



BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH NEWS JUNE 2025 PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

Grace and peace to you!

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."—John 16:12-15

This is the text for Holy Trinity Sunday (June 15). We seem to find ourselves on a journey to find the truth about God. And we can find the truth of God in three ways: in the creation, in the Son, and in the Spirit. Where do you see God most clearly? Where do you see God's handiwork most clearly? Some of you may say your gardens, some may say in your fields, or on a mountain hike. We sense that God must have created all of this; this is a miracle, and only God could have created something so lovely. Jesus taught us that God was the creator of the heavens, the earth, and everything on it. Jesus also taught us that God is our heavenly Father.

We personally experience God in the Son. Jesus was the physical embodiment of God here on earth. The Christian faith teaches that God's love lived fully in the body, mind, and Spirit of Jesus and the flesh of Jesus! You and I always experience Jesus; we experience God through the stories about Jesus. What are some of the most important stories about Jesus that reveal the love and compassion of God? For me, it has to be His words from the cross, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." We can all picture Jesus hanging on the cross. He had been mocked, beaten, and then

nailed to a cross. As He was hanging on the cross, He looked down over the mass of humanity that was killing him, and He said to God, "Father, forgive them, they do not know what they are doing." Now, that is forgiveness! That is love! That is compassion!

The Holy Spirit is the experience of God here in our lives today. How do you personally experience the presence of the Holy Spirit in your lives? The third article of the Apostles Creed says: "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints." God reveals himself to us within the communion of saints, the church, and our faith.

Sometimes, when we read the Bible, it is as if God is talking directly to us. When we feel down and when our hearts are hurting, we can open the Bible and are drawn to a particular story or a verse. We often feel and sense the presence of God in the valleys of life. And, in those valleys, God is there to sustain and strengthen us! We often discover the presence of God in our suffering.

The Spirit of truth will be with us forever, in and around us! From this Spirit of truth, we will discover the truth about God!

As always, I continue to lift you up in prayer! If you have any pastoral care needs, please let me know. This has been a frustrating piece for my ministry. I cannot pray for you or visit you if I do not know something is wrong. I would rather have a hundred phone calls letting me know something is wrong than not hearing about it until after the fact and people being upset because I didn't visit or call.

Peace in Christ,

The Rev. Curt Wingert

PARISH NEWS



CULC 2025 Graduates:

Avery Blyler

Graduating From: SUN Tech (5/22/25) & Mifflinburg High School (6/6/25)

Course of Study: Personal Care Technician

Favorite Subject: Health

Job(s) Held While in School: Union County Sportsmen Club School Activities: Field Hockey, Marching Band, Lacrosse, HOS, Scouts (Troop 521, Crew 2536--Earned Eagle Scout Rank)

Hobbies: Reading, Spending time with Family & Friends

Future Plans: Pursue a Job in Health Profession

Spencer Harvey

Graduating From: SUN Tech (5/22/25) & Mifflinburg High School (6/6/25)

Course of Study: HVAC at Tech

Job(s) Held While in School: Wal-Mart//Co-Op Kaiser Plumbing & Heating

Hobbies/Interests: Fishing, Hunting, Colleting Hot Wheels Cars, Spending Time with

Girlfriend, Friends & Family, Going to Auctions Future Plans: Continue to work in HVAC Field

FELC 2025 Graduates:

<u>Logan Bartlett</u> – Graduated from Lycoming College with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Biochemistry. He was part of the Lycoming wrestling team all four years and was honored as a member of the Academic All-District Men's At-Large Team. He will be attending Binghamton University to complete a PhD program in Chemistry with a focus in biochemistry and chemical biology.

<u>Paige Bartlett</u> – Is a Lewisburg Area High School graduate who completed her senior year through concurrent enrollment at Bloomsburg University and participation in a Geisinger cooperative program. Her extracurricular activities include membership in the National Honor Society and the French National Honor Society, a Lieutenant Governor role in Key Club, a recipient of the Young American award and participation in FBLA and field hockey. She is planning on attending West Chester University and will be studying to be a Physician's Assistant.

<u>Gaige Wingert</u> – Graduates from Penns Valley Area High School in Spring Mills and from the Heavy Equipment Program at the Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology in Pleasant Gap.

