

# **FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**NOVEMBER 2023**



## **Thank You, LORD!**



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**Office Administrator**

### **IMPORTANT NOVEMBER DATES**

November 1 is All Saints' Day.

November 4 is Sadie Hawkins Day.

November 4 is time to turn back  
your clocks after midnight

November 7 is Election Day

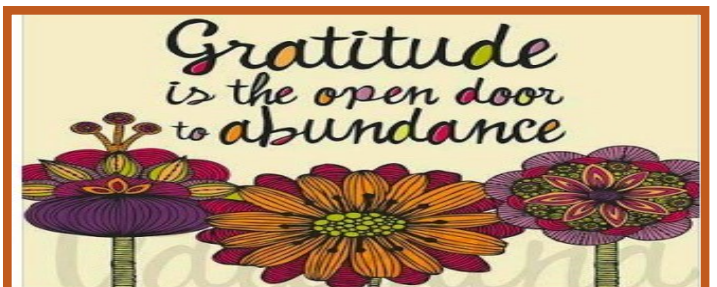
November 11 is Veterans Day (U.S.)  
and Remembrance Day (Canada)

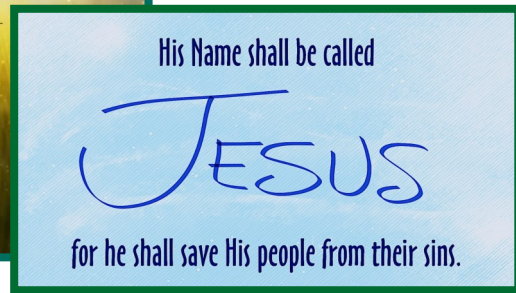
November 11 is our Craft Fair

November 19 is Discovery of Puerto  
Rico Day.

November 23 is Thanksgiving Day

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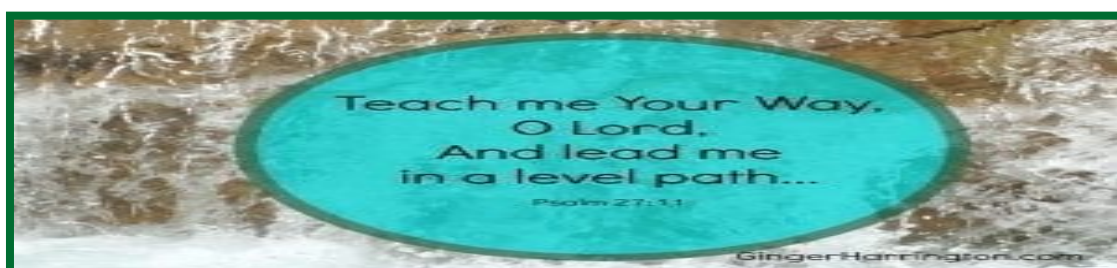
**Communion—The first Tuesday of each month,  
join us for a light lunch at noon  
followed by communion at 1:00.**

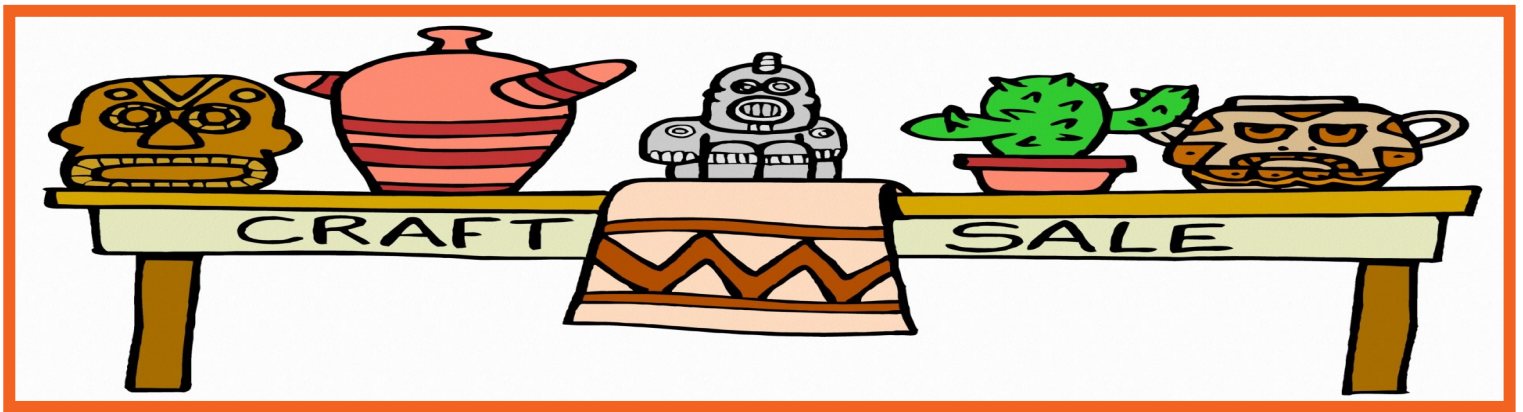
We hope to encourage our members who are uncomfortable driving at night, to use this time for fellowship that was enjoyed at our Wednesday night Hotdogs and Hymns. All are welcome! Bring a friend.

