



All Saints

Good News from Grace

November 2023

Our Purpose

The purpose of our church is to make a difference by serving others through God's love and our faith.

The liturgical year comes to a close in November. This month is filled with end-times, or eschatological scripture readings. The bookends, All Saints on Nov. 5 and Christ the King on Nov. 26 mark festivals that remind us of the heavenly saints who have gone on to eternal life and the earthly saints who look with hope to the second coming of Christ.

All Saints can be a difficult festival for families who lost loved ones over the past year. This year, we sigh deeply with sadness and for some, we shed tears, as we remember beloved saints. See page 7 of this newsletter for those who will be remembered this year with family members or special friends placing a white rose in the baptismal font as names are read.

All Saints can be a turning point for families in mourning. This festival is another reminder that God promises us eternal life in the waters of baptism and that in death, this promise has been fulfilled. Loved ones are truly at rest in the eternal arms of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

All Saints is a time of thanksgiving. We give thanks for the multitude of ways that our loved ones influenced lives—the life of families, school, work and social circles, and the life of the faith community. I invite you to reflect on the list of saints who we will remember this year and the ways that they influenced this faith community by their service and presence among us. Let's light a candle in their memory and in memory of other beloved saints who influenced us—by their example as the faithful children of God, by their breath of forgiveness, and by their depth of love for family, neighbor and for God.

As I reflect on this list of saints, I give thanks for the ways that each one touched my life—by their leadership, by their creative ideas, by their expressions of thanksgiving for my pastoral

care, by the privilege of officiating at the service celebrating their life. I am forever grateful for the honor of humbly walking with these saints in their time of need and serving the families in their time of grief.

We turn our attention to two Sundays of “ordinary” time in the Season after Pentecost, then bring the liturgical year to a close—first with the Thanksgiving holiday when we give thanks for all of God's blessings, and then with Christ the King when we give thanks for Jesus who gave his life on the cross for the forgiveness of sin, who was raised from the dead so that we might also live a new life after our bodily death, and who promises to return once and for all to make all things new. The scripture readings this year are about judgment—the separation of the sheep and the goats—but are also filled with hope in the promises of Christ.

The Gospel text, Matthew 25:31-46, is the one that Grace claims as “Our Story,” printed on the last page of the worship bulletin. It is a reminder that those who are judged to be worthy for the kingdom of heaven are those who feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe and shelter the poor and homeless, and visit those in prison (or in any confined situation such as the homebound, those in the hospital and those in long term care). I invite you to reflect on the way (s) that you live out this story. How have the heavenly saints influenced you to serve God's children? How do earthly saints encourage and support you in your service to others?

Let us remember. Let us give thanks. Let us live with gracious, love-filled spirits to continue the work of the saints and to further the kingdom of God on this earth.

Blessings,
Pastor Lois

Join us for Worship!

**Saturdays at 5:00PM
Sundays at 9:30AM**

or

[via Live Stream](#)

Sunday School

**Sundays at 10:45am
September to May**

Senior Helpers



Grace's Senior Helpers are here to get you where you need to go. Contact the church office Monday - Thursday

from 8am - 12noon at 717-737-0439 or email gelc@comcast.net for a list of members who are available to drive you.

If you'd like to be added to the Senior Helper list to take member places contact the church office.

Lost & Found



Don't forget to check the Lost & Found tub & coat rack in the Library if you are missing items.

Grace will hold the items for one month. If they are not claimed by then the items will be donated.

Unable to stop in then call the office (717-737-0439) and we'll look for you.

This Month at Grace...

The Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship for **November** is given by the Matt & Garri Ann Hearn in honor of Jacob's 25th birthday.

The Special Benevolence Offering for **November** is **ELCA World Hunger**. To contribute please list the dollar amount next to Special Offering Ministry and list *ELCA World Hunger* under comments.

2023 Sponsorship Opportunities

[CLICK HERE](#) to see available dates for 2023-24. If you are interested in sponsoring one of these weeks you can either sign up on the bulletin board across from the elevator or contact Diane in the church office at 717-737-0439 x15 or deppengelc@gmail.com.

