

BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH NEWS

MAY 2026

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

Grace and peace to you!

I had planned to continue with the seasons of the church year, but as I was planning the funeral service for Moon Boyer, I decided to take a detour this month. As I met with Moon's three daughters, they selected the hymn "Amazing Grace" for his funeral service, and looking back, I believe it has been used in 99% of the funerals I have presided over. So, I decided to write this month about the hymn *Amazing Grace*. You will see God's amazing Grace when you read about the life of John Newton, who wrote this beautiful hymn.

The lyrics for *Amazing Grace* were written by John Newton late in 1772 and were to accompany his New Year's Day sermon in 1773 on 1 Chronicles 17:16-17, titled "Faith's Review and Expectations." Newton was born in the summer of 1725 to a shipmaster and a God-fearing mother. His mother died when he was seven years old, and with his father being a sailor, he was sent to boarding school. At the age of eleven, Newton went to sea with his father, and at seventeen, he joined the navy and soon became a midshipman. After overstaying his leave, he was flogged and degraded to the rank of a deserter. At the age of twenty-two, Newton boarded a ship that was headed for the African coast and became the employee of a slave trader. He was half-starved and treated poorly.

In 1747, an opportunity came for Newton to escape on the ship *The Greyhound*. It was during this time that Newton began a dramatic conversion to Christianity. It started with the book *The Imitation of Christ* on a voyage across the Atlantic. Later, Newton was

confronted with death when a violent storm broke through the side of the ship. Several times, he found himself crying aloud to God for protection. The ship would have sunk, but the cargo, part dyewood and part beeswax, kept it afloat. For six more years, Newton was a slave dealer. In 1750, he married Mary Catlett, and in 1754, Newton gave up the slave trade, which had become very distasteful to him.

Newton became friends with John Wesley and George Whitfield, leading figures in the Evangelical Revival, and spent nine years preparing for the Anglican ministry. Newton was ordained in 1764 and became curate at Olney in Buckinghamshire. In his final years, Newton became engaged in politics and used his background to argue against slavery. John Newton died in 1807, and that same year, the Slave Trade Act was passed, banning the trade of enslaved people on British ships.

The tune "*Amazing Grace*" is based on an American folk melody called "*Virginia Harmony*." It is most likely of Scottish origin and was brought across the Atlantic by colonists in the eighteenth century. *Amazing Grace* appears in very few British hymn books, whereas here in America, it appears in almost every hymnal.

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see!

As always, I continue to lift you up in prayer! If you have any pastoral care needs, please let me know.

Peace in Christ,

The Rev. Curt Wingert

MOTHERS ARE PEOPLE

*Mothers are people who cook things
Like breakfast or lunch or a snack;
Dexterous people who hook things
Which button or zip up the back.
Mothers are people who blow things,
Balloons and kisses and noses;
Green-thumbish people who grow things
Like ivy and puppies and roses.
Mothers are people who send things
Like letters and strawberry tarts;
Magical people who mend things
Like blue jeans and elbows and hearts.*

*Mothers are people who find things
Like mittens and homework and germs;
Fussbudget people who mind things
Like cusswords and snowballs and worms.
Mothers are people who sweep things
Like porches and cobwebs and rugs.
Softhearted people who keep things
Like artwork, report cards and hugs.
Mothers are people who nurse things,
A boy, or a girl, or a spouse.
And all in all there are worse things
Than mothers to have in your house.*





PARISH NEWS



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.

Banquets

The sign-up deadline for the Father/Son banquet has been extended. **May 31 is the deadline to make reservations for the meal** which is scheduled to take place on **June 13**. If you have questions or want more information, contact Gina Buttorff (570-966-3370 or 570-713-8664)

Father/Son Banquet

I will be attending the Father/Son Banquet on June 13th at 5:00 pm at FELC.

_____ Total number attending

Name: _____



Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.

YOUTH LOCK-IN ALERT: The Ultimate Overnight!

Ready for a night of zero sleep and maximum fun? Our Youth Lock-in is officially on the calendar!

Join us for an epic night filled with high energy games, late night snacks, and plenty of time to hang out with friends. Whether we are battling it out in the gym or chilling with a movie at 3:00 am, you will not want to miss it.

When: **Friday, June 26, 2026**

Drop Off: **6:00 PM**

Pick up: **9-10:00 AM Saturday**

Where: Christ's United Lutheran Church (4 Bells)

What to Bring: Blankets, pillows, comfortable clothes, and your favorite snack to share!

