

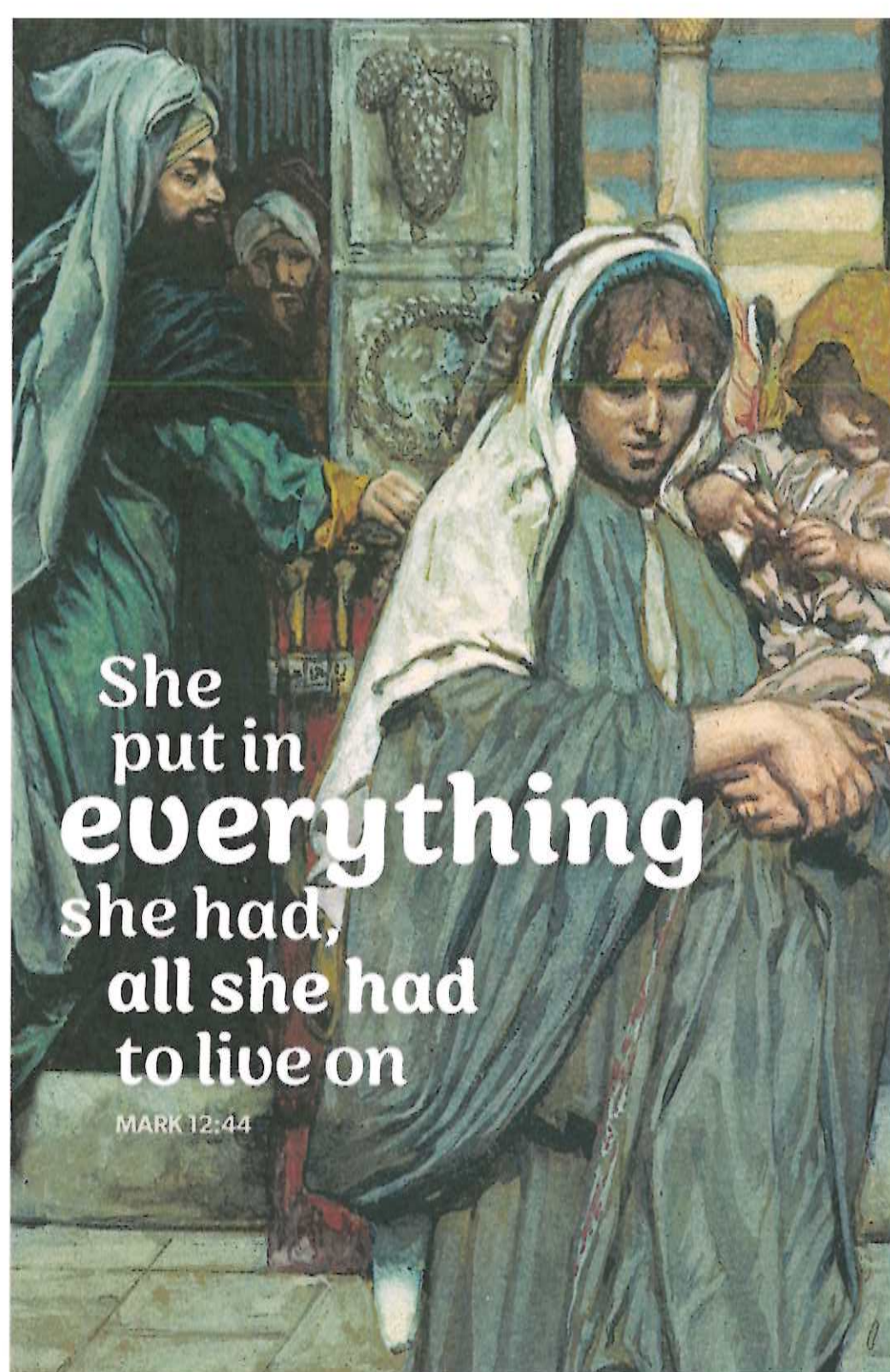
## God's Generosity Brings New Life

As we cross a busy street, a stranger's cry of "WATCH OUT!" will certainly send our heart racing. Such an outburst may not be what we expect to hear, but it is the warning needed for us to get out of the way of an approaching threat. Jesus catches our attention with a similar word today: "Beware." Beware the violence of a system that devours widows' houses while hiding behind prayers and piety; there is danger here! But this is not the only relationship Jesus urges his followers to pay attention to today. He also invites them to be aware of how one widow in their community is responding: she gives—and gives generously. What might that mean for us?

