

Sunday, October 4, 2026



**...sell what you have and give to
the poor, and you will have
treasure in heaven.'**

Matthew 19:21

***Christ's Lutheran Church
Murrysville, Pennsylvania***

"A Place to Believe, Belong, and Become"



Christ's Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and welcoming Christian community committed to encouraging faith-filled living, deepening friendships, and life-changing discipleship.

ARE YOU VISITING? START HERE!

Welcome! If you are new to worship in a Lutheran church, this introduction will help guide you through our service. Here are some things to know!

There is a quiet space in the back of the sanctuary if you or your child needs less sensory input or a chance to stretch and move. There are also blue cloth bags with fidget toys and other activities in that space. Please return the bags and their contents (minus any artwork your child creates).

Restrooms (with diaper decks) and a nursery are down the hall on the right. The nursery is unstaffed but has a TV displaying the worship service.

General info:

- The prayers, responses, and service music are printed in this bulletin. Just follow along!
- Words for the longer songs (hymns) are in the red pew books. The hymn numbers are in the bulletin and look like this ELW #.
- All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward for Holy Communion. Children who haven't received Holy Communion may also come forward for a blessing. Please take an empty cup for wine or grape juice on your way forward. We serve both wheat and gluten-free wafers. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer, please let the Pastor know.
- Our Sunday morning service is livestreamed on YouTube. Your image may appear. Can't make it to worship? Find us here: <https://www.youtube.com/@christslutheranchurchmurry443>
- We do receive an offering or donation as part of the service. There is a QR code in the bulletin or an envelope in the pew.

CHRIST'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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App: Christ's Lutheran (ELCA)

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

(Please silence your electronic devices)

PRELUDE

Instrumental

*Please use this time to silently prepare
your hearts and minds for worship*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF CONCERNS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(please stand)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

P: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, [God] who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please take a moment in silence for confession.

C: Gracious God,

We admit to holding tight to that which we know and understand. In this moment, we confess we hold on to self-sufficiency, fear, greed, and worldly structures. Forgive us for thinking it's all up to us and not relying upon you. Open our eyes to a new way of holiness that allows us to let go. Give us the courage to give up what we know and follow you. Amen.

P: Now hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. Yet, Christ died for us. Christ rose for us. Christ remains in power for us. Christ prays for you and for me. In Christ we are a new creation. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

P: Let us now share the peace of Christ with one another.

The peace of Christ be with you always,

C: And also with you.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Earth and All Stars!"

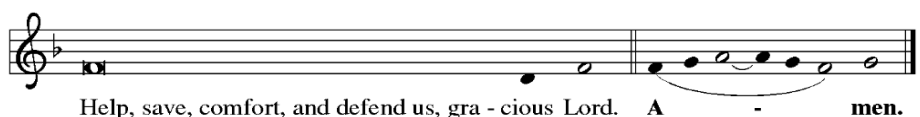
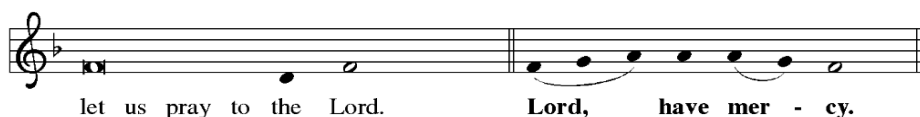
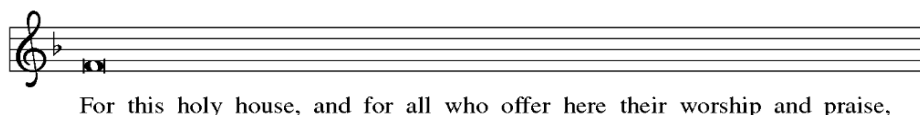
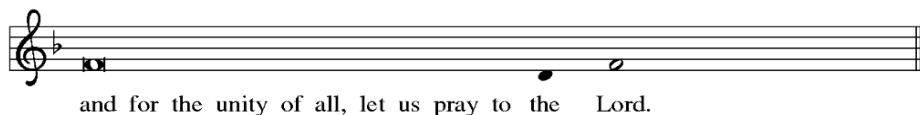
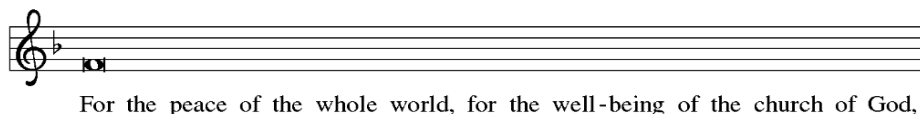
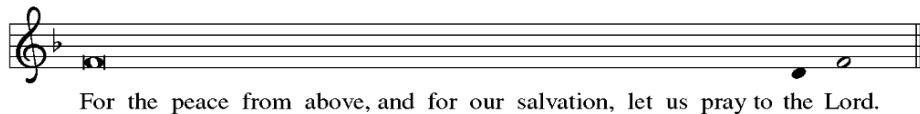
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GREETING