RSVP By: **June 15th**. There will be a sign-up sheet at both churches. Also, check your email for online registration information.

Note: All participants must have a signed waiver to attend. The waivers will be at the lock-in for you to sign.



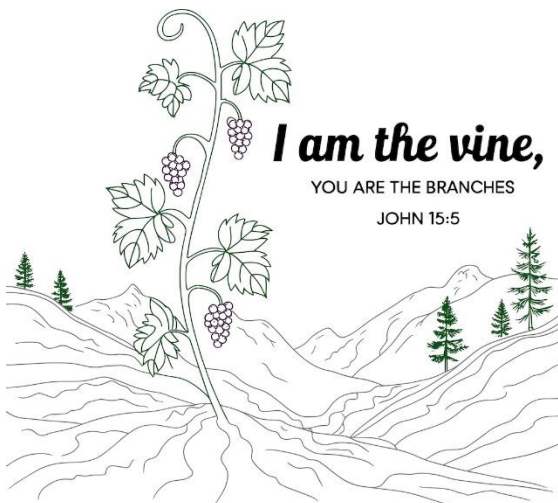
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the Date

Monday, July 6 – Thursday, July 9

**Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish Community
Vacation Bible School**

Connect with us as we explore John 15:5



Community VBS Registration (July
6-9, 2026) Stay Connected to the
Vine



Who: anyone going into Kindergarten to Sixth Grade

Where: we will gather at the Mifflinburg Town Park Pavillion

Time: 6:00 -8:15 PM

Scan the QR code for Registration information



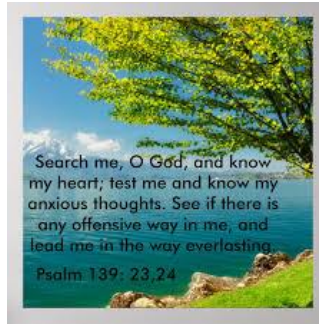
Please watch for details to be a part of Buffalo Valley Parish VBS...keep the dates open July 6th- 9th.

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!!!





Our Parish will be sponsoring our 4th Group Workcamp July 18-24, 2027
The theme is UNFILTERED – Psalm 139: 23,24

I will attempt to share the needs as we progress through the year of planning. You may think it's a long time from now but many things need completed each and every month!

Our confirmands and youth will be campers! They will be staying at the school alongside hundreds of other youth traveling from across the country.

1. We will support this workcamp with fundraisers. We will need volunteers and supporters of those efforts. We are planning at least one or two public dinners and a drive through chicken barbeque.
2. We need to let everyone in our 3-county area know about the camp and distribute applications. We will serve 50-70 homeowners that are within 30 minutes of the Mifflinburg Middle School. Please make a list of individuals and families so applications can be given to them this summer.
3. We can do weatherization, light carpentry, interior and exterior painting, porch and wheelchair ramp construction and repair, and other labor intensive, reasonably simple work. We ask that the work be meaningful in improving the life of the resident and that the resident be financially or physically unable to perform the work on their own. We also ask that residents be home as much as possible during the camp, since having our participants connect with the resident is a very important aspect of our program.
4. It's important to share that 200-400 teenage young people and their adult leaders, members of churches from many different Christian denominations from all over America and Canada come to the community to volunteer their labor. Please know that they do not come to the community to evangelize but simply to work on homes at no cost to the resident.

As always, please contact me with any questions and of course to volunteer in so many ways. I previously shared – there is something for everyone to do – any age or ability!

Kim Sawyer, Group Workcamp Coordinator '27
kimssawyer@gmail.com (remember the two ss 😊) or 570-713-4577



FELC NEWS

From Diane Scott

April 28, 2026

Dear First Lutheran Church Family,

After much reflection and prayer, I write to share that I will be stepping down from my role as Director of Music and assuming the position of Music Programmer.

This new role as Music Programmer will allow the congregation to have organ music every Sunday in the sanctuary. It will also give experience to interested people to operate the organ to execute the playlist that I create. There will be organ music, however, I will not be present.

It is difficult to put into words what these past 30 years have meant to me. I began as choir director and assistant organist alongside Doris Moll and Dennis Beaver, pastor. Then duties expanded to include two services with contemporary praise team. My ministry grew to include cherub choir, pageants, children's musical, "Elijah" oratorio, cantatas, and most recently a Tone Chime choir. This has been a lifelong journey filled with faith, friendship, and music that has shaped not only our worship but my own heart. I have been continually inspired by the voices, talents, and dedication of this community. Together, we have celebrated countless moments—joyful, solemn, and everything in between—through the gift of music.