Note: Other Altar Flower dates are available for sponsorship at special request by contacting the church office two weeks date you wish to sponsor.

If you sponsor a week, but do not plan to take the flowers home please let the church office know prior to that week. We have a member who will deliver flowers to Grace's homebound members.

**Special
Congregational
Meeting**

Saturday, November 11
and
Sunday, November 12
immediately after worship

To answer questions and vote on
purchase of
a new Allen digital organ



Youth Food Cards

Karns, Weis and Giant grocery cards in the dollar amounts of \$25, \$50, and \$100 are available at the church office Monday - Thursday from 8am - 12noon.

Sunday School | *Sundays 10:45 - 11:30am*

The classes are: Kindergarten - 2nd grade and 3rd grade - 5th grade Both classes meet in the Sunday School Wing, except for the weeks that JYG is in the Youth Room.

You are welcome to bring a friend or invite your neighbor or extended family. Please note we are welcoming 5 year old preschoolers in the younger class.

You can see the full Sunday School schedule [HERE](#).

GYG Upcoming Events

November

- 12 GYG Night | 5:00pm - 7:30pm
- 19 Advent Event | 10:45am - 12:00pm
- 12 GYG Night | 5:00pm - 7:30pm

December

- 1-3 Retreat at Camp Kirchenwald
- 9 Breakfast with Santa
- 17 Cookie Bake & Caroling | 4:00 - 8:00pm

You can view complete GYG schedule [HERE](#).

JYG Upcoming Events

November

- 5 JYG | 10:45am - 12:00pm
- 19 Advent Event | 10:45am - 12:00pm

December

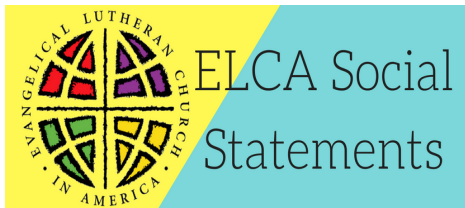
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- 17 Sunday School | 10:45 - 11:15 a,

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Registration is Open

GYG High Adventure Retreat @ Camp Kirchenwald! December 1st-3rd GYG will meet at Kirchenwald to be challenged to grow together to "new heights". We will be taking advantage of the high ropes course, zipline and climbing wall at Kirchenwald that weekend. We will be living and breathing together and talking about how we are called as young Lutheran Christians to attack challenges and conflicts in our daily lives. This event is for **6th-12th graders!** This event will cost **\$60** per child which will cover all food and programming for the weekend. **Please register by November 12th.**

Winterfest @ The Wyndham Resort in Lancaster! This event is for **9th-12th grade** youth and is being held **January 5th-7th**. This is a great event where our youth can reunite with con camp or mission trip friends they've met in the past. Great large group curriculum and small group discussions make this event a super fun time. Not to mention the free time happenings such as a dance, swimming, karaoke, jammin with the band and other super fun games! We will be joining with Trindle Spring in Mechanicsburg for this event! This event will cost youth **\$110**. The other \$115 will be subsidized by funds from our youth fund. New this year - **Young adult track!** Young adults can come join the fun for a discounted rate of **\$85**.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
Sundays, 10:45 am—Conference Room

We completed an engaging study of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) in October to prepare us for a study of the ELCA social statements. After an introduction to the social statements on November 5, two or more will be selected by the class for a deeper study for the remaining Sundays in November.

Since 1991 the ELCA has been creating social statements—teaching and policy documents that provide a framework for the church and its members to think, discuss and act on social issues from a perspective that intersects faith and society. “Social teaching documents aren’t confessional or litmus tests, meaning you’re only Lutheran if you believe every word, but they put into writing the faith-based thinking about social issues that guides members and the public work of our church,” Willer said. “Social teaching documents think through—from the perspective of faith—the frameworks needed for discerning God’s call to be people who love, seek justice and respond to social issues.” [Roger Willer, ELCA director for theological ethics with the Office of the Presiding Bishop.]

