

# ***BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH NEWS***

## ***APRIL 2024***

### ***PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS***

Grace and peace to you!

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

We have journeyed to the cross and the empty tomb. We have heard the shouts of Hosanna and crucify him! On Easter morning, we heard, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised as he said."

Our journeys are not always easy, and the road has been rough. My call to ministry has not been an easy road. I have had many highs and many lows. I have questioned God many times, "Why me?" and I often hear God's response, "Why not you?" I continue to remain faithful to God's call to ministry. In my personal life the road has taken a turn that I wish I didn't have to take. On March 4th, I called an emergency meeting with the councils from both congregations. In this meeting, I shared that Erin and I have filed for divorce. I also asked the councils if they wanted me to remain your pastor. The councils agreed that I should remain the Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish pastor. The last month has not been easy, but I am truly blessed to be surrounded by an amazing church family! I ask that you keep Erin and I, along with Garrett and Gaige in your prayers. I will be moving to the Mifflinburg area in May to begin anew. I came across a quote on Facebook that has given me a different perspective on this situation: "God is using all of your experiences, both good and bad, to develop your character to match your calling."

I continue to lift you all up in prayer, and if there is anything you need, please let me know.

Peace in Christ,

***The Rev. Curt Wingert***



## ***PARISH NEWS***

### **Bible Study**

The weekly Bible study takes place on Mondays at First Lutheran at **1:30 p.m.** They will be **taking a break on Monday, April 1** and **will continue with studies on April 8, 15, 22, 29.** They are continuing to study 1 & 2 Kings. All are welcome.

### **Praise Worship**

Alternative Praise Worship services will be held **every third Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. at First Lutheran.** The next service will be held on **April 21.**



### **Breaking Bread (formerly known as the Progressive Dinner)**

Breaking Bread is a time to get together with others in the Parish to have a meal/food and get to know others with whom you don't usually socialize. Invite 4-10 others to gather on a day that works for you. It can be in your home, at the park, at a favorite ice cream, breakfast, or pizza shop. The importance is being together for an hour or two and sharing "bread" which could be in the form of pizza, appetizers, ice cream or a meal. Feel free to ask those joining you to bring something if hosting a meal at your home and be aware of any food allergies.

There are no set rules! It's great to invite those in our church family that have never had social interaction with you in the past. Ask them to bring a friend! If an individual doesn't have transportation – offer to pick them up! Mix up ages and backgrounds – so interesting! Play cards or games, put a puzzle together while chatting...expect that when you say good-bye that it will not be the last time you see or talk to each other.

The next opportunity to join others for fellowship and food of any kind is April 3. It's all about fellowship and getting to know each other outside the church walls! Sign-up sheets will be on church bulletin boards. Contact Pastor Curt, Kim Sawyer, or Dianne Shuck with any questions.



## **WHO WANTS TO SERVE WITH JERRY AMABILE AT CITY OF JOY – RWANDA?**

I met with Jerry for the second time in regard to serving others through missions. Jerry goes to City of Joy at least three times each year. He knows the heart for serving that our church parish has and would love for us to join him on one of these trips.

***He is suggesting right after Thanksgiving, early January, or early February (He avoids the summer as his business needs him during those months)***  
***He is willing to go any and all of those dates – we do not all have to go at the same time***

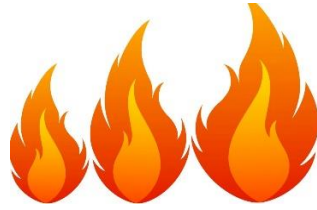
IF you have any interest in doing this – **join us on Sunday, April 21 at First Lutheran basement at noon.** We will have a light “pick up sandwich lunch”

- ❖ No commitment – join us to see if you are interested or if you want a comedy show 😊
- ❖ ALL ages! No one is too old for this type of service
- ❖ No skills needed! Do you love others? If yes, you qualify!

