

# MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN

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## From the Pastors

### Lutheran World Relief

As we once again collect supplies for the school kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief, it may be interesting to know about the organization.

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) was officially founded in 1945, as Lutherans in the United States began responding to the refugee crisis in post-World War II Europe by sending food, clothing and quilts. By the end of the decade, LWR was also sending relief aid to those affected by conflicts in Palestine, Hong Kong, Korea and Bangladesh. In 1979, LWR opened its first regional office in Peru. Currently, LWR has works in 21 countries and has 3 regional offices in Asia, Africa and Latin America. It is now headquartered in Baltimore Maryland. LWR is a member of the ACT Alliance, a



**Lutheran  
World  
Relief**

global alliance of churches and related agencies working on development that are committed to working together.

In the 1980s, famine in Africa made international headlines, especially the plight of people in Ethiopia. In response,

LWR shipped 5,000 tons of wheat to northern Ethiopia. Since 2000, LWR has increased its emphasis on sustainable agriculture and climate adaptation while

continuing to respond to major natural disasters and humanitarian crises around the world.

One of LWR's flagship programs – started in 1945 and continuing today – is its Quilt & Kit Ministry. Each year, Lutherans across the United States assemble and donate quilts, blankets, school kits and several other kinds of care kits to assist people living in poverty in times of emergency or great need.

**August 2019**

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## Going Up! Elevator Project Update

As of July 21, 2019, the Elevator Fund has \$105,577.80! Thank you to all who have been contributing so generously to the Elevator Fund. The giving has been incredible and amazing! We only need \$67,250.20 more in the fund to commence with the vote for the project!

On June 30th, the congregation was presented with a proposal and costs for the project. On July 21st, Horst Construction came to the church for a forum to discuss further details, present plans, give a tour of the proposed site (at the downstairs entrance to the Christian Education building) and answer questions. The total cost of the proposed project is \$342,828, which includes electrical upgrades, a stone veneer on the lower external portion of the elevator addition, and the addition of a second entrance directly into the Fellowship Hall. Augmenting the money given directly to the Elevator Fund, the project is proposed to be also funded with \$95,000 from the Improvement Fund (from the sale of the Chapel) and \$75,000 in undesignated bequests from the Memorial Fund. Things are going up!

### **Special points of interest:**

- Church Picnic
- Disaster Response Trip
- Lutheran World Relief Ingathering
- Blanket Making Sunday
- Sunday School
- Confirmation Program
- Jesus 'n Me Playgroup
- Worship Helper Schedule

## Upcoming Events

### Lutheran World Relief Ingathering Donations Needed

Every Fall, our synod makes an appeal called an “Ingathering” to collect quilts, school kits, baby care kits, and soap to be sent all over the world to those in need through Lutheran World Relief. For the last several years, Muddy Creek has been assembling school kits that were utilized by refugees in need, collecting soap, and making flannel blankets. We will have another blanket Sunday on August 25 after both services.

This year we plan again on assembling school kits on Sunday, September 15th. 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):

- 70 sheet spiral notebooks, wide or college-ruled, approx. 8 x10 1/2
- Small blunt scissors (or safety scissors)
- Black or blue ballpoint pens—new
- Crayons, 16 or 24 per box
- 12” rulers
- This year, we do not need pencils, erasers or sharpeners (we have enough left over from previous years to cover the amount we will need this year).



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, August 25. Questions: contact Pastor Peter

## Jesus ‘n Me Playgroup Resumes Sept. 22



All parents of infants, toddlers and preschoolers are invited to come with their little ones to the Jesus ‘n Me Playgroup, which resumes on Sunday, Sept. 22 at 9 a.m. in the nursery. Come have fun with songs, fingerplays, puppets, stories, parachute play, crafts, and snacks together with other families!

The theme in September is “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”

## Pizza and School Kit Assembly September 15th



Children, youth and families are invited to use your hands for God’s work by assembling the Lutheran World Relief School Kits on Sunday September 15th. We will gather for pizza, learn a little about the impact the school kits have for children around the world, and assemble the items for shipping.

## Sunday Morning Volunteers



Please consider being a part of the many wonderful and dedicated people who assist on Sunday morning at Muddy Creek. Currently, we particularly need help in the following areas:

- Bulletin folders
- Coffee ministry volunteers (sign up on clipboard on snack table)
- Ushers and acolytes
- Altar Guild volunteers (1 week, 2 weeks, or 1 month)

Please contact the office or the pastors if you are interested or would like to find out more.

