



BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH NEWS

AUGUST 2023

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

Grace and peace to you!

"¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life."—1 Timothy 6:17-19

In his book *Giving to God*, Mark Allan Powell states: "We are invited to put money in the offering plate on Sunday morning not because the church needs our money but because we want and need to give it." I underlined this statement by Mark Allan Powell in my copy of his book as I prepared for my stewardship class before seminary. I also wrote, "I wish we would think this way." We typically don't think this way. We usually think the church needs our money to pay the bills to keep the doors open. Yes, that is part of it, but the other part of our giving is to do the mission, the ministry God has called us to do!

Take a minute and think about all the good things God has provided for you. We all could probably come up with a pretty good-sized list, can't we? God gives us the air we breathe, the food that we eat. But God also gave us his only Son, who took our pain and suffering to the cross and gave us eternal life. Just think, God provided all these things without questioning and out of sheer love for us.

What if we were to give a little extra to God? A little extra to keep God's mission going in our communities? Or, a little extra to continue that foundation for our future generations?

We have been living in unprecedented times, and your current income might be affected. If, and only if you are able, I ask that you think about giving a little extra to God and the ministries God has called us to in our communities.

Peace in Christ,
The Rev. Curt Wingert

BIBLE STUDIES



We will take a break from Bible Study during the month of August and will resume in the Book of Romans, starting on Monday, September 11 at 1:30 pm at First Lutheran.

We would like to begin evening Bible studies in the fall. More information will be forthcoming.



Pastor Curt is on vacation from July 26 through August 3.
He will also be on vacation from August 18 – 25.

PARISH EVENTS

Worship Service on August 6 – We will be welcoming members of Messiah Lutheran at our 8:30 am (4Bells) or 10:30 am (FIRST) worship services on Sunday, August 6.



Crosscutters Baseball Game

Tickets for a Williamsport Crosscutters baseball game for **Sunday, August 13**, have been secured. The game starts at 4:05 p.m. More details on travel arrangements will be forthcoming. If interested, please reach out to Jennifer Keister of Christ's United, Kim Sawyer of First Lutheran, or Ron Blatchley of Messiah Lutheran.



On **September 10 at 10:00 a.m.** we will have a Parish church service at the Mifflinburg Community Park with a picnic lunch to follow. Please bring a covered dish to share. Paper goods, hot dogs and hot dog buns will be supplied. Also, bring a lawn chair to use for the worship service. **We hope you will join us!!**

ANNOUNCING:

On Sunday, September 10, during the combined church service at the town park, there will be a special blessing for school age kiddos, teachers, staff, etc. and a blessing of student backpacks, teacher bags, laptop bags, etc.

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



**God's work.
Our hands.**

"God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday – September 10

In conjunction with our joint service in the park on September 10, we will join the congregations of the ELCA for **"God's work. Our hands." Sunday, our annual day of service.** This year marks the 10th anniversary of "God's work. Our hands." Sunday! **As a part of our day of service, we will be collecting the following items for Hope's Haven: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup.**



CULC NEWS

Births

DJ and Haleigh Boop welcomed their first-born son, Earl Grant, on Tuesday, June 13, at 12:05 p.m. He weighed 7 lbs 2 oz and was 20.5 inches long. Earl is the grandson of Dennis and Tammy Boop and Duane and Lisa Lapp.

His extended family members include Great-Grandmother Florence Boop, Aunt Jennifer Keister, Great-Aunt Donna Duke, and Cousins Michael & Molly Keister.

(Thank you to Aunt Jennifer for providing us with the birth information.)

Condolences

--We extend our deepest sympathy to **Louise Ritter** and her family following the death of her son-in-law, Danny Sakievich on July 7.

--We also offer our condolences to **Dennis Boop & Donna Duke** and their families after the death of their aunt, Betty Hess, 93 on July 11.

In Appreciation

"Thanks...it was so nice of you to be so nice to me!"

--CULC Congregation, Thank you so much for the Sheetz Card as well as gifts. I really appreciated it!! --Natalie Harvey

--Thank you for acknowledging Natalie's accomplishments and her graduation from High School. --The Harvey Family

Sunday School Teacher

We are looking for at least one member willing to volunteer to teach/lead adult Sunday School after our worship services. If interested, please reach out to Pastor Curt. He has access to materials and videos.

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

We now have “Homemade” offering envelopes available on the table outside of the office. If you cannot find a set made out for your family, talk to Kim Blyler. You can also continue to make any 2023 donations with a check or in an envelope with your name on it, so we can give you credit for your offering gift.

