

MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN

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Elevator Dedication and Celebration Reception/Luncheon Sept. 12th

We rejoice to announce a formal dedication and celebration of the Elevator on Sunday, September 12th following both worship services. Following the 8 a.m. service, ride the elevator downstairs to a reception in the Fellowship Hall. And following the 10:15 a.m. service, again, ride the elevator downstairs to participate in a celebrative luncheon. We will also dedicate the new door to the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to the Elevator Fund to make this project a reality! Donations to the Fund are still welcome and appreciated. And a special thanks to Gail Bare for overseeing the construction of this project!

Worship During August and September

Up to and including Labor Day, the summer worship format continues with services at 8 and 9 a.m. Starting Sept. 12, the services will be at 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. with a 9:00 a.m. Christian Education Hour. The 8:00 a.m. service is a shorter, spoken service with no singing. This service is also suitable for anyone at increased risk of CoVid since there is no singing. The later service has the liturgy, singing and pipe organ music. Note: There will be no Worship in the Grove or Congregational Picnic during August because Pastor Peter will be on vacation Aug. 4 -28 (contact Pastor Sandy Gideon at 717-484-1172 for pastoral emergencies). In place of the Congregational Picnic, we will have the Elevator Project Celebration and Luncheon on Sept. 12.

Sunday, August 1st – Communion is celebrated at 8 and 9 a.m.

Sunday, August 8th – Hymn Sing for the first half of worship at both services led by Greg Gehman, followed by a video sermon by Pastor Peter (on vacation). No 9 a.m. livestream, but the sermon will be posted online on Saturday.

Sunday, August 15th – Pastor David Klepper is the supply pastor at both services. There will be no 9 a.m. livestream or online posting on this day.

Sunday, August 22nd – Hymn Sing for the first half of worship at both services led by Greg Gehman, followed by a video sermon Pastor Peter (on vacation). No 9 a.m. livestream, is posted.

Sunday, August 29th – Regular worship at both services (Pastor Peter returned from vacation).

Sunday, September 5th (Labor Day Weekend) – Communion is celebrated at both services. Last Sunday of Summer schedule.

Sunday, September 12th – First day of regular fall worship schedule, with Worship at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Dedication of the Elevator at both services, followed by riding the elevator down to a reception (8:40 a.m.)/luncheon (11:15 a.m.) in the Fellowship Hall. Christian Education and Sunday School resumes at 9 a.m.

Sunday, September 19th – Worship at 8:00 and 10:15 a.m., Christian Education at 9 a.m. Bring a canned good to give to Peter's Porch Food Pantry for the Sept. 26th Harvest Home display.

Sunday, September 26th – Harvest Home celebrated both services, Christian Education 9 a.m.

Worship will continue to be livestreamed at the later service (except Aug. 8-23) and posted on our church website and Muddy Creek YouTube Channel.



News and Notes

Christian Education Resumes Sept. 12!

After more than a year's break because of CoVid, Christian Education for all ages will resume on Sunday, Sept. 12 at 9 a.m.! Meet directly in your classrooms on the first day.

For children, there are two classes: Birth – Preschool, and Kindergarten to 4th grade. For families of young ones and their parents/grandparents, there is also a Jesus 'n Me Playgroup led by Pastor Peter on the 4th Sunday of the month (see announcement on page 3).

For youth, grades 5 -12, there is a Youth Class. And for adults, there is an Adult Forum in the Sanctuary upstairs. John Schutter will lead the Augsburg Adult Bible Study series on every Sunday except the 2nd Sunday of the month, when the Adult Forum will feature a special topic led by Pastor Peter or a guest speaker. On Sept. 12th, the special Forum will be “Creation: God, the Bible and the Big Bang”

Lutheran World Relief School Kit Donations Needed

Every Fall, our synod makes an appeal called an “Ingathering” to collect quilts, school kits, and soap to be sent all over the world through Lutheran World Relief to be used by refugees in need. This year we will once again be assembling school kits on Sunday, September 19th. During August and early September, you can help by donating the following new items (please pay attention to the specifics of each item, as it is a requirement that each LWR kit be identical; no religious or patriotic symbols please):

Most needed:

- 70 sheet spiral notebooks, wide or college-ruled, approx. 8 x10 ½
- Small blunt scissors (or safety scissors)
- Black or blue ballpoint pens—new
- 2 1/2” erasers

Also needed:

- Crayons, 16 or 24 per box
- Rulers
- Small pencil sharpeners
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers



You can also help by donating new bars of soap in original wrappers (4—5 oz. size).

