

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

## ***MAY 2023***

### ***PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS***

Grace and peace to you!

I am writing this letter in Nebraska on my last day of vacation. This past week has been filled with many emotions as I spent time with family and remembering the life of my uncle Allen Jessen. I apologize for not getting this letter out sooner. The time leading up to my vacation got a little hectic. As I was preparing to write this letter the other day, I jokingly asked one of my nieces if they would like to write it for me, and surprisingly, she said yes. So, the rest of this letter is written by Mackenzie Crosgrove, and she talks about relationships. I hope you enjoy it!

*"True love begins when nothing is looked for in return. So, what defines it? True love is a strong and lasting affection between two people in a happy, passionate, and fulfilling relationship. Each relationship should be in a form of a triangle. Why, you may ask? Well, the top corner is God, and each side corner is one person of the couple. To have a fulfilling relationship, couples need to keep God at the center of their relationships. 1 John 4: 19 says that 'We love because he first loved us.' The Lord Jesus Christ has loved and still loves us for dying on the cross and forgiving our sins. We need to make God a priority in those personal relationships because he will guide us and our spouse or significant other in those tribulations of life. We want God to fight those battles and lay those fears at His feet.*

*God does not have to only be the center of a relationship between two*

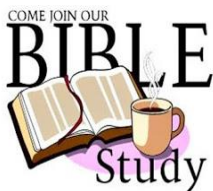
people. He should be the center of one's life. Jesus should be the life, the love, the reason, the hope, the joy, and the passion of one person. He has so much love for each and every one of us. 1 John 4:20 'Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, who they have not seen.' The meaning of verse 20 is a person who shows hate for others but claims to know God is lying the second part of the verse explains the seen/unseen; it's more difficult to love someone you cannot see. If a person cannot love those they see, they cannot reasonably claim to love those they cannot see. Verse 21, and he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister. God wants us to see those for who they are. He does not want his children to have hate for others.

True love begins when nothing is looked for in return. God does not want to have that relationship because He thinks one has more money or is more popular. He wants to commit to those that do not expect anything in return. He will open those golden gates when it is time and lead us home."

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**  
**May 1 – No Study**  
**May 8 – No Study**  
**May 15**  
**May 22**  
**May 29 – No Study – Memorial Day**

This month we will be studying the book of Joel.

# ***PENTECOST***



The two most common Pentecost symbols represent the Holy Spirit. A descending dove is frequently used to symbolize the coming of the Spirit, since the Gospel of Luke reports that the Holy Spirit came to Jesus at his baptism in the form of a dove. (Luke 3:22). Tongues of fire are also used to symbolize the Holy Spirit, based on the account of Pentecost found in Acts 2:1-4. The liturgical color for the Day of Pentecost is bright red, which reminds us of the fire of the Spirit.

Bright red is also the color of the geraniums we use to decorate the sanctuary on Pentecost. If you would like to donate some geraniums for this purpose (the plants will then be planted around the church), please fill out the form below and return it to Janice Wagner or Margie.

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## **GERANIUM ORDER FORM**

**Cost: \$4.50**

**Order Deadline: May 14**

**Return with payment to Margie Dunkle or Janice Wagner**

GIVEN BY \_\_\_\_\_

in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

to the Glory of God \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PLANTS ORDERED \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

*(Flowers supplied by Brookside Acres)*

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We will need a volunteer to plant the geraniums. If you would be willing to tackle that task, talk to Margie.



## ***CULC NEWS***

### **Fundraiser**

Our facility will be the site for a Mifflinburg Kiwanis Benefit Breakfast from **8:00-10:30 a.m. on May 20**. The breakfast will help cover medical expenses for Kathy Spangler.

### **Welcome New Members**

On Sunday, March 26, **Grant (Duane) & Lisa Lapp** along with their daughter, **Haleigh Boop**, were welcomed into our church family...

Duane is a farmer for Foreman Grains. A graduate of Milton High School, he enjoys farming, tractor pulls, traveling west and spending time with his grandchildren.

Lisa, a VP of Operations for Northumberland National Bank, enjoys reading, hiking, spending time with her grandchildren and vacationing in Montana. She is a graduate of Warrior Run High School and WACC.

The Lapps live in New Columbia and are the parents of 3 and grandparents of 5.

