

BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2022

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

Grace and peace to you!

Summer break is over, and the kids are back to school! It seems like summer break goes by way too fast. In all the summer madness, I hope you found some quiet time to pray, worship, and be closer to God!

We are now ready to kick off our fall programming! We will resume our Monday Bible Study on Monday, September 12th at 1:30 pm at 4 Bells. We will be doing a nine-week study on the life of David. I have never led a study on David and am looking forward to this Bible Study! On Thursday, September 22nd, at 7 pm at 4 Bells, we will resume our Thursday night Bible Study. On Thursdays, we will study our Lutheran Liturgy and discuss why we do what we do in worship. I hope you can join us for one or both studies! You will not need to purchase any materials for either study. Please let me know if you have any questions about these Bible studies.

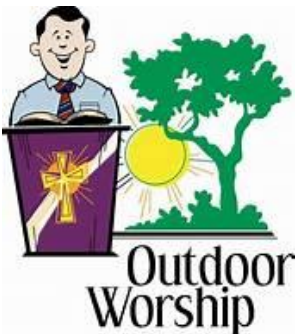
I am very excited that we will have nine youths from the parish starting confirmation this year! Confirmation will be a two-year program, and we will study the Old and New Testament and the Small Catechism. We will be starting sometime in October. Liz Loss and Sherri Neece are busy planning MACY and mini-MACY events, and I am excited about what our youth will be doing this year!

We are also working on some other parish events, and we will let you know once they are finalized.

Know that I lift you all up in prayer, and if there is anything that you need, please let me know!

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Curt Wingert

PARISH EVENTS



On **September 11** we will have a joint worship service & picnic under one of the pavilions at the Mifflinburg Community Park. The service will start at **10:00 a.m.** The picnic will follow the service.

There are several things happening during this special service, which will also coordinate with “God's Work Our Hands (& Feet) Sunday”, as well as Rally Sunday!

The Service

During the service Pastor Curt will have a special blessing for school age kiddos, teachers & staff, etc. A blessing of backpacks, teacher bags, laptop & Chromebook bags, etc. for returning students, teachers and teacher aides will also take place.

Abby Yorks, representing Aunt Abby's Shoe Mission-A Step in the Right Direction, will speak during worship on Soles 4 Souls and her mission project. Everyone is encouraged to bring a pair of new or gently used shoes to donate to the Soles 4 Souls box.

The Picnic

The picnic will follow the worship service. The Parish will be supplying paper goods, hot dogs and water while folks are invited to bring a covered dish to share.

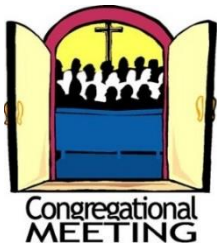
Please save this date, and plan to come join us!!
Watch bulletins for any updates!!



Other Parish Events

- A joint service will be held on **Sunday, November 13**, at Christ's United with a guest speaker representing Food for the Poor.
- Stay tuned for information about a possible Senior Dinner, hopefully to be held sometime in October.
- Also, stay tuned for information on upcoming Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day services.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



A special congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 18, after worship**. The congregation will vote on whether to extend a call to Pastor Curt as part of the Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish with First Evangelical Lutheran Church. First Lutheran will be holding a similar meeting on the same day.

BIBLE STUDY

This month's Bible studies will take place as follows:



Monday	Thursday
1:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Christ's United	Christ's United
September 12	
September 19	September 22
September 26	September 29

The Monday Bible Study will be a nine-week study on the life of David. On Thursdays, we will study our Lutheran Liturgy and discuss why we do what we do in worship.

CULC NEWS



UPDATE

At the recent count meeting it was decided to restart the passing of the peace during worship. Also the ushers will once again collect offering with the offering plates.

BIG NEWS!

Christ United Lutheran Church introduces a new electronic option for making your offerings to the church!

We are utilizing VANCO Payment Solutions to safely and securely make your offering. Your gift will be automatically debited from your checking/savings account or processed using your debit/credit card.

Vanco Online Giving allows:

1. Anytime and anywhere giving, conveniently and securely.
2. No need to write out physical checks or prepare envelopes.
3. Schedule for and manage recurring offerings.
4. View your complete online-giving history.