**Altar Communion-The first Sunday of each month**  
celebrate Communion around the Altar. Please join us!

**Sunday School classes for all ages at 9 a.m**

- ♦ **Sunday School classes available from Bible Babies to Adult Forum.**
- ♦ **Confirmation Classes for our youth in Seventh & Eighth grades.**  
**This is a two-year program**
- ♦ **Adult Forum classes are held in the Gathering Place**





## Help Wanted: Volunteers for Annual Craft Fair!

Thank You to Charlene Frack for volunteering to shadow Tom to learn to take over Craft Fair!

If you're excited to be a part of our Annual Craft Fair

Please reach out to [claudette@faithon145.org](mailto:claudette@faithon145.org), office: 610 435 0451

- ♦ M-Th 9:00 am to 3:00pm to sign up as a volunteer.
- ♦ Or complete one of the volunteer sign up sheets on the back table in the Narthex

**Let's make this Craft Fair the best one yet!**



**Mark your calendars, bring out your cheer,**

**Christmas tea time is drawing near!**

**Tickets are very limited!**

**Sunday, December 3, 2023**

**Parker Hall**

**More to follow.**

**RED POINSETTIA ORDERS NOW BEING RECEIVED.**

**ORDER FORMS ARE ON THE BACK TABLE OF THE NARTHEX.**

**6.5 INCH RED POINSETTIAS ARE \$10 PER PLANT.**

**Order Cut-off date is November 30, 2023**

**Orders can be dropped off in the Church office**





HOORAY FOR OUR SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE SERVING OTHERS



**Social Ministry Collection Center located in the Narthex**

**CURRENT COLLECTIONS**

• **Whitehall-Coplay School Initiative:**

**November: hats, gloves, scarves, mittens, caps**

**December: sweat pants, yoga pants, sweatshirts, hoodies, warm clothing**

**Gently worn is fine**

Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative:

We will host community meals May 5 and Labor Day Saturday of 2024

Family Promise

Sunday April 7th—Sunday April 14th, 2024

Sunday September 29th—Sunday October 6th, 2024



We are excited to announce that Faith has joined on in partnership with the Family Promise of the Lehigh Valley. It is a non-profit 501(c)3 affiliate of the National Family Promise Organization, which assists families and children experiencing homelessness. The national organization is made up of individual affiliates, which are regionally-based to allow for collaboration with existing services within the community.

As a partner with Family Promise, we will join other churches and service-based organizations to assist their screened participants as they are in transition for permanent housing. During the weeks of April 14 and October 6, 2024, we will share our hospitality with their program participants. As our guests, we will provide them with dinner and overnight accommodations.

I have had the opportunity to be a part of Family Promise programs through my church affiliations in both New Jersey and South Carolina. I cannot speak more highly of this organization and the services they provide. As a church, this social ministry outreach speaks to our call to help those in need. As a volunteer, it was an exceptionally rewarding experience to help do God's work in the community.

You'll be hearing more about Family Promise in the coming months. Please be sure to attend our Social Ministry Sunday on November 19 after service to get more detailed information about opportunities to serve this vital outreach ministry.