### **Retirement**

Jeffrey "Woody" Wenrich has retired after serving the military for 42 years. He is the son of Benivel Wenrich and the late Barbara Herrold Wenrich. He graduated in 1978 from Mifflinburg High School. Jeff had a passion for traveling the world, hunting, fishing, baseball, and interest in the Air Force.

In 1979, he joined the Air Force and attended a five-week Basic Training Course in San Antonio, Texas, and after Basic Training attended technical school at Chanute AFB, Ill. Jeff attended the Fuels career field and after technical school was assigned to Kadena AB, Japan. While at Kadena AB, he was assigned to the 18<sup>th</sup> Supply Squadron refueling all types of military and commercial aircraft.

After Japan, he volunteered for Europe and was assigned to the 81<sup>st</sup> Fighter Sq. RAF Bentwaters-Woodbrige, UK, where he became a Fuels Laboratory Technician sampling, testing, and analyzing several types of petroleum products for two years. After traveling to various parts of Asia and Europe, he decided to volunteer to go back to Asia and was assigned to the 51<sup>st</sup> Supply Squadron, Osan AB, Republic of Korea.

While assigned to Korea, Jeff continued to sample and test different petroleum products, and one particular aircraft fuel he tested was the special fuel issued to the U-2 spy aircraft. Jeff spent 2 years in Korea and then volunteered for Japan. He was assigned to the 475 Supply Squadron and oversaw the Fuels Laboratory in his last two years, taught students all over the Pacific, Fuels War Material Assets for deployment to hostile environments. Jeff was socially active and became a Master Mason, involved in American/Japanese Civic events, taught English to Japanese students, called bingo at the NCO Club, and coached/played fast-pitch softball, slow-pitch softball, and baseball.

In 1988, the Pacific Headquarters Chief asked Jeff if he would like to go to Hawaii to work on the Pacific Headquarters Staff, at Hickam AFB. Jeff worked at Base Level Fuels as a Quality Control Inspector and 18 months later joined the HQ Pacific staff to Inventory Manager/War Planner for all the Pacific.

Jeff would fly back and forth to Pennsylvania to hunt white tail in the fall. In the summer of 1991 he got an assignment to Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. His dream of hunting and fishing became a reality. Jeff was the Operations Manager for Fuels, and later worked as the Environmental Chief, and then on to become the Superintendent of the Fuels Branch. Jeff met some great Alaskan natives and would fly out to a remote village and hunt with the natives, taking moose and caribou. Fishing the world class rivers and streams of Alaska for the varied species of salmon and trout. Departing Alaska after four years was hard. Prior to departing Alaska, a package was sent forward to the Pentagon in DC, to nominate Jeff as the "Best Superintendent in the Air Force for Fuels": for 1995.

Jeff's next assignment was back to Osan AB, Korea to manage all the collocated bases in Korea which totaled six in all. On his third month in Korea he was approached by the Commander and recognized in front of all his peers as being selected as the "Best Superintendent in the Air Force for Fuels" for 1995. He was flown to the Pentagon for a special ceremony and toured all the memorials, which was one of the highlights of his career which were many, but none as significant as this prestigious award. In 1997, he headed back to Hawaii.

From 1997 to 1999, he was the Fuels Superintendent for the 15 Supply Squadron, Hickam AFB, Hawaii. He managed 30 civilians and 49 military. He won countless awards for the "Best Fuels Branch" in the Pacific and in the Air Force. He was nearing the end of his 20-year career when the base decided to contract out military jobs. Jeff would take one last job, a special duty job in Korea.

Jeff worked for the Defense Logistics Agency overseeing all the movement of fuel from the southern half of the Korean peninsula to Seoul. He was a Quality Surveillance Representative, overseeing the movement of pipeline fuel transfers, T-5 petroleum tankers and barges on the Korean peninsula.

In 2001, Jeff retired from the Air Force after 22 years of service. In August 2002, he would become a civil service employee with the Air Force as the night shift fuels supervisor. Jeff would oversee the refueling of numerous Presidents arriving at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hicam. He was personally involved in the refueling of "Air Force One" with President Bush, Obama, Trump and Biden. He was also involved with

foreign dignitaries from Japan, Korea, and China. Jeff enjoyed the military lifestyle and working with the different branches of the service. He also worked with the Army part-time as a contractor for 17 years at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii managing and overseeing the largest military fueling station in the Pacific. Not many people can say they were with three branches of the military. In all, 22 years Air Force active duty, 8 years civil service with the Navy, and 17 years Army as a contractor.