P: ✙ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God of abundance and care, we thank you and praise you for all that you have given us. Grant us the courage to leave behind the things of this world to follow you. Guide us in the way of obedience as we remember your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus, who gave up everything for us.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: PSALM 24:1-6 *(please be seated)*

A: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it,

**C: for he has founded it on the seas
and established it on the rivers.**

A: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

**C: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false
and do not swear deceitfully.**

A: They will receive blessing from the Lord
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

**C: Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

SECOND READING: DEUTERONOMY 15:1-11

"Every seventh year you shall grant a remission of debts. And this is the manner of the remission: every creditor shall remit the claim that is held against a neighbor, not exacting it, because the Lord's remission has been proclaimed. Of a foreigner you may exact it, but you must remit your claim on whatever any member of your community owes you. There will, however, be no one in need among you, because the Lord is sure to bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you as a possession to occupy, if only you will obey the Lord your God by diligently observing this entire commandment that I command you today. When the Lord your God has blessed you, as he promised you, you will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow; you will rule over many nations, but they will not rule over you.

"If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your

God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, 'The seventh year, the year of remission, is near,' and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.'

IMAGINATION TIME with Pastor Sue

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please stand)*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the nineteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 19:16-22

Then someone came to him and said, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is one who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother. Also, you shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "I have kept all these; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor,

and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When the young man heard this word, he went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE *(please be seated)*

Pastor Sue Washburn

HYMN OF THE DAY *(please stand)*

“Jesus Calls Us; O’er the Tumult”

ELW #696

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ Creed

We say together what Christians have believed for centuries.

A: Please join me in affirming our faith together

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day, he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(please stand)*

P: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence

P: God of every creature, bless and protect the earth and all those who dwell within it. We give thanks for those who have helped us to see your Spirit in creation. Lord in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: God of every generation, we give thanks for all who have sought to renew and transform your holy church. Inspire us to follow their example in our own day. Lord in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Sustainer of faith, we pray for Christ's Lutheran Church as it discerns your call for future ministries. Guide the leadership of the church to seek your vision first. Inspire everyone to share in the new thing God is doing. As the majority of council members have filled their terms, we pray that you will inspire members to serve in leadership positions. Be working in the heart and mind of the next pastor as you prepare them to lead this congregation. Lord in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: God of every tribe and nation, restore peace to the world's conflict zones, and shelter those who live within them. We pray especially for the safety of displaced people and refugees. Lord in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: God of every truth, you draw us nearer to you through your holy word. We give thanks for teachers of the faith. Fill their hearts with your Spirit, that they inspire others with your truth. Lord in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: God of every soul, you are the one who calls us home. We give thanks for all the saints who have been restored to perfect unity with you. Lord in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering. Lord in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: *Today we pray for:*

Karen & Tom Adams, Greg & Donna B.,
Ron Brennan, Debbie C., Randy Clouser,
Joel Erwin, David Favero, Nancy Fiedler,
Chuck G., Marlene Gerdes, Joseph
Grabowski, Sr., Tammy Hay, Peggy Henry,
James Holt III, Marlene Karl, Phil Ann Karl, Lisa Lehman,
Tom M., John Magnus, Derwood Montgomery, Bob
Nozzolillo, John Obidowski, Michael O'Donnell, Jeff Pope,
Betty Reagan, Michael S., Paul Rizzo, Sandi Shaffer & Kate
Hall, Mary Jane Snyder, Ron Spagna, Marianne Trainor, Terri
Veltre, and Sue Werner



And for our church members and friends:

Jane Gustafson
John, Erin & Grace Guzzie
Dave & Barb Hall
Kate Hall

P: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these
spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ
our Lord.

C: Amen.

OFFERING *(please be seated)*

P: Our offering is an act of ministry and worship as well as a
response to God's grace. We recognize all that God has given
to us and with thanksgiving we return those gifts to the LORD.