I am deeply grateful for the trust you placed in me, allowing me to lead, learn, and grow alongside you. From choir rehearsals and special services to unexpected harmonies that seemed to lift beyond ourselves, these memories will remain with me always.

This decision was not made lightly. However, I feel that the time has come for a new chapter, both for me and for the music ministry. I have every confidence that it will continue to flourish with fresh energy and vision.

Thank you for your unwavering support, your kindness, and your shared love of music. It has been one of the greatest honors of my life to serve in this role.

My last Sunday is May 24. I will be starting as organist at First Presbyterian in Lewisburg on June 7.

FYI

Starting the first Sunday in June our service will be pre-recorded by Diane. After 30 years of dedicated service to First she has requested that her role change. Given the change, we will need volunteers to operate the organ during the service except during the contemporary services. This involves pushing a button at the appropriate time during the service. If you are willing to be one of our volunteers, please see Diane for instruction or questions.

Free Community Meal at FIRST

First Lutheran will be serving a free community meal on **Saturday, May 2, 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 6**.

Congregational Meeting – May 10 following worship

We will have a congregational meeting on **May 10** following worship to vote on the a/c repairs and to give a preview of upcoming projects.

Buffalo Valley Singers Pops Concert

The BV Singers will hold their Pops Concert on **Saturday, May 16**, at 7:30 pm and **Sunday, May 17, at 3 pm**. Please contact Sue Jows for advanced tickets. Adult admission is \$10; children 12 and under are admitted for free.

Backpacks for Needy Students

Once again, this May our church will be responsible to pack and deliver the lunch bags to the Elementary and Intermediate Schools. Currently the total is 198 bags. Each bag contains a total of 11 items, and provides breakfast and lunch items, as well as a few snacks for meals over the weekend. We will pack the bags on **May 6** and again on **May 20, beginning at 10:00** in the multipurpose room. A big thank you to WELCA for providing the funds to make this outreach project possible. All are welcome to come pack the bags. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, contact Libby Loss. Thank you.

Rehearsal Schedule

May 3 – Tone Chimes rehearse before service at 9:45; choir after worship.

May 10 – Piano /Organ Duet. Tone Chimes rehearse after worship.

May 17 – Tone Chimes rehearse before service at 9:45; choir after worship.

May 24 – Choir rehearses before service at 9:45; no rehearsal after worship.

May 31 – Contemporary Service at CULC.

Altar Flowers

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

Weis/Wenger's Gift Cards

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



FELC GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

We will have geraniums in the church for Pentecost on May 24. All orders must be in by **May 18**. The price will be \$5 for either red or white. If you would like to order flowers, fill out the form below. All flowers need to be picked up after the service on May 24.

GERANIUM ORDER FORM

Order Deadline: May 18

Return to First Lutheran Church Office

Name: _____

	QTY	4 ½" Pots		
_____ Red	_____ White	\$5.00 each	Total	_____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____



CULC NEWS

Mark Your Calendars for the Following

Saturday, June 20, 2026 – Ham Loaf Dinner, Drive Through Only - Online pre-ordering will be available at 4bellschurch.com or call 570-716-5601.

Saturday, September 26, 2026 – Turkey Dinner, Drive Through Only - Online pre-ordering will be available at 4bellschurch.com or call 570-716-5601.

Saturday, November 7, 2026 – Pot Pie Sale, Drive Through Only - Online pre-ordering will be available at 4bellschurch.com or call 570-716-5601.

Saturday, March 6, 2027 – Pot Pie Supper, Drive Through Only - Online pre-ordering will be available at 4bellschurch.com or call 570-716-5601.

Saturday, April 24, 2027 – Ham Loaf Dinner, Drive Through Only - Online pre-ordering will be available at 4bellschurch.com or call 570-716-5601.

Saturday, May 29, 2027 – Turkey Dinner, Drive Through Only - Online pre-ordering will be available at 4bellschurch.com or call 570-716-5601.

