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St Jacobi Lutheran Church  
108 Glen Drive  
Shohola, PA 18458  
570-559-7676  
Sunday Service 11 am  
Church School 10 am

Website: [stjacobishohola.org](http://stjacobishohola.org)  
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# REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

**EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.  
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A  
FOOD BANK.**

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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## IMPORTANT DATES: 2019

NOV 3rd- Council meeting after church-

Nov 10th packing OCC boxes

NOV 17th- Congregational Meeting

NOV 24th-Thanksgiving Service and Dinner – at St. Ann's.

DEC 1st- Council meeting after church

**DEC 8th- Our Annual Community Christmas Concert 3pm**

**22nd- German Christmas Service 3 pm**

**24th- CHRISTMAS EVE 5 PM**

2020- Jan 5th- Council meeting after church

Feb 2nd- Council meeting after church

March 1st- Council meeting after church

## WHAT IS HAPPENING:

Please remember our local food pantries. Food donations are always welcomed.



**AT 6:30 PM...**

**ALL VOICES & AGES ARE WELCOMED!!!**



**CONCERT IS**

**DECEMBER 8TH AT 3 PM--**

**Refreshments served after the concert.**

Please contact, Chris Protsko, if you would like to place a Poinsettia plant or a monetary donation for Christmas season at St Jacobi.

Email: stjacobicouncil@yahoo.com or phone 570-559-7676.

Leave message or call Chris at 570 559-7354.



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD- SHOE BOX PACKING

In order for us to have a successful OCC shipment this year, I be collecting cash donations till October 31<sup>st</sup>.  
We will still pack the last of the boxes on Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> . Thank you, Petra

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY

4- Roseann Prigge

7- Caitlin Roa

9- Herta Zidek

19- Petra Kluge

28- Tomas Protsko

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAY

11- Tom McKay

14- Grace Criscione

27- Don Roa

29- Bettina Zidek-Roa

### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY

22- Anne & Bruce Rajwasser

If you would like your Birthday, Anniversary or special date listed please contact  
Grace Criscione.  
Email:purplegrace@hvc.rr.com or 845 856 8912

# Saying prayers for:

Ashley Cobb  
Brian Becker  
Alfred Loeser  
Sandra Faro  
Tom Vogel & family  
Keith Blaut  
Bob & Valerie Cocchi  
Hank Prigge  
Bud Ray  
Erin McCotter  
Krischan Vogel  
Shirley Kelly  
George Nieke  
Robert Breuer  
Paula Schlichter  
Ari Deutsch  
Ingrid Vogel  
Trish Mead  
Linette Harding

Chris Protsko  
Katherine O'Toole  
Fran Nelson  
Mark Pellettiere  
Lottie Hof  
Janice Iaccovino  
Bob Mead  
Rene Farrar  
Lisa & TQ Smith  
Nick Pellettiere  
Cheryl Jurgens  
Mark Scaramastro  
Tessie Stover  
Anna Marie Peterson  
Kyle Petersen  
Jackie Mundy  
Anne Widelock  
Pat McAuliffe-Hunkele

Pat Friedrich  
Rev Paul Spohn  
Barbara Scocossi  
Lynn Salvati  
Joe Carver  
Peter  
Alma L Brown Keller  
Marion Finch  
Bianca Aran  
Donald Colburn  
E.B. Herling  
Roseann Prigge  
Marc DaVita  
Louise Kuhn  
Mike Hoey  
Hope Traver  
Lieselotte Hannemann  
Witt Davis

**PLEASE HELP KEEP THIS LIST CURRENT-** Please contact, Grace Criscione, if you wish to add and/or remove a name on the prayer list. I can be reached at 845 856 8912, or email: [purplegrace@hvc.rr.com](mailto:purplegrace@hvc.rr.com) or [stjacobicouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:stjacobicouncil@yahoo.com). Thank you in advance for your co-operation with keeping this list current.