*You can place your offering in the offering plate that is passed
at this time in our service,*

You can scan this QR code to our online giving page,

You can use our app to send your offering,

or mail your offering to the church:

*Christ's Lutheran Church
5330 Old Logan Ferry Road
Murrysville, PA 15668*



THE OFFERTORY

Instrumental

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *(please stand)*



The musical score for the Offertory Response is written on six staves of music. The melody is in G major, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The time signature is 4/4. The music features a mix of eighth, quarter, and half notes, with some triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes). The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours, we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing."

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours, we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you._____
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you,
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Holy God, it is not always easy to give what we have. We count pennies. We think of our weaknesses. We weigh the pros and cons. May we remember what we are giving to now. We trust that you can take these gifts— however freely or reluctantly given—And use them to build a more beautiful world.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Let us pray, Lord come to the table week after week because we are forgetful and fearful people.

It is part of our human nature;

That is why we long for this space at the table week after week

So that the bread and the cup may remind us of who we are and whose we are.

Remind us again, dear Jesus, of your great love.

Whisper to our hearts how our lives begin and end with you.

Tell our hearts of your great love for this world shown in life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Remind us of these things, so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we may praise your name and join the unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us now pray together as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: When we gather around this table,

we release the worldly stories that only those with status or wealth deserve to be fed.

When we gather around this table, we can reimagine what could be -- what a world could look like when all belong.

We gather around this table as an act of restoration, as an act of resistance, as an act of faith in God.

So, come.

Come with your dreams and your memories.

Come with your full authentic self -- the self that is full of hurt and hope, pain and joy.

Come with your questions, your wonderings, and your prayers.

Come—not because you have to, but because here you can taste God's grace.

Come because this is a moment of restoration,
a moment where everything is holy.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the gift of Holy Communion. You may come forward and take an empty cup for wine or a filled cup of grape juice to the altar. If you are unable to come forward, please let us know and we will come to you. When Communion is finished, please stand.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

COMMUNION RESPONSE



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Holy God, as we leave this table, may we remember that you have met us here. Help us remember that with you, all are invited. Help us remember that with you, there is a seat for everyone. Help us remember that with you, there is enough to go around, Help us remember that with you, we can build tables like this in the world. We need more tables like this in the world. Gratefully we pray.

C: **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

ELW #655

THE DISMISSAL

A: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Instrumental

Pastor	Rev. Sue Washburn
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Steven J. Myers
Organist	Joshua Beck
Pianist	Nancy Finke Sheehan
Parish Administrator	Laura Vincenti

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Christ's Lutheran Church

Survey

Sept. 27-October 11

What traits do you want in the new pastor?
What do we do well? What can we do better?
Your opinion counts!

On paper in the
welcome center

On
your phone



To help us better understand **the needs, hopes, and priorities** of our members as we search for a new pastor, we invite you to complete a brief and confidential church survey.

Scan the code above to access the survey online, the link to the survey is also being distributed by email and the printed copy has been mailed to those without an email address.

Paper copies are available in the Entryway for those who prefer them.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED SURVEYS BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11th. Your responses will be received with great appreciation.

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**This Weekend!**

## Christ's Lutheran Church

### Blessing of the Pets



October 4 4PM

Bring your furry or feathered friends for a time of fellowship in the parking lot of Christ's Lutheran Church.

*You must maintain control of your pet at all times.*

5330 Old Logan Ferry Road  
Murrysville, PA 15668

**Celebrating The Festival of All Saints      Oct 31 & Nov 1**

To order white carnations in memory of loved ones for the Festival of All Saints on November 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, please take an order envelope from the table in the Entryway. Each carnation is \$1.50 and may be taken home after the Sunday service on November 1st.

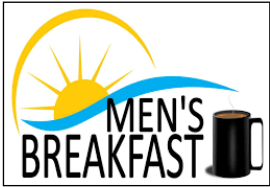
***Deadline for orders is Sunday, October 24th.*** Place your order envelope in the offering plates or drop off at the church office.



FOOD & FELLOWSHIP TO START YOUR DAY

Men, join us on the second Saturday of each month at 8:30 am in CLC's downstairs fellowship hall when we serve up a traditional breakfast and spend time in fellowship.

*No RSVP, you're welcome anytime.*



Card Players:

There is interest in starting a "card club" here at CLC. If you'd like to be involved, please contact the office. Dates and times TBD.

Other Games:

Are there other traditional games that you'd like to form a group to play? Please share your ideas with the office and we'll get the word out.



Puzzlers:

Join us on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month for puzzling fellowship. We'll gather at 1:00 pm, after the Ladies' Brunch. Or, puzzle on your own, the current puzzle is on a table in the lower fellowship hall.