Please place donations in the box under the mailboxes by Sunday, Sept. 12.

Questions: contact Pastor Peter

School Kit Assembly on September 19 – All Invited

Everyone is invited to help assemble the school kits for Lutheran World Relief at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 19 in the Fellowship Hall (following the 10:15 a.m. service). All families, youth, children, and Confirmation families are especially invited. We also be boxing up soap and the blankets we made at Muddy Creek.

Confirmation Gatherings Schedule

This year, Confirmation Gatherings will be on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in the Youth Room (theater seats)! Confirmation is for youth grades 5-7 and their parents.

Sept. 5 - Parent and Youth Joint Gathering

Sept. 19 - Youth Gathering. Note: Confirmation families are also invited to participate in the School Kit Assembly at 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Oct. 3 - Parent and Youth Joint Gathering

Oct. 17 - Youth Gathering

Nov. 7 - Parent and Youth Joint Gathering

Nov. 21 - Youth Gathering

Dec. 5 - Parent and Youth Joint Gathering

Dec. 19 - Youth Gathering



Jesus 'n Me Playgroup Resumes August 29th with Outdoor Kick-off!

Jesus 'n Me Playgroup is for all kids age 0-4 and their parents/caregivers, led by Pastor Peter. Please wear masks, since the young children are still unvaccinated.

Sunday August 29: “Look What God Made” (Note Special Time and Location: 10:15 a.m.!)

We will have a special outdoor kick-off in the Grove at 10:15 a.m.! Children will hear the story “Look What God Made”, and enjoy the outside world with special collecting bags. Then we will have fun playing on the playground and Noah’s Ark. Bring a blanket for your family to sit on!

Sunday Sept. 26: “The Little Lost Lamb” (Playgroup resumes at 9 a.m. in the nursery)

Children will hear Jesus story of the lost sheep, and will play hide and seek with our own little stuffed lamb. And who wants to miss the famous song “One little, two little, three lost sheep.....Jesus found them all”?

Special Adult Forum: “Creation: God, the Bible and the Big Bang”

All adults are invited to a special Adult Forum on Sunday, September 12 at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary annex. The topic is “Creation: God, the Bible and the Big Bang”. The forum will be led by Pastor Peter. John Schutter will lead the Augsburg Adult Bible Study series each Sunday at 9 a.m., except for the second Sunday of each month, when we will have special forums.

Fellowship Time and Refreshments After the 10:15 a.m. Service Resumes Sept. 19

The Fellowship and Coffee Time after the 10:15 a.m. service resumes on Sept. 19th! Sign up on the clipboard on the fellowship table to supply refreshments – we really appreciate your help!



Peter's Porch Collection

Thank you to all who continue to bring in canned, bagged and boxed items for the Peter's Porch drive-thru food distribution located at our sister congregation, Faith United Lutheran Church in Denver. Items can be placed in the collection bins at the sanctuary entrances.

Cans and Jars: fruits, vegetables, fish, chicken, poultry, beans, soup, spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, salsa, broth boxes (chicken, vegetable, beef).

Pasta, rice, tortillas, taco shells.

Cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix.

Snacks, crackers, popcorn, peanut butter. Monetary donations also appreciated.

Altar Flower Sign-Ups Have Resumed

If you wish to sponsor altar flowers or bulletins (you may make them in honor of or in memory of someone if you wish), please sign up in the binder located outside Pastor Peter's office. Cost is \$30 to sponsor altar flowers or \$15 to sponsor bulletins. For special arrangements, please call Brenda Peters at 733-1857.

