

- Anything related to Biblical stories with God's creatures including: the Nativity, Noah's Ark, Jonah and the Whale, Daniel in the Lion's Den
- Handmade items such as quilts, prayer shawls, hats, scarfs, mittens, or socks with God's creatures on them
- Tree ornaments, games, stuffed toys, puzzles, and books relating to farm or wild animals, fish, birds, reptiles, or bugs/insects
- Non-perishable items made from living creature by-products: wool, beeswax, leather, silk
- Small Advent calendar wrapped gifts pertaining to God's creatures which are hung on the tree with the intent to open one daily until Christmas arrives
- Turkey and duck calls, wild game cookbook, birdhouses and feeders
- Gift certificates/cards from local dairy and meat markets: Longacre's Dairy, Burt's Farms, Andre Farms

Please contact Bruce and Diane Houck or any member of the F.U.N. committee if you have questions.



### Brown Bag Bible Study



The "**Brown Bag Bible Study**" will continue in the month of October on Wednesdays; **October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**. The Bible Study will be held in the Welcome center at **12 noon**, and you are invited to bring along a lunch if you wish. It will be a casual discussion-based study. The book of the Bible that will be discussed will be forthcoming. This study is open to everyone. No prior knowledge is required. Please feel free to invite friends, family, and neighbors. Bring along your own Bible or you can borrow one from the church.



### Nominating Committee

#### Council

Have you ever considered serving on the Congregational Council? Every year, we are looking for leaders to fill some needed vacancies. Are you the one to serve God in this capacity? Please feel free to contact any member of Council (see Council list in newsletter) if you have an interest in leading our church into the future.

**Highlights from the July Council Meeting ~ July 22, 2025**

1. Safe Place Training: Should the policy that requires training be changed? One should look into the state requirements first. Lisa Knaub and Dawn Sandoval will look into how training can be done for free.
2. "Articles of Incorporation - Nonprofit" - Pastor was unable to find an entity number and mailed in the paper form. Unfortunately, it was returned due to no entity number. Their recommendation is to file as a new entity (it won't change anything). Another option would be to find something that contains the corporate seal on it that might contain the entity number.
3. A/V System: Dave printed out step-by-step instructions on how to use it but someone has to be here with the key to open the office and not too many people have the key to open the office.

**STAFF REPORTS, COMMITTEE REPORTS & FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- Endowment: wanted to divert the balance of the Christian Ed funds in \$377.86 to Lutheran Disaster Response. We finalize the safe place training first before we send the money to Texas; table it for another month until we figure out the safe place training.

A motion made by Roxanne Fox and seconded by Roberta Korsak to accept the committee reports pending audit. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Vitality Survey Report: The council discussed plans for launching the Vitality Survey. It will consist of 36 questions and be shared through a dedicated Google Form link, posted only on internal communication channels. The survey will be promoted in advance and remain open for 2-3 weeks. Paper forms will be available if needed, and any handwritten responses will require manual data entry. Danny Knaub and Dave Fioriglio will help coordinate the process. The Council will use a separate survey link with identical questions, and results will be kept separate.
2. Danny Knaub might be able to be the stand in pastor for August 31. He will let the pastor know by the first week of August.
3. Altar flowers are good for July, August, September. The cost of the bulletins is \$20 and it is not necessary to decrease the price.
4. Grief Counseling: Pastor spoke with Sylvia Havlish, who is interested in leading another grief counseling group starting in mid-September. The program will consist of five sessions held in the late afternoon or early evening. The cost is \$600, and the group is open to the community. Pat Moser has agreed to reach out to local funeral homes for sponsorship. A motion to move forward with the program was made by Roxanne Fox and seconded by Roberta Korsak. Motion passed.
5. Quote to refresh exterior sign: Nothing has been received yet because Gerry's computer is getting updated.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Does the church own the property where the shed sits? Melissa has six different deeds. Butch will meet up with Bob Heydt to review.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Sandoval, Council Secretary

Christ Lutheran Church, Niantic  
Income and Expense Statement  
Consolidated - August 2025

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	Current Period	Year to Date	YTD Prior Year
<b>INCOME</b>			
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$8,289.00	\$78,994.15	\$80,369.84
OTHER FUND CONTRIBUTIONS	1,445.00	6,162.84	3,802.00
INVESTMENT INCOME	112.60	879.38	1,350.96
OTHER INCOME	0.00	16.93	0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>9,846.60</b>	<b>86,053.30</b>	<b>85,522.80</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>SALARIES</b>			
PASTORAL MINISTRY	\$4,556.57	\$35,860.45	\$36,411.94
OTHER STAFF	3,239.85	28,338.53	27,293.91
Subtotal Salaries	7,796.42	64,198.98	63,705.85
<b>WORSHIP</b>			
MUSIC	106.04	876.22	1,135.89
ORGAN & PIANO MAINTENANCE	0.00	0.00	300.00
WORSHIP SUPPLIES	409.50	2,436.90	2,239.51
Subtotal Worship	515.54	3,313.12	3,675.40
<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>			
CURRICULUM MATERIALS	0.00	0.00	34.76
OTHER MINISTRIES	87.00	261.00	204.00
<b>SOCIAL MINISTRY/OUTREACH</b>			
COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY	0.00	51.42	0.00
ADVERTISING EXPENSE	19.00	168.94	265.00
STEWARDSHIP	0.00	523.78	400.02
INTERNET EXPENSES	340.66	2,822.74	2,212.48
Subtotal Social Ministry/outreach	359.66	3,566.88	2,877.50
<b>CHURCH ADMINISTRATION</b>			
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	291.90	1,572.34	1,263.20
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	136.77	968.25	632.88
Subtotal Church Administration	428.67	2,540.59	1,896.08
<b>BUILDING OPERATIONS</b>			
HEAT, ELECTRIC & GAS	2,207.91	12,938.94	8,754.02
CLEANING SUPPLIES	495.95	3,722.19	3,043.73
REAL ESTATE TAX	0.00	143.84	139.56
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	5,016.96	6,932.03	19,052.92
Subtotal Building Operations	7,720.82	23,737.00	30,990.23
<b>INSURANCE</b>			
FUND EXPENSES	0.00	7,163.75	5,768.75
	0.00	21,748.77	7,849.36
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>16,908.11</b>	<b>126,530.09</b>	<b>117,001.93</b>
<b>EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES</b>	<b>(\$7,061.51)</b>	<b>(\$40,476.79)</b>	<b>(\$31,479.13)</b>