Cindy Rowan

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Social Ministry Sunday**  
**November 19, 2023**



**You are invited to attend Social Ministry Sunday on November 19, 2023. A social ministry fair will be held in the Gathering Place immediately following worship.**

**Come and learn about all of the opportunities through Faith to share your time and talents to support God's work in the community and around the world. Also, come to enjoy some light snacks and fellowship!**

Courtesy of ELCA : "Resources for Faith"

We are a publicly engaged church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work. We do God's work in the world, the work of restoring and reconciling communities. Because we are grounded in God's love and forgiveness, we are well equipped to live and serve here and now, in the world, with all its complexities, tensions and ambiguities.

There is no aspect of life in which God is not active, no place where God is not present. And this is exactly where we are called to participate in God's work, in the thick of life, embracing individuals, families and communities that are hungry for hope and healing, justice and peace, advocates and partners.

Our faith and our call to boldly serve and love our neighbor take us into some interesting and challenging aspects of life: advocacy, corporate social responsibility, racial justice, science and ethics, peacemaking, justice for women, social issues, and community organizing. We are drawn into every corner of life, society and its institutions to bring the good news of Jesus Christ and to work for lasting, positive change that upholds human dignity. Find ways to get connected to our community of faith and the work of our publicly engaged church.



## THE CHURCH IN SOCIETY: A LUTHERAN PERSPECTIVE

This social teaching statement was adopted by a more than two-thirds majority vote at the second biennial Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, meeting

**The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is called to be a part of the ecumenical Church of Jesus Christ in the context in which God has placed it—a diverse, divided, and threatened global society on a beautiful, fragile planet.**

**In faithfulness to its calling, this church is committed to defend human dignity, to stand with poor and powerless people, to advocate justice, to work for peace, and to care for the earth in the processes and structures of contemporary society.**

**This statement, *The Church in Society: A Lutheran Perspective*, sets forth affirmations and commitments to guide this church's participation in society.**

**It seeks to be true to this church's mandate to confess and teach both Law and Gospel as the whole Word of the triune God. This church witnesses to the living God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—who in love creates, judges, and preserves the world and redeems, sanctifies, and brings it to fulfillment in God's reign.**

### The Gospel and the Church

**The Church, the baptized people of God, is created by the Holy Spirit through the Gospel to proclaim and to follow God's crucified Messiah. As the gathering of children, youth, men, and women who hear, believe, and receive the living Christ in Word and Sacrament, the Church witnesses in word and deed to Jesus as Lord and Savior.**

**The proclamation of the Gospel as the good news of God's salvation given in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus distinguishes the Church from all other communities. The Gospel liberates from sin, death, and evil and motivates the Church to care for neighbor and the earth. The witness of this church in society flows from its identity as a community that lives from and for the Gospel.**

**Faith is active in love; love calls for justice in the relationships and structures of society. It is in grateful response to God's grace in Jesus Christ that this church carries out its responsibility for the well-being of society and the environment. Word and Sacrament are the originating center for this church's mission in the world through its baptized members, congregations, synods, churchwide organization, social ministry organizations, and educational institutions.**

**Through preaching, teaching, the sacraments, Scripture, and "mutual conversation and consolation", the Church is gathered and shaped by the Holy Spirit to be a serving and liberating presence in the world. In praying for the peace of the whole world and in interceding for those who suffer and for those in authority, the Church serves the world. The Church gives thanks to God for the blessings of creation and prays to be empowered to do God's will in society.**

## The Church Universal

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is part of the “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic” Church. Its witness in society is informed by the history and the various theological traditions of the one Church of Jesus Christ. The suffering and hope of churches in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and the Americas strengthen its life and calling. As a member of the worldwide Lutheran communion, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is united with churches around the globe in a common tradition and mission. This church builds upon a legacy of more than three-hundred years of Lutheran presence in the United States and the Caribbean and affirms its cultural, racial, and ethnic diversity as vital to its identity.