Kim Sawyer

[kimssawyer@gmail.com](mailto:kimssawyer@gmail.com) or 570-713-4577





### **Joint Service/Confirmation/Luncheon – May 19, 10 AM - CULC**

On May 19, Pentecost Sunday, we will have a joint service at 4 Bells at 10 am to confirm 12 students. To celebrate the rite of Confirmation, we will hold a potluck luncheon in the fellowship hall following worship. The Parish will provide drinks and tableware, while attendees are asked to bring a covered dish to share. We hope you will plan to join us for this special occasion.

We invite singers to join a combined choir for this special service.  
**There will be one rehearsal on May 15 at 7 PM at 4Bells.**



### **Joint Service/Picnic in Park – July 21**

On Sunday, July 21 we will have a joint service at 10 am at the Mifflinburg Park with a picnic afterwards. The Parish will provide hot dogs, tableware, and water. Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish to share. We hope you will plan to join us!



**SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 21 – THURSDAY, JULY 25**

2024 Community VBS Sponsored by the: **Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish**

WHO: anyone going into Kindergarten to Sixth Grade

WHERE: at the Mifflinburg Town Park Pavilion

TIME: 5:30 pm: we will provide a meal and camp will begin @ 6 pm to 8:15 pm

Registration forms will be online in the future. Details will also be on our FB page.

[www.felcmifflinburg.org](http://www.felcmifflinburg.org)

[www.4bellschurch.com](http://www.4bellschurch.com)



Please watch for details to be a part of Buffalo Valley Parish VBS...keep the dates open: July 21<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>.

Keep in mind, any volunteers that will be working directly with the youth must have a volunteer clearance. The Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance (Certification) can now be submitted online through the Child Welfare Solution (CWIS) self-service portal. Plan ahead and get this taken care of:

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/KeepKidsSafe/Clearances/Pages/PA-Child-Abuse-History-Clearance.aspx>

**This certification is FREE for volunteers!!!**

### Donations Needed

First Round of donations needed for VBS Crafts and Games:

**Start saving these items; a box will be placed in each church after EASTER!!**

- \$\$ donations for supplies
- empty toilet paper rolls
- empty, cleaned Campbell's soup cans
- small bags of bird seed (4/per church)
- someone or a group of people to make a Backyard Jenga Set
  - <https://www.diypete.com/how-to-make-a-diy-giant-jenga-game>
    - Step 1: Build the Giant Jenga Game Platform. Cut the 3/4" plywood to 18"x18" using a circular saw or even a table saw.
    - Step 2: Gather 2x4s and cut out the 54 Jenga Pieces. With the 2"x4" boards we cut 54 Jenga pieces at 10 1/2" each.
    - Step 3: Sand the Jenga Pieces.
    - Step 4: Stack the Jenga Pieces up.
    - Step 5: Play Jenga!
- we will also be looking for 4-5 corn hole games to be available for the week of VBS

Watch for future details for more items...Thank you. ~ Ann Beckley, VBS Coordinator

### Weis/Wenger's Gift Cards Offer

Gift cards make wonderful gifts for college students, birthdays, weddings, ♥ day, holidays, birth of a new baby, a new neighbor....the list is endless....such a useful gift!

**First Lutheran** - Offers cards in denominations of \$25, \$50 or \$100. Simply make checks payable to "First Lutheran Church" and use them as cash or the grateful recipient can do the same. Don Seibold will even deliver! Give him a call at 570-412-1505. **YOU receive the full value of the card and then Weis gives 5% & Wenger's gives 10% of the purchase to the FELC mission fund!**

**Christ's United** - Grocery cards can now be purchased from Idella Zimmerman (570-91340). Available grocery cards in denominations of \$25 or \$50 will be for Weis Markets, L & L Marketplace, and Wenger's. If you would like to pay by check, it should be made payable to "Christ's United Lutheran Church" and put "Grocery cards" on the memo line.



## ***FELC NEWS***

### **Free Community Meal at FIRST – Saturday, April 6**

First Lutheran will be serving a free community meal on **Saturday, April 6, from 11:00–12:30**. All are welcome! Please enter the door in the alley behind the church. Meals for the remainder of the quarter will be held on **May 4, and June 1**.