Jeff's military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster and the Air Force Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters. He retired from the rank of Senior Master Sergeant, April 1, 2001. On December 31, 2022, he retired as a Wage Supervisor from civil service.

Since his retirement Jeff and his wife, Tharifah, have returned to Pennsylvania and are currently living in Mifflinburg. Jeff is working as a driver at Susquehanna Valley Limousine and as an examiner for PennDot in Selinsgrove.

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### **Notes of Appreciation**

CULC Congregation, Thank You! Thank you for helping us celebrate dad's life. Your generosity is amazing – The Gemberling Family

### **Condolences**

The family of Christ's United is saddened at the death of **Barbara Grimooris**, 71, on April 22 at Rolling Hills Manor.

We want to express our condolences to **Sherri Klauger** and her family following the death of her mother-in-law, Alma Klauger, 92, on March 24.

We also want to extend our deepest sympathy to **Dave & Linda Swartz** upon the death of her mother, Rita Tinnes, on April 15 at the age of 93.

### **Synod Assembly**

Christ's United is in need of a voting delegate for the upcoming Synod Assembly being held at Susquehanna University on **Friday & Saturday, June 16 & 17**. If you are interested, reach out to Pastor Curt or Barry Spangler.

### **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).

## 'Drive Through' Turkey Dinner

A 'Drive Through' Turkey Dinner is planned for **May 27** at Christ's United. Dinners include Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Gravy, Vegetable and Applesauce. All proceeds benefit our 'Hope's Haven' Food Pantry. The time is **3:30 p.m. until sold out**. Advance Orders also will be taken. Please check our Web Site at [www.4bellschurch.com](http://www.4bellschurch.com).

If needed, a workday may take place on **Friday, May 26**. Please let us know if you can help if we need to have a workday. Help will be needed at **9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 27**, the day of the dinner, to cook and cut the turkey, prepare the stuffing, vegetable, mashed potatoes, and gravy; and to mix & put the applesauce into containers. 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 clean up.

If you are experienced, that is great; if not, we will provide training! If you have questions, or to volunteer to help, please call Kim Blyler at 570-716-5601 or email [kim@4bellschurch.com](mailto:kim@4bellschurch.com).

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### *I Have Found Such Joy*

*I have found such joy in simple things;  
A plain clean room, a nut-brown loaf of bread,  
A cup of milk, a kettle as it sings,  
The shelter of a roof above my head,  
And in a leaf-faced square along a floor,  
Where yellow sunlight glimmers through a door  
I have found such joy in things that fill  
My quiet days; a curtain's blowing grace,  
A potted plant upon my window sill,  
A rose fresh-cut and placed within a vase,  
A table cleared, a lamp beside a chair,  
And books I long have loved beside me there.*

*~Grace Noll Crowell  
(The Joyful Noiseletter)*





## ***FELC NEWS***

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

First Lutheran will be serving a free community meal on **Saturday, May 6, from 11:00 – 12:30**. All are welcome! Please enter the door in the alley behind the church. Upcoming meals for this quarter will be held on **June 3**.

### **Gideons Representative – May 14**

On Sunday, May 14 a Gideons Representative will give a presentation during the worship service.

### **Congregational Meeting – May 21**

There will be a special congregational meeting on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> immediately following the 10:30 worship service. 2 topics to be discussed: 1. Approval of expenditure of Gifts & Endowments funds for a study and plans for a new/updated heating and air conditioning system. 2. The future of the parsonage and what is needed to update it.

### **VBS Planning Meeting – May 24**

There will be a VBS Planning Meeting on Wednesday, May 24 at 7 pm at First Lutheran.

### **Synod Assembly**

First Lutheran is in need of three voting members for the upcoming Synod Assembly being held at Susquehanna University on **Friday & Saturday, June 16 & 17**. If you are interested, reach out to Pastor Curt.

### **Easter Offering**

We collected \$491 in the Easter offering, which will be given to the Community Meal. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Church Directory**

The church directories are nearing completion. We will be emailing a copy to members. If you would like to have a hard copy, please let the church office know.



## **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.

## **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.

## **Thank You**

Just a Note...

Thank you so much for the "Get Well" card! It's wonderful to still have your prayers and know you are not forgotten.

