



BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH NEWS

AUGUST 2022

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

Grace and peace to you!

It's hard to believe that it's August and summer will soon be over! I have talked and preached about being a community, and this summer, I have seen this parish working as a community and working in the community. I have been helping with Hope's Haven, the food pantry located at 4 Bells. This is an amazing community outreach where we have served approximately ninety families from Union County every Wednesday. In July, the parish held its first VBS in many years, and what a week it was! Around fifty children from the community came to the park to hear the good news and share the love of Jesus Christ. We were blessed to have so many volunteers to help pull this event off, and I know I am looking forward to next year! But VBS wasn't just for the kids; I think the adults had just as much fun as the kids! It was great to see the parish working together, laughing together, and being a community together. There was a lot of brainstorming going on among the adults, and I am looking forward to future events. I am also excited about the future of the parish!

On Sunday, July 31st, I was honored to preach at the Vesper Service at the West End Fair. It was a great evening of bluegrass music by Bluegrass Rambler's and worshipping with those of all faith backgrounds! It was a blessing to preach, be in the community, and share a little of my faith story! I also spent some time at the fair supporting some of our parish youth by attending events they were participating in.

THANK YOU to everyone who volunteers in our outreach ministries, THANK YOU to everyone who volunteers on our committees, THANK YOU for being a community, THANK YOU for serving our communities! You all are a blessing to the parish and also a blessing to our communities!

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Curt Wingert

BIBLE STUDIES



Our Bible studies are taking a summer break. Be on the lookout for more information about the studies resuming in the fall.

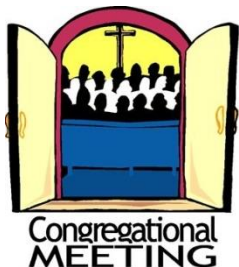
PARISH EVENTS

August 31, 7 PM, at Christ's United: A shooter incident program will be given to those interested on what to do and how to handle or prevent an incident from a potential shooter.

September 11, 10 AM, at Mifflinburg Community Park: A joint worship & picnic will be held under one of the picnic pavilions. Worship starts at 10 AM with the picnic following. A representative from Soles for Souls will be at worship. The Parish will be supplying paper goods and hot dogs while guests are invited to bring a covered dish to share.



SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



A special congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 18, after worship.**

The congregation will vote on whether to extend a call to Pastor Curt. First Lutheran will be holding a similar meeting to extend a call to Pastor Curt on the same day.

BUFFALO VALLEY CONFERENCE

The Buffalo Valley Conference Gathering was formed to create opportunities for deeper communication, support, and shared ministry among the churches in the Buffalo Valley Conference (BVC). **Christ's United** is an active member of this group. The Gathering has begun meeting again in order to identify:

- ~ Ministries that we could share information about to help get the word out to our communities about the things we do.
- ~ Ministries that would benefit from resource gathering and sharing of ideas to help strengthen their effectiveness.
- ~ Ministries that would lend themselves to a partnership between congregations.

Activities and news of interest to BVC congregations and their members will be posted to the conference FACEBOOK page... facebook.com/bvcuss (Buffalo Valley Conference of the Upper Susquehanna Synod ELCA). Please "like" and "follow" this page to bring the latest BVC information -- group activities, public meals, special services, etc. -- directly to your newsfeed.

The next BVC Gathering meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 21, at 2:00 PM at Milton Lutheran Church, 100 Mahoning Street, Milton. If you are interested in learning more or helping to develop opportunities in areas such as worship, fellowship, outreach/service, small groups, or pastoral care, please plan to attend this meeting. For more information, please speak to **Barry Spangler**.

CONGRATULATIONS to

Mark and Julie Alexander on becoming first-time grandparents!

**Griffin Thomas DeFreest was born on July 11th
to Katie and David DeFreest.**

The family is living on the family dairy farm in Waitsfield, Vermont.



THANKS!