### **Monthly Coffee Hour – Sunday, April 21**

We will be holding our next monthly coffee hour on **Sunday, April 21, following worship**. We have a monthly coffee hour on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. It is held in the MPR following the service. We need 2 or 3 people to volunteer each month by making food items. The set-up and beverages are provided. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please consider signing up. **We are planning to continue the Coffee Hour through May.**

### **Word in Season Devotionals**

The Word in Season devotionals for Apr.-June 2024 are available in the back of the sanctuary and on the table in the hallway.

### **Christian Ed. Info**

We will only have a SPECIAL Young Followers Church on the SECOND Sunday of each month following the Young Followers message. We will be using the Sparks Story Bible that corresponds with the weekly scripture. These monthly lessons will include Sparks Story Reading, Coloring Page, and a Craft.

- ~ **April 14** Sparks Story [Luke 24:36b-48](#) *Eating with the risen Christ*
- ~ **May 12** Sparks Story [Acts 1:15-17, 21-26](#) *Matthias added to the apostles*
- ~ **June, July, August – off**

## **Young Followers Church Volunteer Schedule**

April 14 – Christian and Buffy Boyer

May 12 – Kortney McBryan

If you are unable to fulfill your month, please try to make an exchange with another month's volunteer. If that is not possible, contact one of the following substitutes: Sally Rothermel, Liz Loss, Sherri Neece, Mandy Rothermel, Libby Loss. If you are still unable to get a replacement, contact Ann Beckley. Lesson plans will be e-mailed to you two weeks prior to your assigned month.



### **Ministerium Backpack Program**

First Lutheran is in charge of the May backpack distribution for students in the Mifflinburg School District who may be lacking what they need on days away from school, such as weekends.

The churches of the Mifflinburg Ministerium have been providing the backpacks of food since 2015. FIRST will be accepting monetary donations for the distribution. See Libby Loss with questions.

### **Altar Flowers**

The cost of altar flowers is now \$50 for 2 vases, instead of \$40.

### **Empty Coffee Cans Needed**

We are in need of empty #1 coffee cans for altar flowers. You may place them on the pew in the office hallway.

### **Young Followers Activities**

If you would like to be added to the group texts, please contact Liz at 570-412-5598.

### **Share Your Faith with Our Youth**

If you wrote a devotional, what would it sound like? I am looking for some adults to share their faith journey, how they found faith, or where they have seen Jesus in their lives with our Young Followers (grades 6-12). Instead of having these youth read a devotional, I would like for them to hear a "live" devotional. Please reach out if you would be interested. Thank you! Liz: 570-412-5598

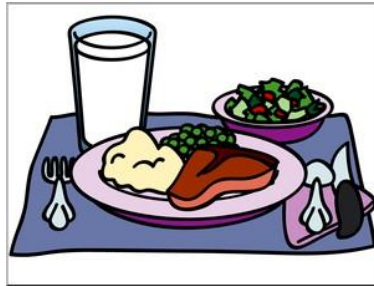




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Announcements

## ***CULC NEWS***



### **Ham Loaf Dinner at Christ's United**

A 'Drive Through' Ham Loaf Dinner is planned for April 27<sup>th</sup> at Christ's United. The time is 3:30 pm until sold out. Advance orders will also be taken. Please check our website at [www.4bellschurch.com](http://www.4bellschurch.com).

The Dinner includes Ham Loaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetable and Applesauce for \$14.

The workday will take place on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 am. Please come out on Friday to help mix the ham loaf and form the balls, mix and put the applesauce into containers & get ready for Saturday, etc.

Help is also needed the day of the Ham Loaf Supper. At 9:00 am, help is needed to cook the ham balls, scalloped potatoes & vegetable. Help is also needed as the day goes on for other duties including making up the dinners and taking them to the cars, as well as clean up.

If you are experienced, that is great; if not, we will provide training! To volunteer to help, please call Kim Blyler at 570-716-5601 or email him at [kim@4bellschurch.com](mailto:kim@4bellschurch.com). If you have any questions, please talk to Kim Blyler.