## Upcoming Events

### Church Picnic Sunday Aug. 18

Everyone is invited to the annual church picnic at Muddy Creek Grove. The fun will begin immediately after 10:30 a.m. outdoor worship.



Guessing games and other activities for all ages, guests and visitors, are featured at the picnic. Please bring a small, wrapped gift to play "Now You Have It, Now You Don't." No need to bring food. It will be provided, thanks to money from Thrivent. Thanks to the Parish Life Committee for planning the picnic, and preparing and serving the lunch.

Questions: Audrey Noll at 717-336-3592

### Blanket Making

Sunday Aug. 25



Come and help make fleece tied blankets to give to Lutheran World Relief! This serving project is for all ages and no experience is necessary. Join us in the annex in the church, before and after the worship services. We will be cutting fringes on fleece fabric and tying knots to create blankets that will go to refugees around the world.

### Sunday School for Children, Youth, and Adults Resumes September 8, 9 a.m.



Muddy Creek is blessed with some amazing teachers who are dedicated to helping us learn and grow in our faith. Mark your calendars now for another new year of learning, fellowship, and fun! Classes are for children, youth and adults of all ages.

We will begin the year with a special opening for all ages at 9 a.m. and then we will head to the classrooms and meet your teachers. New friends are always welcome and encouraged.

Some things that are in the works for the Fall are the Ingathering and Pizza, and a special offering project - our Elevator Fund!

## Disaster Response Trip to Puerto Rico

Interested in going on mission trip with others from Muddy Creek and the area to make a difference in the lives of those recovering from the devastating hurricane in Puerto Rico? The North Lancaster County Lutheran Conference is sponsoring this exciting mission trip which is Oct. 30 - Nov. 7. The trip is limited to 32 people due to housing limitations. If you are interested but unable to attend, contact Pastor Glenn Beard at [GBeard@luthericare.org](mailto:GBeard@luthericare.org) or talk to Pastor Peter.



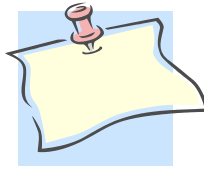
If you would like to donate to this effort please visit the GoFundMe page by googling GoFundMe Lutheran Disaster Response. Questions, contact Connie Becker who will be part of the group.

### Confirmation Program

The Confirmation Program, for all youth 6th-8th grade and up, begins again on Wednesday evening, September 4th at 6:30 p.m. We meet twice a month on Wednesday evenings, and will also have many fun events and service projects.

The Confirmation Parents Class, which meets monthly on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m., will begin on Sunday, Sept. 8th. All parents of Confirmation youth are encouraged to come for a lively, engaging discussion and for fellowship with other parents.

## News and Notes



- Dear Pastor Peter and Muddy Creek Congregation, Thank you so much for your graduation gift and support all throughout my life. Everyone has always been so encouraging and willing to show the light of God in my life. I couldn't be more grateful. Thank you for giving me a place to celebrate God and place my worries upon him. And thank you for being there for me even when it's not Sunday. Thank you again, Will Meckley
- Dear Pastor Peter, My family and I want to thank you for your time and caring for us with your visit the morning Ralph passed away. You listened to our comments and worked them very well into your sermon at his service. It was very comforting to hear all the events of his life being remembered and to know that he truly loved his family. Thanks again, Nedra Bearinger.
- Thank you to Muddy Creek artist Sue Peter for the wonderful display of her painting on Visual Arts Sunday on June 2.

Baptism: We rejoice to welcome to Cindy Lewis, who was baptized on June 9th. Welcome to Cindy and her husband Gordon.

Wedding: Congratulations to Connie Harding and Roger Hoover, who were married on June 22.

Congratulations to the following graduates: Will Meckley (Cocalico High School). He will be attending Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, majoring in music.

Courtney Zwally (Garden Spot High School). She will be attending DeSales University to study tech design and theater stage management.

Lucas Killian (Cocalico High School)

Marleise Emrhein (University of Michigan, B.A. in Secondary Education). She will be teaching English at Wilson High School.

Natalie Sukanik (Millersville University, B.S. in Chemistry). She will be attending Pharmacy School at the University of Maryland.

## Council and Committee Highlights

### Synod Assembly Highlights

- The Synod Assembly of the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the ELCA was held at Messiah College on June 6-8. Audrey Noll and Pastor Peter represented our church. Bishop James Dunlop was re-elected as the bishop of our synod for another 6-year term.

