

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

## **JUNE 2023**

### **PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS**

Grace and peace to you!

*"I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore." —Psalm 121*

Psalm 121 has been one of my favorite Bible verses for many years. My great-grandparents were farmers during The Great Depression, and farming was tough and did not pay much. Also, they raised nine children. They faced many hardships during this time, but they never gave up! They could have given up being farmers and chosen a different career path, but they never gave up!

I reflected on this Psalm quite often while in my discernment process and during my seminary time, and it guided me through some tough times. The same God that guided the Israelites through their desert journey and provided for them was the same God that guided and provided for my great-grandparents during the hardships of The Great Depression. Today it is still that same God that is guiding and providing for all of us during the hardships and uncertainties we face in this broken world. May you know that whatever difficulties we face, God is there, ready to care for and love us.

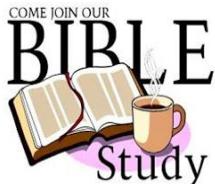
As I write this piece, we are preparing to enter the long liturgical green season of Ordinary Time. This is a time of living, growing, and of course, loving our neighbor. I struggle with the word “ordinary” because these are not ordinary times we live in. It is Jesus who invites us to love and care for all people. It is Jesus that stands up for the lowly. It is Jesus that stands up for those who many of us would deem as outcasts. As the church, I think we have struggled with these issues, and it is hard for us to love and care for all of God’s beloved children. I challenge you as the Body of Christ to find ways to continue to grow and love one another in these “ordinary times.”

Peace in Christ,

**The Rev. Curt Wingert**

## **BIBLE STUDIES**

The weekly Bible study will take place as follows:



**Monday**  
**1:30 p.m.**  
**First Lutheran**  
**June 5 – No study**  
**June 12**  
**June 18**  
**June 26**

Beginning in June, we will be studying the book of Romans.

## **PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR JUNE**

There has been a change in the preaching schedule for June. Here is the schedule for June 4:

8:30 am worship at CULC – Bev Hoffman

9:00 am worship at Messiah – Pastor Curt

10:30 am worship at FELC – Pastor Curt



## CULC NEWS

### Youth News

**Michael Keister** was selected 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Student of the Month for April. He is the son of Andrew & Jennifer Keister. Michael's teacher is the late Mr. Hornberger and his favorite subject is history. Outside of school, Michael plays baseball, football and basketball, and he also enjoys participating in 4-H and his church's youth group. Michael enjoys reading, and his favorite places to visit are Civil War battlefields. In the future Michael hopes to become a football player or an engineer.

### CULC Church Security

Sometime in early June, the locks in the church will be changed. At this time the keys you have will no longer work. We will have new keys available before this happens. If you have any church keys, please let me know what keys you have. New keys issued will be numbered and recorded as to who has what keys. Please write down your name and what keys you have and give it to Kim Blyler ASAP. Thanks for your help!



### **Mifflinburg High School:**

Keyan Blyler  
Logan Hackenberg  
Natalie Harvey  
Brittany Shuck

### **Penns Valley High School:**

Garrett Wingert

### Honoring Our Grads

CULC will be honoring the graduating seniors during worship & Koinonia Cafe on June 11. We will not be holding Koinonia Cafe on June 4.



## **Shut-in Eucharist Class**

A class for Christ's United Lutheran Church members will be held on **Sunday, June 11, starting at 12:30 p.m.** at Christ's United for those interested in giving communion (Holy Eucharist) while visiting our shut-ins. This is also open to members of First Lutheran. If you are interested or have questions, contact Pastor Curt, Sue Blyler, Bev Catherman or Idella Zimmerman.

## **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 have cancelled our order for offering envelopes with the Church Budget Envelope Co. Please 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 while we work on an alternative plan.

## **Summer Camp**

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 our church or on the website. Our church will pay up to \$150.00 per person for any 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. If you have any questions, contact Barry (570-966-0406) or the camp office at 570-922-1587 or [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org). You can also check out the camp's website at [www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org).



Information on the Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program 2023, including a schedule and application form, is available at both CULC and FELC. This program provides \$50 in free produce vouchers to seniors age 60 and up who meet the income guidelines.



## FELC NEWS

### **Free Community Meal at FIRST**

First Lutheran will be serving a free community meal on **Saturday, June 3, from 11:00 – 12:30**. All are welcome! Please enter the door in the alley behind the church. Upcoming meals for the next quarter will be held on **July 1, Aug. 5, and Sept. 2**.