### **Upcoming Meals**

Mark your calendars for the following 2024 meals at CULC:

**May 25** – Turkey Dinner  
**September 28** – Turkey Dinner  
**November 2** – Pot Pie Quart Sale



### **Member Needed for Synod Assembly**

The CULC Council is looking for a member from our congregation to attend the upcoming synod assembly at Susquehanna University on Friday & Saturday, June 14 & 15. Contact Barry Spangler or Pastor Curt for more details. **The deadline to register is May 20 on the synod website.**

### **CULC Money Counters**

We are still in need of additional offering counters after worship services. If interested, contact Barry Spangler (570-966-0406).

### **Offering Envelopes**

In 2024, we are continuing to use our “homemade” offering envelopes. If you need some, contact Kim Blyler (570-716-5601).



### **From CULC**

Thank you to the anonymous person who donated food warmers for our kitchen.

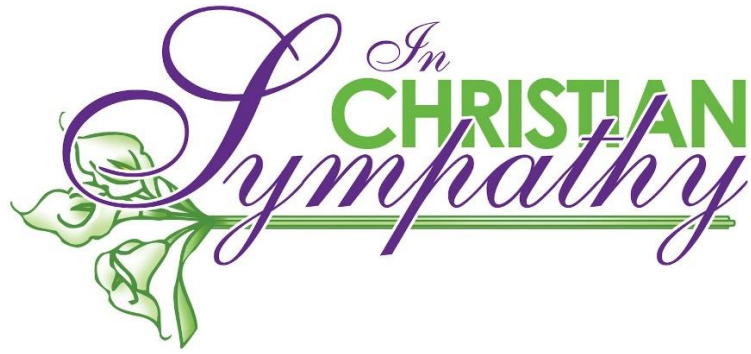
### **From FELC**

We would like to thank you for all the prayers and kind wishes and cards for our daughter, Cathy, who is now at peace in the arms of our Heavenly Father.

A special thank you to Libby Loss and her team of workers for the delicious luncheon they prepared for us.

In God's Love,  
Don & Erma Hower





The members of First Lutheran would like to extend their sympathies to the families of **Cathy (Hower) Brungard and Wayne Shively.**

On March 15, 2024, **Cathy (Hower) Brungard** lost her 3-year battle with cancer.

Born in Lewisburg, she was the daughter of Donald and Erma (Orren) Hower, of Mifflinburg, who both survive. She is survived by her husband, Paul Brungard, the love of her life, and with whom she shared 44 years of marriage.

Cathy graduated from Mifflinburg High School in 1974 and Williamsport Area Community College in 1976. She worked at a variety of jobs in the Lewisburg and Mifflinburg area which allowed her to serve the public. Cathy loved the daily interactions with her customers.

She lived her entire life in Mifflinburg and loved the town and its people. Cathy cherished spending time with family and loved sharing in their adventures. Cathy's smile and laugh were contagious and she lit up the room when she entered.

She is survived by her sister, Debra Goff (Nicholas) of Williamsport; her brother, Stephen Hower, of Boca Raton, Florida; 12 nieces and nephews, and 14 great-nieces and nephews. Paul's brothers, Ted, Ray, and Dave and their families occupied a special place in her heart.

The family would like to recognize and thank the nurses and aides who helped make her last days as comfortable as possible.

The funeral was conducted on Thursday, March 21, at the Roupp Funeral Home, Mifflinburg, with the Rev. Ricky Phillips officiating.

Memorial gifts may be directed in memory of Cathy Brungard to Hospice of Evangelical, 235 Hospital Dr., Lewisburg, PA 17837 or Herr Memorial Library, 500 Market St., Mifflinburg, PA 17844.

**Wayne Stanford Shively**, 91, of Mifflinburg entered into rest on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at Asbury Riverwoods.

Born on February 24, 1933 in Millmont, he was a son of the late Fred and Beulah (Catherman) Shively. On August 7, 1955, in Mifflinburg he married the former Nancy Ann Smith, who passed away on January 25, 2019.

Wayne was a caring and loving husband, father, uncle, and grandfather.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter; Timothy and LouAnn Shively of Mifflinburg, Jennifer and Mark Laubach of Towanda, Andy and Autumn Shively of Mifflinburg, seven grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and a brother, Deane of Turbotville.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Dolly Bollinger.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mifflinburg, with Pastor Curt Wingert and his brother, Rev. Deane Shively, officiating.

