

# Sharon Lutheran Church

is a community that strives to be:

Faith –filled

Rooted in God’s Word

Loving

Connected to the community and world

Adaptive



November 2015

## November 1

All Saints’ Sunday is the Memorial Day of the church year, the day when we as a church remember those who have departed this life in faith.

Since last All Saints’ Sunday, the following friends and members of Sharon have entered the Church Triumphant:

Frieda Reed, Doris Mull, Ruth Roush, Paul Morelock, Bruce Pirie, Warren Lentz, Grace Cote, Ernie Renninger, George K Hummel, and Shirley Mayo.

Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord. “Yes, says the Spirit, “They will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.”  
Revelation 14:13

### Daylight Savings Ends Nov. 1

Remember to set your clocks back one hour!

## First Sunday of the Month “Holy Grounds”

November 1 beginning at 9am

This month will be hosted by the Sunday school children, and as we continue our 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration year, Bishop Driesen will be joining us.

### Notice of Congregation Meeting:

November 22 following the 10:30 am Worship Service. (with a backup date of Dec. 13).

Voting members of the congregation will be asked to take action on the following items:

\*Vote for 2016 Council Members

\*Vote to adopt a budget for the 2016 calendar year.

Additional nominations can be made at the Congregation meeting with approval of the nominee.

A summary of this budget is included within this newsletter. A detailed budget is available to members from the church office.





## Pastor's Thought



### **Voices raised to you**

Voices raised to you we offer;  
tune them God, for songs of praise.  
Hearts and hands we bring in tribute for your gifts  
through all our days.

All creation joins to praise you;  
earth and sky your works display.  
Art and music, gifts you lend us, we return to you today.

Christ, the song of love incarnate,  
touching earth with heaven's grace,  
for your living,, suffering, dying, for your rising,  
hear our praise!

Spirit, flaming through creation,  
kindle faith within each heart.  
Lift our voices high in chorus; through our hands  
your love impart.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Spirit, helper, breath of life!  
(Adapted from ELW hymn #845 text by  
Herman G. Struempfle Jr.)

These words of praise and thanksgiving make we want to pause and join my voice and sing along. Are there ways that you too can join your voice in thanksgiving to God, in the midst of all things—good or difficult? Can we give thanks for the challenges and for the blessings?

I pray for each of you and for God's Spirit to continue to find ways to stir you in faith. May you find moments of thanksgiving this month.



## Sunday School K-6<sup>th</sup> grade.

### PSALM 23 (SCS CLASS)

The lord is my *leader*. I shall not want.  
 He makes me *do the right thing*;  
 He leads me beside *nice people*;  
 He restores my soul.  
 He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.  
 Even though I walk through *evil*,  
 I fear no evil;  
 for you are with me;  
 your *arms*-they comfort me.  
 You prepare a *shield* before me in  
 the presents of my enemies;  
 you *protect me*;  
 my cup overflows.  
 Surely goodness and mercy shall  
 follow me all the days of my life,  
 and I shall dwell in the house of  
 the Lord my forever.

We have been enjoying the variety of ways that we have been able to explore Psalm 23 with the kids over this past month and a half. We have two more sessions that will explore some different themes of the psalm through video and games on November 8 & 15.

Next week, November 1, is All Saints Sunday. Bishop Driesen, of our Upper Susquehanna Synod, will be preaching at both services. During the 9 am hour the Sunday school and youth are going to host Holy Grounds--a fellowship hour with the bishop. The older youth are coming up with questions to ask the bishop and we are inviting the Sunday school to provide snacks and drinks for the event. It is my hope that parents will attend this event with the students and help them serve and participate in the session with the bishop. I will set up materials for a family craft as well that can be done at times during the event.

We will have a special "Giving Thanks" Sunday School session during the 9 am hour on Sunday,

November 22 in preparation for Thanksgiving. The first Sunday of Advent is November 29. We will begin new Advent/Christmas sessions on that day.