Upon graduation, he will be working for A.M. Logging based out of Millheim.



BIBLE

Bible Study

The Parish Bible Study is meeting on Mondays at 1:30 pm at First Lutheran. They are studying I & II Corinthians. All are welcome.

Dates: June 2, 9, 23 & 30. There is no study on June 16, as the pastor is on vacation.

Pastor Curt will be on vacation from June 14-22

On June 15, Dianne Shuck will be giving the message, and on June 22, Abby Yorks from Soles Souls will be giving a presentation during the sermon time. There will not be communion on those dates. Pastor Erwin Roux will be

covering emergencies while Pastor is on vacation; Home: 570-437-9058, Cell: 570-916-6264.

Souls4Soles Presentation – June 22

Abby Yorks is an Ambassador for Soles4Souls and Founder of Aunt Abby's Shoe Mission. She has been volunteering with S4S for 16 years. She collects new and used shoes for both S4S and for local distribution. We processed over 120,000 pairs of shoes over this time. Abby has traveled several times, most recently to Honduras to see the micro enterprise programs in action. Last year she started her own local distribution process, helping our own neighbors. She looks forward to sharing more with both churches on Sunday, June 22nd.

Produce Vouchers

Information on the Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program 2025, including an application form, is available at both CULC and FELC. This program provides \$25 in free produce vouchers to seniors aged 60 and up who meet the income guidelines.

Mark Your Calendars! - Joint Service and Picnic in Mifflinburg Park - July 20



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



WE STILL NEED YOU!!

The BVLP 2025 Community VBS is looking for 3-6 YOUTH participants (ages 12 yrs. and up) to serve as our SQUAD LEADERS this year.

If you are interested in helping, please text Mrs. Ann Beckley (VBS Coordinator) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE @ 570-490-0242 for information regarding these positions.

There will be information and volunteer opportunities posted on Bulletin Boards in the next few weeks. Please consider giving your time, donating products for crafts or sponsoring VBS with monetary funds (especially for the nightly snacks).

The phrase "many hands make light work" is rooted in the Bible, particularly in Nehemiah 3.

This proverb highlights the principle of teamwork and collaboration, suggesting that a task is more easily accomplished when multiple individuals contribute their efforts.

Romans 12:4-5: This passage reinforces the idea of the church as a body with many members, each playing a vital role in the overall functioning of the body. It emphasizes the interdependence of believers, where each person's *unique gifts and talents* contribute to the collective strength of the church.



Anyone over the age of 18 working directly with the kids will need to secure "volunteer clearances" prior to July 7. This is FREE and can be done online at:

https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/keep-kids-safe/child-abuse-clearances.html.

Questions can be directed to Ann Beckley:

email -- beckleyann07@gmail.com or cell/text -- 570-490-0242

SCAN the QR code for information



SAVE THE DATE

Monday, July 7 - Thursday, July 10

BVLP Community Vacation Bible School

Join us as we become Community Crusaders and put on our ARMOR for GOD

Who: anyone going into Kindergarten to Sixth Grade

Where: we will gather at the Mifflinburg Town Park Pavillion

FELC NEWS

Rehearsal Schedule

June 1 - Choir rehearses at 9:45 am; sings for service

Summer Music

Summer music at First includes Emily Seebold, two other singers from Lewisburg, violinists, a cellist, and piano/organ duets.

The choir's last Sunday is June 1, then we break for summer. The tone chimes played May 25 and will also be on break till Fall.

Free Community Meal at FIRST

First Lutheran will be serving a free community meal on **Saturday**, **June 7**, **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 **July 12* and August 2**. *Note the change in date for the July meal.

Food Donations – The Mifflinburg Kiwanis Club provides food boxes each December to needy families within our school district. This past year 75 boxes were distributed. As you can imagine, it takes a tremendous amount of food to fill these boxes. In an attempt to fill these boxes, we are asking church members to help. Each month there will be a designated food item you can donate. A box will be in the hallway for donations. Please be sure your item will not go out of date before February 2026. Thank you for helping to feed those in need. For the month of June, we will be collecting boxed potatoes of any kind.