Note of Appreciation

Gary and I want to extend our gratitude and appreciation to all those whose special efforts through prayer, cards, food, and transportation sustained us during our recent health challenges. Recovery has been more manageable because of your kindness and generosity. Having the support of a loving church family has always meant so much to us. God be with you all! ~Janet Hackenberg

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### **ON THIS MEMORIAL DAY**

*Remember those who served before.  
Remember those who are no more.  
Remember those who serve today  
Remember them as we eat and play.  
Remember our protectors-who are not home today.  
Remember them all on Memorial Day.*

# ***PENTECOST – MAY 24***



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: \$4.00***

***Order Deadline: May 10***

***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 Mountain View Greenhouses)*

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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 or Janice.



## ***IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS***

Paul Brann  
Donnie Chappel  
Roger Dunkle  
Rick & Darlene Endy  
Melanie Eng  
Amy Evers  
Dorothy Furgison  
Gary Gemberling  
Pearl Gemberling  
Gary & Janet Hackenberg  
Keith Hackenberg  
Laurie Harvey  
Eugene Hassinger  
Paul & Sherri Klauger  
Nancy Klinepeter  
David Laudermilch  
Roy Laudermilch  
Kyleigh Leiser  
Tonia Longer  
Cathy Meiser

Scott Meiser  
Tim Meiser  
Steve & Judy Moyer  
Brian Nogle  
Melinda Noll  
Dave Oberlin  
Kris Ruhl  
Larry Sampsell  
Lucas Sanford  
John Schnure  
Leona Showalter  
Lee & Kathy Spangler  
Chuck Spurr  
Don Swartzlander  
Rhelda Valentine  
Kerm Wagner  
Marlene Walters  
Tom Watters  
Donald Weller  
Alica Zimmerman

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

Mary 'Lib' Dunkle, Betty Goss, Doris Moll, June Ocker, Helen Pirone, Dottie Rathfon, Barb Reed, Sam Schnure, Dotty Seebold, Nancy Ulrich, Max & Trena Zeller

### **The Troops:**

Thaddeus Miller, Zachary Miller

### **Also:**

The families of Lois Elliott, Logan Roush & Millard 'Moon' Boyer

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



## BIRTHDAYS

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### CULC

- 1 - David Bickhart
- 2 - Daphne Clouser
- 3 - Kathy Spangler
- 4 - Joel Blyler
- 6 - Laurie Harvey, Linda Swartz
- 7 - Bev Catherman
- 9 - Gary Hackenberg
- 19 - Lucas Harvey
- 21 - Frances Wenrich
- 22 - Sam Schnure  
Elizabeth Koonsman
- 27 - Dottie Rathfon

### FELC

- 1 - Marianne Motto
- 2 - Patrick Crossland
- 6 - Julie Alexander, Jere Motto
- 9 - Ryan Sauers
- 10 - Erma Hower
- 16 - Charles Behrent
- 20 - Gregory Mensch  
Gaige Wingert
- 22 - Kim Sawyer
- 25 - Linda Skinner
- 28 - Kim Kuba
- 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)

### FELC

- 4 - Sheryl & Fred Dehart (2 yrs)
- 16 - Jim & Carol Schwartz (67 yrs)
- 26 - William & Lee Schwartz Miller  
(41 yrs)



## VOLUNTEERS

### CULC

| <b>Date:</b> | <b>Greeters:</b>            | <b>Lay Readers:</b> | <b>Communion Asst.:</b> |
|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 5/3          | Judy Moyer/Idella Zimmerman | Glenn Spangler      | Glenn Spangler          |
| 5/10         | Judy Moyer/Idella Zimmerman | Barry Spangler      | Barry Spangler          |
| 5/17         | Judy Moyer/Idella Zimmerman | Lee Spangler        | Janice Wagner           |
| 5/24         | Judy Moyer/Idella Zimmerman | Lisa Lapp           | Dianne Shuck            |
| 5/31         | Judy Moyer/Idella Zimmerman | Greg Shuck          | Greg Shuck              |

**Sound System:** Dave Bickhart    **Altar Guild:** Bev Catherman & Barry Spangler  
**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>Acolyte:</b> |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 5/03         | Karen Boyer                                 | Jane Moore/Barb Randecker  | Brynn Umholtz   |
| 5/10         | Tom Orren                                   | Jeff Hackenburg/Tom Orren  | Owen Mayeski    |
| 5/17         | Sally Rothermel                             | Eric & Gwen Hull           | Hannah Boyer    |
| 5/24         | Andrea Mayeski                              | Carol Klose/Marianne Motto | Perri Hull      |
| 5/31         | <b>Combined Contemporary Service @ CULC</b> |                            |                 |