### Special Congregational Meeting

- A Special Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, June 9. The congregation approved the expenditure of up to \$15,000 to replace both sets of front doors of the sanctuary. HC Quality Doors of Gordonville is the contractor.

### Christian Education Committee

- Sunday School will resume September 8. Plans are underway for the 2019-2020 school year.
- A Joint Vacation Bible School of Muddy Creek, Mellingers, Swamp and St. Paul Lutheran Churches was held at Mellingers July 21-25. The event went very well.
- Five youth from Muddy Creek attended the Lancaster County Lutheran Confirmation Camp at Camp Kirchenwald on June 23-29. Pastor Peter taught one of the sessions.

### Social Ministry Committee

- Thank you to all who helped with the Community Meal we served on July 11 at the Methodist Church in Denver for disadvantaged people in the Denver area.

### Evangelism Committee

- Thank you to all who helped with the Community Yard Sale in our Grove on June 8th. It was a great success, with many from our community participating in the free event. Thanks also to the Choir for operating the food stand.

### Parish Life Committee

- Parish Life met to plan the upcoming Church Picnic on August 18.

### Church Council

- The Council reviewed the proposal from the Elevator Committee, and voted to inform the congregation at services on June 30 and at a forum on July 21. See page 1 of this newsletter for details.

## August Birthdays

1	Lynne Hassler Donald Walmer Dean Witmer	11	Kyle Ueberroth Cole Aungst	18	Dorothy Hiester Anita Lutz-Veilleux	27	Devan Eckert
2	Kimberlee Blatt Robin Engle	12	Damien Branch Kathleen Hainley	19	Wanda Hertzog-Grant	28	Brynn Beichner Lucas Bearinger
4	Zachery Aungst Shane Geissel	13	Renee Bougher	20	Jennifer Rideout Jane Rutt	29	Mark Gallagher Aileen Kulp Hannah Roth Bruce Spangler
6	Mackenzie Eckert Jill Youndt	14	Dylan Bordner Beatrice Ebersole	21	Kathleen Ebling	30	Sidney Hurst
7	Carolyn Kramer Jordan Greene Mary Zerbe	15	Ted Bare Ashley Wenger Marylin Zimmerman	23	Harry Fetter Sharon Frankhouser Erik Nussbaum	31	Zoey Nussbaum Margaret Hassler
8	Brenda Berger Jean Hummel Pamela Merritt	16	Erin Wise	24	Gerald Wingenroth		
		17	Virginia Frankfort	25	William Lausch Deborah Ramsey		
9	Eric Fritz			26	Mary Jane Carvell		



## A Special Happy Birthday to our "Over 80" Members

08/07	Mary Zerbe	08/23	Harry Fetter	08/24	Gerald Wingenroth
Age 88	671 Gehman School Rd Denver, PA 17517	Age 80	130 Sandy Hill Rd. Denver, PA 17517	Age 83	Keystone Villa at Ephrata 100 N State St. Ephrata, PA 17522
08/14	Beatrice Ebersole	08/17	Virginia Frankfort	08/29	Aileen Kulp
Age 94	188 Ebersole Rd. Ephrata, PA 17522	Age 91	PO Box 696 243 Willow St Adamstown, PA 19501	Age 87	90 Cocalico Creek Rd Stevens, PA 17578

## Brenda & Friends Tours

August 11-15, 2019 – The Creation Museum and The Ark Encounter in Kentucky, St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Dinner Cruise on the Ohio River, National Museum of the US Air Force, Kelton House Museum and Garden plus 10 meals, 4 nights' lodging, baggage handling, deluxe motorcoach and a tip for the driver.

August 17, 2019 – "I Do, I Do" at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

September 7, 2019 – Dolphin Watch Cruise and more in Atlantic City, NJ

September 28, 2019 – Italian Festival at Historic Smithville, NJ

For more info contact Brenda Berger at 717-336-6886 or [bergerb@dejazzd.com](mailto:bergerb@dejazzd.com). More info also on the hallway table outside the church office.