You are able to split your giving into multiple accounts such as offering, memorials and even Hope's Haven Food Pantry.

(Login with your user name and password. If this is the first time, click on SIGN-UP to setup profile.)

There is also a Vanco App available for your smart phone. Search your App Store.

For anyone who wants more information, talk to Pastor Curt or Kim Blyler.

FELC NEWS

MUSIC AT FIRST

Announcing several music events to take place starting this Fall!



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

Any requests or concerns, please reach out to Diane Scott at 570-523-8378.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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

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

If you are interested in **attending** Adult Sunday School please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the FELC hallway. This will help determine if this type of program is needed at this time.

FELC NURSERY AND YOUTH UPDATES

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

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

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

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*By the time Bobby arrived, the football game had already started. "Why are you so late?" asked his friend. "I couldn't decide between going to church and going to the football game. So I tossed a coin," said Bobby. "But that shouldn't have taken too long." said the friend. "Well, I had to toss it 35 times."*



## ***UPCOMING MEALS***

### **FREE COMMUNITY MEAL AT FIRST**

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

### **DRIVE THROUGH POT PIE SALE**

Christ's United's Fall Potpie supper will take place **November 5**. Potpie will be available by the quart on a drive-thru only basis. Online pre-ordering will be available at [4bellschurch.com](http://4bellschurch.com) or by calling 570-716-5601. More information will be forthcoming.

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SIGNS

On a 500 Piece Puzzle: "Some assembly required."

On an Air Conditioner: "Caution! Avoid dropping out of windows."

At a Car Dealership: "The best way to get back on your feet—miss a car payment."

At a Store Cash Register: "To insure incorrect change, please talk to the cashier."

At Restaurant-Gas Stations Throughout the Nation: "Eat here and get gas."

At an Animal Shelter: Children left unattended will be given a puppy or a kitten.

At Office Entrance: Reduce errors at work! Arrive late, leave early.

Highway Sign: "Entrance Only/Do Not Enter"

In a Restaurant: "Open 7 days a week and weekends."

In a Store Window: Wanted—a man to work eight hours a day, to replace one who did not

Sign in a Service Station, Glen Ellen, CA: If your car sounds like:

"ping-click-ping" – \$10.00

"click-whine-click" – \$25.00

"clunk-whine-clunk" – \$50.00

"thud-clunk-thud" – \$100.00

"clang-thud-clang" – \$300.00

"Can't describe it" – \$500.00



YOUTH NEWS

CUB SCOUTS

Do you have a child in 1st-5th grade who is looking for adventure, excitement, fun, activities, and learning life skills? Encourage them to be a Cub Scout! There's something for everyone in scouting. Pack 3520 meets weekly at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 404 Market Street, in Mifflinburg. For more information, contact: Admin@pack3520.org or call Cubmaster Denny Vasbinder at 248-765-4571 or Chad Hershberger at 570-966-9674.

MACY NEWS!

We are so excited to get our MACYs back in full swing for the fall! We will be opening our new Yo-Yo space at First Lutheran for our youth to gather and are looking forward to an exciting year! All youth are welcome to attend no matter where they attend church, and even if they do not attend. **Remember - YOU BELONG HERE!**

MINI-MACY (grades K-5)

Sherri Neece will be helping to facilitate Mini MACY again this year. The first event is planned for **Saturday, September 17, 3-5 p.m.** in the new Yo-Yo room. She will be looking for volunteers to plan events in the near future. So many of our Minis are involved in Youth Football, Cheer and Soccer, so Sherri is working hard to figure out a schedule! Stay tuned and reach out to Sherri to get involved!

Saturday, Sept. 17 - WELCOME BACK - 3-5 pm - FELC Yo-Yo! Kicking off the Mini Macy!

MACY (grade 6-12)

Our MACY planned some exciting events for the next few months! Friendsgiving, a Coffee Shop, and a Mixer with the Mini & College MACY! We will have some "pop-up" nights in the Yo-Yo to hang out, too! Make sure you are following our instagram - FELC_miff_Youth. If you have any questions or want to be involved, please contact Liz - 570-412-5598.