## The Church ‘In’ But Not ‘From’ the World

Through faith in the Gospel the Church already takes part in the reign of God announced by and embodied in Jesus. Yet, it still awaits the resurrection of the dead and the fulfillment of the whole creation in God’s promised future. In this time of “now ... not yet,” the Church lives in two ages—the present age and the age to come. The Church is ‘in’ the world but not ‘from’ the world. The Gospel does not take the Church out of the world but instead calls it to affirm and to enter more deeply into the world. Although in bondage to sin and death, the world is God’s good creation, where, because of love, God in Jesus Christ became flesh. The Church and the world have a common destiny in the reign of God. The Church acts for the sake of the world in hope and prayer: “Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.”

The Gospel does not allow the Church to accommodate to the ways of the world. The presence and promise of God’s reign makes the church restless and discontented with the world’s brokenness and violence. Acting for the sake of God’s world requires resisting and struggling against the evils of the world. The Church is “a new creation ... from God” (2 Corinthians 5:17-18), but it is still part of a fallen humanity, sharing fully the brokenness of the world. It is a community of saints, a people righteous before God on account of Jesus’ self-giving love, and at the same time a community of sinners. Repentance, forgiveness, and renewal characterize the Church that lives under the cross with the hope of the coming in fullness of God’s reign.

## The Church’s Responsibility in Society

In witnessing to Jesus Christ, the Church announces that the God who justifies expects all people to do justice. God’s good and just demands address people in the obligations of their relationships and the challenges of the world. Through the divine activity of the Law, God preserves creation, orders society, and promotes justice in a broken world. God works through the family, education, the economy, the state, and other structures necessary for life in the present age. God institutes governing authorities, for example, to serve the good of society.

This church respects the God-given integrity and tasks of governing authorities and other worldly structures, while holding them accountable to God. This church must participate in social structures critically, for sin also is at work in the world. Social structures and processes combine life-giving and life-destroying dynamics in complex mixtures and in varying degrees. This church, therefore, must unite realism and vision, wisdom and courage, in its social responsibility. It needs constantly to discern when to support and when to confront society’s cultural patterns, values, and powers. As a reconciling and healing presence, this church is called to minister to human need with compassion and imagination. It strives to pioneer new ways of addressing emerging social problems and environmental degradation.

## To live among God's faithful people

- a) What does it mean for you to live among God's faithful people?
- b) Name someone who influenced your faith journey. Describe that person's faith.
- c) How might "living among God's faithful people" be considered a gift?
- d) What are the consequences, if any, if we do not allow this gift to be part of our life?
- e) Challenge: List seven reasons to be part of a church family. To hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's Supper.
- f) What does it mean for you to hear the Word of God?
- g) Describe what it feels like to receive the Lord's Supper. c) When did you first experience the Word of God and/or Lord's Supper as a priceless gift from God? Explain.
- h) Challenge: Take a few minutes for silent prayer. Listen for a phrase, verse, or image from scripture. Share. To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed.
- i) a) What does it mean for you to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word AND deed?
- j) b) What prevents you from freely sharing the good news of God in Christ?
- k) c) How might the opportunity to proclaim the good news of God in Christ become a transformative gift to the proclaimer?
- l) d) Challenge: Turn to someone and share part of your faith story in less than five minutes. To serve all people, following the example of Jesus. a) What does it mean for you to serve all people following the example of Jesus?
- m) b) Describe the example of Jesus as he served others. Describe what it feels like to serve others.
- n) c) How might the act of serving others (like Jesus) become a gift to both the server and the one who is being served?
- o) d) Challenge: Brainstorm potential partners in order to deepen and widen your service to others. To strive for justice and peace in all the earth.
- p) a) What does it mean for you to strive for justice? b) What can we do as individuals to promote peace in all the earth?
- q) c) What advice would you give to someone exhausted from striving for justice and peace?
- r) d) Challenge: Select an injustice or area of strife which concerns you. Identify one thing you will commit to do to make a difference.



## November Fun Facts

### ◆ The power to turn invisible?

The official flower for the month of November is the chrysanthemum. Meaning 'golden flower' the chrysanthemum represents honesty, joy and optimism.



The official birthstone of November is the topaz. This orange-yellow gemstone is said to represent friendship. The Greeks also believed that Topaz had the power to turn you invisible.