### **Summer Music**

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

June 15: Calvin and Audra McIlwaine (brother/sister) violins

June 25: McKenna Mowry, flutist from Lewisburg

July 2: Paula and Diane will play Patriotic music

Aug 6: Emily Seebold

Aug 13: LJ Reimensynder

Aug 20: Fred Hooper and Broderick Lesher, 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 starting in the Fall. There was enough interest to make this happen!

Details coming 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.

## **Cow Cash 2023 Update**

**WE DID IT!!!**

**Once again our congregations have been very generous with their gifts during the Cow Cash Lenten Campaign:**

**Our GRAND TOTAL was \$1,305.51!**

**The following gifts will be purchased from the ELCA Good Gifts**

**\$10 Chicks:** This will help a family spread their wings. When chicks grow up to become chickens, their eggs not only provide an ongoing supply of protein-rich meals — they can also help start a small business and generate a steady source of income.

**\$30 2 Roosters:** A rooster added to the chicken coop can help the farm grow! More chickens on the farm mean more eggs to eat and sell at the market.

**\$50 Share A Cow:** One dairy cow can produce a few gallons of calcium-packed milk each day. A family can receive the nutrition they need and also start a small business selling extra milk, cheese and more. With food, funds and fertilizer, the gift of a cow has got it all.

**\$500 Cow:** One dairy cow can produce a few gallons of calcium-packed milk each day. A family can receive the nutrition they need and also start a small business selling extra milk, cheese and more. With food, funds and fertilizer, the gift of a cow has got it all.

**\$715 Family Farm:** This will help a family break the cycle of hunger and poverty — for good. With eggs, milk and meat to eat and sell, and tools and training to increase the harvest, this gift can create a world of opportunity for a family living in poverty. This includes a cow, a couple of goats, a dozen chicks, two pigs, farming tools, seeds and agricultural training. With eggs, milk and meat to eat and sell, and tools and training to increase the harvest, this gift can make all the difference.

## **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](http://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!

## **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.

## ***YOUTH NEWS***

## **FELC Scholarships**

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



**FELC would like to congratulate the following graduates:**

**Alexa Hackenberg** graduated from Penn State University and was part of an integrated undergraduate/graduate Master's of Public Health program her senior year. In July, Alexa will be moving to Hershey to complete her MPH with the Penn State College of Medicine. While finishing school, she will be working as a Behavioral Technician helping children with behavioral disorders in school districts in the Harrisburg area.

**Anna Harter** graduated from Penn State University with a Bachelor's degree in Community, Environment, and Development. She is currently working for USA Football in their Community Development Department. She loved her time at Penn State where she put to good use many of the values and skills she gained from being a part of FELC and the Youth Group opportunities.



"We wish to thank all those who delivered meals to us during the month of May. All the delicious food and kind wishes for our wellbeing were most welcome. We are grateful to everyone for such generous support."

~ Ken and Pat Smith

First Lutheran Church Mifflinburg & Four Bells Church Members,  
I want to take a minute to say thank you very much for all the prayers, well wishes and concerns during and through my cancer journey.  
Right now I am in a good place and feeling better; for now treatments have stopped and so nice to have the break. Maybe I'll see you out and about.  
Thanks again and may God Bless. ~ Cathy Hower Brungard

Thank you to our caring congregation for the many prayers, cards, and meals during my recent surgery. It was truly a blessing to know the concern and love from everyone. God is good!

P.S. Dale says thank you for the birthday cards and cake.

Thanks again. ~ Dale & Sybil Spotts and family



### **Sunday Worship/Picnic Gatherings**

There will be two "joint" worship/picnic gatherings being held throughout the summer months. Please mark your calendars and save the dates. Each will start with worship at **10:00 a.m.** with a picnic following. Paper goods, hot dogs and hot dog buns will be supplied.

Picnickers are asked to bring a covered dish to share. Dates & locations are listed below:

**June 25:** Christ's United Lutheran Church  
**September 10:** Mifflinburg Community Park



### **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 traveling 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.

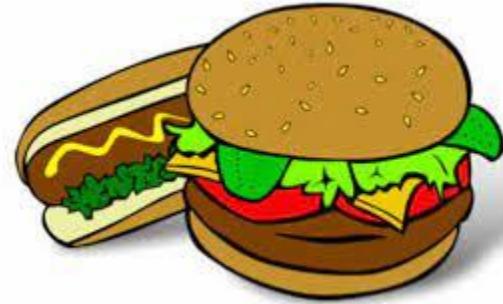


## AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

There will be lots of opportunities to volunteer during VBS 2023.



