

From Our Pastor...

IT'S TIME

The concept of time materialized in life's experiences and events has been immortalized in the words from Ecclesiastes 3: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace."

I've been blessed to have been able to serve the church for over thirty years in the ordained ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, an ecclesial time materialized in thousands of worship experiences, hundreds of baptisms and weddings, shared meals at the Lord's table and at covered dish celebrations. We laughed, we cried. We've prayed, we sang. We studied together, we confessed. We've welcomed one another, we said our goodbyes. We have been church together.

Time never stands still. Time meets us with challenges, some as stiff and daunting as hurricane force winds. In all

though, the Spirit-breath of God guides and supports us in and by the gifts of faith, hope, and love. Time and movement go hand-in-hand as expressed by Bob Dylan, "the times they are a changing." In the past year-and-a-half, we have experienced many changes in our world and in the church. God will see us through as we discern our next steps. Now, it has come time for me...

TO TURN THE PAGE.

After considerable prayer and conversation with family, friends, and colleagues, I have decided to submit my retirement plans to my bishop and to you. I will conclude my call to serve as your pastor at Christ's United Lutheran Church and First Evangelical Lutheran Church as of September 30, 2021. I thank you for the opportunity you have provided me to serve in the ministry and mission of Christ Jesus our Lord by the direction of His Spirit under the guidance of His Church.

This now comes a time for prayerful remembrances and reflections, a time to hope and imagine, a time to be led by God's Spirit into God's promised tomorrow. A time to listen, and a time to speak. A time to remember, and a time to hope. A time to count blessings, and a time to move forward. A time to cherish the old, and a time to birth the new. Thanks be to God! And to call upon the words of the Apostle Paul, "See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!"

Pr. John

Parish Pastor Rev. John D. Yost

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FELC Scholarships

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



Recital at FELC

On Sunday, June 27th, guest musicians Broderick Leshner, violin and Fred Hooper, piano will present an afternoon recital. They will perform music from the classics to ragtime! The recital starts at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary of First Lutheran.

If you remember the Easter Service, they were the guest musicians and played beautifully! They have been playing together during the pandemic and have created a nice variety of repertoire. During the recital, any donations of a love offering will be given to help Brantley Herman, a 7 year old boy diagnosed with brain cancer.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this lovely fundraiser event!

WORSHIP & SS SCHEDULES

Christ's United:

Worship: Sunday, 8:30AM

Sunday School: Sunday following worship

First Lutheran:

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

Bible Study Schedule

<u>MON-CULC</u>	<u>TUES-FELC</u>	<u>THURS-CULC</u>
<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>6:00 PM</u>
6/7	6/8	6/3
6/14	6/15	6/10
6/21	6/22	6/17
6/28	6/29	6/24
		7/1

July is TBD. Updates will be posted in the church bulletins.

CULC Special Congregational Meeting

There will be a special congregational meeting on **Sunday, June 13**, after the worship service. The agenda topic will be our congregation turning ownership of the fair stand structure back to the Union County West End Fair Association.

After much deliberation, Council approved during its May 18 meeting not to have a church food stand during the Union County West End Fair.



