

SHELLS MESSENGER

Shells Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 2025

Vibrant Worship + Active Service
Accessible Education + Enriching Fellowship
287 Shells Church Road, Grantville, PA 17028
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We are a community of the Triune God, nourished by Word and Sacrament, sent forth by the Holy Spirit into the Grantville community and beyond to share the life-changing news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed.

All Souls Day is being celebrated on November 2 at 9am (*Remembering all who have died in the Lord*). On this day we remember all the faithful who have died in Christ, whether recent or long ago. Members of the parish who have died since last All Saints Sunday will be mentioned in prayer during the Sunday Liturgy. If a loved one or friend died during the year who was not a member of Shells and wish to have him/her remembered in prayer on this day, please complete the bulletin insert and place in the Offering Plate, Theresa's mailbox in the Church Office, or email shellsadmin@shellschurch.org. If you would like loved ones who have died before the last year remembered in prayer at this Liturgy, please complete the bulletin insert and place in the Offering Plate, Theresa's mailbox in the Church Office, or email shellsadmin@shellschurch.org. We will also light a votive candle (blessed on Candlemas - 2024) and ring the chime in their blessed memory. **Please submit remembrances by Wednesday, October 29, 2025**

November 11 @ 6:30pm - Feast of St. Martin of Tours (*Blessing of Veterans*)

Please invite any veterans or active duty persons to attend worship with you.

Wearing uniforms is encouraged.

The racetrack project will be collecting items each month this year Items still needed include bath towels, chap stick / lip balm, shampoo, shave cream, deodorant, cube shape tissue boxes. This year we will be providing 100 toiletry bags for the Race Track. 60 Men and 40 Women and we will be assembling them on December 14th. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. Thank You!

This month's special offering will go to benefit the Lutheran Disaster Response. Please pick up an envelope in the narthex.

For the month of October we are collecting items for Susquehanna Service Dogs as an offering for the Blessing of the Animals liturgy. Here are the requested items: **Gift Cards** (Amazon, Giant Food Stores, Chewy, Home Depot, Weis Market, Lowes, PetSmart, Target, Tractor Supply Co., Visa gift cards). **Dog Treats** (Charlee Bear Cruncher Dog Treats). **Dog Toys & Supplies** (Benebone/Wishbone Chew Toy – Size: Large (any flavor), KONG Classic (Red), Size Large, Extreme (Black), Size: Large, West Paw Toppl, Size Large, West Paw Zogoflex Zwig, Outward Hound Slow Feeder Bowl, Size Large). **General Supplies** (Safari Professional Nail Trimmer for Dogs – Size Large, 18 gallon or larger storage totes, Paper Towels – Brawny or Bounty, Postage Stamps, Avery 5160 1" x 2-5/8" Address Labels, Avery 5163 2" x 4" Shipping Labels). Please bring your donations to the Narthex during the month of October.

Fall Fundraiser: Anna and Nora are taking orders for nuts and candy for Girl Scouts. There is an order form in the Narthex till Sun., Nov. 9. Checks may be made to Troop 11261.

COAT and BLANKET DRIVE: For the month of November we are collecting coats, blankets, scarves, gloves and hats. There is a box in the narthex or you can hang them up next to the box. We will distribute these items to Downton Daily Bread. Please reach out to Sherry Ulsh if you have any questions.

In-Gathering and Noisy Offering will be November 9th. As you start to prepare for Thanksgiving dinner, please consider shelf stable items that could be put toward our friends and neighbors of the Grantville Food Pantry for their Thanksgiving dinner. These items can be put in the basket in the Outer Narthex. We will also be collecting loose change for the Noisy Offering. Thank you for helping our neighbors at the Grantville Food Pantry. Any questions please see Connie or Sheryl.

Deacon Marsha Roscoe will be preaching and serving as deacon on November 9 at 9am Worship. Following the liturgy, she will present in the Adult Forum on spiritual practices using her program "Breathing in Christ."