From donating items for craft supplies,



to helping with food prep and distribution,

to helping at the various stations each evening, and cleaning up afterwards, there are many ways to be involved.

Check out the next several pages to see how and when you can assist in making VBS successful.



# CAMP MOUNT LUTHER &

*Christ's United(4Bells), FELC of Mifflinburg and  
Messiah New Berlin*

*present*

## VBS Summer Evening Camp



**WHEN:** Sunday, July 23 – Thursday, July 27

**WHO:** Children from Kindergarten to Sixth Grade

**WHERE:** We will be gathering 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

To register, please click or go to the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/LVLqkp0dfX> or scan the QR Code



Come experience outdoor ministries close to home! Staff from Camp Mount Luther and volunteers from the congregations will be on hand to bring fun, fellowship, and the love of God through our evening camp. Evening camp includes games, sports, Bible study, singing, crafts, special events and worship. Help us spread the word! We hope you can join us!



## CHRIST UNITED, MESSIAH AND FIRST MEMBERS

*It is never too early to start... **Collecting for VBS***

### ■ Craft Donations include:



- String Art Cross

- #60/5x7 wooden plank like pieces
  - small, flat-headed nails (need at total of #1,260 individual nails  
(one suggestion was linoleum nails?)



- Earth Seed Bombs

- Scrap pieces of construction paper
    - Blue/ Green/ White/ construction paper



- Light and Dark Light-Switch Covers

- Variety of colors of acrylic craft paints



- Calling all handy crocheter's

- <https://www.everythingetsy.com/2015/01/crochet-heart-video-free-crochet-pattern>
  - We will need #60+ in a variety of yarn colors, (anything that you have laying around will work :)



Check your Church's Bulletin Board for:

Sign-up sheets for DONATIONS FOR VBS CRAFT SUPPLIES/A Box has been made available for each church.

A volunteer sign-up sheet will be forth coming:

Please keep these jobs in mind:

- Nightly Set-up of Pavilion Area
- Helpers for Food Prep and Distribution
- Clean up Crew
- Two people to work the front table each evening for check in
- Numerous people needed each evening to help at the various stations
  - games/activities
  - songs and singing
  - crafts
- Someone to man the First Aid Station
- Individual(s) to help with each age group at the various stations (stay with that group nightly)
- plus more...

Questions can be directed to Ann Beckley, VBS Coordinator (text or call @ 570-490-0242)





## CHRIST'S UNITED

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

## 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

### **The Shut-Ins:**

Winnie Aikey, Florence Boop  
Betty Goss, Helen Pirone,  
Dottie Rathfon, Connie Wagner

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.**





## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### CULC

- 1 – Bonnie Greeney
- 2 – Denver Clouser, Michael Keister
- 4 – Randy Harvey, Dianne Shuck
- 5 – Wanda Stamm
- 8 – Tony Masterson, Carol Miller
- 11 – Spencer Harvey, Dustin Kline  
Latisha Spigelmyer
- 16 – Jayden Zimmerman
- 17 – Karen Troutman
- 18 – Sherri Klauger
- 19 – Nathan Harvey, Jacob Marshall  
Darlene Ulrich
- 22 – Dion Kline, Susannah Rayburn
- 24 – Joe Dressler
- 25 – Debra Parker, Tom Watters
- 29 – Jim Sanders
- 30 – Lindsey Snyder

### FELC

- 2 – June Ocker
- 3 – Jonathan Fritz, Colbie Loss
- 5 – Daniel Crossland, Spencer Dunkle
- 8 – Karen Adams, Sherri Uehling
- 9 – Trena Zeller
- 13 – Ben Hornig
- 14 – Wendy Sauers
- 16 – Debbie Dauberman
- 18 – Dennis Wagner
- 20 – Megan Mensch, Carly Woodring
- 21 – Karen Boyer
- 23 – Logan Kuba
- 24 – Carol Klose
- 28 – Donna Hackenberg
- 29 – Jed Loss, Mark Musser,  
Pat Smith

### CULC

- 2 – Terry & Sally Kline (1979)  
Lee & Kathy Spangler (1979)
- 8 – Bob & Eve Rantz (1968)
- 20 – Maurice & Barbara Clouser (1959)  
Dave & Linda Swartz (1987)
- 24 – Tom & Bonnie Greeney (1988)  
Sam & Ethel Schnure (1961)  
Richard & Karen Troutman (1972)
- 25 – Joe & Stacey Veley (1988)