CARING HEARTS AND HANDS will meet on Thursday, October 8th, at 9:30 am to pack box lunches and deliver them to those on our caring list. Thank you to the volunteers that make this mission possible by preparing lunches, special treats, and delivering them. If you know of someone who would like to be included on our caring list, or if you would like to become part of Caring Hearts and Hands, please contact the church office.

NexTrex Recycling Challenge Update:

Thanks to everyone's enthusiastic participation, we have collected 250 pounds of bags this quarter and are entered in the \$500 gift drawing that will take place at the end of September. Fingers crossed!



We have also earned a \$100 voucher under CLC's account that we will be gifting to Trinity Lutheran, our sister church, for their use.



**SHARE  
YOUR GIFTS  
IN WORSHIP**



SCAN HERE  
TO VOLUNTEER

WHETHER GREETING, ASSISTING, READING,  
OR SERVING BEHIND THE SCENES, THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU!



## **COUNCIL MEMBERS & CHURCH LEADERS**

*Feel free to reach out with questions and church needs.*

Kim Boyer, President  
Carol Tammenne, Vice President  
Carl Lingelbach, Member  
George Meade, Member  
Joyce Perrone, Member  
John Schultz, Member  
Sandi Shaffer, Member

Barb & Dave Hall, Treasurer  
Bela Molnar, Financial Secretary  
Linda Paulovitch, Congregation Secretary

*Pastor Sue's*  
**"Drop-In Wednesdays"**  
*Community Outreach*

In **OCTOBER**, Pastor Sue's community hours will be at Dunkin on Rt. 286. Stop by and bring friends to meet and talk with Pastor Sue.

*October Drop-Ins*  
*Wednesdays: 10 am-12 pm*  
*on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>*  
*(no Community Drop In on*  
*Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>)*  
*Dunkin, Holiday Park*  
*1803 Golden Mile Highway*  
*(Route 286)*

**Pastor Sue's Open Office**  
**Hours at the Church**

***Fridays from***  
***10 am to 12 pm***

*Please feel free to stop by*  
*to talk about what's*  
*on your mind.*

You can also schedule private time with Pastor Sue by using this link to her calendar, where you can set up a specific time and location:

<https://calendar.app.google/HfC4jyoazNMnGwnW6>



**Our church office is open:**

***Monday, Tuesday      Thursday, Friday***

***9:00 am-12:00 pm, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm***

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Oct 4<sup>th</sup> - Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

*Keep our Ministry and Community in Your Prayers Each Day This Week*

### Noise for Mission Weekend

#### **Sunday 10/4**

***Those who serve behind the scenes to support the programs and ministries of Christ's Lutheran***

9:00 am  
9:00 am  
10:00 am  
4:00 pm  
5:00 pm  
6:00 pm  
7:30 pm

Kids' Sunday School, Bible Study for Adults  
Parent/Caregiver Small Group Class  
Sunday Worship

### **BLESSING OF THE PETS**

Confirmation Class  
Youth Group Meeting  
Narcotics Anonymous

#### **Monday 10/5**

***Members of the Youth Ministry Team***

8:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous

#### **Tuesday 10/6**

***Musicians Josh Beck and Nancy Finke Sheehan***

9:00 am

Stitched With Love

#### **Wednesday 10/7**

***Those who ensure the safety of our building***

9:00 am  
10:00 am

Property Committee Meeting  
Pastor Sue's Community Hours – Dunkin Rt. 286

#### **Thursday 10/8**

***The homebound members of our congregation***

9:30 am

Caring Hearts & Hands

#### **Friday 10/9**

***Those seeking council from Pastor Sue***

10:00 am  
3:30 pm & 5:00 pm  
2:00 pm

Pastor Sue's Drop-In Office Hours  
K9 Ministry - Scent Training for Dogs  
Sanctuary & Upper Fellowship Hall Reserved

### Little Pantry Weekend

#### **Saturday 10/10**

***Members of our Adult Bible Study group***

8:30 am  
6:00 pm

Men's Breakfast  
Saturday Worship

#### **Sunday 10/11**

***The older adult members of our church, for sharing their wisdom and experience***

9:00 am  
9:00 am  
**11:00 am**  
10:00 am  
7:30 pm

Kids' Sunday School, Bible Study for Adults  
Parent/Caregiver Small Group Class  
**OWLS Luncheon**  
Sunday Worship  
Narcotics Anonymous