

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

## ***MAY 2024***

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

Grace and peace to you!

Community is defined in a couple of ways:

- 1) “a group of people living together in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.”
- 2) “a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals, ‘the sense of community that organized religion can provide.’”

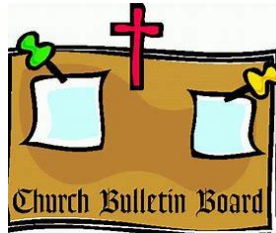
Over the past couple of years, I’ve seen a community grow not only in its faith but also in its love for the people in the church and the people in the community in which they live. Tragedy after tragedy, this community rallies together. I have witnessed hundreds of people gather on a Sunday afternoon to pray for a child. Gift cards have been collected, and hundreds of meals have been made for needy families. The Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish has held community meals and raised over \$50,000 for families in need! On the first Saturday of each month, community members gather at First Lutheran for a free meal and fellowship. On Wednesday mornings, volunteers at 4 Bells give food to approximately 130 families!

I have started volunteering at Camp Koala, working with grieving youth in our community. Also, if you like breakfast and fellowship, we have started a breakfast club on Tuesday mornings at 9 am at Boomerang’s.

You all are playing a part in doing God's work in our community! You all are an example of what community is about, and I am so blessed to be a part of it! I give thanks to God for all the work that you do! I give thanks to those of you who have asked if my family was affected by the tornados in Nebraska last week. I also thank those of you who have checked in on me and sent prayers.

Peace in Christ,

***The Rev. Curt Wingert***



## ***PARISH NEWS***

### **Joint Services Scheduled**

- ❖ This year a very special Confirmation service will take place during the worship service on **Sunday, May 19**, at Christ's United. The joint service will start with worship at **10:00 a.m.**

After worship, come welcome the youth into the membership of the church at a potluck lunch in the fellowship hall. The Parish will provide hot dogs, drinks and tableware while attendees are asked to bring a covered dish to share.

- ❖ On **Sunday, July 21**, at the Mifflinburg Community Park we will have a joint service starting with worship at **10:00 a.m.** and then a picnic afterwards. The Parish will provide drinks, hot dogs and tableware while attendees are asked to bring a covered dish to share.

### **Graduates**



It is our custom to recognize our members who are graduating from high school or college. Please talk to Pastor Curt, Margie or Sue if you know of any of our members who fit this bill.

## Bible Study

The weekly Bible study will take place as follows:



**Monday**  
**1:30 p.m.**  
**First Lutheran**

**May 6**      **Finishing 1 & 2 Kings**  
**May 13**     **NO Study**  
**May 20**     **Beginning the Book of Ruth**  
**May 27**     **NO Study – Memorial Day**



## ***FELC NEWS***

### **Free Community Meal at FIRST – Saturday, May 4**

First Lutheran will be serving a free community meal on **Saturday, May 4**, 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 June 1.

### **Adult Sunday School Class Beginning in May at First Lutheran**

We will be starting an adult Sunday school class at FIRST on **May 5**. It will be held in the multipurpose room from **9 am – 10:15 am**. We will be studying the Book of John (the Love Chapter) and be guided by Janet Shoemaker. All are welcome; no experience needed. We plan to meet in the MPR, May-Aug, and then decide if we need to move to another location. **The class will not meet on May 19, due to the joint service at 4 Bells.** Contact Janet Shoemaker with questions, 570-966-0494.



### **Saxophone Quartet at FIRST – May 5, 10:30 am**

On May 5, the SU Saxophone Quartet will be playing for the 10:30 service. This is their last time for this group of students to play together as one is graduating and two are student teaching. Pastor Curt has graciously surrendered his sermon time to allow for saxophone music! The music time will have a variety of music, both hymns and instrumental pieces they have

prepared! Mark your calendars now for May 5, 2024 (Who knows...maybe even some Cinco de Mayo music!)

### **Susquehanna Valley Chorale Pops Concert – May 10 & 11, 7:30 pm at SU**

The SVC (Susquehanna Valley Chorale ) presents its Pops Concert "*The Music of Bernstein and Sondheim*" at Weber Chapel Auditorium at Susquehanna University on May 10 and 11 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are available at the door.

### **Word in Season Devotionals**

The Word in Season devotionals for April - June 2024 are available in the back of the sanctuary.