Please keep these prayers coming and again they are so much appreciated!

~ Love, Linda Schnure

I would like to thank both congregations for their support through my illness. It was most appreciated. Thank you for the cards, text messages, the volunteers who took me to appointments and to all who showed their kindness through their donations and support.

May God bless you all for your support to me and my family. ~ Ed Libhart

## **Ministerium Backpack Program**

First Lutheran will be filling the backpacks in May (and June if necessary) for students in the Mifflinburg School District for weekends when they may not have a hot meal. The Mifflinburg Ministerium is asking for help with this program through donations of the following items:

Single Serving Pudding Cups  
Peanut Butter or Cheese Cracker Packs  
Single Serving Applesauce or Fruit Cups  
Individual Microwavable Macaroni & Cheese  
Single Serving Cereals - Single Serving Drinks  
Gummies - Dried Fruit - Granola or Protein Bars  
Individual Microwavable Chef Boy R Dee Products  
***No Pop Tarts or Canned Goods please.***

## **Haven Ministry Donations**

Sally Rothermel and Libby Loss recently attended a presentation at Messiah Lutheran. Christy Ziegler, director of Haven Ministry of Sunbury, explained how they got started,

who they are, and what continues to be their ongoing needs. Totally funded by donations, they rely on the generosity of others to maintain their commitment to providing a safe and healthy haven for the homeless of Snyder, Union, and Northumberland counties. They provide a temporary home for men, women, and families. They are currently conducting a capital campaign to enlarge their facility. If you wish to make a monetary donation to this effort, you can send a check to Haven Ministry, 1043 S. Front Street, Sunbury, PA 17801. Another way you can help them out is by donating items such as food, personal care items, and cleaning supplies. A detailed list of their needs will be on the hall bulletin board. There will also be a box in the hallway in which you can put your donations. As well as providing emergency shelter; they also maintain a food pantry to help those in the area with food insecurities. We can't express enough the need this organization has, and the amazing service they provide. Please pray for them. Your donations will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

### **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!

## Condolences

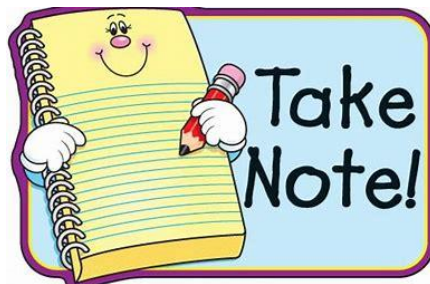
Our sympathy is extended to the family of Mary Alice Deihl, 87, who entered into eternal rest on April 20 at Evangelical Community Hospital.

Mary Alice graduated from the diploma program of the Polyclinic Hospital of Nursing in Harrisburg in 1956. She worked at Evangelical Community Hospital as a registered nurse in various departments, eventually retiring from the ER Department. Following retirement, she continued to volunteer at the hospital in various roles assisting patients and families. She was also active in the No One Dies Alone Program through the hospital, serving many local residents and families.

She was an active member of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, where she was involved with the Lutheran's Women Group, coordinating funeral meals and luncheons for many years. She also volunteered with the American Red Cross, offering screenings and health education.

Surviving are her two sons, Tom (Mary Elizabeth) Deihl of Mifflinburg and Brad (Amy Sue) Deihl of Willow Street; 3 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren; as well as her brother David (Donna) Knouse of North Ridgeville, OH.

Family and friends are invited to a memorial service to celebrate Mary Alice's life at **1 p.m. on Saturday, May 6**, at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mifflinburg with Pastor Curt Wingert officiating. Following the service there will be a reception with the family for fellowship and light refreshments. Interment will be private in Lincoln Chapel Cemetery.



## ***MESSIAH NEWS***

### Community Yard Sale

There will be a Community Yard Sale in New Berlin on **May 5 and 6**. Messiah will be collecting donations of gently used items, beginning April 30. In addition to selling their unwanted goods, they will be selling very wanted baked goods. They welcome folks in the Parish to drop off unwanted goods, bake some wanted goods, and/or shop 'til they drop.

## **XYZ Meal**

An XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) lunch is scheduled on **May 10 at 11:30 a.m.** at the Street of Shops in Lewisburg. Those who would like to attend the luncheon should contact Miriam Milbrand at 570 966-1352 so that she can give the restaurant an accurate count.