A parent bulletin board is also located in the hallway upstairs and will continue to have announcements and information for you about Sunday school, other events, and adult education forums and offerings.

I know that it is hard to look way ahead to Christmas, but I do want you to think about letting me know if any of the children or youth wish to participate in worship on Christmas Eve with music. Our new organist and choir accompanist, Jeffrey Smith is hoping to be able to work with Sunday school students in the coming months as well.

Thanks to all who have been taking part in Sunday school. I have enjoyed my time in the classroom as well.

*Pastor Doll*





**Amy Cox**  
**House Concert,**  
**November 8**  
**5- 7 pm**  
**At “Charlie’s” in the SU**  
**Campus Center**

The 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth of the Middlecreek Conference are meeting together to share in this concert experience with Amy. The concert will feature music and stories as Amy shares her journey of faith and her experiences with families and individuals that she met on her Border Tour last summer. We will meet at the SU Degenstein Campus Center on November 8 at 5 pm. Charlie’s is located on the lower level.

Amy Cox is a singer-songwriter and worship leader from Virginia with a deep passion for God, people, and stories. With music that grasps the ache of the soul, Amy writes from her own personal journey, interweaving scriptural truths and simple, beautiful melodies. Her debut album (released May 2014), *Coming Home to You*, is a collection of original songs that speak to the beauty of life and the faithfulness of God. With an engaging heart and infectious smile, this often-barefoot singer straps on her guitar and shares her story through words and music. [www.amycoxmusic.com](http://www.amycoxmusic.com)

**Game Night for Confirmation Youth**

On November 15, the 7-9<sup>th</sup> grade youth will meet for our session with youth from the Middlecreek Conference at St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church, Shamokin Dam. We will meet at 4:45 at Sharon and travel to St. Matt’s for dinner and a game night in the gym. Friends are welcome. Please let Robin or Pastor Doll know if you are coming. A dinner menu will be emailed to you as well as other information.



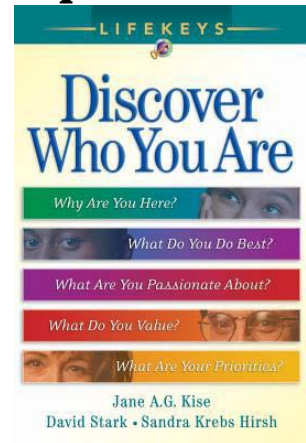
## LifeKeys: November 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 12-2:30 pm

Discovering who you are, why you're here, and what you do best.

Each of us, individually, is good at particular things. There are activities that energize us or interactions with people that inspire us. We each have our own unique personalities, passion for living and making a difference, core values, and spiritual gifts. All of these pieces, LifeKeys, fits together to make a whole.

We invite you to explore and discover your LifeKeys. During the sessions, find your niche, develop new friendships, and discover the ways God has gifted you. Come, have fun learning more about yourself, learning more about others, deepening relationships with others, and seeing the imprint of God's hand on your life.

There are four afternoon sessions beginning with lunch that will include conversations, discussions, inventories, and input from family and friends. The four sessions encompass information from 8 lessons and run for 2.5 hours each. Pastor Doll will facilitate these sessions. Workbooks and a textbook will be provided.



### From the Congregation Council

President—Jeff Whitman; Vice President—Eric Rowe; Secretary—Carolyn Sands; Treasurer—Buzz Savidge; Susie Weller; Janet Bilger, Karen Bowen; Carol Harrison; Teresa Berger; Lowell Leitzel

#### **Action Items**

† **Approved** a motion to accept the low bid of 17,000.00 from DB Construction for roof truss repairs.

† **Approved** a motion to accept the budget as proposed with the exception of line item 5612, \$20,000.00 not to be included in the 2016 budget.

† **Approved** a motion to schedule a Congregational Meeting on November 22 after the second worship service with a backup date of December 13.