### **Monthly Coffee Hour – Taking a Break for the Summer**

Our monthly coffee hour, which meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, will take a break for the summer. We will resume in the fall. We will need 2 or 3 people to volunteer each month by making food items. The set-up and beverages will be provided. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board.

### **Altar Flowers**

The cost of altar flowers is now \$50 for 2 vases, instead of \$40.

### **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.

### **Ministerium Backpack Program**

#### **Calling all volunteers...May is First Lutheran's Backpack Month!**

Each Wednesday during May we will be filling the backpacks at 10:30 am in the Multipurpose Room. This year we have 184 bags to fill each week. If you wish to bring a friend, feel free to do so. See you on the 1st. Thank you!

If you would like to donate food items for the backpacks, it would be greatly appreciated. Here are the items which we need:

- Drink boxes or pouches (Capri Sun or Kool Aid)
- Packages of individual fruit cups or applesauce cups
- Boxes of granola bars
- Individual cups of microwaveable Chef Boyardee products

A container for your donations will be placed on the pew in the hallway.  
Thank you! ~ Libby Loss



## **Christian Ed. Info**

We will only have a SPECIAL Young Followers Church on the SECOND Sunday of each month following the Young Followers message. We will be using the Sparks Story Bible that corresponds with the weekly scripture.

These monthly lessons will include Sparks Story Reading, Coloring Page, and a Craft.

~ **May 12** Sparks Story [Acts 1:15-17, 21-26](#) *Matthias added to the apostles*

~ **June, July, August – off**

## **Young Followers Activities**

If you would like to be added to the group texts, please contact Liz at 570-412-5598.

## **Young Followers Church Volunteer Schedule**

May 12 – Kortney McBryan

If you are unable to fulfill your month, please try to make an exchange with another month's volunteer. If that is not possible, contact one of the following substitutes: Sally Rothemel, Liz Loss, Sherri Neece, Mandy Rothemel, Libby Loss. If you are still unable to get a replacement, contact Ann Beckley. Lesson plans will be e-mailed to you two weeks prior to your assigned month.

## **Share Your Faith with Our Youth**

If you wrote a devotional, what would it sound like? I am looking for some adults to share their faith journey, how they found faith, or where they have seen Jesus in their lives with our Young Followers (grades 6-12). Instead of having these youth read a devotional, I would like for them to hear a "live" devotional. Please reach out if you would be interested. Thank you! Liz: 570-412-5598.

## **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 note:**

To the First Lutheran Church Members,

Thank you to everyone for the beautiful birthday cards and wonderful messages. It was an enjoyable day to open the many enlightening cards. Great way to celebrate my 98th birthday! ~ James Shipton

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*Mother is a name held sacred by most mortals of the earth  
it means great love and sacrifice from the very day of birth.*



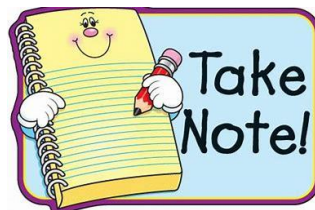
## ***CULC NEWS***

### **Member Needed for Synod Assembly**

The CULC Council is looking for a member from our congregation to attend the upcoming synod assembly at Susquehanna University on Friday & Saturday, June 14 & 15. Contact Barry Spangler or Pastor Curt for more details. **The deadline to register is May 20 on the synod website.**

### **CULC Money Counters**

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



## ***FOR YOUR INFORMATION***

### **Buffalo Valley Singers Pops Concert**

**May 18, 7:30 p.m. & May 19, 3:00 p.m.  
St. John's UCC, Lewisburg**

The Buffalo Valley Singers will present their Pops Concert, "*Music with Friends*" at St. John's United Church of Christ, Lewisburg on May 18 at 7:30 p.m. and May 19 at 3:00 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults; children 12 & under are admitted free.

### **Wheelchair Needed:**

If anyone from the Parish has a used wheelchair that could be donated to First Lutheran and left at the church, please contact Shirley Heasley (570) 847-4574.