## Send Cards to our friends:

**Lottie Hof, Milford Sr Care, 264 Rte. 6 & 209, Milford, PA 18337 - She loves visitors.**

**Ms. Wilma Brown- PO Box 152, Eldred, N.Y. 12732-0152**

**Rev & Mrs. Paul Spohn, Rm 130, Luther Crest, 800 Hausman Rd, Allentown, PA 18104**

**Mrs. Lieselotte Hannemann, 107 Hannemann Lane, Shohola PA 18458**

Shine a little light into their lives by reaching out to them. If you know of others that would like to be included please contact: Dotty Luca 570-559-7489



It seems like everyone is missing someone during the holiday season. On Christmas Eve, luminaries will be set on the Shohola-Barryville Bridge, spanning the Delaware River. Be a part of this special night by having a candle lit *in memory of*, or *in honor of* someone dear to you. The name of your loved one will be placed on the luminary, and you are welcome to enjoy the beautiful sight from the pedestrian walkway. Cost per luminary is \$5.

Sponsored by the Shohola Area Lions Club



**5 pm**



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## *Helping our neighbors:*

### **Good Cheer Food Pantry**

Located in St. Luke's Center (the lower level of St. Luke Pre-School) is open the First Sunday of each month from 10:30-11:30 AM. Thanks to all who donate their time, food and money...? It is truly appreciated. This is such a great service to our community! **PLEASE NOTE:** For further information please call 570- 226-3966. If your call is answered by an answering machine, please leave your name and a valid telephone number and a volunteer will call back.

**Mission Support** This year we are sponsoring Krystle Moraska-Madrussen who serves in Argentina/Uruguay. Krystle is the Young Adults in Global Mission Country Coordinator for young adult volunteers serving in Argentina & Uruguay. She works with the companion church, the IELU, to support the relationships they have with United States & Canada based groups. Her contact info: Camacua 282, 1406 DOF BuneonAires, Argentina or email: [Krystle.moraska@elca.org](mailto:Krystle.moraska@elca.org)

**Operation Christmas Child** Remember when shopping to pick up items for the shoe boxes. Thanks to Petra for chairing this great outreach.

**Quilters:** Remember that the Wednesday quilters (GOODWILL PIECE MAKERS) will meet Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. @ St Jacobi's social hall; they do quilts for the different charities, shelters and homeless in Pike County and surrounding areas. Anyone interested in joining them in this endeavor would be so welcome. You don't have to be a quilter to help this group with their sewing. For information call Linda Moret: 570-559-7257 or Ingrid Vogel: 570-559-7206

**Ladies Aid News:** meeting Nov 6th @ 5:30 pm. New members are always welcomed. Come & join in the fun....

## Presidents Message

Welcome to Fall 2019! It has been a busy 2 months since becoming president. First of all, thank you to everyone for your support during this time of transition.

The church is entering a new decade with a goal to increase our community activities and outreach. It is truly an exciting time.

As of October 1<sup>st</sup> we are looking for a new treasurer and new council members. Council members help run the church and our efforts throughout the community. Come to a council meeting and see what's happening.

I am pleased to announce that for the winter months, the council meetings will be after services, on the first Sunday of the month so join us for the meeting and coffee.

Finally I would like to say thank you to the members of the council and congregation who participated in the recent retreat. It was a great event and gave us ideas for the future. Bruce Rajswasse

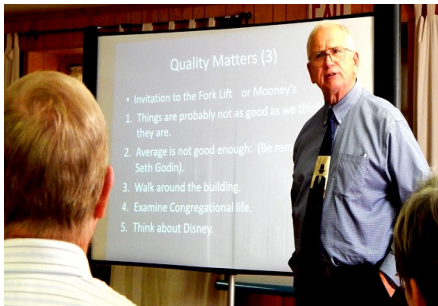
## Report from the Retreat

On September 29<sup>th</sup> at St Jacobi's, fifteen parish members got together to meet and discuss ways to bring the church into the next 50 years.

Pastor Niels Nielson, a representative from the SYNOD, was the facilitator of this retreat.

There was plenty of fellowship and discussion which will lead to action and change in the future.

The topics were from the book "The Invitational Christian." All participants received copies to read. We do have some copies available, see Bruce or Anne."



It was a few hours, and with guidance we are on the path of the change.