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*A six-year-old boy told his father one day,  
"I'm going outdoors and play ball with God."  
"So how do you play ball with God?"  
the father asked. "Oh, it's not hard at all,"  
the boy replied. "I just throw the ball up,  
and God throws it back down to me."  
(The Joyful Noiseletter)*



## ***YOUTH NEWS***

### **Mini-MACY (grades K-5)**

Contact Sherri Neece for questions or to organize a Mini-MACY Event.

### **MACY (grades 6-12)**

If you have any questions or want to be involved, please contact Liz (570-412-5598).

MACY Texts! If you are not currently receiving texts or emails about MACY events, please reach out to Liz (570-412-5598).

## **ONLY IN AMERICA**

1. *Only in America are there handicap parking places in front of a skating rink.*
2. *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.*
3. *Only in America do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke.*
4. *Only in America do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.*
5. *Only in America do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.*
6. *Only in America do we use the word 'politics' to describe the process so well: 'Poli' in Latin meaning 'many' and 'tics' meaning 'bloodsucking creatures'.*
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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**CAMP MOUNT LUTHER**  
&  
**The Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish**  
presents  
**VBS Summer Evening Camp**

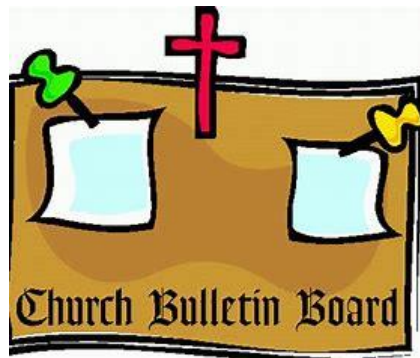
Open to children  
Kindergarten to Sixth Grade



**July 23-27**  
**at Mifflinburg Town Park Pavilion**  
**6:00 PM – 8:15 PM**  
**5:30 p.m. small meal included each evening**

**Come experience outdoor ministries close to home! Staff from Camp Mount Luther and volunteers from our congregations will be on hand to bring fun, fellowship, and the love of God through our day camp program. Evening Camp includes games, sports, Bible study, singing, crafts, special events and worship.**

***Watch for updates in the very near future.  
Feel free to invite your neighbors and friends.***



### **Joint Council Meeting**

On **May 17** the councils of Christ's United, First Lutheran and Messiah will meet at First Lutheran Church at **6:30 p.m.**

### **Benefit Breakfast**

The Mifflinburg Kiwanis will be hosting a benefit breakfast to provide assistance to the family of Kathy Spangler, a member at 4-Bells. The meal will be held at 4-Bells on **Saturday, May 20, 8:00-10:30 a.m.** Pancakes, sausage, assorted muffins, fruit and beverages will be served. Take-outs will be available by calling 570-966-0623 by May 18. 100% of donations at the door will directly help with Kathy's medical expenses. Anyone wishing to help with this event can call the number provided here.

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

There will be three "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. More details for each will be coming. Dates & locations based on most recent information.

**June 25:** Christ's United Lutheran Church

**July 9:** New Berlin Fireman's Park

**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.



## 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.

## Cow Cash 2023 Update

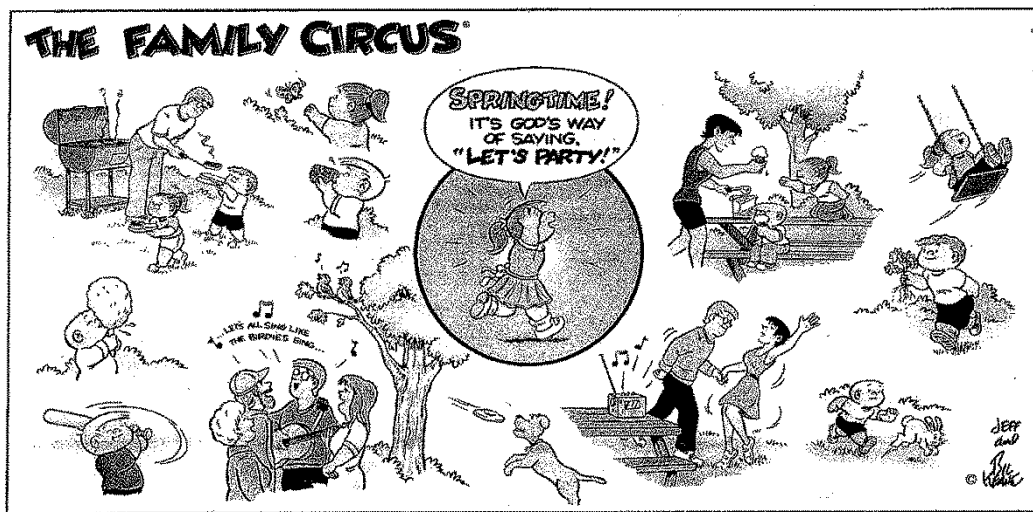
As of this newsletter we have \$806.55!!