Interment will be private for the family in Mifflinburg Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Wayne's memory may be sent to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777 New York, NY 10163.

Arrangements were by Dominick T. Adamo Funerals, Mifflinburg.





**CHRIST'S UNITED**

- Laurie Adams
- Paul Brann
- Sharon Denisen
- Becky Dunkle
- Roger Dunkle
- Darlene Endy
- Amy Evers
- Gary Gemberling
- Pearl Gemberling
- George (Mick) Guffey
- Gary & Janet Hackenberg
- Roy Laudermilch
- Tonia Longer
- Harry Moyer
- Dave Oberlin
- Donnie Poeth
- Eve Rantz
- Louise Ritter
- Larry Sampsell
- Sam & Ethel Schnure
- Sabrina Sickle
- Bill Smith
- Lee & Kathy Spangler
- Tom Watters
- Jesica Wheeler
- Glenn Wiand

**The Shut-Ins:**

- Betty Goss, Helen Pirone,
- Dottie Rathfon

*In an effort to keep the prayer list current, Christ's United will clear their current list on a quarterly basis. A new list will begin in January, April, July, and October. If you want to continue an existing prayer request or have a new prayer concern, please contact Margie.*

**FIRST LUTHERAN**

- Amanda Galer
- Logan Roush

**The Shut-Ins**

- Mary Lib Dunkle
- Lois Elliott
- Doris Moll
- Ethel Musser
- June Ocker
- Barb Reed
- Dotty Seebold
- James Shipton
- Ken & Pat Smith
- Nancy Ulrich
- Trena Zeller

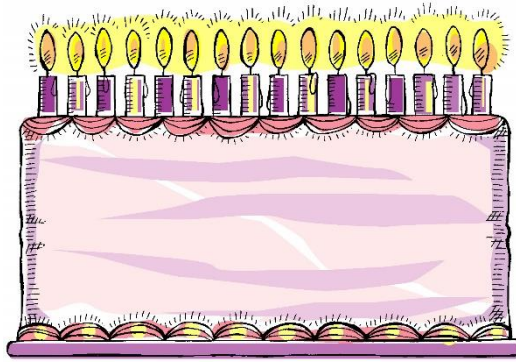
**The Troops**

- Thaddeus Miller (deployed overseas)
- Zachary Miller (deployed overseas)

**Also:**

The families of Cathy Hower Brungard and Wayne Shively





## ***APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES***

### **CULC BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 – Mike Flinger, Joseph Zimmerman
- 4 – Steven Moyer
- 5 – Dylan Yost
- 10 – Ellary Bunting
- 13 – Isaac Marshall
- 18 – Courtney Snyder
- 20 – Dennis Boop, Matthew Zimmerman
- 24 – Avery Kline
- 25 – Corrin Zechman (Mrs. Colby)
- 28 – Betty Goss
- 29 – Katherine Hassinger (Mrs. Eugene)

### **FELC BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 – Maria Kuba
- 3 – Noah Kuba
- 4 – Denny Neece
- 5 – Perri Hull, Harvey Ilgen
- 6 – Karen Fritz, Tessa Woodring
- 10 – Darryl Mincemoyer, Sue Smith
- 11 – Carter Kerstetter, Reagyn Rothermel
- 15 – Nancy Snook
- 17 – Don Seebold
- 18 – Bob Musser
- 21 – Catrina Bollinger
- 23 – Ray Mincemoyer, Jim Shipton **(98)**
- 24 – Janelle Hicks, Jeff Mensch
- 28 – Dwayne Reed, Erin Wingert
- 29 – Cora Reed

### **CULC ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 – Tom & Karen Watters (1977)
- 21 – Greg & Teresa Shuck (1990)
- 22 – Andrew & Daphne Clouser (1995)
- 23 – Jason & Brandi Zimmerman (2005)

### **FELC ANNIVERSARIES**

- 7 – James & Karen Adams (51 yrs)
- 20 – Michael & Donna Hackenberg (50 yrs)
- 24 – James & Lori Bailey (47 yrs)
- 28 – David & Lori Galer (40 yrs)
- 29 – Don II & Tracy Seebold (24 yrs)

Jim Shipton will turn “98” on April 23 and we would like to shower him with cards.  
His address is: 828 N 4<sup>th</sup> St, Mifflinburg PA 17844-8705.