See what is coming up in September:

Friday, Sept. 9 - MINUTE TO KNOW YOU - 7-10 pm - FELC Yo-Yo! Bring your friends and we will get to know each other with games and other activities. Nacho Bar & Snacks!

Wednesday, Sept. 21 - ICE CREAM DATE - 7 pm - Amy's Frosty Freeze

Join us for a quick visit and check-in with some yummy ice cream!

Sunday, Sept. 25th - LUNCH BUNCH WITH PASTOR CURT - Noon till 2 pm - FELC Yo-Yo! Join us after Church for Lunch with Pastor Curt.

****Save the Date****

Friday, Oct. 28 - TAILGATE! – After School - Game time! - FELC Yo-Yo & Lawn

We will have Pre-Game fun before the Lewisburg vs. Mifflinburg football game! More details to come!

COLLEGE MACY

We want our college students and young adults to continue to grow in faith together! If you are interested in connecting with other college students or young adults, please reach out to Liz - 570-412-5598.



MINISTERIUM BACKPACK PROGRAM

The churches of the Mifflinburg Ministerium are providing backpacks of food for students in the Mifflinburg School District for weekends when they may not have a hot meal.

The Ministerium is asking for help with this program through donations of the following items:

Single Serving Pudding Cups
Single Serving cereals
Peanut Butter or Cheese Cracker Packs
Single Serving Applesauce or Fruit Cups
Individual Microwavable Macaroni & Cheese
Gummies - Dried Fruit - Granola or Protein Bars
Individual Microwavable Chef Boy R Dee Products
Microwavable Individual Pasta Meals (e.g.: Chef Boy-R-Dee, Mac & Cheese)

No Pop Tarts or Canned Goods please.

(Cash Donations are also helpful)

Christ's United will be in charge of filling and distributing backpacks in December. First Lutheran will be in charge of May/June.

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### **"SUMMER'S END"**

*No flowers to plant,  
No garden to tend,  
As summertime lazily  
Comes to an end.*

*It's time to sit back  
and deliciously savor  
The beauty of the season  
and the fruits of our labor.*

*Farewell to summer;  
for autumn make way,  
With this last celebration  
We call Labor Day.*

## ***NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS***

### **NEW ADDRESS**

Meda Struble  
2421 Old Turnpike Road  
Lewisburg, PA. 17837  
Phone: 570-523-8946

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

**Congratulations!** Logan Stenger married his bride Francesca on August 13. Congratulations to Tanna & Emil Stenger as they welcome Fran into their family.



### **THANK YOU NOTE:**

Dear First Lutheran Family,

Thanks so much for your cards, prayers and well wishes during my recovery from back surgery! God has blessed me at every turn and I am able to walk without pain again! I hope to start physical therapy soon and be better than ever!

God also answered our family's prayers by sending a beautiful baby boy to my daughter's family (Celeste, Jay & Pearl) to adopt. Since he's a peanut, I have been able to do lots of baby holding & feeding and still stay under my 10 lb. weight limit. He's thriving and growing and charming us all. Your prayers are always welcome for his health - he has some feeding & breathing challenges due to a cleft palate.

Thanks again for remembering me and holding me in your prayers!

Sincerely,  
Bonnie Conrad

# ***VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES***

## **HOSPICE OF EVANGELICAL VOLUNTEER TRAINING**



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

A **FREE** training event takes place:

**September 21, from 8:30 am - 4 pm**

Hospice of Evangelical, 235 Hospital Drive, Lewisburg.

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

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THE THINGS YOU CANNOT BUY

The best and sweetest things in life are things you cannot buy,

*The music of the birds at dawn, the rainbow in the sky;
The dazzling magic of the stars, the miracle of light;
The precious gifts of health and strength, of hearing, speech and sight;
The peace of mind that crowns a busy life of work well done;
A faith in God that deepens as you face the setting sun;
The boon of love, the joy of friendship as the years go by;*

You find the greatest blessings are the things you cannot buy. (TNN)



INFORMATION BOOTH

FELC KEYS/FOBS

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

OFFERING COUNTERS

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

COFFEE CANS

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

GROCERY GIFT CARDS OFFER

Gift cards make wonderful gifts for college students, birthdays, weddings, ♥ day, Easter, birth of a new baby, a new neighbor....the list is endless....such a useful gift!