Dear First Lutheran,

Thank you so much for the wonderful quilt! I know a lot of people put in a lot of time and love into it and all the other ones. I will always have great memories of growing up in the church whenever I look at it! ~ Aaron Hackenburg

Dear Ladies of the FELC,

Thank you for all the time, effort, and love that was put into making my quilt. It turned out beautifully. I'm so thankful for all of the support. ~ Love, Sara Harter



It takes a VILLAGE

Many THANKS to all the volunteers and helpers that came out to VBS this week!!

Thanks to both congregations for all the donations and support, VBS 2022 was a great success!!!

Please take time to view the large poster our campers made!!





CHILDREN'S CHURCH

If anyone is interested in volunteering to help with Children's Church at FELC, contact Ann Beckley at 570-966-0646.

FELC NURSERY AND YOUTH UPDATES

We are under construction! A remodel of the Church Nursery and Youth Space is happening and we need your help! The Nursery will be getting a fresh update! We would like to fill the space with welcoming furniture and toys for the youngest guests and members of FELC. We have carefully selected items for this space that will be quiet and are age appropriate (0 to 3 years old).

A youth space is coming!! The former pre-school room in the basement is being renovated for our Youth, MACY and Mini MACY! The space will have furniture that is "flexible" so the room can still be used for other church events. The "Yo-Yo" Space will allow our youth programming to grow right here in the church walls.

You can help by making a donation, volunteering your talents, or by helping us fill these spaces with furniture, toys and other needs! Please see Liz Loss (570-412-5598) for monetary or gift card donations, and any questions! To help us fill the space, visit our Target & Amazon Wish Lists! Wish Lists at Target & Amazon – FELC Youth

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

HOSPICE OF EVANGELICAL VOLUNTEER TRAINING

If you're looking for a gratifying and meaningful volunteer experience, Hospice of Evangelical has the opportunity you're seeking and the training you need! The Hospice of Evangelical Team has specially trained, caring volunteers working alongside staff providing friendly visits, vigil care for families, as well as bereavement support to patients and their families. There are also volunteer opportunities for office support.

Training takes place:

September 21, from 8:30 am - 4 pm

Hospice of Evangelical, 235 Hospital Drive, Lewisburg.

This is a FREE training event.

Training is limited to 8-10 participants. For more information or to request an application, call the Volunteer Liaison at 570-522-2955.



Abby Yorks representing

Aunt Abby's Shoe Mission-A Step in the Right Direction

Will be presenting a talk on Sunday, **September 11, 2022**, at our Outdoor Parish Service @10 AM at the Town Park.

Have you ever wondered where those shoes you place in the box go?? Come out and hear about Soles4Souls and her mission project.

This will also coordinate with

"God's Work Our Hands (& Feet) Sunday",

and Rally Sunday.

Watch for updates and a special request in future bulletins and September's Newsletter!



God's work.
Our hands.

ANNOUNCING:

On Sunday, September 11, 2022, the BVLP will have a combined church service at the town park. During this service there will be a special blessing for school age kiddos, teachers, & staff, etc.

A blessing of student backpacks, teacher bags, laptop & Chromebook bags, etc. will also take place.

Please save this date, as there are several things happening during this special service!



FELC is looking for a couple of individuals who would be willing to facilitate and share the duties for Adult Sunday School for the season.

Adult Sunday School is from approx. 9:00 - 10:15, prior to the 10:30 service.

If you have an interest in this, please let Pastor Curt or Ann Beckley know.



If you are interested in **attending** Adult Sunday School please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the hallway.

This will help determine if this type of program is needed at this time.

LOOKING AHEAD - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, September 11 – Parish Picnic

Saturday, September 24 – CULC Turkey Dinner - Drive Thru Only

Online pre-ordering will be available at 4bellschurch.com or call 570-716-5601

Saturday, November 5 – CULC Pot Pie Sale - by the quart - Drive Thru Only

Online pre-ordering will be available at 4bellschurch.com or call 570-716-5601.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CULC COUNCIL

The next regular meeting of the CULC Council will take place on **Tuesday, August 16.**

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL AT FIRST

First Lutheran will be serving a free community meal on **Saturday, September 3 from 11:00 – 12:30.** All are welcome! Please enter the door in the alley behind the church.