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who supported this OUTREACH during the Lenten Season.

We are aware of a few donations that are still outstanding and are hoping to wrap this up by the end of this month.

If we reach our goal of \$1000 then we will once again be able to get several Good Gifts from the ELCA program like we did last year!

Check out the opportunities at <https://goodgifts.elca.org>



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## **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 Laudermilch  
John Morrison  
Harry Moyer  
Dave Oberlin  
Louise Ritter  
Sam & Ethel Schnure  
Kenneth Shuck  
Lee & Kathy Spangler  
Tom Watters  
Jessica Wheeler  
Glenn Wiand

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

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

### **Also:**

The loved ones of Barbara Grimooris

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

## **FIRST LUTHERAN**

Cathy Hower Brungard  
Michael Culp  
Amanda Galer  
Ed Libhart  
Logan Roush  
Ken & Pat Smith  
Sybil Spotts

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

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

### **The Troops:**

Dylan Harvey  
Thaddeus Miller  
Zachary Miller

### **Also:**

The family of Mary Alice Deihl





## BIRTHDAYS

### CULC

- 1 - David Bickhart
- 2 - Daphne Clouser
- 3 - Kathy Spangler
- 4 - Joel Blyler
- 6 - Winifred Aikey  
Laurie Harvey  
Matthew Sanders  
Linda Swartz
- 7 - Bev Catherman
- 9 - Gary Hackenberg
- 10 - Sheila Jean Gemberling
- 12 - Tom Greeney
- 19 - Lucas Harvey
- 21 - Frances Wenrich
- 22 - Sam Schnure  
Elizabeth Shuck
- 23 - Brantley Baker
- 27 - Dottie Rathfon

### FELC

- 1 - Michael Mensch  
Marianne Motto
- 2 - Patrick Crossland
- 6 - Julie Alexander  
Jere Motto
- 7 - Stanley Sauers
- 9 - Donna Michael  
Ryan Sauers
- 10 - Erma Hower
- 16 - Charles Behrent
- 18 - Wendy Wehr
- 20 - Gregory Mensch  
Gauge Wingert
- 22 - Kim Sawyer
- 25 - Colin Gessner  
Linda Skinner
- 27 - Kenneth Smith
- 28 - Kim Kuba
- 30 - Maggie Smith
- 31 - Mandy Rothermel

## ANNIVERSARIES

### CULC

- 4 - Roger & Margie Dunkle (1968)
- 12 - Chris & Lindsey Snyder (2007)
- 16 - Forrest & Torey Showalter  
(1981)
- 19 - Kevin & Autumn Shuck (2001)
- 27 - Lucas & Mandie Flickinger  
(2010)

### FELC

- 14 - Dwayne & Hattie Page (29 yrs)
- 16 - Jim & Carol Schwartz (64 yrs)
- 26 - William & Lee Schwartz Miller  
(38 yrs)



## VOLUNTEERS

### CULC

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Lay Reader:</b>	<b>Communion Asst.:</b>
5/7	Maurice Clouser	Dianne Shuck
5/14	Barry Spangler	Barry Spangler
5/21	Glenn Spangler	Glenn Spangler
5/28	Lisa Lapp	Judy Moyer

**Sound System:** Dianne Shuck      **Altar Guild:** Barb & Maurice Clouser  
**Ushers:** Dave Bickhart & Eugene Hassinger

*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>	<b>Young Followers:</b>
5/7	Jane Moore	Christian Boyer/Don Seebold II	Jamie Bartlett
5/14	Jeff Mensch	Dewey Reed/Jim Schwartz	TBD
5/21	Sally Rothermel	Libby Loss/Marianne Motto	Christian /Buffy Boyer
5/18	Karen Boyer	Eric & Gwen Hull	Ann Beckley