### ◆ A time to celebrate the dead

On November 1st, the people of Mexico celebrate [Dia de los Muertos](#) or The Day of the Dead. It's believed that the souls of deceased loved ones return on this day. But don't be scared, this day is for celebration with food, drinks and music!

### ◆ Are you a scorpion or an archer?

The two zodiac signs represented in the month of November are [Scorpio](#) and [Sagittarius](#).

- \* **Scorpios** are born **between October 23rd and November 21st** and are known to be intense and imaginative.
- \* **Sagittarians** are born between **November 22nd and December 21st** and are known to be energetic and idealistic.
- **Celebrations** :In the US, November is perhaps best known for Thanksgiving. Since 1621, the fourth Thursday in November has served as a holiday to gather with friends and family and give thanks for the blessings in our lives and also eat the incredible food reaped from the fall harvest. That's 400 years of turkeys!

### ◆ We will remember

November 11th is a very important day where we remember the veterans we have lost in past wars and thank the military of today for protecting our country. In the US November 11th is known as Veterans Day. In the UK, Armistice Day. And in Canada, Remembrance Day. So wear your poppy proud in November!

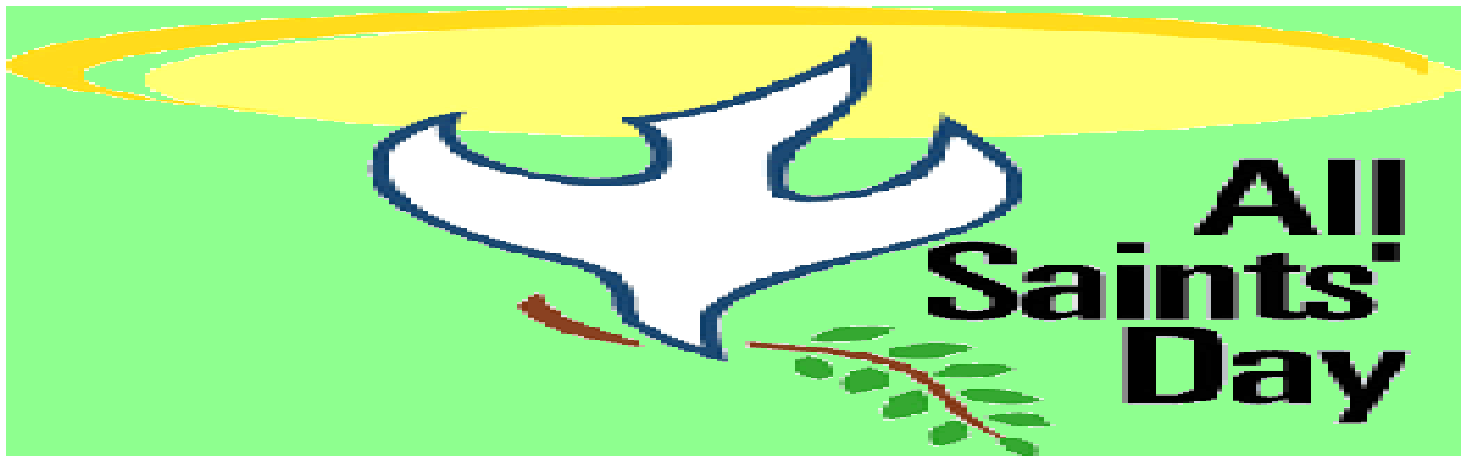
### ◆ Random November

Let's finish off with a few cool November facts. Two of the most popular toys were first released in November, the board game Monopoly (1935) and the [Easy-Bake Oven](#) (1963). Also the first x-ray was invented in Germany in November 1895 and King Tut's Tomb was discovered on November 4th, 1922.