God gives generously too. We often talk about God's generosity being rooted in God's love for us. From the moment we were baptized, we have been reminded of such love that goes with us through death and into the new life God brings. This love takes seriously all the things that tear apart our lives and world—and pays attention to where healing and repair might take hold.

God is always rooting *for us*, and we trust that Christ's resurrection life will bring us through hardships when death has done its worst. What a gift it is to be gathered into the worshiping community week after week, to again be centered around Christ's table and its generous promises of grace that renew us and make us whole: "The body of Christ, given for you; the blood of Christ, shed for you." This is generosity! This is new life!

Yet we do not stay at the table. We are sent from it, together. Where do we go from here? Where might we share such grace and love this week? Perhaps both "Beware" and "Be aware" are our invitations to generosity as Jesus draws our attention to all the important relationships around us.



She  
put in  
everything  
she had,  
all she had  
to live on

MARK 12:44

Millcreek Lutheran Church  
25th Sunday after Pentecost  
November 10, 2024

Welcome, friends in Christ! We appreciate your presence here today. If you are a visitor, we hope you will consider joining us – knowing that you can expect to find people who love God and who want to know and love you. Visitors, please sign our guest book, fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack and introduce yourself to Pastor Scott as you leave. We're glad you're here!

Prayer: Gracious God, who has impressed upon us the importance of love: Fill our hearts with sincere love for you and our neighbors, that we may live in obedience to your divine will. In our Savior's name we pray. Amen.

### The Service

- Prelude of Entrance:  
*America the Beautiful, This, is My Country,  
Battle Hymn of the Republic, God Bless America,*  
Announcements  
Prelude of Preparation: *Hymn to the Fallen*  
\*Confession & Forgiveness, Page 56  
\*Opening Hymn: **No. 567 LBW (green),**  
*God of Our Fathers*  
\*Greetings: Page 57, line 5  
\*The Kyrie: Pages 57 & 58, Line 6  
\*Hymn of Praise: **No. 332 LBW (green),**  
*Battle Hymn of the Republic*  
\*Prayer of the Day: (On the lesson insert, read in unison)  
Children's Sermon  
The First Reading  
The Psalmody: (On the lesson insert - read responsively)  
The Second Reading  
\*The Alleluia Verse: Page 62, line 14  
\*The Gospel

- \*Responses: Page 63, lines 15 & 16  
The Sermon  
Hymn of the Day: **No. 572 NCH (red),** *We Give Thanks*  
\*The Apostles' Creed: Page 65  
Choir Anthem: *Salute to the Armed Forces*  
\*The Prayer: Page 76  
\*The Lord's Prayer  
Blessing of the Shoe Boxes  
\*The Benediction  
\*Dismissal: Page 74, lines 42 & 43  
\*Departing Hymn: **No. 467 LBW (green),**  
*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*  
Moments of Meditation: Congregation seated  
TAPS by Merry Bac  
Postlude: *Onward Christian Soldiers*  
\*Please stand

### Serving You This Morning:

- |                          |                                 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Pastor,</b>           | The Rev. Scott J. Paradise      |
| <b>Lay Leader,</b>       | Scott Johnson                   |
| <b>Organist/Pianist,</b> | Debra Tice                      |
| <b>Lay Reader,</b>       | Rachel Mock                     |
| <b>Ushers, Audio</b>     | Frank Hoffman and Scott Johnson |

*The altar flowers and bulletins are given to the honor and glory of God and in honor of all Veterans.*

*We thank the Millcreek Orchestra conducted by Stephanie Sheetz, Debbie Tice (accompanist) and Merry Bac (TAPS) for providing the music in observance of Veteran's Day.*