In December, we will turn to an Advent study. The specific theme will be announced closer to the start of this season of hope and preparation for the coming of Jesus, the infant born in a stable, God Incarnate—Immanuel (God with Us)

Date	Topic	Scripture
Nov 5	ELCA Social Statements—What are they?	
Nov 12	Social Statement study of choice begins	
Nov 19	Social Statement study of choice begins	
Nov 26	Social Statement study of choice begins	
Dec 3	Advent Study	
Dec 10	Advent Study	
Dec 17	Advent Study	

The Community Meal at Grace



2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month

Join us for the Community Meal on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday each month from 5:30 - 6:30pm in the Social Hall.

More information at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/service>

November’s Community Meals will be on:

Wednesday, November 8
 &
Wednesday, November 29

View menu [Here](#)



“Breathing the Word” Bible Study Tuesdays, 1:00 pm—Conference Room

We bring “walking in the footsteps of Paul” to a close in November. Our final stop, Ephesus is filled with ancient artifacts, the backdrop of pagan gods and the influence of Christianity on this vibrant city. The four weeks before Christmas, the Season of Advent, will tie back to the beginning of our walk with Paul by studying the *Names for the Messiah* by Walter Brueggemann.

Here is the schedule. Mark your calendar now so that you don’t miss the opportunity to “Breathe the Word of God!”

Date	Topic	Scripture
Nov 7	Paul in Ephesus	Acts 18:18 Acts: 19:1-41; 20 [1-16] 17-38 Ephesians (Paul’s letter)
Nov 14 & 21	Break (Pr Lois on vacation)	
Nov 28	<i>Names for the Messiah</i> by Walter Brueggemann— “Wonderful Counselor”	Isaiah 9:6
Dec 5	“Mighty God”	Isaiah 9:6
Dec 12	“Everlasting Father”	Isaiah 9:6
Dec 19	“Prince of Peace”	Isaiah 9:6

New Members

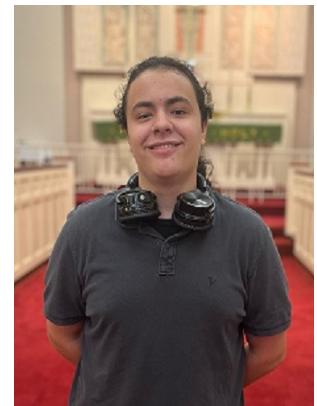
On Sunday, October 1 we had new members join Grace. Please welcome Pat O’Neal, the Chesky Family and Vaughn Manlove.



Pat O’Neal



Nathan, Miriam,
Cora, Levi & Eliza
Chesky



Vaughn Manlove



Prayer List Additions

Everyone appreciates prayer but not everyone wishes to be added to the “out loud” prayers.

If you are aware of a member of Grace who could benefit from being added to the prayers, please let one of the pastors know. They will contact the individual to find out whether they wish to be added to the “out loud” prayers, ongoing prayers or prayed for “quietly” by the Community Prayer Group.

We hold in prayer especially this week...

Pete Psychogis, Lexi Merrill, Paul & Linda Glance, Debbie Linebaugh, Bonnie Peechatka, Dr. Robert Little, Kelly Ackley, Al Hughes, Eric Rome, Dana Moore, Lynn Royal, Shirley Davis, Dale Swenson, Bob, Marcie, Luke & Wesley Beam, Shana Funk, and Dean Jury.

We hold in ongoing prayer...

Debbie Aldridge, Ed Yoffee, Judi Fenicle, John McNichol, Kay King, Justin Minnich, Michelle Hillegas, Darlene M., Eileen McCann, and Mike Lutz.

We also hold our homebound in prayer:

Betty Bennett, Gladys Cline, Yvonne Gettys, Joan Harman, John Hench, Frank Hills, Sis Hoffman, Shirley Hughes, Howard Lauver, Lou Lore, Patti Reed, Bob & Ruth Rhodes, Mary Louise Shetter, Dorothy Shreffler, John Shuey, and Sandy Yetter.

Praying for our Homebound Members

The pastoral staff wishes to lift up this special group of members on a regular basis during the prayers. Each week, a group of homebound members will be included in the out loud prayers.

...sometimes we forget to tell others that someone has healed...