## VOLUNTEERS

### CULC

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>Lay Reader:</b>	<b>Communion Asst:</b>
4/07	Barry Spangler	Maurice Clouser	Janice Wagner
4/14	Kim & Sue Blyler	Glenn Spangler	Glenn Spangler
4/21	Bev Catherman	Barry Spangler	Barry Spangler
4/28	Dianne Shuck	Lisa Lapp	Judy Moyer

**Sound System:** Dianne Shuck      **Altar Guild:** June Wenrich

**Ushers:** Boop Family

*REMINDER! You are responsible for finding a substitute if you are unable to be here when scheduled. Altar Guild Members, Sound System Operators & Ushers are responsible for any special services scheduled during the month.*



### FELC

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Lay Reader:</b>	<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Young Followers:</b>
4/07	Tom Orren	Jeff Mensch/Don Seebold II	
4/14	Don Seebold II	Eric & Gwen Hull	Christian & Buffy Boyer
4/21	Sherri Neece	Sherri Neece/Kim Wagner	
4/28	Jane Moore	Jeff Crossland & Linda Skinner	

#### **Acolytes:**

4/07 – Erica Boyer      4/14 – Evan McBryan  
4/21 – Jane Moore      4/28 – Hannah Boyer

**Chief Usher:** Barb Randecker

**Money Counters:** Shirley Heasley/Jane Moore      **Altar Guild:** Ruth Gessner/Marianne Motto

If you are scheduled to help with the service and are unable to fulfill your responsibility, please contact the Chief Usher. If you are scheduled to count money and are unable to do so, please find a substitute.

## **BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH**

**The Rev Curt Wingert, Pastor**

**Pastor Curt's e-mail:** [pastorbuffalovalleyparish@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbuffalovalleyparish@gmail.com)

**Parish Council Members:** Shirley Heasley, Jennifer Keister, Terry Kline,  
Linda Lewis, Marianne Motto, Barry Spangler

**CHRIST'S UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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17845 570-922-1860

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**CULC Website:** [www.4bellschurch.com](http://www.4bellschurch.com)  
**CULC Facebook:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/4bellchurch1>

### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday-Thursday – 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

### **STAFF MEMBERS**

**The Members of the Congregation,**

*The Ministers*

**Matthew Wagner**, Organist

**Diane Valentine & Karen**

*Zimmerman*, Pianists

**Barry Spangler**, Digital Music Arranger

**Loretta Martin**, Custodian

**Margie Dunkle**, Secretary/Asst. Tr.

**Dianne Shuck**, Treasurer

**Janet Hackenberg**, Asst. Treasurer

**Lisa Lapp**, Financial Recording

*Secretary*

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Joel Blyler**–Worship & Music

**Kim Blyler**–Facilities & Administration

**Gina Buttorff**–Inreach & Outreach

**Bev Catherman**–Eucharist & Visitation

**Terry Kline**–Facilities & Administration

**Lisa Lapp**–Facilities & Administration

**Greg Shuck**–President/Christian Ed

**Teresa Shuck**–Inreach & Outreach

**Linda Smith**–Inreach & Outreach

**Barry Spangler**–Secretary/Worship & Music

**Lee Spangler**–V President/Christian Ed

**Idella Zimmerman**-Eucharist & Visitation

**FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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570-966-0266

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**FELC Website:** [felcmifflinburg.org](http://felcmifflinburg.org)

**FELC Facebook:** First Evangelical  
Lutheran Church Mifflinburg Pa

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### **STAFF MEMBERS**

**Sue Nentwig**, Secretary

**Katiann Lloyd**, Financial Secretary

**Diane Scott**, Director of Music

**Hank Dorman**, Sexton

**Kay Trick**, Housekeeping

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Jeff Mensch**, Council President