Word in Season Devotionals

The Word in Season devotionals for July - September 2025 are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Altar Flowers

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

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.

Weis/Wenger's Gift Cards

Gift cards are available in denominations of \$25, \$50, or \$100 and make wonderful gifts for any occasion. **Kim Sawyer is selling the cards.** The cards will be available on Sundays, before or after church; at her home; in the church office when the secretary is in; and Kim will also deliver. Contact her at 570-713-4577. Make checks payable to "First Lutheran Church" and use them as cash or the recipient can do the same. **YOU receive the card's full value, and Weis gives 5% and Wenger's 10% of purchase to our mission fund!** Many thanks to all who support this mission.

CULC NEWS

Ham Loaf Dinner at Christ's United

A 'Drive Through' Ham Loaf Dinner is planned for June 28th 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.

The Dinner includes Ham Loaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetable and Applesauce.

The workday will take place on Friday, June 27th 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 Dinner. At 1:30 pm, help is needed to set up. 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 cleaning 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. If you have any questions, please talk to Kim Blyler.

Upcoming Meals for the Remainder of the Year:

September 27 – Turkey Dinner **November 1** – Pot Pie Quart Sale

CULC Money Counters

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



CHRIST'S UNITED

Laurie Adams Paul Brann Roger Dunkle Rick & Darlene Endy **Dorothy Furgison Gary Gemberling** Pearl Gemberling Gary & Janet Hackenberg John Jenkins Paul & Sherri Klauger Nancy Klinepeter Roy Laudermilch **Tonia Longer** Kay Martin John & Kathy Morrison Harry Moyer Dave Oberlin Kevin & Ashley Reber Larry Sampsell Lee & Kathy Spangler Chuck Spurr Dave & Linda Swartz Kerm Wagner Gary & Marlene Walters **Tom Watters Donald Weller**

The Shut-Ins:

Betty Goss, Helen Pirone, Dottie Rathfon, Louise Ritter, Sam Schnure

FIRST LUTHERAN

Jennie Servinsky

The Shut-Ins

Millard Boyer
Mary Lib Dunkle
Lois Elliott
Doris Moll
Ethel Musser
June Ocker
Barb Reed
Dotty Seebold
James Shipton
Pat Smith
Nancy Ulrich

The Troops

Thaddeus Miller Zachary Miller

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



- 1 Bonnie Greeney (C)
- 2 Denver Clouser (C), Michael Keister (C), June Ocker (F)
- 3 Jonathan Fritz (F), Colbie Loss (F)
- 4 Dianne Shuck (C)
- 5 Daniel Crossland (F), Spencer Dunkle (F), Wanda Stamm (C)
- 8 Karen Adams (C), Tony Masterson (C), Carol Miller (C), Sherri Uehling (F)
- 9 Trena Zeller (F)
- 11 Spencer Harvey (C), Dustin Kline (C), Latisha Spigelmyer (C)
- 13 Earl Boop (C), Ben Hornig (F)
- 14 Wendy Sauers (F), Asher Zimmerman (C)
- 16 Debbie Dauberman (F), Jayden Zimmerman (C)
- 17 Karen Troutman (C)
- 18 Sherri Klauger (C), Dennis Wagner (F)
- 19 Nathan Harvey (C), Jacob Marshall (C), Darlene Ulrich (C)
- 20 Megan Mensch (F), Carly Woodring (F)
- 21 Karen Boyer (F)
- 22 Dion Kline (C)
- 23 Logan Kuba (F)
- 24 Carol Klose (F)
- 25 Debra Parker (C), Tom Watters (C)
- 28 Donna Hackenberg (F)
- 29 Jed Loss (F), Mark Musser (F), Jim Sanders (C), Pat Smith (F)
- 30 Lindsey Snyder (C)

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Terry & Sally Kline (1979) (C), Lee & Kathy Spangler (1979) (C)
- 8 Bob & Eve Rantz (1968) (C)
- 15 Tim & Carol Klose (29 yrs.) (F)
- 18 William & Helen Donmoyer (48 yrs.) (F), Nicole & Joshua Klose (3 yrs.) (F)
- 20 Mike & Ann Beckley (38 yrs.) (F), Maurice & Barb Clouser (1959) (C), Dave & Linda Swartz (1987) (C), John & Sherri Uehling (38 yrs.) (F)
- 24 Tom & Bonnie Greeney (1988) (C), Sam & Ethel Schnure (64 yrs.) (C), Richard & Karen Troutman (1972) (C)
- 22 Ray & Gloria Mincemoyer (67 yrs.) (F)
- 25 Joe & Stacey Veley (1988) (C)