#### **Acolytes:**

5/7 - Aria Gessner/Colbie Loss      5/14 – Hannah Boyer  
5/21 - Brynn Umholtz      5/28 - Colbie Loss

**Chief Usher:** Linda Lewis

**Money Counters:** Mike Beckley/Kim Sauers      **Altar Guild:** Karen Boyer

*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.*

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Terry Kline, Kim Sawyer, Barry Spangler

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Monday-Thursday – 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

## STAFF MEMBERS

**The Members of the Congregation,**

The Ministers

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**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

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**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 Website: [felcmifflinburg.org](http://felcmifflinburg.org)  
FELC Facebook: First Evangelical  
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**Katiann Lloyd**, Financial Secretary

**Diane Scott**, Director of Music

**Hank Dorman**, Sexton

**Carrie Lasoski**, Housekeeping

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**Kim Sauers**, Council Vice President

**Linda Lewis**, Secretary

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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>.

This year, the camp is offering more traditional programs throughout the summer. The Mount Luther experience is a blend of small and large group activities. Campers spend most of their time in a cabin group with peer campers and their counselors. A Family Camp will be held during the week of July 4 and there is also a Servant and Leadership Training camp for senior high. A junior high Pedal, Pack, and Paddle camp will allow campers to bike, backpack, and canoe for three days. Tracks allows elementary and middle schoolers to spend more time in a specialty area during their week.

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 Needs Summer Staff**

Camp Mount Luther is now **accepting applications for Summer Staff positions**. Candidates must possess a commitment to Christ, a passion for the outdoors, and strong leadership and teamwork skills. We are looking for people who can put the needs of others ahead of themselves. The camp is accredited by the American Camp Association. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact [chad@campmountluther.org](mailto:chad@campmountluther.org) or submit an application online at [www.campmountluther.org/jobs](http://www.campmountluther.org/jobs).

### **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.

### **CULC Camp Person**

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 the church or on the camp's website. Our church will pay up to \$150.00 per person for any CULC 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.

### **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).

### **Bishop Open's Golf Classic**

The Annual Bishop Open's Golf Classic is set for **May 8** beginning at **11:00 a.m.** at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club in Shamokin Dam. The tournament benefits Camp Mount Luther and the camp's annual fund. Information and registration form are available at [https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/01\\_Golf\\_Tournament\\_Flyer-2023.pdf](https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/01_Golf_Tournament_Flyer-2023.pdf)

The camp's golf tournament committee is currently looking for hole sponsors, silent auction items, and golfers. If you can help, please call 570-922-1587 or email [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org). Congregations are also encouraged to become hole sponsors.

Register online at <https://www.campmountluther.org/golf-registration/>



## **Spring Work Day**

Practice stewardship through service at Camp Mount Luther at the Annual Spring Work Day on **Saturday, May 20, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** We need your help getting the camp grounds and facilities ready for summer. There will be plenty to do and everyone in the family can help! Please bring supplies to do cleaning, mulching, raking, and light construction projects such as step ladders, buckets, rakes, etc. A light lunch will be served. RSVP by May 15 if staying for lunch to [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org) or 570-922-1587.

## **Kars for Kamp**

The second annual Kars for Kamp event to benefit Camp Mount Luther will be held on **Saturday, June 10, from 9:00-3:00 p.m.** Rain date is June 11. All cars, street rods, trucks, jeeps, and bikes are welcome. Registration is 9-12 the day of the event. Pre-empt by 6/4/22 for \$15. To register email [dbrobst@dejazzd.com](mailto:dbrobst@dejazzd.com). Day of show entry 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



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

### **Convention**

The 35th Convention of the Women of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, to be held on **Saturday, July 22**, at our beautiful camp just outside Mifflinburg. Camp Mount Luther's Evergreen Center provides a comfortable setting which accommodates worship, business meetings, Bible Study, workshop and, of course, a delicious lunch, all to be included in the convention format. It is a great time to get acquainted and reacquainted with women throughout our synod, make decisions concerning our organization, share in worship and Bible study, and have some fun. We hope you will plan to attend and bring a friend or two from your congregations. Cost for the entire day is only \$45.00 per person. Get registration information at <https://www.uss-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/March-2023-Share.pdf>



## ***SYNOD NEWS***

### **Synod Assembly**

The Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly will convene on **June 16-17** in Weber Chapel Auditorium (Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove) under the theme “Baptized into Christ: United, Supporting, Serving.” The agenda will include Bible Study led by Dr. Gilson Waldkoenig, Paulssen-Hale-Maurer Chair and Professor of Church in Society and Directory of Town and Country Church Institute. At this assembly we will also elect a vice president, synod council members, and members for certain committees, and conduct other synod business. Assembly workshops will focus on leadership and congregation vitality.