## 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.

## ***BIBLE SCHOOL***

## **CAMP MOUNT LUTHER**



&  
***The Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish***  
present  
***VBS Summer Evening Camp***

***Open to children Kindergarten to Sixth Grade***

***July 21-25***  
***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.***

**WHO:** anyone going into Kindergarten to Sixth Grade

**WHERE:** at the Mifflinburg Town Park Pavilion

**TIME:** 5:30 pm: we will provide a meal and camp will begin @ 6 pm to 8:15 pm

Registration forms will be online in the future. Details will also be on our FB page.  
[www.felcmifflinburg.org](http://www.felcmifflinburg.org) [www.4bellschurch.com](http://www.4bellschurch.com)

### **Donations Needed for VBS Crafts and Games:**

- \$\$ donations for supplies
- empty toilet paper rolls
- empty cleaned Campbell's soup cans
- empty plastic water bottles
- small bags of bird seed 4/per church
- Colorful sharpie markers
- various colors of 1 inch satin ribbon spools
- 2 Bags Small zip ties
- Wooden dowels 12"long x 3/8" in width total of #40/20 per church
- Decorative tape – like different kinds of washi tape!
- 12 shower caps

Start saving these items. A box for your donations has been placed in each church.

***Please note, once white garbage bags are full with t.p. rolls and plastic bottles...NO MORE WILL BE NEEDED!***

-- we will also be looking for 4-5 corn hole games to be available for the week of VBS

### **Volunteers**

While Camp Mt. Luther counselors will be there, we will need much help to pull this off. Keep in mind, any volunteers that will be working directly with the youth must have a volunteer clearance. The Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance (Certification) can now be submitted online through the Child Welfare Solution (CWIS) self-service portal. Plan ahead and get this taken care of:

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/KeepKidsSafe/Clearances/Pages/PA-Child-Abuse-History-Clearance.aspx>

This certification is **FREE for volunteers!!!**

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





***PENTECOST***  
***MAY 19***



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 5**

**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.



## ***UPCOMING MEALS***

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

First Lutheran will be serving a free community meal on Saturday, May 4, 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 June 1.

### **Benefit Dinner**



On **Saturday, May 11**, Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish will host a benefit dinner for the Conklin/Bolden family at 4 Bells from **3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. or until sold out**. The Boldens lost their home and son, Reese Conklin, in a house fire. The menu will consist of pork roast, mashed potatoes, filling and gravy, a vegetable, and dessert. We will be looking for volunteers to help prep, serve the meal, and work in the dining hall. We will also be looking for cake donations. If you are interested in helping out, please let me know. There will also be sign-up sheets at both churches.

### **'Drive Through' Turkey Dinner at Christ's United**

A 'Drive Through' Turkey Dinner is planned for **May 25** at Christ's United. All proceeds benefit our 'Hope's Haven' Food Pantry. The time is **3:30 p.m. until sold out**.

Advance Orders will also be taken. Please check our Web Site at [www.4bellschurch.com](http://www.4bellschurch.com).

Dinners include Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Gravy, Vegetable and Applesauce.

The workday may take place on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> if needed. Please let us know if you can help if we need to have a workday.

Help is needed Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, the day of the Turkey Dinner. At 9:00 am, help is needed to cook and cut the turkey, prepare the stuffing, vegetable, and 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.

## **Upcoming**

Also mark your calendars for the following additional 2024 Meals at CULC:

**September 28** – Turkey Dinner  
**November 2** – Pot Pie Quart Sale

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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.*



## **CHRIST'S UNITED**

Laurie Adams  
Adley Blank  
Paul Brann  
Becky Dunkle  
Roger Dunkle  
Darlene Endy  
Dorothy Furgison  
Gary Gemberling  
Pearl Gemberling  
George (Mick) Guffey  
Gary & Janet Hackenberg  
Roy Laudermilch  
Tonia Longer  
Harry Moyer  
Dave Oberlin  
Donnie Poeth  
Eve Rantz  
Louise Ritter  
Larry Sampsell  
Sam & Ethel Schnure  
Sabrina Sickle  
Bill Smith  
Lee & Kathy Spangler  
Tom Watters  
Jessica Wheeler  
Glenn Wiand

## **The Shut-Ins:**

Betty Goss, Helen Pirone,  
Dottie Rathfon

*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**

### **The Shut-Ins**

Mary Lib Dunkle  
Lois Elliott  
Doris Moll  
Ethel Musser  
June Ocker  
Barb Reed  
Dotty Seebold  
James Shipton  
Ken & Pat Smith  
Nancy Ulrich  
Mary Wehr  
Trena Zeller

### **The Troops**

Thaddeus Miller (deployed overseas)  
Zachary Miller (deployed overseas)