Advent Prayer Partners 2025: Please fill out the half sheet of paper in the Narthex to be a prayer partner for this Advent. Place your completed form in the offering plate. During the Season of Advent, you will pray for the person whose name you receive as part of your daily devotions and then mail them a card after Christmas letting them know who was praying for them. You can submit your name and address up to the start of 9am worship on November 23 (Christ the King). During the following week, Theresa will contact you with your prayer partner's name.

Thank you very much for the scholarship money to help me further my education at Wyotech. I appreciate it very much.

*Sincerely,
Colton O'Brien*

Dear Shells Church Family,

I would like to sincerely thank you for awarding me the education grant. Your generosity and support mean so much to me as I continue my studies through Penn State Online. This blessing not only eases the financial burden of my education but also reminds me that I am surrounded by a church family that truly cares and believes in my future. I am deeply grateful for your encouragement and investment in my growth. With your support, I am motivated to work harder, stay focused, and use my education in ways that will honor God and serve others. Thank you again for your kindness and for being such a strong source of faith and guidance in my life.

*With gratitude,
Blake O'Brien*

Our Sincerest "THANK YOU" to all of our Shells Church family for the endless kindness and prayers that we received after Randy's death and at his Memorial Music Benefit. Our hearts are filled with so much appreciation to all of you. We especially give thanks to God for Father Barnes, Deacon Krsiten Barnes, Jeff Buse, Donna Buse, Nathan Buse, Barb Dupler, all who donated to the Abiding Memorial Funds, all who donated to Randy's Memorial Music Benefit, Amedisys Hospice, our dear caring and loving friends, West Hanover Township Recreation Center, Shells Fellowship Ministry, all of the donors for the music benefit raffle, Hershey Medical Center, and the Shells Grief Share group. God bless all of you.

With love and Gratitude,

Diane (Layton) Gotshall and Family

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING *(September 30, 2025)***2025 Approved Budget \$295,815**

General Fund Income: \$195,676.69
 General Fund Expenses: \$219,053.26

Special Funds YTD Contributions

Grantville Food Pantry: \$5,633.74
 Capital Improvement Fund: \$40,875
 Adult Forum: \$667
 ELCA World Hunger: \$2,555
 Lutheran Campus Ministry at WVU: \$1,025
 Lutheran Disaster Response \$2,870
 Central PA Food Bank \$1,000
 Operation Kid to Kid (VBS): \$600
 Love of Family \$5,968
 Abiding Memorial Fund: \$52,175
 Randy Gotshall Music Memorial: \$5,537.25

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES – NOVEMBER

Emily Dupler, Evan Dupler, Gen Whitehaus, Al Germann, Gerry Hess, Emily Suhr, Gabriel Gonzales, Lyncoln Wilkinson, Ryan Jaggan, Kimberly Griffith, Ben Rodemaker, Jameson Jurell, Cory Jurell, Laura Molitoris Thomas Smith, Anna Holler, Chad Layton, Elizabeth Leppo, Evelyn Wiltraut, Rick Crow, Ridley Harmon

God will never forget that you are his child.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

11/1	Linda Blair	11/15	Elizabeth Holler
11/2	Matthew Gordon	11/17	JR Sholder
11/3	Jean Wiest	11/24	Lily Klos
11/5	Linda DeMario	11/28	Todd Espenshade
11/9	Kevin O'Brien	11/30	Bobbie Boyer
11/13	John Thomas		
11/15	Larry Suhr		
	Brittany Jurrell		

SHELLS MUSIC MINISTRY

*Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being."*

Psalms 146, v 1-2

Senior Choir rehearsals continue weekly on **Thursdays**, from **7:00 – 8:15pm**. We are working on a wide array of choral repertoire, hymns, and song selections for our lectionary-based worship. An invitation is extended to all, from Senior High youth through adults!

Our ***Children In Worship*** will be highlighted in November with the children participating in worship on Sunday, **November 2**. ***Shells Bells*** will be playing the prelude, "How Firm a Foundation" and the Sunday school children and confirmands will be assisting with worship.