Bonnie Greeney	6/1	Debra Parker	6/25
June Ocker	6/2	Tom Watters	6/25
Denver Clouser	6/3	Douglas Gemberling	6/29
Michael Keister	6/3	Jed Loss	6/29
Colbie Loss	6/3	Jim Sanders	6/29
Randy Harvey	6/4	Pat Smith	6/29
Dianne Shuck	6/4	Lindsey Snyder	6/30
Daniel Crossland	6/5	Josh Hornig	7/3
Wanda Stamm	6/5	Bonnie Conrad	7/4
Karen Adams	6/8	Gary Girton	7/4
Tony Masterson	6/8	Sally Rothermel	7/5
Carol Miller	6/8	Brandi Gemberling	7/6
Sherri Uehling	6/8	Rylan Shuck	7/6
Trena Zeller	6/9	Kim Woods	7/10
Spencer Harvey	6/11	Kayla Forcheskie	7/14
Dustin Kline	6/11	Dylan Harvey	7/15
Latisha Spigelmyer	6/11	Dayna Bickhart	7/16
Ben Hornig	6/13	Patricia Spangler	7/17
Debbie Dauberman	6/16	James Gemberling	7/18
Jayden Zimmerman	6/16	DuFrane Reed	7/19
Karen Troutman	6/17	Norm Conrad	7/20
Sherri Klauger	6/18	Steven Forcheskie	7/20
Dennis Wagner	6/18	Zachary Harvey	7/20
Nathan Harvey	6/19	Rian Rantz	7/21
Jacob Marshall	6/19	Brian Dauberman	7/22
Darlene Ulrich	6/19	Ann Beckley	7/23
Megan Mensch	6/20	Donald Bowersox	7/27
Karen Boyer	6/21	Ashley Wenrich	7/27
Dion Kline	6/22	Helen Donmoyer	7/29
Susannah Rayburn	6/22	Gregory Shuck	7/30
Joe Dressler	6/24	Darlene Endy	7/31
Carol Klose	6/24	Evan McBryan	7/31

In Our Prayers

Winifred Aikey	Tom Watters
Maria Anderson	Linda Gingrich
Kim Blyler	Bev Kauffman
John Bowersox	Keaton Herb
John Dunkle	Donald Moyer
Roger Dunkle	Laurie Steenstra
Mike Flickinger	Shut Ins:
Doug & Pearl Gemberling	Jim & Jan Beckley
Gary & Barb Gemberling	Jim & Florence Boop
Dave Janaes	Pearl Culp
Janet Meyer	Barbara Grimmooris
Harry Moyer	Georgie Linke
Wendy Norton	Doris Moll
Diane Reamer	Ethel Musser
Kim Roberts	Helen Pirone
Gerry Shively	Meda Struble
Ken Smith	Ronald Ulrich
Miranda & Caleb Stroik	Connie Wagner
Rita Tinnis	In Our Military:
Ron & Darlene Ulrich & family	Brandi Gemberling
Glen VanDyke	Thaddeus Miller
	Zachary Miller

*If an effort to keep the prayer list current, CULC is going to clear the current list on a quarterly basis. *A new list will begin in January, April, July & October. If you want to continue an existing prayer request or have a new prayer concern, please contact Margie.*



Special Anniversary Wishes!

Ken & Pat Smith will be celebrating their 70th anniversary on June 9th. Congratulations on this milestone!

Terry & Sally Kline	6/2	42 yrs.	Richard & Karen Troutman	6/24	49 yrs.
Lee & Kathy Spangler	6/2	42 yrs.	Joe & Stacey Veley	6/25	33 yrs.
Jim & Jan Beckley	6/8	64 yrs.	Norm & Bonnie Conrad	7/1	43 yrs.
Bob & Eve Rantz	6/8	53 yrs.	Mike & Donna Culp	7/6	30 yrs.
Tim & Carol Klose	6/15	25 yrs.	Jeff & Denise Hosterman	7/7	20 yrs.
Bill & Helen Donmoyer	6/18	44 yrs.	Glenn & Patricia Spangler	7/10	39 yrs.
Mike & Ann Beckley	6/20	34 yrs.	Harvey & Brenda Ilgen	7/12	62 yrs.
Maurice & Barb Clouser	6/20	62 yrs.	Keith & Kim Sawyer	7/14	37 yrs.
David & Linda Swartz	6/20	34 yrs.	Don & Dotty Seebold	7/17	66 yrs.
Ray & Gloria Mincemoyer	6/22	63 yrs.	Dennis & Tammy Boop	7/22	32 yrs.
Tom & Bonnie Greeney	6/24	33 yrs.	Mike & Melissa Lynch	7/28	37 yrs.
Sam & Ethel Schnure	6/24	60 yrs.	Emil & Tanna Stenger	7/31	28 yrs.