## BIRTHDAYS

### CULC

- 1 - David Bickhart
- 2 - Daphne Clouser
- 3 - Kathy Spangler
- 4 - Joel Blyler
- 6 - 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 **(80)**
- 7 - Stanley Sauers
- 9 - Donna Michael **(90)**  
Ryan Sauers
- 10 - Erma Hower
- 16 - Charles Behrent
- 18 - Wendy Wehr
- 20 - Gregory Mensch  
Gaige 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 (30 yrs)
- 16 - Jim & Carol Schwartz **(65 yrs)**
- 26 - William & Lee Schwartz Miller  
(39 yrs)



## VOLUNTEERS

### CULC

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Lay Readers</b>	<b>Communion Asst.:</b>
5/5	Eugene & Katherine Hassinger	Greg Shuck	Greg Shuck
5/12	Kris & Carla Ruhl	Maurice Clouser	Dianne Shuck
5/19	Duane & Lisa Lapp	Glenn Spangler	Janice Wagner
5/26	Maurice & Barbara Clouser	Barry Spangler	Judy Moyer

**Sound System:** Dave Bickhart

**Altar Guild:** Barb & Maurice Clouser

**Ushers:** Cliff Valentine & Jim Zimmerman

*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

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Lay Reader:</b>	<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Young Followers:</b>
5/5	Sally Rothermel	Shirley Heasley/Carol Klose	
5/12	Barb Randecker	Jeff Hackenberg/Tom Orren	Kortney McBryan
5/19	<b>Service @ CULC</b>		
5/26	Linda Skinner	Libby Loss/Jane Moore	

#### **Acolytes:**

5/5 – Brynn Umholtz

5/12 – Harry Boyer

5/19 - **Service @ CULC**

5/26 – Ava McBryan

**Chief Usher:** Linda Lewis

**Money Counters:** Ann Beckley/Linda Lewis

**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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E-mail: [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org)

### **Summer Camp Season at Camp Mount Luther**

This year's camping season will begin on June 23, 2024. Resident and Day Camps run until August 2. 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 Create-A-Camp option. 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>.

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 June 30 and there is also a Servant and Leadership Training (SALT) camp for senior high. Theme weeks for Night Owl, Water Adventure, and Christmas in July are also being offered.

This year's theme at Mount Luther is "Created to be." We will explore how God gives us freedom to be our authentic selves and what it means to be siblings in Christ—humans who are brave enough to encourage and stand up for each other, sharing burdens as well as joys. We grow and learn more about ourselves while listening to and sharing with each other. 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.

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

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Bishop's Open Golf Classic to benefit Camp Mount Luther will take place on May 13 at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club. Registration and sponsorship forms are available in the CULC church office. **The deadline to register is May 1.**

**Kars for Kamp:** The third annual Kars for Kamp to benefit Camp Mount Luther will be held on **Saturday, June 8, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** Rain date is June 9. All cars, streetrods, trucks, jeeps and bikes are welcome. Registration is 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

the day of the event. Pre-enter by May 28 for \$15. To register email; [dbrobst@dejazzd.com](mailto:dbrobst@dejazzd.com). The day of the 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.

### **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.

### **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 2024. If you know someone who would be a good fit, direct them to [chad@campmountluther.org](mailto:chad@campmountluther.org)

### **Health Professionals & Counselors Needed for the 2024 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.



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

### **Annual Convention**

You are invited to attend the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Women of the ELCA, Upper Susquehanna Synod, **August 10, 2024** at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Turbotville, PA. Please plan to come to this one-day convention as it brings an opportunity for you to meet with your sisters from neighboring churches and participate in the Women of the ELCA of the Synod. **CONVENTION THEME: "Don't Go it Alone...Follow Jesus."** Rev. Mindy Bartholomew will lead the worship service and Bible study. Josie Miller will be leading the second workshop with chair yoga.



**Registration:** The registration cost is \$45. The form and full payment are needed by July 1. The Delegate Certification Form must accompany your registration form. Delegates must be present at all business meetings and the orientation session. **All forms and driving directions are available in the church office.**

**Nomination Forms:** We will be electing a Treasurer and Secretary as well as 2 board members. Please give prayerful consideration to serving in one of these positions. We have a wonderful and active board that is a joy to work with.

**Offerings:** Freewill – This offering will be received during the worship service on Saturday morning. It will be used to support the ongoing ministries of the Women of the ELCA.