**Chief Usher:** Linda Lewis

**Money Counters:** Linda Lewis/Nancy Snook    **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.*

# **BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH**

**The Rev Curt Wingert, Pastor**

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**Parish Council Members:** Marianne Motto, Barb Randecker, Kim Sauers,  
Greg Shuck, Teresa Shuck, Idella Zimmerman

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570-922-1860

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**CULC Website:** [www.4bellschurch.com](http://www.4bellschurch.com)  
**CULC Facebook:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/4bellchurch1>

## **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday-Thursday – 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

## **STAFF MEMBERS**

**The Members of the Congregation,**

*The Ministers*

**Matthew Wagner, Organist**

**Diane Valentine & Karen**

*Zimmerman, Pianists*

**David Swartz & Barry Spangler,**

*Digital Music Arrangers*

**Loretta Martin, Custodian**

**Margie Dunkle, Secretary/Asst. Tr.**

**Brandi Zimmerman, Council Secretary**

**Dianne Shuck, Treasurer,**

*Financial Recording Secretary*

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Joel Blyler – Dennis Boop**

**Gina Buttorff - Bev Catherman**

**Terry Kline – Duane Lapp**

**Lisa Lapp - Greg Shuck**

**Teresa Shuck - Linda Smith**

**Breonna Zimmerman - Idella Zimmerman**

**FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
404 Market St., Mifflinburg, PA 17844  
570-966-0266

## **FELC e-mail:**

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**FELC Website:** [felcmifflinburg.org](http://felcmifflinburg.org)

**FELC Facebook:** First Evangelical  
Lutheran Church Mifflinburg PA

## **OFFICE HOURS:**

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

## **STAFF MEMBERS**

**Sue Nentwig, Church Secretary**

**Katiann Lloyd, Financial Secretary**

**Gloria Mincemoyer, Treasurer**

**Diane Scott, Director of Music**

**Dylan Maneval, Sexton**

**Kay Trick, Housekeeping**

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Jamie Bartlett – Christian Boyer**

**Drew Christy - Perri Hull**

**Linda Lewis - Jeff Mensch**

**Barb Randecker – Kim Sauers -**

**Don Seebold II**





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

Camp is one of the best things you can do for your child's faith.

A week at Camp Mount Luther isn't just a week of fun and games. It's a week of deep spiritual formation. We are intentional about reminding each camper how much God loves them and how much God has planned for their life. Kids who come to camp walk away with deeper faith.

Camp Mount Luther is preparing for an exciting 2026 summer season, with registration now open for campers of all ages. Families who register by April 15 will receive an early registration discount. The summer season begins June 14, 2026, with resident and day camps running through August 4. Camp Mount Luther offers programs for children entering kindergarten through senior high, as well as opportunities for adults and families. Most sessions run one week, with additional half-week and day-only options available.

Adults are invited to participate in GROW and Lunch sessions offered on four Tuesdays throughout the summer.

The 2026 theme, "Wear Love," invites campers to explore how love is lived out in everyday life. Through Bible study, small-group conversations, and worship, campers will reflect on how they can embody Christ-like love at camp, at home, and in the wider world. Camp Mount Luther's signature "GROW Time" encourages campers to Gather and Reflect On the Word throughout the day. In addition to faith formation, campers enjoy a wide range of classic camp activities, including swimming, crafts, games, campfires, outdoor adventures, and music. Campers experience a balance of small-group connection and large-group fun, spending time in cabin groups led by trained staff while also participating in all-camp activities.

### **Bishop's Open Golf Classic – May 11**

The Bishop's Open Golf Classic will be held on May 11 at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club. The schedule is as follows:

11:00 a.m. Registration starts

11:30 a.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. Golf - 4 person scramble with shotgun start

*Immediately after all golfers are finished, there will be snacks, drinks and prizes!*

Participants enjoy: lunch • souvenir gift • three flights with prizes • hole in one winner prizes up to \$5,000 • closest to pin • longest drive • straightest drive • team that has most fun • free putting contest • Mulligans • forward tees • “beat the pro”

**Individuals, businesses, and congregations can be sponsors**

**Workday – May 16**

Join others for a Work Day on **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 am** to get camp ready for summer! There will be projects for all ages and abilities. Be sure to register at the link below to RSVP for you/your family and be included in the lunch count. For additional information, call 570-922-1587 or email [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org).

**Amazon Wish List**

Camp Mount Luther now has an Amazon Wish List. Please see the camp website for more details.