Our condolences....

We extend sincerest condolences to the families of Carolyn Bowersox and Kenneth Catherman.

Carolyn, 83, passed away Friday, April 9, at Rolling Hills Manor, where she had been a resident since 2013. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Donald, one son and daughter-in-law, Charles & Morana Hill of Las Vegas, NV; two daughters and sons-in-law, Vanessa & David Swansen of Mifflinburg, and Mindy & Brian Wilds of Clovis, Ca; five grandchildren; two sisters, Aladean Aike of Mifflinburg, and Emily Printzenhoff of Milton; two brothers, Frank "Mike" Plotts of Lewisburg, Richard & spouse, Mildred, and one sister-in-law, Jean Zeckman of Palmyra. She was preceded in death by one granddaughter, four brothers and one sister.

Ken, 79, passed away at his home on Saturday, April 10. Surviving in addition to his wife, Beverly, of 59 years, are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Timothy & Bridget Catherman of Mifflinburg, and Thomas and his partner, Donald Fornwalt, of Millmont; one daughter, Tina Erdley and her partner, Lloyd Hoban, of Alaska; one sister, Diane Hackenberg of Mifflinburg; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Carl Catherman; and one sister, Linda McClintock.

Funeral services were conducted privately at the convenience of the family.

Notes of Appreciation....

Thank you to Jennifer, Michael & Molly Keister for planting the geraniums from Pentecost.

Lutheran Church Women:

Thank you LCW for the messages you sent with your cards and you women are amazing! We have been meeting many, many, many years with our programs and desserts. Now, after a year with no meetings due to COVID, we are starting a new year with meetings to enjoy and help those in need!

With love, Mary Alice (Deihl)

FELC friends,

Many thanks for the cards and messages while I was hospitalized. The prayers have sustained me as I go forward. So thankful!

Keith Sawyer

BV Lutheran Parish

Communication:

Social Committee:

The Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish is looking for members from the congregations of CULC and FELC to serve on the Parish Social Committee.

While in the past, it just planned joint events and social gatherings, it is looking to expand ways to communicate and minister among fellow parish members.

A reorganizational meeting is planned for Sunday, June 27th, at FELC immediately following worship.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Barry Spangler (570-966-0406 or bspanglerx68@gmail.com) or any Parish Council member.

(FELC's members are Sue Jows. Kim Sawyer & Jim Schwartz and CULC members are Jen Keister, Barry Spangler and Lee Spangler.

Notes of Appreciation....(con't.)

Pastor John,

It was a real joy for my wife and I to worship with you an dyour church family this past Sunday (May 16th).

Thank you for the opportunity to come and share about this wonderful ministry. Also, thank you all fo rthe \$250 that was donated for bibles. That will purchase two cases (200 testaments) to be handed out somewhere in the world. Only God knows how many lives will be changed by your caring and sharing.

In His service,

Dale (Heintzelman - the Gideons)

MACY News/Events

For the latest events, meetings, devos, information, etc., please contact Kim Sawyer at 570-713-4577.

June/July Events:

June 6th: Picnic at the Park - Youth are needed to help carry chairs

June 13th: Mystery Night - More details will be provided to youth in the future

June 27-July 3: Group Mission Trip - Erie, PA - list of attendees published to the right

July 12-14: Harvey Cedars Bible Camp - Due to COVID only half week camps are being held this year; attendees published to the right

Group Mission Trip Attendees:

Adults: Barb Randecker and Kim Sawyer

Youth: Logan Bartlett, Paige Bartlett, Aaron Hackenburg, Ben Hornig, Alexia Moyer and Emily Seebold.

Harvey Cedars Bible Camp

Adults: Nicole Gessner (and Aria), Brett King and Kim Sawyer

Youth: Paige Bartlett, Eli Erickson, Rachel Erickson, Aaron Hackenburg, Sara Harter, Ben Hornig, Alexia Moyer and Emily Seebold

Please keep all the travelers in your thoughts and prayers during these events!