First Lutheran - offers cards in denominations of \$25, \$50 or \$100. Simply make checks payable to "First Lutheran Church" and use them as cash or the grateful recipient can do the same. Don Seibold will even deliver! Give him a call at 966-0727 or 412-1505. ***YOU receive the full value of the***

card and then Weis gives 5% & Wenger's gives 10% of the purchase to the FELC mission fund!

Christ's United - \$25 & \$50 gift cards for Weis, Wenger's and L&L Marketplace are also available from Christ's United. If you want to purchase cards, talk to Sue Blyler (570-922-4114). If you would like to pay by check, it should be made payable to "Christ's United Lutheran Church" and put "L&L, Weis or Wenger's cards" on the memo line.

LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - FALL 2022

Couples can experience Marriage Encounter from the comfort of their homes!

Help Married Husbands & Wives Improve Their Communication Skills – Virtually!

Give married husbands and wives in your congregation the opportunity to celebrate their special relationship while learning unique insights and tools to improve their couple communication for the long haul!

A virtual Lutheran Marriage Encounter experience will help your congregation's married couples reap joyful long-term rewards for their relationship, their family, and their faith journey even during these special circumstances and special times.

Just copy and share the following Announcement in all of your virtual church media - e-newsletter, e-worship services, and website - through October 4, 2022 to inform your congregation of this special experience!

LEARN HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR SPOUSE IN A WHOLE NEW WAY!

Pre-registration is required to receive the materials you'll need for your experience via snail mail – don't miss out! Registration is now open for the next VIRTUAL experience on **October 14 - 16, 2022!**

You Can Participate Privately from Your Home or Anywhere That Affords You Privacy as a Couple

Apply Now / Learn More at [GodLovesMarriage.org!](http://GodLovesMarriage.org)
Questions? [Contact us! info@godlovesmarriage.org](mailto:info@godlovesmarriage.org)

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

CHRIST'S UNITED

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

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

Struble, Connie Wagner.

*In an effort to keep the prayer list current, Christ's United will clear their list on a quarterly basis. Their list will be updated in January, April, July and October. **If you want to continue an existing prayer request or have a new prayer concern, please contact Margie.***

FIRST LUTHERAN

Cathy Hower Brungard
Michael Culp
Logan Roush
Keith Sawyer
Ken Smith

The Shut-Ins

Pearl Culp
Lois Elliott
Ed Henry
Doris Moll
Ethel Musser

The Troops

Dylan Harvey
Thaddeus Miller
Zachary Miller





CULC

9/1 Ramon Beiler
9/14 Sandy Sanders
Karen Zimmerman
9/15 Aiden Gemberling
Doug Gemberling Jr
Gayle Zerbe
9/19 Forrest Showalter
Beth Zechman
9/20 Dougie Gemberling
Molly Keister
9/21 Terry Kline
9/22 Jacob Moyer
9/23 Jodi Marshall
9/24 Pastor John Yost
9/26 Eugene Hassinger
Jason Zimmerman

FELC

9/02 Vicki Hackenburg
Brynn Umholtz
9/03 Elliana Girton
9/04 Daphine Fritz
9/06 Stephen Smith
9/08 Thomas Taylor
9/09 Amanda Galer
Zachary Hornig
Craig Rothermel
9/12 Blaine Dunkle
Malorie Linder
9/13 Mary Jane Feaster
9/14 Nancy Nevil
John Uehling
9/15 Jace Watson
9/16 Jadyn Rothermel
9/17 Grace Crossland
9/19 Curt Rothermel
9/24 Nathan Lynch
9/25 Michael Culp
9/26 Tracy Mensch
Tom Woodring
Max Zeller
9/28 Ruth Gessner
Karli Hackenberg
Andrew Schwartz
9/30 Brenda Ilgen
Steven Krieger
Maxine Stahl

TODAY IS THE OLDEST
YOU'VE EVER BEEN
AND THE YOUNGEST
YOU'LL EVER BE AGAIN.