We need volunteers from Christ’s United (2) and First Lutheran (3) to attend as voting members. If you are willing to serve in this way or have questions, talk to Pastor Curt.

### **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.

### **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.

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## **MEMORIAL DAY**

*A time for picnics, time off work -  
Vacations and the "Indy" -  
A holiday, too often times  
We forget what, it should be.*



*A time to pay respect to those  
Who rallied to the battle cry -  
Who gave their lives for liberty -  
Those freedoms for you and I.*

*Such a waste of brave young souls -  
Some still struggling through their youth  
Who faced and fell willingly  
Before wartimes' awful truth.*

*So as we share this holiday  
With our friends or family -  
Take a moment to give thanks to  
Those who died so we'd stay free.*

*Let us strive for world peace -  
For the end of greed and hate -  
For next time, after "the war"  
It just may be too damned late.*

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# May 2023

| Sunday                                                                                                               | Monday                                                             | Tuesday                                                                     | Wednesday                                                                                                  | Thursday                                      | Friday                             | Saturday                                                                                                   |
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|                                                                                                                      | <b>1</b><br>No Bible Study                                         | <b>2</b><br><br>6:30 Scouts-FELC                                            | <b>3</b><br>10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC<br><br>6:30 Council-FELC<br><b>No Chancel Choir-FELC</b>               | <b>4</b><br><br>12:00 WELCA - Hometown Eatery | <b>5</b><br>Yard Sale-Messiah      | <b>6</b><br>Yard Sale-Messiah<br>11:00-12:30 Community Meal/FELC<br>1:00 Mary Alice Deihl Memorial Service |
| <b>7</b><br>8:30 Worship<br>9:30 Koinonia Kafe<br>9:30 Sunday School<br>10:30 Worship-FELC                           | <b>8</b><br>No Bible Study                                         | <b>9</b><br><br>6:30 Parish Council-FELC<br><br>6:30 Scouts-FELC            | <b>10</b><br>10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC<br><br>11:30 XYZ Lunch-Street of Shops<br><br>6:30 Chancel Choir-FELC | <b>11</b>                                     | <b>12</b>                          | <b>13</b>                                                                                                  |
| <b>14 MOTHER'S DAY</b><br>8:30 Worship<br>9:30 Sunday School<br>10:30 Worship/Gideons Visit-FELC                     | <b>15</b><br><br>1:30 Bible Study-FELC                             | <b>16 PRIMARY ELECTION</b><br><br>6:30 Scouts-FELC<br><br>7:00 Council-CULC | <b>17</b><br>10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC<br><br><b>No Chancel Choir-FELC</b><br><br>6:30 Vision Team-FELC      | <b>18</b>                                     | <b>19</b><br><br>Breakfast Workday | <b>20</b><br>8:00 Kiwanis Benefit Bkfst<br><br><b>JUNE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b>                         |
| <b>21</b><br>8:30 Worship/Gideons Visit-CULC<br>9:30 Sunday School<br>10:30 Worship-FELC<br>Congregational Mtg.-FELC | <b>22</b><br><br>1:30 Bible Study-FELC                             | <b>23</b><br><br>6:30 Scouts-FELC<br><br>6:30 Council-Messiah               | <b>24</b><br>10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC<br><br>6:30 Chancel Choir-FELC<br><br>7:00 VBS Meeting-FELC           | <b>25</b>                                     | <b>26</b><br>9:00 Workday          | <b>27</b><br>9:00 Workday<br><br>3:30 Turkey Supper                                                        |
| <b>28 PENTECOST</b><br>8:30 Worship<br>9:30 Sunday School<br>10:30 Worship-FELC                                      | <b>29 MEMORIAL DAY</b><br><br>No Bible Study<br><br>Offices Closed | <b>30</b><br><br>6:30 Scouts-FELC                                           | <b>31</b><br>10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC<br><br><b>No Chancel Choir-FELC</b>                                   |                                               |                                    |                                                                                                            |