# Worship Helpers



## Coffee Ministry

### August

- 4 Sherri and Bill Duby
- 11 Sandy Schutter
- 18 None - Church Picnic
- 25 Needed

## Money Counters

### August

- 4 Connie Hoover, Diane Leed
- 11 Marie and Walter Buohl, John Schutter
- 18 Gloria Aseli, Brenda Berger, Audrey Noll
- 25 Sara and Ken Frazer, Pat Brendle

### September

- 1 Linda Gerhart, Hollie Kemper, Jim Weber
- 8 Matthew and Lesia Aungst, Kim Eshleman
- 15 June and Neal Leid
- 22 Dean Lutz, David and June Sloat
- 29 Nancy and Sid Hurst, Jane Wenger

## Bulletin Folders

(Thursday unless noted)

### August

- 1 Charmaine Wenrich
- 8 Walter and Marie Buohl
- 15 June and Neal Leid
- 22 Judy Dengler
- 29 Kathleen Ebling

### September

- 5 Charmaine Wenrich
- 12 Joyce Litzenberger, Judy Nichol
- 19 June and Neal Leid
- 26 Linda Berger, Nancy Beck

## Acolytes

### August

- 4 Cannon Youndt
- 11 Zach Sheaffer
- 18 Service in the Grove
- 25 Sophia Dimitris

### September

- 1 Mason Sheaffer
- 8 Grace Youndt
- 15 Paige Walzl
- 22 Cole Dimitris
- 29 Cannon Youndt

## Lay Readers

### August

- 4 Brenda Berger
- 11 Nancy Beck
- 18 Dean Lutz
- 25 Lynn Breidenstein

### September

- 1 John Schutter
- 8 Haley Leed
- 15 Hollie Kemper
- 22 Jill Youndt
- 29 Doris Rauch

## Communion Assistants

- August 4 Kelby Weaver
- September 1 Kelby Weaver

## Worship Helpers

### Greeters

August 4 Millie Shober  
September 1 Phil Ramsey

### Altar Guild

August Dave and June Sloat  
September Russell and Nancy Beck

### Ushers

#### August

August 4- Mike Leid, Connie Hoover, Brad Rauch,  
Doris Rauch, Diet Aseli  
11, 18, 25 - Dave Sloat, June Sloat, Dean Lutz, Scott Dimitris,  
Jim Weber

#### September

September 1— Jane Wenger, Julie Emrhein, Terri Meckley,  
Linda Gerhart, Craig Brossman  
8, 15, 22, 29 - Michael and Lynn Breidenstein, Pat Brendle,  
Darlene Weidman, Nick Duong

## August Office Hours

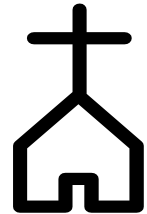
Admin. Asst.: Tues. & Thurs. 9:00—11:30 a.m.  
Pastors: Tuesday 9:00 a.m.—11:00 am  
Thursday 9:00 a.m.— 11:00 a.m.  
Additional hours by appointment and at  
various times throughout the week

## Upcoming Events

September 8 - Fall Worship Schedule Resumes,  
Sunday School Resumes  
September 15 - Ingathering School Kit Assembly  
and Pizza  
September 29—Harvest Home  
October 30—November 7 - Puerto Rico Disaster  
Relief Trip

## Attendance Report

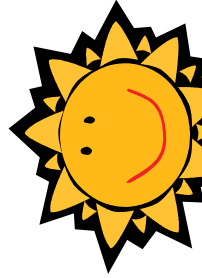
	Worship
May 26	88
June 2	110
June 9	112
June 16	76
June 23	91
June 30	102
July 7	92
July 14	92
July 21	66



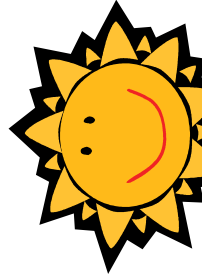
## Giving Report

	Received	Actual Expenses
Through June 2018	\$90,260.77	\$100,236.84
Elevator Fund as of July 21:	\$105,577.80	

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** August 11, 2019.



# AUGUST



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b> 8 a.m. Spoken Worship 9 a.m. Worship	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Newsletter Deadline 8 a.m. Spoken Worship 9 a.m. Worship	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawls at Yvonne's	<b>14</b> 7 p.m. Church Council	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 8 a.m. Spoken Worship 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship in the Grove 11:30 a.m. Church Picnic	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Collection Deadline, Blanket Making Sunday 8 a.m. Spoken Worship 9 a.m. Worship - Mixed Chorus	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawls at Yvonne's 7 p.m. Finance Commit- tee	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Note: Sisters of Sobriety meet every Thursday evening at the church.	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

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Director of Music: Greg Gehman

Sexton: Mark Saylor

Janitors: Brenda Berger, Linda Berger

President: Michael Leid

Vice-President: Fred Hainley

Council Secretary: Audrey Noll

Treasurers: Scott Strickland, Gail Bare