	<b>Nov 5</b>	<b>Nov 12</b>	<b>Nov 19</b>	<b>Nov 26</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Diane Batza And Cindy Rowan	Gloria Senchak and Pat Masonheimer	Charlene Frack and Barb Yurasits	Cathy Haller and Rosemarie Haffner
<b>Acolytes and Crucifers</b>	Luke Knechel and Owen Keenan	Gavin Kishbaugh And Kendall Bayshore	Kingston Rivera and Samantha Cave	Kendall Bayshore and Luke Knechel
<b>Lectors</b>	Howard Schaffer	Howard Schaffer	Karen Blayle	
<b>Narthex Greeters</b>	Howard Schaffer	Karen Ruch and Bonnie Youakim	Judy Paine	April Spaits
<b>Assistant Ministers</b>	Bob Billig	Sue Stahler	Gail Herzog	
<b>Bulletin Sponsors</b>			Sara Laub in memory of loved ones	Paulette Hawkey
<b>Flower Sponsors</b>		Shel and Judy Ehret In honor of son, An- drew's, birthday		Paulette Hawkey

# NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2 6:00 PM Cub Scouts (PH) 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Senior Choir	3	4
5 All Saints Sunday Sunday School: 9:00 AM  Worship Service 10:00 AM Craft fair meeting after service  AA 8:00 PM (PH)	6 1:00 PM Piece-makers 6:00 PM Brownies 7:00 PM Pioneer Band (BH)	7 10:30 AM Prayer Group (TGP) 12:00 PM light lunch  1:00 PM Communion  6:45 PM Boy Scouts (PH)	8	9  6:00 PM Cub Scouts (PH) 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Senior Choir	10	11  CRAFT FAIR 9-3
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### **How to Celebrate All Saints Day as a Lutheran**

Although the Lutheran church honors saints, it does not share the Catholic view of a saint's abilities. Lutherans do not believe that saints can receive prayers or intercede for a petitioner because, according to the church, there is no evidence to support this in the scriptures. A saint, in the Lutheran Church, is anyone who believes in Jesus Christ, who tries to live an exemplary life and is an example of what everyone else can aspire to.

If you wish to add any one's names to be included and read on Sunday, November 5, 2023 All Saints Sunday service, please call Claudette at the office this week M-Th 9 AM to 3 PM

### **We Remember**

**Dean Wellington**

**Etsuka Marine**

**Carl Rohrbach**

**Ruth Zanders**

**Catherine Bogarash**

**James Knittle**

**Hope Gruver**

**Art Stoneback**

**David Buss**

**Queen Ann Sodl**

**Catherine Schombs**

**Deborah Paul**

**Judith Hawkey**

**Donald Albright**

**Karen Modena**

**Gail Wotring-Minar**



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Cheryl Mohr

Stacy O'Neill

Susan Peters

Dorothy Bretz

Janet Corello

Connor Cave

Tyler Williams

Lori Evans

Jennifer Knechel

Barbara Yurasits

Jean Moyer

Irvin McFarland

Kathleen Morgan

Kaitlyn Smykowski

Stacey Taylor

Joanne Miller

William Schopf

Randy Fritz

Melissa Wehr

David Yanoshik

Eric Miller

Rhynier Minnich

Ethan Ringenberger

Richard Daniel

Juliet Hower

Harold Whittaker

Samantha Peirce

Wanda Stranzl

Victoria Ceasar

Rosemarie Haffner

Raymond Harrigle Jr.

Carla Weidner

Christopher Schmidt

Betty Relly

*Congratulations*

on your

*7<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!*

Mark and Tanya Freed

Nov 6

Larry and Linda Rothrock

Nov 6

Robert and Karla Billig

Nov 8

Oliver and Angela Resh

Nov 18

Richard and Tara Miller

Nov 25





## **POINSETTIA ORDER OR FOOD BANK DONATION**

The **cost** for a poinsettia will be **\$10.00 for a six-inch pot** or you may make a **monetary donation to the food bank**. Checks should be made out to **“Faith Lutheran Church”**. The poinsettia you purchase will be used to beautify the Christmas Eve Services in our church.

Deadline for ordering: **Thursday, November 30th!**  
**Please note: We cannot accept any orders after this date**

**We have 2 services on Christmas Eve  
4:00 pm & 7:00 pm**

I wish to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia(s) at \$10.00 each for use during the services on **Christ-  
mas Eve –Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**.

I wish to donate \_\_\_\_\_ to the **Food Bank**.

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:        **Will pick up** \_\_\_\_\_

Ordered by:

\_\_\_\_\_

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY  
IT WILL BE LISTED IN THE BULLETIN ON CHRISTMAS EVE**