**Synod Women’s Convention**

**July 25**

**Location: United Lutheran Church, Sunbury**

**Cost: \$40**

The day will include the necessary business meetings, a Bible study, and a breakout session involving the packing of 150 school kits which will go to CWS (Church World Services) for distribution. Items for the kits will be purchased by the USSWO Board. Churches are being asked to donate toward the cost of the items.

This year the In-Kind donation will be for pet supplies to be given to a pet shelter and a pet clinic in the area. The items requested include: dog treats, garbage bags, blankets, laundry detergents, towels, wet dog food, Piddle pads, small dog beds, belly and surgical suits.

Bring a friend or two and enjoy the day with other women from across the Synod. A registration form is available in the church office.

**Upper Susquehanna Synod Office Hours**

Beginning April 6, the synod office normally will be open Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Other times may be arranged by scheduling with Brenda or Bishop Miller. You can still reach office staff by phone during regular business hours five days a week.

# May 2026

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Monday                                                                | Tuesday                                        | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                    | Thursday                                               | Friday           | Saturday                                          |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                       |                                                |                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                        | <b>1</b>         | <b>2</b><br>11-12:30<br>Community<br>Meal-FELC    |
| <p><b>3</b></p> <p><b><u>CULC</u></b><br/>8:30 Worship<br/>9:30 Koinonia<br/>Kafe<br/>9:30 Adult SS</p> <p><b><u>FELC</u></b><br/>9:00 Adult SS<br/>9:45 Chimes<br/>10:30 -Worship<br/>Choir</p>                      | <p><b>4</b></p> <p>6:00 Kiwanis-<br/>FELC</p>                         | <p><b>5</b></p>                                | <p><b>6</b></p> <p>10:00 Hope's<br/>Haven-CULC</p> <p>10:00 Fill<br/>Backpacks-<br/>FELC</p>                                                                                 | <p><b>7</b></p> <p>12:00 WELCA-<br/>Eastside Diner</p> | <p><b>8</b></p>  | <p><b>9</b></p>                                   |
| <p><b>10</b> <b>Mother's<br/>Day</b></p> <p><b><u>CULC</u></b><br/>8:30 Worship<br/>9:30 Adult SS</p> <p><b><u>FELC</u></b><br/>9:00 Adult SS<br/>10:30 Worship<br/>Chimes</p>                                        | <p><b>11</b></p>                                                      | <p><b>12</b></p> <p>6:30 Council-<br/>CULC</p> | <p><b>13</b></p>                                                                                                                                                             | <p><b>14</b></p>                                       | <p><b>15</b></p> | <p><b>16</b></p> <p>5:00 M/D<br/>Banquet-CULC</p> |
| <p><b>17</b></p> <p><b><u>CULC</u></b><br/>8:30 Worship<br/>9:30 Adult SS</p> <p><b><u>FELC</u></b><br/>9:00 Adult SS<br/>9:45 Chimes<br/>10:30 Worship<br/>Choir</p>                                                 | <p><b>18</b></p> <p>6:00 Kiwanis-<br/>FELC</p>                        | <p><b>19</b> <b>Election<br/>Day</b></p>       | <p><b>20</b></p> <p>10:00 Hope's<br/>Haven-CULC</p> <p>10:00 Fill<br/>Backpacks-<br/>FELC</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>June<br/>Newsletter<br/>Articles Due</b></p> | <p><b>21</b></p>                                       | <p><b>22</b></p> | <p><b>23</b></p>                                  |
| <p><b>24</b> <b>Pentecost</b></p> <p><b><u>CULC</u></b><br/>8:30 Worship<br/>9:30 Adult SS</p> <p><b><u>FELC</u></b><br/>9:00 Adult SS<br/>9:45 Chimes<br/>10:30 Worship<br/>Coffee Hour<br/><b>No rehearsals</b></p> | <p><b>25</b> <b>Memorial<br/>Day</b></p> <p><b>Offices Closed</b></p> | <p><b>26</b></p>                               | <p><b>27</b></p>                                                                                                                                                             | <p><b>28</b></p>                                       | <p><b>29</b></p> | <p><b>30</b></p>                                  |
| <p><b>31</b></p> <p><b><u>CULC</u></b><br/>10:00 Combined<br/>Contemporary-<br/>Service</p> <p><b><u>FELC</u></b><br/>No S.S.</p>                                                                                     |                                                                       |                                                |                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                        |                  |                                                   |

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