FELC NEWS

Free Community Meal at FIRST

First Lutheran will be serving a free community meal on **Saturday, August 5, from 11:00 – 12:30**. All are welcome! Please enter the door in the alley behind the church. Upcoming meals for the remainder of the year will be held on **September 2, October 7, November 4, and December 2**.



Summer Music

Music at FIRST this summer will feature guest musicians from the area.

Aug 6: Emily Seebold

Aug 13: KJ Reimensnyder

Aug 20: Fred Hooper and Broderick Leshner, violin and piano

Tone Chime Choir

We were fortunate to secure tone chimes from UCC (across the street) on loan for one year! We will be starting a tone chime choir beginning in the Fall. There was enough interest to make this happen!

Details will be forthcoming about rehearsals to start in September. Diane Scott will lead the tone chime choir, (in addition to the Chancel Choir as interest permits).



What are tone chimes? Tone chimes are designed to be starter instruments for hand bells. They are lighter and easier to ring, but still create a beautiful tone.

New Worship Setting Beginning in October

Beginning in October, we will be using Setting 10 in the ELW. Also, beginning in October, on the first Sunday of each month we'll be coming to the rail for communion and we will also come to the rail on Christmas Eve and Easter.

Altar Flowers

The cost of altar flowers is now \$50.00 for 2 vases instead of \$40.00.

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.

Online Giving

First Evangelical Lutheran Church is excited to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides donation consistency for our congregation.

Manage your giving online:

We are pleased to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the internet. To get started simply follow these steps:

1. Visit the website at www.felcmifflinburg.org
2. Click on the give button, then
3. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

Vanco Mobile App:

You can also manage your online giving by using the Vanco Mobile App. Download the Vanco Mobile App on your smartphone and search for First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mifflinburg, PA and follow the directions.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Curt or the church office (570-966-0266). We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry!



YOUTH NEWS

FELC Scholarships

Applications for the Wehr & Munson Memorial Scholarships are available in the First Lutheran office to students who have completed three semesters of college courses. The deadline for submission is August 1st.



LOVE INC (Love in the Name of Christ) 5K Run/Walk

The 11th Annual 5K Run/Walk to support LOVE INC will be held at the Milton Island Park on Saturday, August 19. The race is a cross country style course and will start at 9 am. All proceeds will be used to help clients with unmet needs within our local communities.

Preregistrations received by August 2 will receive a T-shirt and a discount on registration. Registration forms are on the hallway bulletin board or available from the church office. If you have questions, contact Juliet.loveinc@gmail.com or call the office at 570-742-3561.

LOVE INC is a local non-profit organization that provides volunteer services through a network of churches. It is a cooperative effort between churches and community agencies to provide help for those in need. This is their 25th year of serving Snyder, Union, and Upper Northumberland counties. They offer the following services/ministries:

- 1 -Transportation Ministry - FREE rides to local appointments
- 2 - Errand Ministry - Running errands for those in need
- 3 - Care & Concern Ministry - Building bridges between people

- 4 - Home & Household Repair Ministry - We look at each situation, but we do have limits – we cannot repair or replace roofs, for example.
- 5 - Yard Work Ministry - Leaf Raking - Spring Clean-up
- 6 - Prayer We will pray with you – we will pray for you!
- 7 - Technical Tutoring - help setting up smart phones, TVs and tablets

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 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 - Grocery cards can now be purchased from Idella Zimmerman. 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.



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



CHRIST'S UNITED

Jim Adams
Winifred Aikey
Paul Brann
Phil Crosbie
Roger Dunkle
Darlene Endy
Rozelle DeDe Ensminger
Gary Gemberling
Pearl Gemberling
George (Mick) Guffey
Gary & Janet Hackenberg
Scott Hummel
John Keister
Roy Laudermilch
John Morrison
Harry Moyer
Dave Oberlin
Louise Ritter
Sam & Ethel Schnure
Lee & Kathy Spangler
Tom Watters
Jessica Wheeler
Glenn Wiand

The Shut-Ins:

Winnie Aikey, Florence Boop
Betty Goss, Helen Pirone, Dottie Rathfon.