*Many thanks to our veterans and all who served in our country's armed forces.*



# Today's Readings

Sunday, November 10, 2024  
25th Sunday after Pentecost

## Prayer of the Day

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

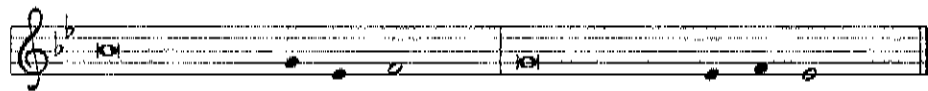
1 Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], saying, <sup>9</sup>“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup>As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it

for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” <sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son.” <sup>14</sup>For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” <sup>15</sup>She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

## Psalm

Psalm 146; tone 7



Hal-<sup>1</sup> lelujah!  
Praise the LORD, <sup>1</sup> O my soul!  
<sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD  
as long <sup>1</sup> as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God  
while I <sup>1</sup> have my being.  
<sup>3</sup> Put not your <sup>1</sup> trust in rulers,  
in mortals in whom  
there <sup>1</sup> is no help.

<sup>4</sup> When they breathe their last,  
they re-<sup>1</sup> turn to earth,  
and in that day  
<sup>1</sup> their thoughts perish.  
<sup>5</sup> Happy are they who have  
the God of Jacob <sup>1</sup> for their help,  
whose hope is in the <sup>1</sup> LORD  
their God;

continued

Psalm, continued

<sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth,  
the seas, and all that <sup>1</sup> is in them;  
who keeps promis-<sup>1</sup> es forever;  
<sup>7</sup> who gives justice to those  
who are oppressed,  
and food to <sup>1</sup> those who hunger.  
The LORD sets the <sup>1</sup> captive free.  
<sup>8</sup> The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;  
the LORD lifts up those  
who <sup>1</sup> are bowed down;  
the LORD <sup>1</sup> loves the righteous.

## Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup>Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; <sup>26</sup>for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foun-

<sup>9</sup> The LORD cares <sup>1</sup> for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains  
the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way  
<sup>1</sup> of the wicked.  
<sup>10</sup> The LORD shall <sup>1</sup> reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout  
all generations. <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

dation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup>And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, <sup>28</sup>so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

## Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup>and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup>They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

<sup>41</sup>He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting

money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup>Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup>For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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## God of Our Fathers

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1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand  
 2 Your love di - vine has led us in the past;  
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,  
 4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some way;

Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
 In this free land by you our lot is cast;  
 Make your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.  
 Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:  
 Oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;  
 Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;  
 Fill all our lives with heav'n - born love and grace

Our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.  
 Your Word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.  
 Your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
 Un - til at last we meet be - fore your face.

## 332 Battle Hymn of the Republic

1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;  
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;  
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,

He is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.  
With a glo - ry in his bo - som that trans - fig - ures you and me.

He has loosed the fate - ful light - ring of his ter - ri - ble swift sword;  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!  
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,

*Refrain*

His truth is march - ing on.  
Our God is march - ing on.      Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le -  
While God is march - ing on.

lu - jah!      Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!      Glo - ry,

glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

# We Give Thanks

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TRUST, GUIDANCE

F.P.

Flo Price

1. We give thanks, oh God, to Thee That our na - tion  
 2. Be with those in oth - er lands Who are bound by  
 3. Bless our coun - try, let us be Al - ways sure to

still is free; We can wor - ship with - out fear  
 cru - el bands; From op - pres - ion hope will spring.  
 hon - or Thee; Make our jus - tice tru - ly just,

With our loved ones gath - ered near.  
 May they soon hear free - dom ring.  
 May it be "In God we trust." A - men.

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# Eternal Father, Strong to Save

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1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm has bound the  
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word The winds and waves sub -  
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood Up - on the cha - os  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, All trav - lers guard in

rest - less wave, Who bade the might - y o - cean deep its  
 mis - sive heard, Who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, And  
 dark and rude, And bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, And  
 dan - ger's hour From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: Oh, hear us when we  
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: Oh, hear us when we  
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: Oh, hear us when we  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
 rise to thee Glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.

MELITA

## SALUTE TO THE ARMED FORCES

### US AIR FORCE

Off we go into the wild blue yonder  
Climbing high into the sun  
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder  
At 'em boy, give her the gun!  
Down we dive spouting our flame from under  
Off with one terrible roar;  
We live in fame or go down in flame,  
For nothing can stop the  
US AIR FORCE!