### FELC

- 9 – Ken & Pat Smith (72 yrs)
- 15 - Tim & Carol Klose (27 yrs)
- 18 - William & Helen Donmoyer (46 yrs)
- 18 - Nicole Gessner-Klose & Joshua  
Klose (1yr)
- 20 – Mike & Ann Beckley (36 yrs)
- 20 – John & Sherri Uehling (36 yrs)
- 22 – Ray & Gloria Mincemoyer (65 yrs)



# June

## VOLUNTEERS

### CULC

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Lay Reader:</b>	<b>Communion Asst.:</b>
6/04	Greg Shuck	Greg Shuck
6/11	Lee Spangler	Lee Spangler
6/18	Maurice Clouser	Janice Wagner
6/25	Barry Spangler	Dianne Shuck

**Sound System:** Barry Spangler      **Altar Guild:** Sherri Klauger  
**Ushers:** Greg Shuck & Linda Smith

*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.*

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### FELC

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Lay Reader:</b>	<b>Ushers:</b>
6/04	Linda Lewis	Jeff Crossland/Linda Skinner
6/11	Andy Long	Liz Loss/Carol Klose
6/18	Linda Skinner	Shirley Heasley/Linda Lewis
6/25	<b>Joint Service at CULC</b>	<b>Joint Service at CULC</b>

**Acolytes:**

6/04 – Erica Boyer	6/11 – Brynn Umholtz
6/18 – Hannah Boyer	<b>6/25 – Joint Service at CULC</b>

**Chief Usher:** Kim Sauers

**Money Counters:** Shirley Heasley/Jane Moore      **Altar Guild:** Bonnie Conrad

**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**

Pastor Curt's cell phone: 1-814-876-0974

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

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

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13765 Old Turnpike Rd., Millmont, PA 17845  
570-922-1860

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

**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

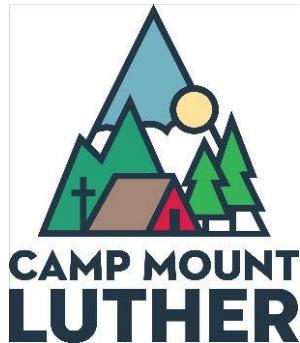
**Shirley Heasley**, Council

**Sue Jows**, Council

**Jane Moore**, Council

**Marianne Motto**, Council

**Don Seibold II**, Council



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Mount Luther is gearing up for the 2023 summer camping season. Registrations are now being accepted for all programs until they are filled. If you bring a friend to camp who's never been there, you can get 25% off your registration fee. Program information and registration available at [www.campmountluther.org/summer](http://www.campmountluther.org/summer).

This year's camping season will begin on **June 18, 2023**. Resident and Day Camps run until August 8. 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 Pick-A-Day Camp and Pick Your Adventure. 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>.

<b>2023 SUMMER SCHEDULE</b>					
Week	Dates	Pioneers	Juniors	Intermediates	Senior High
<b>1</b>	June 18-23	Pick-A-Day Camp (Mon-Fri)	Juniors	Intermediates	
<b>2</b>	June 25-30		Juniors	Intermediates	X-Teen
<b>3</b>	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)		
<b>4</b>	July 9-14	Pioneers	Tracks	Tracks	
<b>5</b>	July 16-21	Pick An Adventure (Mon-Fri)			
			Juniors	Intermediates	SALT
<b>6</b>	July 24-28	Off-Site Camps			
<b>7</b>	July 30-Aug 4		Juniors	Intermediates	SALT
<b>8</b>	August 6-8	Mini Pioneers	Mini Juniors	Pedal, Pack, & Paddle	SALT

Register online at [campmountluther.org](http://campmountluther.org). Need a paper registration form?  
Download at [campmountluther.org/summer](http://campmountluther.org/summer) or call us at 570-922-1587

## AGE GROUPS

Our campers venture into new territories, discover new interests, and develop independence. They talk to peers, listen, grow, share, play, sing, and pray together in a faith-centered environment, tailored to their age.



**Pioneer**  
Ages 4-8



**Junior**  
Ages 8-11



**Intermediate**  
Ages 11-14



**Senior High**  
Ages 14-18



**Family**  
All Ages

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.