Also:

The families of Danny Sakievich and Betty Hess

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

Michael Culp
Amanda Galer
Ed Libhart
Logan Roush
Ken & Pat Smith

The Shut-Ins:

Mary Lib Dunkle
Lois Elliott
Carol Mensch
Doris Moll
Ethel Musser
Dotty Seebold
James Shipton
Trena Zeller

The Troops:

Dylan Harvey
Thaddeus Miller
Zachary Miller





AND



CULC

- 1 – Terry Diehl
- 3 – Larry Sampsell
- 5 – Sianah Gemberling
- 7 – Kim Blyler
- 10 – Charlotte & Wesley Pirraglia
- 11 – Landon Auld
- 12 – Payton Spigelmyer,
Brandi Zimmerman
- 14 – Tom Catherman, Ethel Schnure
- 15 – June Wenrich
- 17 – Larry Zerbe
- 20 – Stacey Gemberling
- 22 – Sue Blyler
- 25 – Eric Dunkle, Janet Hackenberg
- 28 – Kaelex Shuck

FELC

- 2 – Kimm Watson
- 3 – Troy Smith
- 5 – Libby Loss
- 6 – Michael Beckley, Kaleisha Page
- 8 – Bailey Klose, Jane Moore
- 9 – Erica & Hannah Boyer
- 10 – Grace Alexander, Logan Bartlett
- 11 – Sue Jows, Carol Shipton
- 12 – Erica Hess, Eric Hull,
Mike Shoemaker, Carla Watson
- 13 – William Donmoyer
- 14 – Calista Girton, Elizabeth Loss
- 17 – Karen Musser, Nancy Ulrich
- 19 – Dorothy Bollinger, Traci Musser
- 21 – Denise Seebold
- 22 – Jamie Ulrich
- 24 – Timothy Klose, Janet Shoemaker
- 26 – Lori Galer
- 27 – Angela Hendricks
- 28 – David Galer, Calen Loss

CULC

- 11 – Steve & Becky Forcheskie (1990)
- 20 – Larry & Gayle Zerbe (1967)
- 24 – Grant & Lisa Lapp (1991)
- 31 – Andrew & Jennifer Keister (2013)

FELC

- 1 – Tom & Lisa Woodring (39 yrs)
- 14 – Curt & Erin Wingert (24 yrs)
- 20 – Don & Erma Hower (73 yrs)
- 29 – Drew & Paula Christy (53 yrs)
- 29 – Brian & Debbie Dauberman (25 yrs)



VOLUNTEERS

CULC

Date:	Lay Reader:	Communion Assistants:
8/06	Lee Spangler	Lee Spangler
8/13	Barry Spangler	Barry Spangler
8/20	Glenn Spangler	Glenn Spangler
8/27	Lisa Lapp	Judy Moyer

Sound System: Dave Bickhart

Altar Guild: Katherine & Eugene Hassinger

Ushers: Cliff Valentine & Jim Zimmerman

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

Date:	Lay Reader:	Ushers:
8/06	Norm Conrad	Christian Boyer/Don Seebold II
8/13	Sally Rothermel	Libby Loss/Tom Orren
8/20	Jeff Mensch	Andy Long/Jane Moore
8/27	Jane Moore	Eric & Gwen Hull

Acolytes:

8/06 – Brynn Umholtz

8/13 – Hannah Boyer

8/20 – Colbie Loss

8/27 – Ava McBryan

Chief Usher: Shirley Heasley

Money Counters: Linda Lewis/Jim Schwartz

Altar Guild: Andy Long

Volunteers, Please Note: If you are scheduled to help with the service and are unable to fulfill your responsibility, please contact the head 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

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

Parish Council Members: Shirley Heasley, Sue Jows, Jennifer Keister,
Terry Kline, Kim Sawyer, Barry Spangler

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

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

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Joel Blyler, Worship & Music

Kim Blyler, Facilities & Administration

Sue Blyler, Eucharist/Visitation

Bev Catherman, Eucharist/Visitation

Joe Dressler

Jennifer Keister, President, Youth

Terry Kline

Teresa Shuck, Inreach/Outreach

Barry Spangler, Council Secretary, W&M

Lee Spangler, V Pres, Christian Education

Idella Zimmerman, Eucharist/Visitation

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STAFF MEMBERS

Sue Nentwig, Church Secretary

Katiann Lloyd, Financial Secretary

Diane Scott, Director of Music

Hank Dorman, Sexton

Carrie Lasoski, 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

Marianne Motto, Council

Don Seebold II, Council





355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844
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 E-mail: cml@campmountluther.org

This year's camping season at Mount Luther runs until August 8. If you bring a friend to camp who's never been there, you can get 25% off your registration fee. Program information and registration is available at www.campmountluther.org/summer or call the camp office at (570) 922-1587.

This year's theme at Mount Luther is "Holy Trinity, Wholly Love." Campers and staff will enter into the wonder and truth of the Trinity in order to know God more fully and know ourselves more wholly. Each day at camp is framed by a question that will open participants to an aspect of the Trinity. 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.

