

MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN

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Anniversary News: Pulpit Exchange With Peace U.C.C on August 21st

For 238 years, Muddy Creek Lutheran Congregation worshiped together with Muddy Creek Reformed Congregation in the same Muddy Creek Church building, alternating worship on Sundays. These “Union Parishes” were common in this area, as German immigrants of Lutheran and Reformed faiths, bound together by their language and culture, shared church buildings. In 1970, the union was formally dissolved and Muddy Creek Reformed Church became Peace United Church of Christ, located near us on the site of the old Muddy Creek Church Picnic Fairgrounds. We still jointly operate the Muddy Creek Cemetery.

In honor of this historic union as we celebrate our 290th anniversary this year, on Sunday, August 21st, Pastor Betsy Bruaw of our sister congregation Peace U.C.C. will preach at the 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. services at Muddy Creek (Pastor Peter will be here for the 8:00 a.m. service as well). Pastor Peter will preach at the 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. services at Peace U.C.C. (Pastor Betsy will be at Peace for the 10:30 a.m. service as well). Come help us celebrate 290 years!

Ingathering 2022: 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 18th. 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).

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
- Crayons, 16 or 24 per box
- Rulers
- Small pencil sharpeners
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- New bars of soap in original wrappers (4—5 oz. size).



Please place donations in the box under the mailboxes by Sunday, Sept. 11.

Questions: contact Pastor Peter

“God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday School Kit Assembly on September 18 – All Invited

Every September, our denomination, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, celebrates “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday – a special day of using our hands to do works of love and charity on God’s behalf. On Sunday, September 18, in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:15 a.m. service, everyone is invited to help assemble school kits for Lutheran World Relief. These kits of school supplies will be sent to school children in the developing world. We also be boxing up soap that was donated. Thank you to everyone who brought in donations.

Update on Air Conditioning Installation

All of the supplies have arrived to install the new air conditioning in the sanctuary. The contractor, Tier One, is ready to go as well. We are just waiting for East Cocalico Township to process the permits, and then the installation will begin as soon as that happens.

Please Bring in Food Items for Peter’s Porch on Sunday, Sept. 4

On the first Sunday of every month, we are collecting food items for Peter’s Porch, the food distribution pantry operated by our sister congregation, Faith United Lutheran Church in Denver. Please bring in food items on Sunday, Sept. 4 and place them in the bins located in the sanctuary entrances. Thank you!

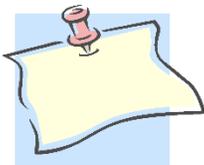
Worship During August and September

Up to and including Labor Day (September 4th), the summer worship format continues with services at 8 and 9 a.m. Starting Sept. 11, 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.

Worship will continue to be livestreamed at the later service and posted on our church website and Muddy Creek YouTube Channel.

Historic Chicken Corn Soup Recipe

Thank you to Hazel Fry for discovering and sharing this historic recipe for Chicken Corn Soup, that was used for many years to make soup for the annual Muddy Creek Picnic (please note the extremely large quantities of ingredients!) This community gala brought over 5,000 people every year to Muddy Creek from all over Lancaster and Berks Counties, and was held for 107 years (from 1860 to 1967). Here is the recipe: Bring four 10-quart buckets of water to a boil. Add the following ingredients to each bucket: 1 milk can of broth, 5 packs of corn, 7 and a half packs of noodles, 1 coffee cup of salt, 1 soup bowl of eggs, 1 handful of parsley, and a half a bucket (or 2 large dippers) of chicken (including giblets, livers and skin). Makes eight 5-quart batches!



News and Notes



Christian Education Resumes Sept. 11!

Christian Education for all ages will resume on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 9 a.m.!

For children, there are two classes. The Sunday School Class for Babies, Toddlers and Preschoolers meets in the nursery at 9 a.m. For Kindergarten to 5th Grade, there is a Sunday School Class in the Sunday School room. For youth grades 6 - 12, there is a Youth Class.

And for adults, there is an Adult Forum in the Fellowship Hall downstairs (note change of location) on the second Sunday of each month. The first Adult Forum, led by Pastor Peter, will be on September 11 at 9 a.m.