CULC

9/6 Cliff & Diane Valentine (1969)
9/9 Tom & Evelyn Rice (1972)
Chip & Beth Zechman (2009)
9/16 Kris & Carla Ruhl (1978)
9/25 Joe & Sherry Zimmerman
(1976)
9/28 D.J. & Halie Boop (2019)
9/29 Ken & Patty Emery (1973)

FELC

9/6 Jed & Elizabeth Loss (14 yrs.)
9/26 Jeff & Vicki Hackenburg
(24 yrs.)
9/30 Jason & Daphine Fritz
(22 yrs.)
Eric & Gwen Hull (27 yrs.)
Max & Trena Zeller (33 yrs.)

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## ONLY IN AMERICA

1. *Only in America can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.*
2. *Only in America are there handicap parking places in front of a skating rink.*
3. *Only in America do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.*
4. *Only in America do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke.*
5. *Only in America do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.*
6. *Only in America do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.*
7. *Only in America do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we don't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.*
8. *Only in America do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.*
9. *Only in America is there a box for a "blind" person to check on their tax returns.*
10. *Only in America are the least useful professions (professional athletes, actors and entertainers) paid so disproportionately much compared to people with normal jobs.*
11. *Only in America do people buy domestic brand tires, because they want to "buy American," and install them on their imported cars.*
12. *Only in America do the budgets for non-essential items, like soft drinks, exceed the economy of many third world nations.*



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### **SEPTEMBER 3 - DANDELION RUN**

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

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

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

### **COOKIES NEEDED FOR DANDELION RUN**

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



## ***WOMEN OF THE ELCA***

**October 2** – Blanket Sunday

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



## ***SYNOD NEWS***

### **SEPTEMBER 11, 2022: “GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS” SUNDAY**

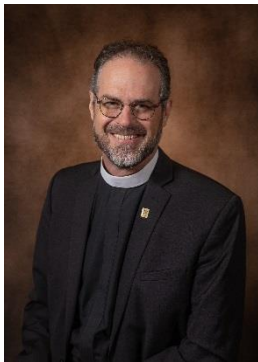
On Sunday, September 11, congregations of the ELCA will join for “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday, our annual day of service. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

We are a church energized by lively engagement in faith and life. As we continue our tradition of service to our neighbor, we remember the words of Martin Luther: “Our faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing.” With our hands, we do God’s work of restoring and reconciling communities in the name of Jesus Christ.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

***In coordination with this, at our “special” Parish service in the park/pavilion on September 11<sup>th</sup> we are kindly asking everyone to bring a gently used or new pair of shoes to donate to the Soles 4 Souls box.***

Local coordinator Abby Yorks of “Aunt Abby’s Shoe Mission – A Step in the Right Direction” will be presenting a talk during this service.



### **SEPTEMBER 17, 2022: BISHOP INSTALLATION**

The installation of The Rev. Craig A. Miller, the fourth bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), is scheduled for **Saturday, September 17, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.** ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will install Miller at Zion Lutheran Church, 15 S. Fifth Street, Sunbury.

The service will feature a procession of clergy and deacons from around the synod. Other participants will include bishops from ELCA synods and the Episcopal Church, as well as leaders from other Christian churches and other faith traditions. A choral and bell choir will be made up of members of synod congregations. Masking is encouraged. Parking is available on the street and in the city lots between 4th and 5th Streets and one block north on 5th Street. NOTE: Carpooling is encouraged! A time of fellowship and light refreshments will follow the service.

### **ULS BOOK CLUB**

Featuring Anya Kamanetz’ *The Stolen Year: How Covid Changed Children’s Lives and Where We Go Now*. For rostered leaders and lay folk. September 11, October 16th, and November 20th, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

# SEPTEMBER



## ***VOLUNTEERS***

### **CULC**

| <b>Date:</b> | <b>Lay Reader:</b>                  | <b>Communion Asst.:</b> |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 9/4          | Kathy Spangler                      | Lee Spangler            |
| 9/11         | Worship & Picnic @ Mifflinburg Park |                         |
| 9/18         | Lisa Lapp                           | Judy Moyer              |
| 9/25         | Maurice Clouser                     | Janice Wagner           |

| <b>Altar Guild</b>              | <b>Sound System</b> | <b>Ushers</b> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Bev Catherman<br>Barry Spangler | Dianne Shuck        | Boop Family   |