MUSIC AT FIRST

Announcing several music events to take place starting this Fall!

- The Chancel Choir will plan to sing during worship-ONCE A MONTH-on the second Sunday of each month (subject to change)
- Choir practice for the Chancel Choir will begin September 14th at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. The rehearsal will last a half an hour. Rehearsals will continue every Wednesday on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesday of each month. It will not meet on the first Wednesday of each month. If you like to sing, come join us!
- On Reformation Sunday (October 30th) we will be using the music setting from the Service Book and Hymnal (The old Red Book). This lovely setting has been requested. What better place than to add it to Reformation Sunday!
- There are already plans in place to have a brass choir for Christmas Eve! Thanks to friend of the church, Aaron Himes, for organizing this possibility! Any requests or concerns, please reach out to Diane Scott at 570-523-8378.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION CONTINUED...

FELC KEYS/FOBS

If anyone has a key or FOB to the church, please report it to the church office and the reason you need the key/FOB. We are trying to have an accurate count of church keys. Thank you.

OFFERING COUNTERS

Christ's United's council members are looking for volunteers willing to be included in a rotation of offering counters who would then deposit the offering after worship. If you are interested, please discuss it with a Council member. Also, a sign-up sheet will be placed in the hallway.

COFFEE CANS

Christ's United is in need of coffee cans to use for taking altar flowers after the worship service. If you have any to spare, put them in the kitchen or the small fellowship hall.

WEIS/WENGER'S GIFT CARDS OFFER

Gift cards make wonderful gifts for college students, birthdays, weddings, ♥ day, Easter, 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 Seebold will even deliver! Give him a call at 966-0727 or 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 - \$25 & \$50 gift cards for Weis, Wenger's and L&L Marketplace are also available from Christ's United. If you want to purchase cards, talk to Sue Blyler (570-922-4114). If you would like to pay by check, it should be made payable to "Christ's United Lutheran Church" and put "L&L, Weis or Wenger's cards" on the memo line.



355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844
Telephone (570) 922-1587 Fax (570) 922-1118
E-mail: cml@campmountluther.org

September 3 - Dandelion Run

Camp Mount Luther will be holding a 5- and 10-kilometer trail run race at the camp on Saturday, September 3, 2022. This is an entry-level trail race on Mount Luther grounds with proceeds going to the camp. The start time for the race is 9:00 a.m. Runners decide on race day if they want to do a 5K or 10K (a double loop of the 5K) run. You must be registered by August 8 by 6:00 p.m. to receive a hoodie. Registration is \$35. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. on race day. Shower facilities are available after the race. All miles for the course will be marked and there is one water stop on the course. Timing will be electronically done.

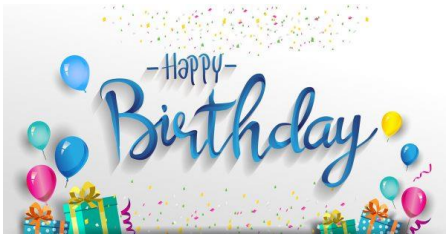
To register, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Mifflinburg/DandelionRun5k10kTrailRace>.

The Dandelion Run, begun in 2002, is organized by Joel and Shelley Heasley of Middleburg. It was named in honor and memory of Rev. Glenn E. Heasley, Jr., former Assistant to the Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Glenn's favorite "flower" was the dandelion. Heasley's widow, Shirley, is also involved in the planning of the race.



Cookies Needed for Dandelion Run

Donations of homemade cookies are needed for the annual run. Cookies should be delivered to the church no later than **Friday, September 2nd by 2:00PM**. The door at First will be unlocked on Friday, September 2nd from 9 am - 2 pm. If you have any questions, contact Shirley Heasley at 570-966-1008.



