

MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN

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Changes to Worship Continue Due to Positive Progress Made Against CoVid

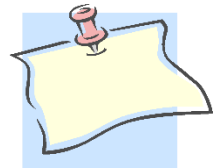
On May 16, we were able to resume indoor worship services at 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. (our regular summer schedule) due to the high vaccination rate of Muddy Creek participants. Also on that date, due to updated guidance from the CDC, the wearing of masks for the fully vaccinated (two weeks past final vaccination dose) was made optional during worship. The wearing of masks for those not fully vaccinated is still required.

As per Governor Wolf's recommendation, as of June 6th we will no longer be requiring 6 feet of social distancing in worship. That means you may sit wherever you want, and the green pew markers and red pew ribbons will disappear. Among other changes you may also notice then will be that the portable cushions will return to the pews, attendance slips for contact tracing will no longer need to be filled out, and you will no longer be dismissed by ushers at the end of the service (so you are free to visit with each other inside and outside).

With CoVid numbers dropping and vaccinations increasing, the situation in our county continues to improve dramatically. In response, we are continuing the ongoing process of making further worship adjustments. The CoVid task force continually monitors the CoVid numbers in the county and recommends changes to Church Council. We also receive ongoing guidance from our Synod Bishop, Bishop Dunlop.

Worship will continue to be livestreamed at 9 a.m. and posted on our church website and Muddy Creek YouTube Channel.

News and Notes



Annual Meeting Was Held

On May 2 in the Grove, we were finally able to hold our Annual Congregational Meeting! It had been postponed from late January to April due to CoVid, and then was delayed further due to lack of a quorum. Thank you to everyone who came out on May 2nd so that we could hold the meeting! The congregation voted to accept three recommended changes to our Constitution, which will be ratified at the Congregational Meeting in December. We voted to reduce the quorum needed to hold congregational meetings from 60 down to 40, to increase the amount of an unbudgeted expense the Church Council can authorize from \$3,500 to \$5,000, and to appoint the members of the Audit Committee rather than elect them.



Construction is Brisk on the Elevator Project! “It’s Going Up!”

Feel free to take a peek at the ongoing construction work on the Elevator Project! The new elevator and carport are being rapidly constructed outside the downstairs entrance, and a new door has already been installed directly into the Fellowship Hall. The project is slated for completion on July 15. We are excited to see the progress! Donations are still being accepted for the Elevator Fund (we still need about \$7,000 to complete the project, with some additional costs still trickling in as the project progresses).

Daily Devotional Books Available in Inside Racks

Free copies of the “Christ in our Home” daily devotional books (large-print and regular print) are available and are now located in the racks in the entrances to the sanctuary. The ones for June through August have arrived. Help yourself to the latest copy.



Peter’s Porch Collection

Thank you to all who have been bringing in food for the Peter’s Porch Food Bank. As a way of combatting increased hunger and need during this CoVid time, the Social Ministry Committee is continuing to ask you 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 brought to Muddy Creek Lutheran Church and placed any time during the week in the blue collection now relocated outside the upstairs front entrance.

Here is a complete list of items requested by Peter’s Porch -

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.

Monetary Donations

List of Local Food Pantry Distribution Sites

*Peter’s Porch distributes food (drive-through) on the first Saturday of every month from 8-10 a.m. at Faith United Lutheran Church. 357 Walnut Street Denver. No need to sign up.

*Swamp Lutheran Church, in cooperation with Ephrata Area Social Services. Drive-thru is on the second Wednesday of each month, 1:00-3:30 p.m. at Swamp Lutheran Church, 275 Swamp Church Road, Reinholds. Please call in advance to Swamp at 717-336-2849 or EASS at 717-733-0345.

*Cocalico Food Pantry run by Real Life Community Services in their Warehouse 916 building behind the parking lot at 240 Main Street, Denver. Call 717-336-7797 to become a client of Real Life and qualify for monthly free groceries.

*Cocalico Community Church, 1200 W. Swartzville Road, Reinholds, a free drive-through grocery give-away and a hot, to-go breakfast on the fifth Saturday (of those months that have five) from 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

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. We will put your name in the bulletin.

Congratulations to our Confirmands!

Congratulations to the following youth who were confirmed at Muddy Creek:

Confirmed on May 16, 2021 – Cole Aungst

Confirmed on May 23, 2021 – Cole Dimitris, Sophia Dimitris, Zachary Sheaffer, Paige Walzl and Cannon Youndt.

Condolences

Our heartfelt and sincerest condolences and sympathy to:

- The family of Aileen Kulp, who died on May 8, 2021. Service was held on May 15.

Attendance

Worship Attendance	8 a.m.	9 a.m.	Views on YouTube and Facebook
May 2 (Grove)		68	24
May 9 (Grove)		38	34
May 16 (Indoors)	32	58	21 (includes livestream)
May 23 (Indoors)	23	94	

(There are currently 72 subscribers to the Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube Channel, and 166 followers on the Muddy Creek Facebook Page)

Offering

Received in General Fund in April: \$13,978.69

Expenses to General Fund in April: \$12,952.96

Income to General Fund through April: \$50,960.79

Expenses to General Fund through April: \$60,798.78

Received in Elevator Fund as of May 16: \$210,084.79 (Still needed for project: \$6,804.81)

Money Counter Schedule Resumes June 6

June 6 – Brad and Doris Rauch

June 13 – Marie and Walter Buohl, John Schutter

June 20 – Gloria Aseli, Brenda Berger, Audrey Noll

June 27 – Ray and Susan Sweigart

July 4 – Linda Gerhart, Hollie Kemper