Unanticipated projects are one of those experiences that test resolve and patience. They also require us to rise to challenges and listen for wisdom, to discern best actions, and to keep ministry forefront. We are in the midst of such a project at the present time. We have a design that was drawn up by BE Structural Engineering to affect the repairs and re-stabilization of the trusses supporting the main roof above the sanctuary. This project was not planned but has become necessary due to safety concerns. The finance team and the church council have approved the funding from our regular income for this project and hope that it will not require any additional giving from the congregation. The council will keep you up to date if there are changes in this expectation.

DB Construction was selected through a bidding process to be the contractor for the project. Currently, we are in the beginning stages of negotiating the construction details of the design, the periodic, ongoing inspections of the project, additional construction questions, and the plans for building inspection upon the completion of the repairs. Many conversations and details are being discussed at the present time. Your prayers and support are welcome for the leaders and all who are involved in these negotiations. Once these details have been decided, we will provide an update with more of a timetable and things to expect.

# Rejoicing Spirits

**Sunday, November 22 at 6:30 pm**

at the Church of the Nazarene

Rejoicing Spirits celebrates their one year anniversary in November. For this special day, Kingdom Kidz Puppets leads the congregation. Their theme: "I am Special to God"



***The Annual Community Thanksgiving Service follows this event.***

## **In Stephen Ministry.....Small Acts Matter and Become Large!**

In the short devotional *Dare to Journey with Henri Nouwen*, Charles Ringma writes: "Sometimes we are called to do great acts of kindness or make great sacrifices. But this is seldom normal. Usually we have the opportunity for many small acts of love and service and are called to make many small sacrifices. The significance and power of these cannot be underestimated."

Some acts of faith produce unexpected results. Others are more predictable, and some, downright disappointing. But all weave a pattern for our being, thinking, responding, and acting. This pattern becomes an expression of our truer self. It makes us what we want to be.

Equally importantly, this pattern of many small acts of faith and love weaves an environment of care and consistency for those for whom we are concerned and seek to serve. In being responded to with a persistent love, they can begin to hope and live again."

So, the question for you is: do you have an avenue to clearly express "small acts of love and service"? The beauty of Stephen Ministry is that it gives at least one small (and, potentially, large) answer to this question. Maybe you are being called to service in this ministry. If this suspicion grows within you, please act!

Please contact your Stephen Leaders: **Pastor Doll, Laura Aungst, or Don Housley** for more information.



*Thank  
you*

Dear Pastor Doll,  
Our family wishes to convey our sincere appreciation for your prayers and support during mother's illness and passing. Your words were a comfort to us all.  
Sincerely,  
**Marsha Young and family**

*We Remember in  
Prayer*

Douglas App, Rose Aucker,  
Betty Aungst, Pam Aungst,  
Dr. Nelson Bailey, Tom  
Beachell, Sara Beard, Jim  
Bradford, Amy Bush, Rick  
Bushman, Prendyn  
Clinger, Matt Cover, Jim  
and Dawn Diemer,  
Eleanor Dinius, Becky  
Edmunds, Charles  
Engelbrecht, Betty  
Ettinger, Irene Fladmark,  
Jim Gautsch Jr., Linda  
Gautsch, Ilene Gilson,  
David Holmes, Jr., Valerie  
Holmes, Pat Hower,  
Martha Hummel, Mary  
Hummel, Brenda  
Hunsicker, Eugene  
Keister, George Keller,  
Betty Kerstetter, Harvey  
Kreamer, Jr., Keith  
Landis, Ron Laniewski,  
Lowell Leitzel, Lorrie  
Littlefield, Miriam Logan,  
Marci MacIntyre, Mary  
Maneval, Roger Marks,  
Marianne McDonnell,  
Susan Mull, Phillip  
Murphy, Kay Musser,  
Cartie Naugle, Grace  
Nolder, Mark Nolder,  
Ryan Riethmiller, Chime  
Rouse, Leon Scholl, Miles  
Schrader, Guy Shreck Jr.,  
Bill Starr, Robert Stetler,  
Paul and Emily Twitchell  
family, Bob Walter, David  
Weimer, Jeremy Wolfe,  
Gary Wydell

*Sponsor the weekly altar  
flowers in 2016:*

Please remember, these dates are  
first come, first sponsored, so  
contact the church office ASAP  
with your special date! The cost  
to remember and honor a loved  
one is only \$30.00.