Let's be good stewards of our prayer list. If someone has healed, or if someone has moved on to eternal life, please let the church office know. Names will automatically be moved to the ongoing prayers after a month on the weekly prayers, which are read out loud during worship. They will then be removed from the ongoing prayers after another month unless you let us know to keep praying.

For Pastoral Assistance or At Home Communion

Pastor Lois, Interim Pastor
717-579-1875
prvo2005@gmail.com

“God can handle your doubt, anger, fear, grief, confusion, and questions. You can bring everything to him in prayer.” Rick Warren

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – REMEMBRANCES



The custom of commemorating the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day, we remember the faithful of our congregation and loved ones of members who have died during the past year.

Dearlly Departed

Born

Died

Carol R. Anstine	Jan 28, 1938	Nov. 5, 2022
Joseph T. Jackson	Oct 8, 1925	Dec 24, 2022
Gail L. Gerberich	Nov. 9, 1942	Jan. 23, 2023
Lamar L. Light	July 12, 1934	Jan. 31, 2023
Roland C. Anstine	Aug. 22, 1929	Feb 8, 2023
T. Noretta Bingaman	June 18, 1937	Feb 19, 2023
Ruth S. McCarney	Sept. 9, 1923	March 9, 2023
Barbara L. Schell	Nov. 30, 1943	April 12, 2023
Marta D. Hamme	July 31, 1954	April 15, 2023
Eileen M. Daniels	Sept. 16, 1923	June 12, 2023
Docoline L. Stroud	June 19, 1928	June 20, 2023
David W. Harman, III	Dec. 8, 1926	July 6, 2023
Doris J. Shenck	Dec. 27, 1928	Aug. 24, 2023
Naomi N. Packer	April 28, 1930	Sept. 5, 2023
Diane C. Brokenshire	April 13, 1934	Sept 18, 2023

*Rest eternal, grant them O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.*



**FROM THE
TREASURER**

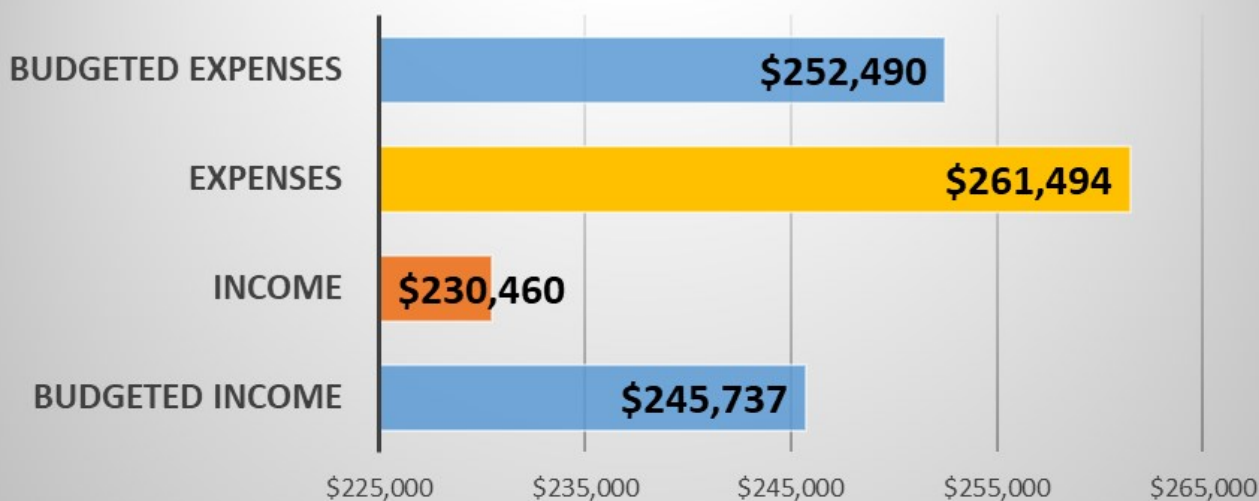

Members and Friends of Grace,

Between the organ and Kentland renovations, Grace is making expensive but worthwhile investments in ourselves. Your continued financial and volunteer support is invaluable for those projects to proceed. Please don't forget our general operating fund, where income took a dip during the summer months.