**Kim Sauers**, Council Vice President

**Linda Lewis**, Secretary

**Gloria Mincemoyer**, Treasurer

**Jamie Bartlett**, Council

**Christian Boyer**, Council

**Shirley Heasley**, Council

**Sue Jows**, Council

**Jane Moore**, Council

**Barb Randecker**, Council

**Don Seibold II**, Council



## ***WELCA NEWS***

### **Annual Convention**

You are invited to attend the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Women of the ELCA, Upper Susquehanna Synod, **August 10, 2024** at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Turbotville, PA. Please plan to come to this one-day convention as it brings an opportunity for you to meet with your sisters from neighboring churches and participate in the Women of the ELCA of the Synod. **CONVENTION THEME: “Don’t Go it Alone...Follow Jesus.”** Rev. Mindy Bartholomew will lead the worship service and Bible study. Josie Miller will be leading the second workshop with chair yoga.

**Registration:** The registration cost is \$45. The form and full payment are needed by July 1. The Delegate Certification Form must accompany your registration form. Delegates must be present at all business meetings and the orientation session. **All forms and driving directions are available in the church office.**

**Nomination Forms:** We will be electing a Treasurer and Secretary as well as 2 board members. Please give prayerful consideration to serving in one of these positions. We have a wonderful and active board that is a joy to work with.

**Offerings:** Freewill – This offering will be received during the worship service on Saturday morning. It will be used to support the ongoing ministries of the Women of the ELCA.

**Mission Ingathering:** This year our Mission Ingathering will support Lutheran Immigration Services.

**In-Kind Offering:** We will be accepting non-perishable food items for Agape Ministries in Bloomsburg.



## Upper Susquehanna Synod Women's Organization Day of Learning/Renewal

**Date:** April 27

**Location:** St. John's Lutheran, 410 Race Street (Corner of 5th and Race Streets) Mifflinville PA 18631 (Directions to the church are available in the church office at First Lutheran. St. John's is accessible via ramp and an elevator is available.)

Please consider joining us for this event which will offer a presentation by Sister Marianne Brock who is looking forward to sharing pictures and telling of her experiences while traveling in the Holy Land. This proves to be an enjoyable opportunity and we hope you will decide to join us – not only for the information and views Sister Marianne will be offering but also for the opportunity to interact with your fellow Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women. Let's celebrate spring by viewing some of the areas where Jesus traveled. It might also be a good day to "plant the seeds" of some new friendships with our sisters in the USSWO.

**Registration** begins at 9:30 a.m.

**Program** begins at 10:00 a.m. (Closing at approximately 2:00 p.m.)

**Cost:** \$15.00 which includes lunch

**Registration Deadline: April 15, 2024**

Call 570-850-8346 (Rita Avery's cell phone) if you have questions.



### ***CAMP MOUNT LUTHER***

355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844

Phone: (570) 922-1587 E-mail: [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org)

### **Summer Camp Season at Camp Mount Luther**

Camp Mount Luther is gearing up for the 2024 summer camping season. Registrations are now being accepted for all programs until they are filled. **Campers who register before midnight on April 15th will receive an exclusive T-shirt.** Or, if you bring a friend to camp who's never been there, or sign up for multiple weeks, you can get a discount off your registration fee. Program information and registration is available at [www.campmountluther.org/summer](http://www.campmountluther.org/summer).

This year's camping season will begin on June 23, 2024. Resident and Day Camps run until August 2. There are programs for all ages from kindergarten to senior high, adults, and families. Most sessions run for one week, but there are also half-week and day-only sessions, including a Create-A-Camp option. For more information on this summer's programs, call the camp office at (570) 922-1587 or visit the camp's website at <http://www.campmountluther.org>.

The Mount Luther experience is a blend of small and large group activities. Campers spend most of their time in a cabin group with peer campers and their counselors. A Family Camp will be held during the week of June 30 and there is also a Servant and Leadership Training (SALT) camp for senior high. Theme weeks for Night Owl, Water Adventure, and Christmas in July are also being offered.