**Mission Ingathering:** This year our Mission Ingathering will support Lutheran Immigration Services.

**In-Kind Offering:** We will be accepting non-perishable food items for Agape Ministries in Bloomsburg.



## ***SYNOD NEWS***

### **Synod Office Hours Update**

We wanted to let you know that Synod Office hours will be inconsistent for the time being. Brenda Krouse, our administrative assistant, is managing some family medical issues which may lead to her working more from home. Please be sure to call the synod office (570-524-9778) before stopping by. Thanks for your understanding and prayers.

**Young Adult Fellowship:** Looking for a community of young adults to connect with? Join the Upper Susquehanna Synod Young Adult Fellowship on the last Wednesday of every month on Zoom for a time of sharing and discussion. Right now, we're exploring how to be theologians of the cross. For a Zoom link and more information, contact Jim at [jim@campmountluther.org](mailto:jim@campmountluther.org). We hope you can join us!

***BENEFIT DINNER  
FOR THE  
CONKLIN/BOLDEN FAMILY***



**Saturday, May 11, 2024  
3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. or until sold out**

**Christ's United Lutheran Church  
13765 Old Turnpike Rd.  
Millmont, Pa.**

**The menu will consist of roast pork, mashed potatoes, filling and gravy, a vegetable, and dessert. You can eat in or take out.**

**The cost is a free-will offering!**

**Call 570-966-2053 or 570-765-1830 for more information**

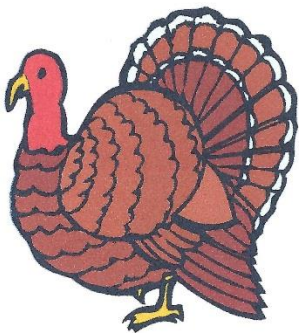
***Sponsored by the Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish***

DRIVE THROUGH  
**Turkey Dinner**  
with All the Trimmings

**Saturday, May 25, 2024**  
**3:30pm until Sold Out**

Dinners include  
Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy & Vegetable

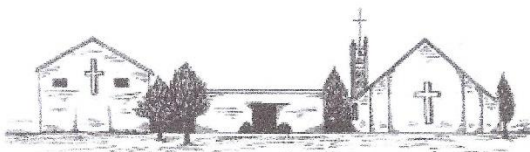
**Benefit**  
**Hope's Haven Food Pantry**



Pre-Order available at  
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Christ's United Lutheran '4 Bells' Church  
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on Rt 45



# May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC  10:30 Fill Backpacks-FELC  6:30 Council-FELC	<b>2</b>  12:00 WELCA - FELC	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  11:00-12:30 Community Meal-FELC
<b>5</b> 8:30 Worship-CULC 9:00 Adult SS-FELC 9:30 Koinonia Kafe-CULC 10:30 SU Sax Quartet-FELC NO Rehearsal-FELC	<b>6</b>  1:30 Bible Study-FELC  6:00 Kiwanis-FELC	<b>7</b>  6:30 Scouts-FELC	<b>8</b> 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC  10:30 Fill Backpacks-FELC  6:30 Tone Chimes-FELC	<b>9</b>  TBA Workday	<b>10</b>  TBA Workday	<b>11</b>  3:30-7:00 Benefit Dinner-CULC
<b>12 MOTHER'S DAY</b> 8:30 Worship- 9:00 Adult SS-FELC 10:30 Worship-FELC NO Rehearsal-FELC	<b>13</b>  <b>NO Bible Study</b>	<b>14</b>  6:30 Scouts-FELC	<b>15</b> 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC  10:30 Fill Backpacks-FELC  7:00 Choir-CULC	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19 PENTECOST</b>  10:00 Joint Worship/Confirmation/Pot Luck Lunch-CULC	<b>20</b> <b>JUNE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b>  1:30 Bible Study-FELC  6:00 Kiwanis-FELC	<b>21</b>  6:30 Scouts-FELC 7:00 Council-CULC	<b>22</b> 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC  10:30 Fill Backpacks-FELC  6:30 Rehearsal-FELC	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:00 Workday	<b>25</b> 9:00 Workday  3:30 Turkey Supper-CULC
<b>26</b> 8:30 Worship-CULC 9:00 Adult SS-FELC 10:30 Worship-FELC	<b>27 MEMORIAL DAY</b>  <b>No Bible Study</b>  <b>Offices Closed</b>	<b>28</b>  6:30 Scouts-FELC	<b>29</b> 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