### **FELC**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Lay Reader</b> | <b>Ushers</b>               | <b>Children's Church</b> |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 9/4         | Barb Randecker    | Harvey & Brenda Ilgen       | Ann Beckley              |
| 9/11        | Karen Boyer       | Eric & Gwen Hull            | Pastor Curt              |
| 9/18        | Jane Moore        | Dewey Reed/Don Seebold II   | Sherri Neece             |
| 9/25        | Sherri Neece      | Sherri Neece/Jeannie Sawyer | Shirley Heasley          |

| <b>Altar Guild</b>        | <b>Money Counters</b>    | <b>Chief Usher</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Linda Lewis<br>Jane Moore | Jane Moore<br>Jim Swartz | Kim Sawyer         |

# BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH

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| <p><b>OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE<br/>SEPTEMBER 20</b></p> |
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### **DIFFERENT DRUG PROBLEM**

*The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a Methamphetamine lab had been found in and old farmhouse in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question.*

*"Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"*

*I replied, I had a drug problem when I was young: I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to church for weddings and funerals. I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.*

*I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.*

*I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profanity. I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flower beds and cockleburs out of dad's fields. I was drug to the homes of family, friends and neighbors to help out some poor sold who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood, and if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.*

*Those drugs are still in my veins and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say or think. Thy are stronger than cocaine, crack or heroin. If today's children had this kind fo drug problem, America would be a better place.*

*God bless the parents who drugged us.*

*~Author Unknown*

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| Sunday                                                                                                                        | Monday                                                 | Tuesday                                                      | Wednesday                                                                                                             | Thursday                          | Friday                                                               | Saturday                                                                        |
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|                                                                                                                               |                                                        |                                                              |                                                                                                                       | <b>1</b><br><br>1:00 WELCA - FELC | <b>2</b><br>Cookies for Dandelion Run - bring to FELC from 9am – 2pm | <b>3</b><br>9:00 Dandelion Run – Mt. Luther<br><br>11-12:30 Community Meal-FELC |
| <b>4</b><br>8:30 Worship-CULC<br>9:30 Koinonia Kafe-CULC<br>9:30 Sunday School-CULC<br>10:30 Worship-FELC                     | <b>5 Labor Day</b><br><br><b>Church Offices Closed</b> | <b>6</b>                                                     | <b>7</b><br>10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC<br><br>6:30 Council-FELC                                                          | <b>8</b>                          | <b>9</b><br><br>7:00-10:00 MACY Event-FELC                           | <b>10</b><br>CULC Fellowship Hall Reserved                                      |
| <b>11 God's Work, Our Hands Sunday</b><br>10:00 Joint Worship & Picnic @ Mfb Park                                             | <b>12</b>                                              | <b>13</b><br><br>7:00 Council-CULC                           | <b>14</b><br>10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC<br><br>6:30 Chancel Choir-FELC                                                   | <b>15</b>                         | <b>16</b>                                                            | <b>17</b><br><br>3:00 Mini MACY Kickoff-FELC                                    |
| <b>18</b><br>8:30 Worship-CULC<br>Congregational Mtg.<br>9:30 Sunday School-CULC<br>10:30 Worship-FELC<br>Congregational Mtg. | <b>19</b>                                              | <b>20</b><br><br><b>October Newsletter Articles Deadline</b> | <b>21</b><br>10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC<br><br>6:30 Chancel Choir-FELC<br>7:00 MACY Ice Cream Date @ Amy's Frosty Freeze | <b>22</b>                         | <b>23</b>                                                            | <b>24</b>                                                                       |
| <b>25</b><br>8:30 Worship-CULC<br>9:30 Sunday School-CULC<br>10:30 Worship-FELC<br>12:00 MACY Lunch with Pastor Curt-FELC     | <b>26</b>                                              | <b>27</b>                                                    | <b>28</b><br>10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC<br><br>After School-MACY Tailgate-FELC<br><br>6:30 Chancel Choir-FELC            | <b>29</b>                         | <b>30</b>                                                            |                                                                                 |