*Respectfully submitted*  
*Susan Hoffman*

**Church Office Hours:**

Monday – Friday: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Worship:**

9:00 a.m. ~ The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered on the first Sunday of each month and on all festivals.

**Church Staff**

Pastor: Rev. Matthew Finney ~ [clcpastor@windstream.net](mailto:clcpastor@windstream.net)  
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 Administrative Assistant: Melissa Seasholtz ~ [christluthchurch@windstream.net](mailto:christluthchurch@windstream.net)

**2025 Congregational Council**

President: Steve Novotny Vice President: Dave Fioriglio  
 Secretary: Dawn Sandoval Treasurer: Sue Hoffman\*\*  
 Assistant Treasurer: Nancy Fioriglio\*\* Financial Treasurer: Kathy Watts\*\*  
 e-mail: [clcfinancial@windstream.net](mailto:clcfinancial@windstream.net)

Gerry Flicker ☒Bob Heydt ☒

Pat Moser

Keith Folk ☒

Danny Knaub

Marvin Steward ☒

Roxanne Fox

Roberta Korsak


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(\*\*non-council member / +youth member / ☒ second term)**Ministry Assistants for October 2025**

	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Communion Assist</b>	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>
<b>October 5 9:00 a.m.</b>		Nancy Fioriglio	Sue Hoffman	Denise Hoffman	_____ * & _____ *
<b>October 12 9:00 a.m.</b>		Bob Heydt		Terry Flicker	Lisa and Bob Heydt
<b>October 19 9:00 a.m.</b>	Tenley Willman	Diane Houck		Denise Hoffman	Ginnie Wilkinson and Tori Willman
<b>October 26 9:00 a.m.</b>		Sue Hoffman	Nancy Fioriglio	Terry Flicker	Gerry Flicker and _____ *

**Altar Guild:** Shirley and Merle Deery**Counting Team:** TEAM B – Mike Knaub (capt.); Kathy Watts, Keith Folk

\_\_\_\_\_ \* = Help is needed. Please call/e-mail the church office if you can help. Thank you!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>  <h1>October 2025</h1>  </div>						
(W/C) = Welcome Center (S/H) = Social Hall <i>*updated since publication</i>			<b>1</b> 12 noon Brown Bag Bible Study  7:00 Sr. Choir	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  10 AM – 1 PM Pr. Matt's Office Hours	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 8:30 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 9:00 Worship / Holy Communion 10:00 Vitality Survey (parlor) 10:00 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 10:00 Confirmation (room I)	<b>6</b>  6:30 Property (W/C)	<b>7</b>  <div>Melissa attending Secretaries Seminar. Answering machine and mail will be checked.</div> <b>10:00 AM Mercy Ministry (room H)</b>	<b>8</b>  12 noon Brown Bag Bible Study  7:00 Sr. Choir	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  10 AM – 1 PM Pr. Matt's Office Hours  <div>Melissa Vacation Day</div>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>  8:30 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 9:00 Worship 10:00 Vitality Survey (parlor) 10:00 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 10:00 Confirmation (room I)	<b>13</b>  <i>Columbus Day</i>	<b>14 November NIANTIC NEWS Articles DUE</b>  9:30 Quilt Tying (S/H)  11:30 Lutheran Ladies Lunch at Toss of the Town – meet in W/C at 11:30 AM to carpool for 12 noon lunch  7:00 Endowment (W/C)	<b>15</b>  12 noon Brown Bag Bible Study  7:00 Sr. Choir	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  10 AM – 1 PM Pr. Matt's Office Hours  <div>Melissa Vacation Day</div>	<b>18</b>
<b>19 Blessing of the Quilts</b>  8:30 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 10:00 Confirmation (room I)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>     7:00 Book Club (W/C)	<b>22</b>  12 noon Brown Bag Bible Study  7:00 Sr. Choir	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  10 AM – 1 PM Pr. Matt's Office Hours	<b>25</b>  <b>11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. 80+ Birthday Party (S/H)</b>
<b>26 Reformation Sunday</b>  8:30 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 9:00 Joint Worship w/ St. Paul's / Communion 10:00 Coffee & Conversation (W/C) 10:00 Confirmation (room I)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  7:00 Council (parlor)	<b>29</b>  12 noon Brown Bag Bible Study  7:00 Sr. Choir	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  10 AM – 1 PM Pr. Matt's Office Hours  Halloween 	<b>Nov. 1</b>