There are many expenses related to these projects which are not funded by the projects' revenues. Electricity is needed to operate the organ and provide lighting, proper heating & cooling is necessary for people to enjoy our properties, insurance is needed for us to be able to do any of these activities, and the list goes on. Thank you for your continued faith in Grace's ministries!

-Susan Dickinson, Treasurer

Grace Lutheran Church, thru Sept 2023



From the Church Council Council Actions October 2023



- Council approved a stipend for Eli Wright who served in the kitchen at Camp Nawakwa in the summer.
- Council voted to set Congregational meetings for after the services on November 11 and 12, 2023 to recommend to the congregation that Grace move forward with the purchase of a new Allen Digital Organ, model GX350DK in the amount of \$138, 525.00 plus shipping costs up to \$1000.00.
- Council voted to approve reimbursement of expenses for Jesse Woodrow to attend the Youth Ministry Network's Extravaganza in New Orleans, LA in January 2024.
- Council voted to sell the 14-passenger van, which will not pass inspection, to Jonathan Ponulak, a friend of Don Schell's, for \$2000.00.
- Susan Dickinson presented a preliminary budget for 2024 which will be finalized by the end of 2023.

Karen Galle, Secretary

What do we really own?

'Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.' --**Job:1:21**

There's the joke about the nosy neighbor attending a rich woman's funeral. Peering into the coffin with a friend, he asked, "How much money did she leave?" The friend smiled and replied, "All of it, of course!"

As Job laments, we come into the world naked and leave the same way. We may be dressed in our best clothing on our way out, but we take it to the grave, not the afterlife.

The joke and Job reveal a basic concept of stewardship: We don't really own anything. We may take possession of it for a period of time, but we eventually leave it for others.

Yet we spend so much of our energy and life accumulating more and more – as if we were going to have it forever, as we were going to live forever. The danger is that absorbed with accumulating wealth, we shortchange the most valuable treasures – loving the Lord our God with all our being and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

That's why the Bible consistently warns us about wealth. Jesus repeatedly points out the pitfalls. Money and possessions can turn us inward, stunting our growth and preventing us from being the people God created us to be.

Generosity is the preventative cure for this malady. The Bible counsels that tithing – giving away 10 percent of our income – is a good benchmark for faithful giving (although on several occasions Jesus told his disciples to give away ALL their possessions).

Giving 10 percent, or any amount substantial enough to be sacrificial, is a declaration that you are free from the power that money might have over you. Because however much money you can accumulate in life, you will be like the rich woman in the joke: You will leave it all.

--Rob Blezard

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[Click here](#) for a complete and up-to-date bio for Pastor Blezard.

Grace's
Book Club



Grace's Book Club will be reading "The Maid" by Nita Prose for their October/November book. **On Monday, November 6 they will meet via Zoom to discuss the book.** [CLICK HERE](#) for login information.

Molly Gray is not like everyone else. She struggles with social skills and misinterprets the intentions of others. Her gran used to interpret the world for her, codifying it into simple rules that Molly could live by. When she discovers the dead body of the infamous and wealthy Charles Black in his suite, hotel maid Molly Gray finds her orderly life

upended as she becomes the prime suspect in the case and is caught in a web of deception that she has no idea how to unravel.

Nita Prose is the author of *The Maid*, which has sold over one million copies worldwide. *The Maid* was a #1 *New York Times* bestseller, a *Good Morning America* Book Club Pick, and an international bestseller. Winner of the Ned Kelly Award for International Crime Fiction, *The Maid* has been published in over forty countries in more than thirty-five languages. *The Mystery Guest* is Nita's second novel.

Kentland Project Progress Report

If you haven't seen the Kentland project drawings in the Library you can view them [HERE](#).

Demolition has been completed. In the beginning of October the volunteers pressure washed the exterior of the building, tore down the shed at the athletic field, cleaned out the site of the old play area and filled a third dumpster. The play area site and the shed site have been leveled, raked and seeded. According to the weight of the three dumpsters, the old ceilings/interior walls, and miscellaneous old construction debris that was removed weighed nearly 16,000 lbs.!!! We also took construction debris to the scrap yard and received money for the remodel.