"Harvest Home" To Be Celebrated September 26th, Please bring items



Harvest Home will be celebrated at both services on Sunday, September 26th. Thank you to Jeanette Leid for the beautiful fall display! On September 19th or before, please bring a canned good of fruit, vegetable, soups or meat for the display and put it in a Peter's Porch bin at the sanctuary entrances. Also, fresh apples, pears, potatoes, squash, pumpkins and fall mums for the display are appreciated. All the collected food is given to Peter's Porch, a food bank we help support at Faith United Lutheran Church in Denver.

Thank You's

Dear Muddy Creek Lutheran Church, Thank you so much for the rose and the prayer shawl in celebration of the birth of son (Pastor Peter and Pastor Nancy's grandson) Evan Joel Lowe, born on July 1st. It was a very kind and thoughtful surprise! The rose was beautiful, and the prayer shawl keeps mom warm and comfortable while caring for our newborn. Thank you for thinking of us and helping celebrate our new bundle of joy! With love, Rachel and Thomas Lowe

Thank you for the rose, the cards, and all the well wishes at the birth of our new grandson, Evan. – Pastor Peter and Pastor Nancy

New Members

Welcome to our newest members, Patricia and Severin Yerger, who joined Muddy Creek on June 27th. Pat and Sev moved from Lititz to the Adamstown area three years ago, and we are delighted that they are now fellow members. Welcome Sev and Pat!

And likewise, welcome to Karen Oglesby, who joined on July 18th. Karen is from Reading, and came to us via her good friend Judy Dengler. She works full-time even in retirement, taking care of her two grandchildren, Caroline and Collin. Welcome, Karen!

Stockings for Soldiers Cards – Help Needed

As crazy as it sounds, it's time to start our Stockings for Soldiers Project! Please take a pack of Christmas cards from the table under the mailboxes, write a brief message on each card if you want, sign it with your name, town, state and church, and put it back in the envelope, **BUT PLEASE DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPE**. Bring the signed cards back to the church no later than Sunday, November 7th. You are also welcome to use your own Christmas cards if you want.



If you would like to make a monetary donation, please feel free to write a check to: Keystone Military Families (include in note section: Stockings for Soldiers). You may put your check in an envelope labeled “c/o Judy Dengler” and put it in her church mailbox. The donations collected will help to pay for shipping of stockings all over the world to our Pennsylvania military, which is a huge expense.

Muddy Creek's Knitting Ministry is continuing their efforts to supply prayer squares to send to our military as well. Muddy Creek started this addition to the stockings and it has become a very important gift to our soldiers. Words cannot express thank you enough for all your efforts. We may need some of you again this year to help tie prayers to the squares. Our Pennsylvania Military need to know that we are still praying for them and thinking of them this Christmas season.

Again, please remember: The due date for Christmas Cards and Monetary Donations is Sunday, November 7, 2021. – Judy Dengler and Karen Oglesby

Attendance

Worship Attendance	8 a.m.	9 a.m.	Views on YouTube and Facebook
June 27	24	50	24 (includes livestream)
July 4	21	56	35 (includes livestream)
July 11	25	46	25 (includes livestream)
June 18	21	54	17 (includes livestream)

(There are currently 73 subscribers to the Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube Channel, and 168 followers on the Muddy Creek Facebook Page)

Offering

Received in General Fund in June: \$17,624.91, Expenses to General Fund in May: \$19,488.58
 Income to General Fund year to date through June: \$79,751.97
 Expenses to General Fund year to date through June: \$92,584.80
 Received in Elevator Fund as of July 11: \$221,396.79 (Donations to the Elevator Fund are still being gratefully accepted, since additional expenses will be coming)

Worship Helpers Schedule

Money Counters

August 1 – Dean Lutz, Jim Webber, Jane Wenger
 August 8 – Lori and Mike Martin
 August 15 – Tim and Linda Fritz, David Sensenig
 August 22 – Gail and Ted Bare
 August 29 – Nick Duong and Thai Phan, Pat Brendle
 September 5 – Jeanette and Mike Leid
 September 12 – Connie Hoover and Diane Leed
 September 19 – Doris and Brad Rauch
 September 26 – Marie and Walter Buohl, John Schutter

Lay Readers

September 12 – Haley Leed
 September 19 – Hollie Kemper
 September 26 – Jill Youndt

Acolytes

September 12 – Cannon Youndt
 September 19 – Cole Aungst
 September 26 – Paige Walzl