Our **Children & Youth Handchime Choir** for grades 2nd through senior high youth continues with rehearsals the **first and third Sunday** of each month from **10:30 – 11:00am**, in the choir room. We're learning ringing techniques, recognizing notes and working on music for worship. We're looking for new handchime ringers - if you've played hand chimes before, or would like to learn, please join us to discover Handchimes!

Our **youth** can share in our music ministry with seasonal choir, solos, keyboard, and instrumental music scheduled during the choir year. Please let me know if you are interested in playing in a band ensemble for the Christmas season.

November Choir Schedule:

November 2 – *Children In Worship – Shells Bells*

November 9– *Sing with All the Saints in Glory – Senior Choir*

November 16 – *Canticle of Thanksgiving – Senior Choir*

November 23 – *Beautiful Savior – Senior Choir*

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding our music program at Shells. I can be reached by cell/text 717-991-8862; or email scdbjd@aol.com. Please consider joining us this choir season.

With joyful song and praise,
Barbara Dupler
Director of Music

PRAYER LIST

Prayers for healing of body, mind, or spirit: Diana Budd, Sam Dupler, Betty Espensshade, Crist Espensshade, Cristin Espensshade, Nadine Espensshade, Ed Fake, Mim Fake, Herb Fisher, Diane Gotshall, The Rev. Peter Helmers, Shirley Huber, Nancy Iachini, Keira K, Iva Rodemaker, Rena Sattazahn, Lucas Smith, Larry Suhr, Bev Ulsh and Jack Ulsh, Don Whitehaus, our homebound members, our Law Enforcement Officers and Service Women & Men, especially Matt Gordon, Nikolas Jaggan, Domonic DeFrank, Keegan Wenner, Stephen Lugovich, Blake O'Brien, Michael Knaub, John Thomas and Chris O'Brien.

Those who have died:

Those preparing for Holy Matrimony: Amber Sherman and Ryan Jaggan.

Those in the Shells Church Catechumenate Process (those preparing for full Confirmed/Voting membership in this congregation): Lexi Frye, Emma Jurell, Evelyn Mende, Julia O'Brien, Nora Holler, Douglass Howard, Anna Iachini, Lauren O'Brien and Lucas Terry.

With thanksgiving, we remember the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith. This month we remember *Sara Rhoads Bostdorf, Samuel Garrison, Curtis Gussler, John Lingle, Oscar Lingle, Gayle Shifflet, Alex Suhr.*

Family & Friends: Saadia Baker, Skip Balmer, Bill Birtle, Tom Boblitz, Dawn Brink, Owen Burns, David Cavanaugh, Kathie Cavanaugh, Cory Cerperich, Dianne Czupil, Karen Domenico, Verna Ebersole, Joan Espensshade, Lori Farro, Erma Fiedler, Bob Gagliardi, Eileen Gagliardi, Christie Gamber, Nancy Gamber, Michael Gelehorte, Adam Gold, Ryann Gold, Anne Gordon, Marian Gudelski, Tom Gussler, Emily Hand, Jason Hash, Rob Herman, Michael Hudak, Ben Isett, Elaine Julian, Kerm Katzaman, Joyce King, Lydia Joy Konisiewicz, Joanne Lauver, Lee Lippi, Eileen Longreen, Paul Longreen, Chris Kelly, Pokhim Ker, Linda Kissinger, Barb Morrow, Nancy Osokie, Amanda Peck, Maisie Peeler, Lisa Pesta, Tony Prisco, Michael Riley, Laura Lou Rinker, Molly Reinhart, June Rohrbach, Marc Rozman, Natalie Rozman, Sandi Rozman, Ryan, Suzanne Shaeffer, Janet Shultz, Kathy Spangler, Jay Stahl, Arlene Terry, Stephanie Wagner, Dale Walmer, Aria Wenner, Kyle Wentz, Carol Wilson, and Jennie Womack.