January 3  
January 17  
January 31  
  
February 14  
February 21  
February 28  
  
March 6  
March 13  
March 20  
March 27  
  
April 3  
April 17  
  
May 1  
May 15  
May 22  
May 29  
  
July 3  
July 10  
July 17  
July 24  
July 31  
  
August 7  
  
September 4  
September 18  
September 25  
  
October 2  
October 9  
October 16  
October 30  
  
November 6  
November 13  
November 20  
November 27



Nickler, Drew	11/1
Soper, Violet	11/1
Weirick, Don	11/1
Nolder, Leonard	11/2
Terrio, Kevin	11/4
Young, Marsha	11/4
Fedder, Jamie	11/7
Martin, Nancy	11/7
Herbert, Jo Ann	11/8
Dunka, Alexia	11/14
Herbert, James	11/14
Terrio, Lily	11/14
Bowen, Arthur	11/15
Bickhart, Diana	11/17
Heuer, Melanie	11/19
Hummel, Sue	11/19
Wagner, Ann	11/20
Piermattei, Fred	11/22
Callender, Shirley	11/24
Inch, Helen	11/25
Aucker, Molly	11/26
Frymoyer, Nancy	11/29
Pennay, Curtis	11/30
Romig, Marcia	11/30
Stetler, John	11/30

# CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



A wonderful way to honor a loved one! Please return this form to the church office or place in the offering plate by November 18. The cost per plant is \$9.50.

\_\_\_ IN MEMORY OF:

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\_\_\_ IN HONOR OF:

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\_\_\_ TO THE GLORY OF GOD

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor (please check one):

\_\_\_ I will pick up my poinsettia within 3 days of the service. I understand that the congregation cannot list this plant as a contribution, tax deductible under IRS regulations.

\_\_\_ Please use my poinsettia, and dispose of it/them as the church sees fit. (These are considered a contribution and therefore tax deductible under IRS regulations.)

For Teller Use:

Envelope No.

Amount Given:



## SHARON LUTHERAN CHURCH - 2016 BUDGET

### SUMMARY - COUNCIL APPROVED 2016 BUDGET

Summary Budget	2015 Budget Congregation	2016 Budget Council	Change from 2015
<b>INCOME - SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>REGULAR ENVELOPES (Total) 4100</b>	<b>\$ 322,000</b>	<b>\$ 322,264</b>	<b>\$ 264</b>
Current & Benev., Sun. Schl, Loose Offering	\$ 209,355	\$ 205,164	\$ 4,191)
Building Expense	\$ 35,383	\$ 35,000	\$ (383)
Altar Flowers (5505)	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ -
Sharon Only - no Faith Commitment	\$ 19,950	\$ 18,500	\$ (1,450)
Simply Giving	\$ 5,712	\$ 62,000	\$ 6,288
<b>TRUST FUND ENDOWMENT TRANSFERS (Total)</b>	<b>\$ 6,450</b>	<b>\$ 30,950</b>	<b>\$ 24,500</b>
APP TRANSPORTATION - NNB Trust Fund #13	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ -
CAMPERSHIPS - NNB Trust Fund #24	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ -
FAITH COMMITMENT - NNB Trust Fund #6	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ -
MISSIONARY SUPPORT - NNB Trust Fund #5	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
SEMINARY - NNB Trust Fund #4	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ -
YOUTH MINISTRY - FISHER - NNB Trust Fund #16	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000	\$ (500)
RUTH ROUSH TRUST - NNB Trust Fund #25	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
HISTORICAL CEMETERIES - NNB Trust Fund #23	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ -
<b>GRAND TOTAL - INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 328,450</b>	<b>\$ 353,214</b>	<b>\$ 24,764</b>
<b>EXPENSES - USE OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>GIFTS TO OTHERS 5100</b>	<b>\$ 26,500</b>	<b>\$ 26,500</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>PASTOR 5200</b>	<b>\$ 97,065</b>	<b>\$ 98,550</b>	<b>\$ 1,485</b>
<b>STAFF COMPENSATION 5300</b>	<b>\$ 75,119</b>	<b>\$ 74,473</b>	<b>\$ (646)</b>
<b>FAMILY MINISTRY 5310</b>	<b>\$ 37,579</b>	<b>\$ 41,871</b>	<b>\$ 4,292</b>
<b>OFFICE EXPENSE 5400</b>	<b>\$ 20,967</b>	<b>\$ 11,100</b>	<b>\$ (9,867)</b>
<b>WITNESS 5500</b>	<b>\$ 5,050</b>	<b>\$ 5,050</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>PROPERTY 5600</b>	<b>\$ 45,250</b>	<b>\$ 76,250</b>	<b>\$ 31,000</b>
<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 5700</b>	<b>\$ 10,450</b>	<b>\$ 6,450</b>	<b>\$ (4,000)</b>
<b>SOCIAL MINISTRY 5800</b>	<b>\$ 3,050</b>	<b>\$ 5,550</b>	<b>\$ 2,500</b>
<b>WORSHIP &amp; MUSIC 5900</b>	<b>\$ 7,420</b>	<b>\$ 7,420</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL - EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 328,450</b>	<b>\$ 353,214</b>	<b>\$ 24,764</b>

## *Worship Volunteer Schedule*

	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Cantor/CA</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>
<b>Nov 1</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
	Michael and Kathy Keeney	Megan Keeney Elise Keeney	Diane Pauling	John Stetler Don Bottiger	Carol Black	Roseann Stetler (B)
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
	Harvey and Nancy Murray	Hannah Doll Sarah Pennay	Lowell Leitzel	Don and Grace Housley	Jeff Whitman Kathy Reiland Markie Reiland	Karen Bowen Grace Housley
<b>Nov 8</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
	Jim and Carole App	Vance Metzger	Roseann Stetler	Brian Pauling Buzz Savidge	Theresa Kuster	Maureen Ries (B)
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
	George and Carole Snyder	Anna Kalcich Emma Kalcich	Deb Bernhisel	Doug and Tammy Hassinger	Dawn Doll Eva Kalcich Tina Kalcich	Audrey Deckard Linda McMillin
<b>Nov 15</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
	Donna and Donovan Goundie	Sean Dagle	John Pendley	Bill and Barb Remaley	Chris Lupolt	Barb Remaley (B)
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
	Greg and Teresa Beaver	Jessica Beaver Hannah Doll	Carol Bradford	Bob and Vi Soper	Bob Bradford Dave Deckard Judd Williams	Carol Harrison Nancy Martin
<b>Nov 22</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
	Terry and Judy Kissinger	Wyatt Metzger	April Metzger	Tim Berger Jack Spigelmeyer	Teresa Berger	Barb Remaley (B)
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
	Kermit and Darlene Ritter	Madison Snyder Raechel Councill	Eric Rowe	Jacob and Stacy Koch	Philip Riggs Art Bowen Keith Kunkel	Shirley Walter Jenny Ruth Partica
<b>Nov 29</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
	Don and Dana Kemberling	Courtney Kemberling	Fred Hooper	Jim Black Buzz Savidge	Carol Black	Alma Pauling (B)
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
	Mike and Janet Bilger	Sarah Pennay Hannah Doll	Maureen Ries	Harley Freed Fritz Frost	Sue Pennay Alex Pennay Curtis Pennay	Vi Soper Shirley Rowe