This year's theme at Mount Luther is "Created to be." We will explore how God gives us freedom to be our authentic selves and what it means to be siblings in Christ—humans who are brave enough to encourage and stand up for each other, sharing burdens as well as joys. We grow and learn more about ourselves while listening to and sharing with each other. Through the camp's method of studying the Bible, called "GROW Time," staff will help campers gather and reflect on the Word throughout their day, culminating in an evening worship service. Campers also get to do crafts, go swimming, play games, camp out, and sing songs during their time at Mount Luther.

### **Bishop's Open Golf Classic**

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop's Open Golf Classic to benefit Camp Mount Luther will take place on May 13 at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club. Registration and sponsorship forms are available in the CULC church office. **The deadline to register is May 1.**

### **CULC Camp Person**

Barry Spangler, who is serving as Christ's United's camp person again this year, has information on programs for the summer. Brochures are available at the church or on the camp's website. Our church will pay up to \$150.00 per person for any CULC congregational member's child or grandchild this year. Anyone from our congregation can receive "Camel Bucks" from Barry for use at the camp store this summer.

### **Summer Staff**

Every summer, Camp Mount Luther depends on responsible young people to serve as role models for our campers. Whether serving as a counselor, lifeguard, or kitchen personnel, a job at camp can be an amazing and rewarding work experience. Please spread the word and help us find quality candidates for Summer 2024. If you know someone who would be a good fit, direct them to [chad@campmountluther.org](mailto:chad@campmountluther.org)

### **Health Professionals & Counselors Needed for the 2024 Camp Season**

**Camp Mount Luther is looking for counselors and volunteer nurses. To apply:** [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org) or 570-922-1587.



## ***SYNOD NEWS***

### **Synod Office Hours Update**

We wanted to let you know that Synod Office hours will be inconsistent for the time being. Brenda Krouse, our administrative assistant, is managing some family medical issues which may lead to her working more from home. Please be sure to call the synod office (570-524-9778) before stopping by. Thanks for your understanding and prayers.

**Young Adult Fellowship:** Looking for a community of young adults to connect with? Join the Upper Susquehanna Synod Young Adult Fellowship on the last Wednesday of every month on Zoom for a time of sharing and discussion. Right now, we're exploring how to be theologians of the cross. For a Zoom link and more information, contact Jim at [jim@campmountluther.org](mailto:jim@campmountluther.org). We hope you can join us!



# April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <b>No Bible Study</b> 6:00 Kiwanis-FELC	<b>2</b> 6:30 Scouts-FELC	<b>3</b> 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC 6:30 Council-FELC	<b>4</b> 1:00 WELCA-FELC	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 11-12:30 Community Meal-FELC
<b>7</b> 8:30 Worship-CULC 9:30 Koinonia Kafe-CULC 10:30 Worship-FELC Rehearsal-FELC 2:00 Small Fellowship Hall Reserved-CULC	<b>8</b> 1:30 Parish Bible Study-FELC	<b>9</b> 6:30 Scouts-FELC	<b>10</b> 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC 6:30 Tone Chime Rehearsal-FELC	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 8:30 Worship-CULC 10:30 Worship-FELC Rehearsal-FELC	<b>15</b> 1:30 Parish Bible Study-FELC 6:00 Kiwanis-FELC 6:30 Parish Inreach/Outreach-FELC	<b>16</b> 6:30 Scouts-FELC 7:00 Council-CULC	<b>17</b> 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Kitchen Reserved-CULC  <b>May Newsletter Articles Due</b>
<b>21</b> 8:30 Worship-CULC 10:30 Worship-FELC 12:00 Rwanda Trip Meeting-FELC 6:00 Acoustic Worship-FELC	<b>22</b> 1:30 Parish Bible Study-FELC	<b>23 Election Day</b> 6:30 Scouts-FELC	<b>24</b> 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC 6:30 Tone Chime Rehearsal-FELC	<b>25</b> Kitchen Reserved-CULC	<b>26</b> 9:00 Workday-CULC	<b>27</b> 9:00 Workday-CULC 3:30 Ham Loaf Supper-CULC
<b>28</b> 8:30 Worship-CULC 10:30 Worship-FELC	<b>29</b> 1:30 Parish Bible Study-FELC	<b>30</b> 6:30 Scouts-FELC				