St Jacobi Ladies Aid is raffling off this beautiful handmade quilt on Dec 8th after the Christmas Concert. You need not be present to win. Please contact any ladies aid member for tickets. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 per ticket. Thank you to Ruth Wahl for making & donating this beautiful full size quilt.



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX PACKING.** Thank you to everyone who helped pack 81 boxes on Sept 9th. We did this in less than 1 hour with so much help. We will be packing boxes again on Nov 10th (Sunday) during church service. Collecting money till Oct 31st. Thank you, Petra Kluge





**CELEBRATING BRUCES' 60TH BIRTHDAY!!**  
**THANK YOU FROM BRUCE FOR ALL THE WONDERFUL BIRTHDAY WISHES.**



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### Thanksgiving Beatitudes

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference.

—Author unknown

# THE SHOHOLA RAILROAD AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**PRESENTS:**

*What Happened to Lizzie Schultz?*

*A Mystery Dinner Theater*

*Saturday, October 26th at 5PM*

*Rohmans, Shohola*

**Hors d'ourves**

**Dinner**

**Dessert, Coffee**

**Cash Bar**

**\$37.00 per person  
(includes gratuity)**

**RSVP Dotty Luca**

**570-559-7489**

**No Later than**

**Friday, October 18th  
(limited seating)**



## THE DINGMAN-DELAWARE MIDDLE SCHOOL

*PROUDLY PRESENTS*

ITS **27th** ANNUAL COMPLIMENTARY DINNER THEATRE

**for the SENIOR CITIZENS of the  
DELAWARE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*A COMPLETE Roasted Turkey DINNER*



will be served at 5:00 PM

in the  
**DINGMAN-DELAWARE MIDDLE  
SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2019**

**FOLLOWED AT 7:00 PM BY THE  
DDMS DRAMA CLUB'S  
PERFORMANCE OF:**



***"The Little Mermaid, Jr."***

For reservations and further information  
**Call 296-3143 by November 1, 2019.**

*The Dingman-Delaware Middle School is located at  
1365 Route 739 in Dingmans Ferry, PA.*



# VETERANS DAY DINNER 2019



VETERANS, PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR  
ANNUAL DINNER SPONSORED BY THE  
DELAWARE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL  
JUNIOR HISTORIANS.

DATE: THURSDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2019  
TIME: 5:00 PM—6:30 PM  
PLACE: DELAWARE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL 11/12 CAFETERIA

## MENU

CATERING PROVIDED BY: JOHN'S OF ARTHUR AVENUE

### HORS D'OEUVRES

CHEESE  
CRACKERS  
GRAPES  
CAESAR SALAD  
DINNER ROLLS

### ENTREES

EGGPLANT PARMIGIANA  
PENNE PASTA  
VEGETABLE—BROCCOLI






### DESSERT

CAKE

BEVERAGES — WATER, ICED TEA AND COFFEE

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, NOV. 1ST  
PLEASE CONTACT: MRS. MANDZY @ 570-296-1854

# November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOV 3rd 					1 	2
3 10 am Church School 11 am Service Coffee cake Council meeting	4	5 Quilters 9am Choir 6:30pm	6 Quilters 9am	7	8	9
10 10 am Church School 11 am service Packing Party 	11 Lions club 7:30 pm  	12 Quilters 9am Choir 6:30pm	13 Quilters 9am	14	15	16
17 10 am Church School 11am Service Congregational meeting	18	19 Quilters 9am Choir 6:30pm	20 Quilters 9am	21	22	23
24 10 am Church School 11 am service	25	26 Quilters 9am Choir 6:30pm	27	28 	29	30



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<b>1</b> 10am Church School 11 am Service Council meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Quilters 9am Choir 6:30pm	<b>4</b> Quilters 9am	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10 am Church School 11 am service  Christmas Concert 3 PM	<b>9</b> Lions club 7:30 pm 	<b>10</b> Quilters 9am	<b>11</b> Quilters 9am	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
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<b>22</b> 10 am Church School 11 am service	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Quilters 9am  Christmas Eve Service 5PM	<b>25</b>  MERRY Christmas	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10 am Church School 11 am service	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Quilters 9am  Welcome 2020!	<b>FAITH, PEACE, LOVE, HEALTH &amp; HAPPINESS FOR 2020!</b>			