Anyone wishing to place someone on the prayer list may call Theresa at the Shells Office, at 717-469-2586 or email at shellsadmin@shellschurch.org. Also, please remember to remove the names when it is appropriate.

Worship Assistants Schedule: November/December

	Assistant	Lector	Acolyte	Communion Assistant	Greeter /Usher	Altar Care
November 2 All Souls Day	Karen Gussler	Lexi Frye	(+) Emma Jurell, Julia O'Brien, Ellie Frye	Audrey Neiswender	Amber Sherman & Family	Diane Suhr & Terry Kamerzel
November 9 The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Karlene Jaggan	Gen Whitehaus	Evelyn Mende	Don Whitehaus	Rick & Linda Blair	Steve, Kathy & Bethany Espenshade
November 11 @ 7pm Feast of St. Martin of Tours	Raelene Smith	Steve Espenshade	(+) Lucas Terry, Lexi Frye, & Abigail Blair	Don Whitehaus	Tom & Carol Gordon	
November 16 The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Karlene Jaggan	Raelene Smith	Mary Shellenberger	Louise Murphy	Tom & Sandy Mader	Sandy Mader & Katie Shellenberger
November 23 Christ the King	Gen Whitehaus	Diane Gotshall	(+) Julia O'Brien, Abigail Blair, & Ellie Frye,	Don Whitehaus	Bert & Karen Gussler	Diana Budd & Carol Gordon
November 30 First Sunday of Advent	Raelene Smith	Nancy Iachini	Mary Shellenberger	Audrey Neiswender	Rich & Nadine Espenshade	Raelene Smith & Janet Klos
December 7 Second Sunday of Advent	Karen Gussler	Lauren O'Brien	(+) Julia O'Brien, Douglass Howard, & Lucas Terry	Louise Murphy	Diana Budd & Audrey Neiswender	Louise Murphy, Karen Gussler & Bobbie Boyer
December 14 Third Sunday of Advent	Sherry Ulsh	Olga Miller	Abigail Blair	Audrey Neiswender	Bert & Karen Gussler	Diane Suhr & Terry Kamerzel
December 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent	Karlene Jaggan	Lisa Lugovich	Nora Holler	Louise Murphy	Rick & Linda Blair	Steve, Kathy & Bethany Espenshade
December 28 Holy Family	Gen Whitehaus	Karen Gussler	Evelyn Mende	Don Whitehaus	Tom & Sandy Mader	Sandy Mader & Katie Shellenberger

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date please find a replacement and notify the Church Office by Wednesday of each week. On Sundays that have more than one acolyte scheduled, the name with the (+) denotes serving as the main acolyte (carries the cross, holds the missal book, etc).

**CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE
WILL BE SENT OUT VIA EMAIL IN LATE NOVEMBER**

NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 All Souls Day Children in Worship 10:30am Hand Chime Choir 10:45am Adult Forum	3 6:30pm Bible Study @ Shells	4 6:30pm Parish Council	5 LARC Day of Dialogue	6 7pm Choir	7	8
9 Ordinary Time 32 Noisy Offering/Ingathering 9am Children/Youth Sunday School & Confirmation 10:45am Adult Forum	10 6:30pm Bible Study @ St. John Hoernerstown	11 6:30pm Feast of St. Martin & Blessing of Veterans	12 2pm Grief Support	13 7pm Choir	14	15
16 Ordinary Time 33 9am Children/Youth Sunday School & Confirmation 10:30am Hand Chime Choir 10:45am Adult Forum	17 Race Track Meal 6:30pm Bible Study @ Shells	18 9:30am Worship with Harrisburg Conference of Pastors	19 2pm Grief Support Food Pantry	20 7pm Choir Food Pantry	21 Food Pantry	22
23 Christ the King 9am Children/Youth Sunday School & Confirmation 10:45am Adult Forum	24 6:30pm Bible Study @ St. John	25	26	27 	28	29
30 Advent 1 9am Children/Youth Sunday School & Confirmation 10:45am Adult Forum & Youth Group						

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