CULC BIRTHDAYS

8/01 Terry Diehl
8/03 Larry Sampsell
8/05 Sianah Gemberling
8/07 Kim Blyler
8/10 Charlotte Pirraglia, Wesley Pirraglia
8/11 Landon Auld
8/12 Payton Spigelmyer,
Brandi Zimmerman
8/14 Tom Catherman, Ethel Schnure
8/15 June Wenrich
8/17 Larry Zerbe
8/20 Stacey Gemberling
8/22 Sue Blyler
8/25 Eric Dunkle, Janet Hackenberg
8/28 Kaelex Shuck
8/29 Barbara Grimooris

FELC BIRTHDAYS

8/03 Troy Smith
8/05 Libby Loss
8/06 Michael Beckley
8/08 Jane Moore
8/09 Erica Boyer, Hannah Boyer
8/10 Grace Alexander, Logan Bartlett
8/11 Susan Jows, Carol Shipton
8/12 Eric Hull, Mike Shoemaker
8/13 William Donmoyer
8/14 Calista Girton, Elizabeth Loss
8/19 Traci Musser
8/21 Denise Seebold
8/24 Tim Klose
8/28 Calen Loss, Janet Shoemaker
8/31 Jim Randecker

CULC ANNIVERSARIES

8/11 Steve & Becky Forcheskie (1990)
8/20 Larry & Gayle Zerbe (1967)
8/31 Andrew & Jennifer Keister (2013)

FELC ANNIVERSARIES

8/01 Tom & Lisa Woodring (38 yrs.)
8/20 Don & Erma Hower (72 yrs.)
8/29 Drew & Paula Christy (52 yrs.)
Brian & Debbie Dauberman (24 yrs.)

THE DEADLINE FOR
ARTICLES FOR THE
SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER
IS **AUGUST 20**

In Our Prayers

CHRIST'S UNITED

Winifred Aikey
Roger Dunkle
Doug & Pearl Gemberling
Gary Hackenberg
Dianne Shuck
Chuck Spurr
Tom Watters
Rozelle DeDe Ensminger
Valerie Fry
Gary & Barb Gemberling
George (Mick) Guffey
Scott Hummel
Myrletta Kline
Dawn Moyer
Harry Moyer
Dave Oberlin
Candie Ranck
Cliff Ressler
Kim Roberts
John Snook
Carl & Tara Stumpf
Svetlana
Rita Tinnes
Glenn Wiand

The Shut-Ins: Winnie Aikey, Florence Boop, Betty Goss, Barbara Grimooris, Mary Hassinger, Helen Pirone, Meda Struble, Connie Wagner.

*In an effort to keep the prayer list current, Christ's United will clear their list on a quarterly basis. Their list will be updated 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

Michael Culp
Gladys Jamison
Logan Roush

The Shut Ins:

Pearl Culp
Lois Elliott
Ed Henry
Doris Moll
Ethel Musser

The Troops:

Dylan Harvey
Thaddeus Miller
Zachary Miller

Also:

The family of Jim Beckley



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

October 2 – Blanket Sunday

October 15 – Fall Retreat, Camp Mt. Luther - The theme will be “Fruits of the Spirit” with Stina Schaeffer as our guest.



SYNOD NEWS



Join us as we celebrate the last six years of ministry of Rev. Barbara J. Collins as our bishop. A pizza party will be held at Camp Mount Luther on **Saturday, August 27, 2022**, starting at noon. In addition, the synod is providing Bishop Collins with two gifts, one for her and her husband and a monetary gift to Camp Mount Luther (at her request). If you or your congregation would like to add to that monetary gift, you can send a contribution to the synod office, the camp, or donate on the synod website. To register for the pizza party,

email brenda@uss-elca.org, call the synod office, or click here: <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/5401069>.