### **Mount Luther Urgently Needs Summer Staff**

Camp Mount Luther still needs to hire more staff INCLUDING A LIFEGUARD and staff training starts in less than two weeks. Please share this announcement and if anyone is interested, have them contact [chad@campmountluther.org](mailto:chad@campmountluther.org)

There are a million boring summer jobs out there—but you're not looking for a boring job. You want an exciting job, a job that *matters*. You want a job where you can make a difference, where you can make life-long friends, and of course, where you can make some money. **You want your BEST. JOB. EVER. And we're here to help.**

For over 60 years Camp Mount Luther has been helping young adults just like you find meaningful summer jobs that impact the lives of youth in positive and powerful ways. Because everyone deserves a job that they can be passionate about.

### **Three easy steps to your BEST. JOB. EVER:**

1. Read summer staff [job description](#) and [apply](#) at [campmountluther.org/jobs](http://campmountluther.org/jobs)
2. Interview with the camp director
3. Start working at your BEST. JOB. EVER!

*Don't get caught in another boring, meaningless summer job! Apply to Camp Mount Luther today!*

## **Health Professionals & Counselors Needed for the 2023 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.

### **Attention! Young Adults**

A reminder that Camp Mount Luther's Young Adult Fellowship meets via Zoom on the last Wednesday of every month. If you consider yourself a young adult, come join us! Questions or want the link? Email [jim@campmountluther.org](mailto:jim@campmountluther.org).



### **Kars for Kamp**

The second annual Kars for Kamp event to benefit Camp Mount Luther will be held on **Saturday, June 10, from 9:00 am - 3:00 p.m.** Rain date is June 11. All cars, street rods, trucks, jeeps, and bikes are welcome. Registration is from 9-12 the day of the event. Pre-enter by June 4 for \$15. To register, email [dbrobst@dejazzd.com](mailto:dbrobst@dejazzd.com). Day of show entry fee is \$20. Spectators are free. Awards will be presented at 2:30 p.m. There will be music, a 50/50 drawing, basket auction, food, and fun.

### **Service at Camp Mount Luther to Kick Off the Camping Season**

Everyone is invited to come to Camp Mount Luther on Sunday, June 11, 2023, for a **worship service that will officially kick off the summer camp season**. The service will celebrate the outdoor ministry of the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The Rev. James A. Vitate Jr., the camp's associate director, will preach and preside over worship. The service will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held outdoors, if the weather permits.



## ***SYNOD NEWS***

### **God's Work, Our Hands Sunday**

Mark your calendar for Sunday, Sept. 10, when congregations of the ELCA will join together 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! “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday began in 2013 in connection with the ELCA’s 25th anniversary. It continues to be an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. ELCA congregations participate in acts of service every day. This day of service is an extension of the work you already do to make your community a better place. Consider expanding your day of service this year by inviting a friend, partnering with a neighbor congregation or serving in collaboration with a local community group or event. If your congregation cannot participate on Sept. 10, you are welcome and encouraged to pick an alternate date that suits your schedule. Be sure to save the date and visit [ELCA.org/DayofService](http://ELCA.org/DayofService) for updates to resources.

### **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 Gathering. Through inspiring speakers, conversations with partners, Bible study and being immersed in the host city, young people will be inspired, challenged, and called to live out their faith in their daily lives. Additionally, young people will have opportunities to explore their vocation and discern where they are being 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](mailto:ckrorange@yahoo.com) or 717-880-2872), who would love to journey through this Gathering experience with you.

### **Women of the ELCA – Upcoming Events for 2023**

**October 1 – Blanket Sunday**

# June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	<b>3</b> 11-12:30 Community Meal-FELC
<b>4</b> 8:30 Worship- CULC-Bev Hoffman 9:00 Worship- Messiah-Pr. Curt 9:30 Sunday School-CULC 10:30 Worship- FELC-Pr. Curt	<b>5</b> <b>No Bible Study</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC  6:30 Council- FELC	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 8:30 Worship- CULC-Graduate Recognition 9:30 Koinonia Kafe-CULC 9:30 Sunday School-CULC 10:30 Worship- FELC 12:30 Shut-in Communion Class-CULC	<b>12</b> 1:30 Parish Bible Study-FELC	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18 Father's Day</b> 8:30 Worship- CULC 9:30 Sunday School-CULC 10:30 Worship- FELC	<b>19</b> 1:30 Parish Bible Study-FELC	<b>20</b> 7:00 Council- CULC  <b>July Newsletter Articles Due</b>	<b>21</b> 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 10:00 Joint Worship & Picnic-CULC	<b>26</b> 1:30 Parish Bible Study-FELC	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