2023 SUMMER SCHEDULE					
Resident Camp Registration is 2:45-4:00 p.m. Camp ends with songs and a sending service on Friday from 4:45-5:15 p.m. Family camp ends at noon. Day Camps are 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.					
Week	Dates	Pioneers	Juniors	Intermediates	Senior High
		Pick-A-Day Camp (Mon-Fri)			
1	June 18-23		Juniors	Intermediates	
2	June 25-30		Juniors	Intermediates	X-Teen
3	July 4 or 5-7	Family Camp (for all ages); Pick your length of stay if you cannot attend whole program			
		Mini Pioneer (Wed-Fri)	Mini Junior (Wed-Fri)		
4	July 9-14	Pioneers	Tracks	Tracks	
5	July 16-21	Pick An Adventure (Mon-Fri)			
			Juniors	Intermediates	SALT
6	July 24-28	Off-Site Camps			
7	July 30-Aug 4		Juniors	Intermediates	SALT
8	August 6-8	Mini Pioneers	Mini Juniors	Pedal, Pack, & Paddle	SALT

Register online at campmountluther.org. Need a paper registration form?
 Download at campmountluther.org/summer or call us at 570-922-1587

Attention! Young Adults

A reminder that Camp Mount Luther's Young Adult Fellowship meets via Zoom on the last Wednesday of every month. The next meeting will be on **August 30**. If you consider yourself a young adult, come join us! Questions or want the link? Email jim@campmountluther.org.



September 2 - Dandelion Run

Camp Mount Luther will be holding a 5- and 10-kilometer trail run race at the camp on Saturday, September 2, 2023. 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.

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. There will also be a Kids Fun Run! The age groups are 6 and under and 7 – 10. Special awards will be presented to every participant in the fun run. Again, this year there will be a one-mile fun walk! Same registration fees and amenities apply. Walk will be on a dirt road. Timing will be electronically done. To register, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Mifflinburg/DandelionRun5k10kTrailRace>. **You must be registered by midnight, August 14 to receive a hoodie!** There will be an awards ceremony following the races.

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 1st by 2:00PM**. The door at First will be unlocked on Friday, September 1st from 9 am - 2 pm. If you have any questions, contact Shirley Heasley at 570-966-1008.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

October 1 – Blanket Sunday

Burr! When the weather outside is cold and deep with snow, we burrow under warm blankets every night to stay warm as we fall fast asleep. Now imagine a man on a cold bench or a family standing outside of their home, looking at the devastation caused by a natural disaster...How will they find warmth? For many, a simple blanket given when they most need it is a loving way to offer warmth, to offer hope. Many people without homes have a daily challenge of fighting the bitter cold. Around the world, disasters force people from their homes, sending them to shelters and refugee camps where a blanket can make a big difference.

The CWS Blanket program provides warmth, hope, and care during cold and trying times. Your gift provides a sturdy, comforting blanket to children, men, and women who are struggling against the cold.



SYNOD NEWS

ELCA Youth Gathering

The 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering is being held in New Orleans, Louisiana on **July 16-20, 2024**. Every three years, thousands of high school youth and their adult leaders from across the ELCA gather for a week of faith formation and fellowship known as the ELCA Youth called into this world. The 2024 Gathering theme is "Created to Be" which is centered around Psalm 139 with emphasis on verse 14 "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well". Questions? Comments? Laments? Contact the Upper Susquehanna Synod Gathering Synod Champion, Charlene Rineer (ckrorange@yahoo.com or 717-880-2872), who would love to journey through this Gathering experience with you.

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Pastor Curt's vacation →	2 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC 6:30 Council- FELC	3	4	5 11-12:30 Community Meal-FELC
6 8:30 Worship- CULC 9:30 Koinonia Kafe-CULC 9:30 Sunday School-CULC 10:30 Worship- FELC	7 No Bible Study	8	9 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC	10	11	12
13 8:30 Worship- CULC 9:30 Sunday School-CULC 10:30 Worship- FELC 4:05 Cross Cutters Baseball Game	14 No Bible Study	15 7:00 Council- CULC	16 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC	17	18 Pastor Curt's vacation →	19
20 8:30 Worship- CULC 9:30 Sunday School-CULC 10:30 Worship -FELC Sept. Newsltr Info Due Pastor's vac. →	21 No Bible Study	22 6:30 Council- Messiah	23 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC	24	25	26
27 8:30 Worship- CULC 9:30 Sunday School-CULC 10:30 Worship- FELC	28 No Bible Study	29	30 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC	31		