CULC June Volunteers

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Comm. Asst.</u>
6/6	Picnic at the Park	
6/13	Kathy Spangler	Lee Spangler
6/20	Maurice Clouser	Bev Catherman
6/27	Greg Shuck	Janice Wagner

MONTHLY:

Sound System:

Dianne Shuck

Altar Guild:

June Wenrich

Usher:

Maurice Clouser

Eugene Hassinger

FELC June Volunteers

Ushers:

6/6: Picnic at the Park

6/20: Cindy Harvey & Max Zeller

Offering Envelopes: Sue Jows

6/13: Jim Schwartz & Dave Weaver

6/27: Harry Boyer & Linda Lewis

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Comm. Asst.</u>
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7/4	Barry Spangler	Barry Spangler
7/11	Glenn Spangler	Glenn Spangler
7/18	Greg Shuck	Dianne Shuck
7/25	Kathy Spangler	Lee Spangler

MONTHLY:

Sound System:

Barry Spangler

Altar Guild:

Dianne Shuck

Janice Wagner

Usher:

Dave Bickhart

Barry Spangler

FELC July Volunteers

Ushers:

7/4: Shirley Heasley & Sherri Neece

7/18: Sheryl Fetter & Jeff Hackenburg

Offering Envelopes: Gloria Mincemoyer

7/11: Nicole Gessner & Don Seebold, II

7/25: Harvey & Brenda Ilgen

June 2021

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 FELC Office Closed (Memorial Day Holiday) 10:30 AM: Bible Study @ FELC	2 FELC 9-2 10AM:Hope's Haven-CULC 7PM: FELC Council	3 6:00 PM: Bible Study @ CULC	4	5
6 10:00 AM: Picnic at the Park	7 10:30 AM: Bible Study @ CULC	8 FELC 9-2 10:30 AM: Bible Study @ FELC	9 10AM:Hope's Haven-CULC	10 FELC 9-2 6:00 PM: Bible Study @ CULC	11	12
13 8:30 AM: Worship/HC-CULC CULC Special Congregational Meeting after worship 9:45AM: SS-CULC 10:30AM: Worship/HC-FELC	14 FELC 9-2 10:30 AM: Bible Study @ CULC	15 10:30 AM: Bible Study @ FELC	16 FELC 9-2 10AM:Hope's Haven-CULC	17 6:00 PM: Bible Study @ CULC	18	19 Synod Assembly
20 <i>Father's Day</i> 8:30 AM: Worship/HC-CULC 9:45AM: SS-CULC 10:30AM: Worship/HC-FELC	21 10:30 AM: Bible Study @ CULC	22 FELC 9-2 10:30 AM: Bible Study @ FELC 7PM: CULC Council	23 10AM:Hope's Haven-CULC	24 FELC 9-2 6:00 PM: Bible Study @ CULC	25	26
27 8:30 AM: Worship/HC-CULC 9:45AM: SS-CULC 10:30AM: Worship/HC-FELC BVL Parish Social Comm. Mtg. after Worship - FELC Group Mission Trip thru 7/3	28 10:30 AM: Bible Study @ CULC	29 FELC 9-2 10:30 AM: Bible Study @ FELC	30 FELC 9-2 10AM:Hope's Haven-CULC			

JULY 2021

PARISH CALENDAR

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4 8:30 AM: Worship/HC-CULC 9:45AM: SS-CULC 10:30AM: Worship/HC-FELC	5 10:30 AM: Bible Study @ CULC	6 <i>FELC Office Closed - 4th of July Holiday</i> 10:30 AM: Bible Study @ FELC	7 10AM:Hope's Haven-CULC 7PM: FELC Council	8 FELC 9-2 6:00 PM: Bible Study @ CULC	9	10
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