YOLUNTEERS

CULC

Date:	Greeters:	Lay Readers:	Communion Asst.:
6/01	Idella Zimmerman	Maurice Clouser	Dianne Shuck
6/08	Idella Zimmerman	Greg Shuck	Greg Shuck
6/15	Idella Zimmerman	Glenn Spangler	No Communion
6/22	Idella Zimmerman	Barry Spangler	No Communion
6/29	Idella Zimmerman	Lisa Lapp	Janice Wagner

Sound System: Barry Spangler **Altar Guild:** Barb Clouser & Maurice Clouser **Ushers:** The 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

Lay Reader:	Ushers:	Acolytes:
Jeff Mensch	Christian Boyer/Harry Boyer	Brynn Umholtz
	Service @ St. John's UCC	
Sherri Neece	Libby Loss/Sherri Neece	Hannah Boyer
Karen Boyer	Jeannie Sawyer/Kim Sawyer	Erica Boyer
Tom Orren	Dewey Reed/Jim Schwartz	Jane Moore
	Jeff Mensch Sherri Neece Karen Boyer	Jeff Mensch

Chief Usher: Kim Sauers

Money Counters: Mike Beckley/Jim Schwartz 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 e-mail: pastorbuffalovalleyparish@gmail.com
Parish Council Members: Terry Kline, Marianne Motto, Barb Randecker, Kim Sauers, Teresa Shuck, Linda Smith

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CULC e-mail: culc@4bellschurch.com **CULC Website:** 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

David Swartz & Barry Spangler,

Digital Music Arrangers Loretta Martin, Custodian

Margie Dunkle, Secretary/Asst. Tr.

Brandi Zimmerman, Council Secretary

Dianne Shuck, Treasurer,

Financial Recording Secretary

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Joel Blyler – Dennis Boop Gina Buttorff - Bev Catherman Terry Kline - Lisa Lapp Greg Shuck - Teresa Shuck Linda Smith - Lee Spangler Breonna Zimmerman - Idella Zimmerman FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 404 Market St., Mifflinburg, PA 17844 570-966-0266

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday – 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

STAFF MEMBERS

Sue Nentwig, Church Secretary Katiann Lloyd, Financial Secretary Gloria Mincemoyer, Treasurer 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
Drew Christy – Council
Perri Hull – Council
Barb Randecker – Council
Don Seebold II – Council



Summer vacation should be fresh and fun, filled with new friendships and new experiences. Camp Mount Luther offers 400 acres and a host of awesome programs to feed your hunger for adventure.

3 Easy Steps To Your Best. Summer. Ever.

- 1. Check out the **2025 Summer Camp brochure** and pick your program.
- 2. **Register for camp**. Scholarships are available. Learn more about our **all-gender** cabin option.
- 3. Pack your bags and come to camp!

Our Promise To You:

You will be safe - You will be welcomed - You will be loved - You will have fun

Here's A Description Of All The Great Special Camps We've Got Planned This Summer!

- **Buffalo Gap Adventure**—Camp in the Bald Eagle State Forest and explore waterfalls, rock formations, and beautiful foliage.
- Classic with Dr. Seuss Theme—Have the traditional CML experience plus special stuff themed around Dr. Seuss.
- **Day Camp**—Do camp with some special activities for your age group and go home each night.
- **Family**—Bring your family to reconnect with God and others and get away from routine life.
- Mini Camp—Get the CML experience for half a week!
- **Night Owl**—Stay up later each night and do nighttime activities like flashlight tag and stargazing.
- Outdoor Quest—Paddle in a canoe, climb the low ropes, study nature, hike trails, and cycle around (please bring a working bike!)
- SALT—Explore Service And Leadership Training, including learning what it's like to be on staff.
- **Tracks**—Enjoy extra time with crafts, sports, Lego, nature, sewing, singing, and drama.