### US ARMY

Over hill, over dale, we have hit the dusty trail,  
And those caissons go rolling along.  
In and out, hear them shout, counter marching all about,  
And those caissons go rolling along.  
For it's high, high, hee, in the field artillery-  
Count out your numbers loud and strong:  
two, three, four, hut, two three!  
And where 'er you go, you will always know  
That those caissons go rolling along.

### US COAST GUARD-SEMPER PARATUS

Here is the Coast Guard marching song,  
We sing on land or sea.  
Through surf and storm and howling gale,  
high shall our purpose be.  
"Semper paratus" is our guide,  
Our fame, our glory too.  
To fight to save or fight and die! Aye!  
Coast Guard we are for you!

### US NAVY

Anchors aweigh, my boys!  
Anchors aweigh!  
Farewell to college joys  
We sail at break of day, day, day, day!  
Thru our last night on shore,  
Hail to the foam!  
Until we meet once more, here's wishing  
you a happy voyage home!

### US MARINE CORPS

From the halls of Montezuma,  
To the shores of Tripoli,  
We will fight our country's battles  
In the air, on land and sea.  
First, we fight for right and freedom,  
And to keep our honor clean.  
We are proud to claim the title of  
United States Marines!!

**Thanks to all for  
your service!!**





## MILLCREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH VETERAN'S DAY RECOGNITION

Our most current list of veterans includes:

*Gordon "Chub" Auman*

*Dale Bentz*

*Gregory Bergman*

*Craig Evans*

*Brett Flory*

*Gene Flory*

*Terry Griffe*

*Stanley Kahl*

*Karl Keath*

*Christopher Layser*

*Daniel Long*

*Leonard "Lenny" Ontkos*

*Gary Sharp*

*Norman Sharp*

*Patricia Sharp*

*Roarke Singer*

*Richard Sites*

*David Staaby*

*Michael Stoudt*

*Dustin Strickler*

*Brian Webber*

*Joshua Weidman*

*Gerald Wolf*

*Please remember to thank them for their service to our country throughout the year.*

*Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, we give you thanks for the men and women who have served and defended our country and the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear. Help us be mindful of the sacrifices they made and the hardship endured by their families and friends, so that we never take for granted the privileges they have secured for us. Hear us, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.*





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### Our Mission

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Helping God restore and renew our community, our congregation, and our selves.

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**Sunday November 10, 2024**

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**NOVEMBER BLOOD DRIVE INFORMATION** is included on the enclosed flyer.

You're invited to our **PIZZA PARTY**. Join us for a fun-filled event with pizza, games, and a community service craft for local nursing homes! Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm at Millcreek Lutheran Church, 221 N. Sheridan Rd., Newmanstown. RSVP to mlckidsclub@gmail.com or 717-228-8857 by Friday November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Flyers concerning this event are available to pickup from the table in the narthex.

The Congregation Council approved inviting our church family to participate in the ELCO School District's annual Holiday Program to help families in need in the ELCO School District. We will collect at church on Sunday, November 10 and Sunday, November 17. Here's how you can help:

- Donate Dutchway gift cards (\$25 increments, please)
- Donate Target gift cards (\$25 increments, please)
- Donate money (any amount)

If you have questions, please check with any member of the Congregation Council. We appreciate your generosity!

**RICHLAND T N R** (trap, neuter, release) needs help to humanely reduce the feral cat population in Richland. Dana Moyer, Mary Moyer's granddaughter volunteers/runs this all-volunteer fundraiser to cover the \$30 cost of spaying/neutering a cat. You can help by donating gently worn, used or new shoes. The shoes are collected, weighed and for each pound, 40 cents is raised & will be put towards the cost of fixing the cats in the TNR program. The shoes collected are then donated to Haiti, Cambodia, Ghana, & Guatemala, sparking economic growth in developing countries. The collection runs through the end of October. Bins and information are located in the narthex. Monetary donations are also accepted. You may contact Dana Moyer at 717-675-0335 or [moyerdana824@yahoo.com](mailto:moyerdana824@yahoo.com).

## **All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet**



**Saturday, November 16, 2024  
7:00-10:00 AM**

**BREAKFAST INCLUDES:** EGGS, HOME FRIES, CREAMED CHIPPED BEEF, PANCAKES, FRENCH TOAST, BACON, SAUSAGE, HAM, COFFEE, TEA, JUICES, VARIOUS PASTRIES AND FRUIT.