Jesus 'n Me Playgroup Resumes September 25th

The Jesus 'n Me Playgroup for all young ones (babies, toddler, preschoolers and their caregivers/parents) resumes once a month in the nursery at 9 a.m.

Sunday Sept. 25: "God Made Me". Come celebrate the wonder of eyes, ears, feet and hands as we make a special handprint picture for you to take home and save. We'll learn the fingerplay "God made fingers, nose and toes", and sing "God made me from my head to toes."

Choir Rehearsal Resumes Sept. 11th

Choir rehearsals will resume on Sunday mornings at 9 am in the choir loft. The first rehearsal will be Sunday, Sept .11. Everyone is invited to come and sing. Please contact our Director of Music, Greg Gehman, if you have any questions.

Synod Assembly Report

Our ELCA synod, the Lower Susquehanna Synod, met virtually on June 3rd and 4th for our annual assembly. At the assembly, the synod delegates voted to divest all church investments from Russian companies, due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The assembly also voted in support of reorganizing the structure of the national Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Other resolutions that were passed included allowing deacons (those who are ordained to service and ministry but not sacramental leadership) to serve as Conference deans and secretaries, and allowing pastors serving in interim positions (and certain other positions) to remain on the "Called" roster and not to have to go to "On Leave From Call".

Thank You's

Thank you all so very much for the beautiful prayer shawls we received. The shawls are lovely. Thank you and God bless you all. Our prayers are with you. Sincerely, Joe and Marlene Battisti

Many thanks to the Muddy Creek Congregation from the Muddy Creek Cemetery Board for the very generous contributions given in May to the Veteran's Wreath fund. Your support of this project helps makes it possible. A total of \$679.00 was collected! Donations can be made to the Veteran's Wreath fund at any time during the year. Please be certain to designate "Veteran's Wreath Fund" on your check or envelope. Thank you, the Muddy Creek Cemetery Board

Attendance

<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Viewed on Muddy Creek YouTube Channel and Facebook</u>
May 29, 8 a.m. – 24, 10:15 a.m. – 40	21 (includes livestream)
June 5, 8 a.m. – 27, 10:15 a.m. – 48	91 (includes livestream)
June 12, 8 a.m. – 14, 10:15 a.m. – 36	75 (includes livestream)
June 19, 8 a.m. – 24, 10:15 a.m. – 49	29 (includes livestream)
June 26, 8 a.m. – 17, 10:15 a.m. – 67	58 (includes livestream)
July 3, 8 a.m. – 22, 10:15 a.m. – 44	30 (includes livestream)
July 10, 8 a.m. – 15, 10:15 a.m. – 44	29 (includes livestream)
July 17, 8 a.m. – 16, 10:15 a.m. – 27	N/A

(There are currently 80 subscribers to the Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube Channel, and 191 followers on the Muddy Creek Facebook Page.)

Offering

Income to General Fund: May - \$20,752.00, June - \$7,793.77

Expenses to General Fund: May - \$15,862.94, June - \$23,143.37

Income to General Fund Year-to-Date as of end of June: \$81,874.51

Expenses to General Fund Year-to-Date as of end of June: \$105,068.77

Air Conditioning Fund as of July 10: \$3,865.00

Worship Helpers Schedule

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August 7, Money Counters – Jeanette and Mike Leid

Communion Assistant: 8:00 a.m. - Scott Strickland Bread Baker – Marliese Smith

Communion Assistant and Acolyte: 9:00 a.m. -

9:00 a.m. Lay Reader – Pastor Peter 9:00 a.m. Cantor – Pastor Peter

August 14, Money Counters – Connie Hoover, Diane Leed

9:00 a.m. Acolyte –

9:00 a.m. Lay Reader – Joe Sanchez

9:00 a.m. Cantor – Greg Gehman

August 21, Money Counters – Brad and Doris Rauch

9:00 a.m. Acolyte – 9:00 a.m. Lay Reader – Brad Rauch

9:00 a.m. Cantor – Greg Gehman

August 28, Money Counters – Marie and Walter Buohl

9:00 a.m. Acolyte – 9:00 a.m. Lay Reader – Lynn Breidenstein

9:00 a.m. Cantor – Gail Bare