- Water Adventure—Get wet with fishing, creek hikes, slip and slides, and canoeing. Bring an extra swimsuit!
- **X-Teen**—Explore your faith with your peers and do special activities reserved for senior high!

Cost

With donor support, we subsidize everyone's camp fees (estimated to be about \$2,000 per camper per week). Three-tiered pricing allows you to self-select what you can afford. **All campers receive the same camp experience regardless of the tier you choose.** Financial assistance is often available from your church or contact chad@campmountluther.org. Register and pay all fees by Wednesday at noon prior to your camping week.

All campers get a t-shirt!	<u>Tier 1</u>	Tier 2	Tier 3
Day Camp (per day)	\$85	\$70	\$55
Mini Camp & Family Camp	\$530	\$410	\$305
Week-long Camps	\$850	\$725	\$625

Here's A Typical Week At Camp

SUNDAY

Evening: arrive, settle in, and enjoy all-camp opening and worship

MONDAY

Morning: breakfast, First Light, team building activities, games or crafts

Afternoon: lunch, swimming, games or crafts

Evening: dinner, Eventide, more games, hiking, or swimming, cabin worship

TUESDAY

Morning: breakfast, First Light, games or crafts

Afternoon: lunch, head out on overnights! (week-long campers only)

Evening: set up camp, dinner, eventide, cabin worship

WEDNESDAY

Morning: return from overnights, brunch, First Light

Afternoon: Electives!

Evening: dinner, games, Eventide, cabin worship

THURSDAY

Morning: All-Camp Activity, brunch, First Light **Afternoon**: lunch, swimming, games or crafts

Evening: dinner, eventide, all-camp campfire and worship

FRIDAY

Morning: breakfast, First Light, games or crafts

Afternoon: swimming, packing, all-camp closing worship, and head home!

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 2025. If you know someone who would be a good fit, direct them to chad@campmountluther.org.

Dedication and Pig Roast Reminder

Camp Mount Luther's new Maple Village Bathhouse will soon be ready for use! We invite you to celebrate with us during this year's Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly.

Friday, June 13, 2025

5:45 p.m.- Dedication of the Maple Bathhouse

6:15 p.m.- Pig Roast Dinner

We thank God for the many blessings that empower us to create memories that last, particularly the dedication of people like you! You help provide the financial cornerstone that enables this ministry to have a meaningful impact.

Please RSVP by June 2, 2025, by emailing cml@campmountluther.org

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Annual WELCA Convention

You are invited to attend the Thirty-seventh Annual Convention of the Women of the ELCA, Upper Susquehanna Synod, **July 26, 2025** at Faith Lutheran Church in Lewisburg. Please plan to attend this one-day convention, "For All the Faithful Women." It is an excellent opportunity for you to unite with our sisters from neighboring churches as we engage in the business of the Women of the ELCA.

This year we will be putting together Period Packs which will be sent to CWS for distribution. Each WELCA group attending the Convention is asked to bring either regular Tampons, Super absorbency Tampons or packs of 12 Pads (unscented, long super ultra-thin). The plan is to pack 200 kits. Any extra items will go to a local shelter. All other items needed for the kits will be supplied by the USSWO.

In light of all the natural disasters the In-gathering offering will be sent to Lutheran Disaster Response. Checks should be made payable to USSWO.

To register, e-mail <u>rlatsha@tds.net</u>.



June 2025									
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
8:30 Worship- CULC 9:00 Adult Sunday School- FELC 9:45 Choir Rehearses-FELC 10:30 Worship- FELC	2 1:30 Bible Study-FELC	3	4 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC	5	6	7 11-12:30 Community Meal-FELC			
8 Pentecost 8:30 Worship- CULC No Adult SS- FELC 10:30 Worship with St. John's UCC	9 1:30 Bible Study-FELC	10	11	12	13 Synod Assembly	Pastor on Vacation			
15 Father's Day 8:30 Worship- CULC 9:00 Adult SS- FELC 10:30 Worship- FELC Pastor's Vac.◀	16 No Bible Study	7:00 Council- CULC	18 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC	19	July Newsletter Articles Due	21			
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