**ADMISSION BY DONATION**

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE  
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275 SWAMP CHURCH ROAD,  
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**PHONE 717-338-2848  
GOD'S WORK...OUR HANDS.**

Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, the kitchen crew at Swamp Lutheran Church, 275 Swamp Church Road, Reinholds, will be hosting a buffet breakfast from 7-10 a.m. All donations from the breakfast will support the work and ministry of the Lower Susquehanna Synod Disaster Response Team.

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### **Helping God Restore and Renew our Congregation**

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**TREASURER'S REPORT: November 3, 2024,** Current Offerings-\$970.00, Plate-121.00, Flowers-30.00, Bulletins-10.00, Memorial-Hart Beaver-100.00, Recycling 26.60, Coffee-8.00. **Total-\$1,265.60.** Attendance-60, Sunday School-23

**OCTOBER ELECTRONIC DEPOSITS:** Current Offerings- \$3,315.00, Restore & Renew-100.00, Memorials-Hart Beaver-150.00, Building Overhead-400.00. **TOTAL-\$3,965.00**

**VETERAN'S DAY** is observed today November 10<sup>th</sup> at Millcreek Lutheran Church as we thank our veterans for their service. Remember to thank all veterans for their service to our country.

**Parish Echo Deadline** for items you want in the **church newsletter for December 2024 is Friday, November 15.** Newsletter items sent via email should be addressed to [mlc.parish.echo@gmail.com](mailto:mlc.parish.echo@gmail.com). Items may also be submitted by placing a written note in the newsletter mailbox in the church office or by phone.

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### Helping God Restore and Renew Our Selves

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*The congregation of Millcreek Lutheran Church extends their sympathy to the family of Terry A. Griffe who passed away November 2, 2024. Private Service will be held at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in Annville on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Grose Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.*

**SWEET SECOND SUNDAY** will take place today, Sunday November 10 in the multi-purpose room after the worship service. All proceeds are donated to the church. Many thanks to Charmayne for her generosity and satisfying our sweet tooth with her baked goodies.



**Thyme with Debbie** continues with instructional classes about seasonal ingredients and flavors in the kitchen. All classes are held at Millcreek Lutheran Church from 10 AM to 12 PM with a cost of \$23.00. The next class is **November 19, 2024** Topic: Worth Its Weight in Gold, Saffron  
Description: This class will look at the world of saffron, from growing to harvest to cooking. This remarkable spice is special to the PA Dutch as well as the Middle East cuisine and beyond. To register for a class or for any questions, please contact Debbie at 484-577-6695 or at [thymewithdebbie@gmail.com](mailto:thymewithdebbie@gmail.com).

**THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) WITH CARDS & PRAYERS:** Alfred & Barbara Beck, 153 Deck Rd., Womelsdorf, PA 19567

**IF YOU ASKED FOR A MILLCREEK MEMBER TO BE PUT ON THE PRAYER LIST, PLEASE TELL THE CHURCH SECRETARY WHEN OUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED SO SHE CAN KEEP THIS LIST CURRENT.**

**MILLCREEK MEMBERS PRAYER LIST:** Debbie Hartman, Violet Hepler, Abbie Keath, The Leibig Family, Ronald Merkel, Barbara Potteiger, Norm Sharp, Debra Webber, Stewart Wolf, Aaron Yiengst, Devon Yiengst, Michael Yiengst, Jr., Greer Zellers

**NON-MEMBER REQUESTS ARE LISTED ON A WEEKLY BASIS. TO BE INCLUDED, YOU MAY CONTACT LINDA EACH WEEK WITH YOUR REQUESTS BY NOON ON THURSDAY. [secretary@millcreeklutheran.com](mailto:secretary@millcreeklutheran.com) or call 610-589-2570**

**NON-MEMBER PRAYER LIST:** Mike Nelson, (friend of Kristin Bender)

# BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> • 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

## Millcreek Lutheran Church

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- We kindly suggest you schedule an appointment to donate blood. Appointments help us improve your donation experience.
- Walk-Ins are welcome; however, donors with appointments will be taken first and this may result in a significant wait time.