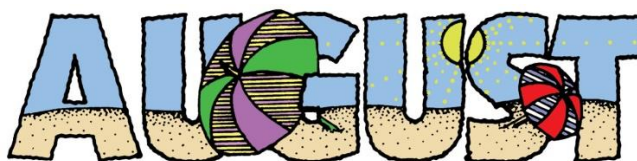
September 11, 2022: “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday

On Sunday, September 11, congregations of the ELCA will join for “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday, our annual day of service. We are a church energized by lively engagement in faith and life. As we continue our tradition of service to our neighbor, we remember the words of Martin Luther: “Our faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing.” With our hands, we do God’s work of restoring and reconciling communities in the name of Jesus Christ. As you explore opportunities to participate in your community, [ELCA.org/DayofService](https://www.elca.org/DayofService) has everything you need to plan and promote your day. [Old Lutheran](https://www.OLDLutheran.com) has T-shirts and other items available for purchase. The deadline for ordering your congregation’s personalized T-shirts is Aug. 19. Don’t forget to share your congregation’s participation with us! Send stories and photos to LivingLutheran@elca.org so that together we can celebrate what God accomplishes through you. Participate on social media using #GodsWorkOurHands. If your congregation cannot participate on Sept. 11, please consider another day for your

service activities. You work every day to make your community a better place. We look forward to working together on “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday.

September 17, 2022: Bishop Installation

The installation of the Fourth Bishop of USS will take place September 17, 2:00 p.m. at Zion, Sunbury. More details will come out in August.



VOLUNTEERS

CULC

Date:	Lay Reader:	Communion Asst.:	Monthly:
8/07	Greg Shuck	Greg Shuck	<u>Sound System:</u>
8/14	Janet Hackenberg	Bev Catherman	Dave Bickhart
8/21	Barry Spangler	Barry Spangler	<u>Altar Guild:</u>
8/28	Glenn Spangler	Glenn Spangler	Dianne Shuck
			Janice Wagner
			<u>Ushers:</u>
			Maurice Clouser
			Eugene Hassinger



FELC

Date:	Lay Reader:	Ushers:
8/07	Linda Skinner	Eric & Gwen Hull
8/14	Linda Lewis	Carol Klose & Libby Loss
8/21	Jeff Mensch	Kim Sawyer & Marianne Motto
8/28	Tom Orren	Linda Skinner & Sue Jowss

Chief Ushers: Jane Moore & Shirley Heasley

Altar Guild: Andy Long

Money Counters: Gloria Mincemoyer & Ed Libhart

BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH

The Rev Curt Wingert, Pastor

Pastor Curt's e-mail: pastorbuffalovalleyparish@gmail.com

Parish Council Members: Sue Jows, Jennifer Keister, Terry Kline,
Kim Sawyer, Jim Schwartz, Barry Spangler

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CULC Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/4bellchurch1>

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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

David Swartz & Barry Spangler,

Digital Music Arrangers

Loretta Martin, Custodian

Margie Dunkle, Secretary/Asst. Tr.

Dianne Shuck, Treasurer

Janet Hackenberg, Asst. Treasurer

Tammy Boop, Financial Recording
Secretary

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Jennifer Keister, President, F&A

Lee Spangler, VP, F&A

Barry Spangler, Recording Secretary,
Inreach

Joel Blyler, Outreach

Kim Blyler, Facilities & Administration

Sue Blyler, Inreach

Bev Catherman, Inreach

Joe Dressler, Outreach

Terry Kline, Outreach

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STAFF MEMBERS

Sue Nentwig, Secretary

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Diane Scott, Director of Music

Hank Dorman, Sexton

Loretta Martin, Housekeeping

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jeff Mensch, Council President

Linda Lewis, Council VP

Gloria Mincemoyer, Treasurer

Emily Seebold, Secretary/Youth

Ann Beckley, Council

Shirley Heasley, Council

Sue Jows, Council

Jane Moore, Council

Marianne Motto, Council

Kim Sauers, Council

Kim Sawyer, Council

Jim Schwartz, Council

August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC 6:30 Council- FELC	4	5	6
7 8:30 Worship- CULC 9:30 Koinonia Kafe-CULC 9:30 Sunday School-CULC 10:30 Worship- FELC	8 6:30 MACST- FELC	9	10 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC	11	12	13
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