The project has now entered the rebuilding phase. GS Flook is working on updating our electrical and lighting system, which will include new LED lighting throughout the building. While they are completing their activities, volunteers have concentrated on a variety of smaller but important updates such as painting the exterior doors and trim, as well as the front and back porches. On the interior, we have begun rehabbing the interior doors, and we're almost complete on a makeover of the fireplace! The restored fireplace will showcase a new mantel cut from a fallen oak tree on the premises.

Also on the interior, we have received our new windows and sliding glass doors for the west wall.

On Friday October 20th, we hosted 23 students from Cedar Cliff High School, who volunteered their day to help with the work effort! The students helped with some of our exterior painting on the porches, the fireplace makeover, and with some construction work on the sleeping area ceilings. They also made quick work of breaking down some of the rotted picnic tables around the firepit, as well as cleaning out the supply closet.

In the next two weeks, we will be:

- ◆ Installing the remaining new ceiling joists in the sleeping rooms
- ◆ Replumbing/moving water lines to coexist with new ceiling joists
- ◆ Framing the west wall including rough openings for windows and doors
- ◆ Installing the new windows and doors
- ◆ Finishing our interior door rehab/update
- ◆ Finishing the exterior trim painting
- ◆ Adding fascia board to outside porch roofs

[CLICK HERE](#) to view update images of the progress at Kentland. You can click on the image to the right to sign up to volunteer on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

[CLICK HERE](#) if you'd like to contribute towards the costs of the remodel.

BE A PART OF KENTLAND'S PAST AND FUTURE!

WORK ON THE RENOVATIONS
ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!





11/1	Helen Titzel	11/15	Grace Heintzelman Nova Hoffman
11/2	Linda Harris Daniel Walker	11/16	Heather Artz
11/5	Gayle Hurst	11/18	Annelise DeYoung
11/7	Carolyn Bair David Bechtel	11/19	Christin Heidingsfelder
11/9	Ava Bechtel	11/20	Sydney Angus
11/10	Robert Sweeney, II	11/21	Andrew Snavely
11/11	Brian Atwood	11/23	Hannah Flook Megan Ozimok Miller
11/12	Cora Chesky Jacob Hearn Cami Ressler	11/24	Mark Ammons Todd Galle
11/13	Bill Campbell Mary Marshall	11/25	Bettejean Weber Brett Weber
		11/26	Willis Musselman Elaine Wolf
		11/27	George Osswald
		11/29	Claudia Boyer Conner Seeger
		11/30	Polly Foster Sherri Rowland



Restocking the Giving Pantry Shelves

Donations of food and other items are needed to restock the Giving Pantry shelves. The increased need for food and other items (personal care, laundry detergent, etc.) are placing great demands on the Giving Pantry. Your donations are welcomed and much appreciated.

Please place items in the large wooden bin in the parking lot hallway near the restrooms. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Quilt Auction - November 5 at Camp Nawakwa

2:00pm Silent Auction | 3:00pm Live Auction | Dinner follows Live Auction

Online bidding runs from October 28 - November 2. High bids will become starting bids on November 5. All proceeds from the day benefit the Camping Corporation's Endowment Fund, making camping possible for generations to come! Please **register** for the in-person event by November 1. This is a free event, and includes an evening meal. Grace's Quilters will be providing a quilt for the auction.

Music at the Springs - Dr. Robert Lau (Organ & Piano)

3pm Sunday, November 12 | Trindle Spring Lutheran Church | 14 State Road, Mechanicsburg

A critically acclaimed composer and performer, Dr. Lau has published more than 550 choral, keyboard and organ works. His works have been performed in churches and concert halls throughout the United States as well as 49 other countries. Dr. Lau will be performing a variety of his best loved works. As a long-time resident of Central PA, he is thrilled to have the opportunity to share his music with a hometown audience. This is a FREE event.

Lisburn Community Fire Company Turkey Dinner

11:00am - 1:30pm Sunday,
November 12 | 1800 Main Street,
Lisburn

Turkey Dinners will be served in the Social Hall. Dinners include turkey with mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, corn, cranberry sauce, a roll and a dessert.

The cost is \$12
adults; \$ 7.00
children 4-10
years of age
Credit cards are
accepted.



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