

MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN

MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

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Because of Excellent Vaccination Rate, Indoor Worship Will Resume on May 16th

Even though the spread of CoVid in Lancaster County remains at a “very high” risk, the CoVid Task Force discovered from our recent anonymous poll that the rate of vaccination (with a vast majority already having two doses) among Muddy Creek participants is over 70%, which is about twice that of the rest of the county. Based on the increased safety factor then, the Task Force and Church Council have decided to resume indoor worship with 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. services beginning May 16th. The services at 8 and 9 reflect the typical summer worship schedule. Please look under Confirmation Notes (below) about sermon info for May 16 and 23.

All the exact same safety protocols from last Fall’s indoor worship will be in effect, including everyone wearing masks over nose and mouth, 6-foot spacing, no singing, pew communion, and a service length of about 35 minutes. To get maximum ventilation, all of the windows will be open and the overhead attic fan will be on. The upstairs restrooms are open. The downstairs carport entrance is closed during construction of the elevator, but you may enter and exit through either of the two main doors on the sanctuary level.

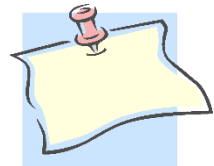
We are very proud of Muddy Creek for having so many participants being already vaccinated, and grateful that it allows us to move back indoors for worship. The safety of our participants will continue to guide any future worship modifications, as the CoVid Task Force is currently monitoring the community data twice a week and will adjust its recommendations as is safe.

Annual Congregational Meeting Rescheduled to May 2

Due to lack of a quorum on April 18, the Annual Congregational Meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, May 2nd, immediately following the service. The rain date is May 9. **Please come out** to help us get a quorum so that we can have the meeting (we were just a six people short of the 60-person quorum when we tried to have the meeting on April 18th!) We will vote on three changes to our Constitution, including reducing the quorum number from 60 to 40, increasing the amount of a non-budgeted expenditure that the Council can authorize from \$3,500 to \$5,000, and appointing rather than electing the Audit Committee.

News and Notes

Confirmation on both May 16 and May 23



The Confirmation of six youth from the congregation coincides with the first two weeks of our return to indoor worship at 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. Five of the youth, Cole Dimitris, Sophia Dimitris, Zachary Sheaffer, Paige Walzl and Cannon Youndt, will share their faith statements and be

confirmed at the **9 a.m.** worship on May 23. One youth, Cole Aungst, will share his faith statement and be confirmed at the **8 a.m.** worship the week before, on May 16th. Our warmest and heartfelt congratulations to these youth and their families!

What this schedule also means is that **the 9 a.m. worship and sermon on May 16th will be duplicated at the 8 a.m. worship on May 23rd**. Please make note of that (or come to both if you really like that particular sermon!)



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

Construction work on the Elevator Project has officially begun, as of April 26! It is slated for completion on July 15. We will be excited to see the progress!

Confirmation Gatherings Schedule

Sunday, May 2nd, 11:00 a.m. – Zoom Confirmation Gathering for youth and parents

Wednesday, May 5th, 6:30 p.m. – Final Zoom Confirmation Gathering for youth and parents

Sunday, May 9th (Mother’s Day) – No Confirmation Gathering

Sunday, May 16th – Practice (immediately following the 9 a.m. service) in the sanctuary for the youth who are being confirmed on May 23. No Confirmation Gathering

Outdoor Blue Bin Relocated During Construction

Because of the construction work on the elevator, the Outdoor Blue Bin has been relocated to outside the upstairs front entrance. In it, you will find paper copies of each week’s Sunday bulletin and sermon, paper copies of the newsletter and Annual Report, and free copies of the “Christ in our Home daily devotional books. Anyone may stop by the church anytime to help themselves to the latest copies of these.



**Food
Collection**

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

Card Shower for Betty Ramsey

On May 16, Betty Ramsey is turning 94! She really loves getting cards, and so her family is requesting a birthday card “shower” for her. Her address is Pleasant View Nursing Home, 544 N. Penryn Road, Personal Care Room 224, Manheim, PA 17545.

Thank You Notes

Dear Friends at Muddy Creek Lutheran Church, I’m happy to thank all of you for all those beautiful 100th birthday cards which I received from you. That put a good feeling in my heart. It made me feel 10 years younger! God bless you all, Paul Shober

Remembrances/Honors

In place of sponsoring altar flowers or bulletins during this CoVid time, you may submit (for free) any remembrances or honors to Pastor Peter (peter@mclchurch.org), and we will put them in the newsletter and bulletin.

Condolences

Our heartfelt and sincerest condolences and sympathy to:

- Natalie Frankfort Howe at the death of her mother, Virginia Frankfort, on March 30, 2021 at the age of 92. Service was held on April 9.
- George Nagle and family at the death of his wife, Marlene Nagle, on April 2, 2021 at the age of 78. Service was held on April 8.
- The family of Ella Mae Shupp, who died on Feb. 15, 2021 at the age of 89. Service was held on April 23.
- The family of Barbara Ruth, who died on April 16, 2021. Service was held on April 24.
- The family of Paul Shober, who died on April 23, 2021. Service was held on April 30.

Attendance

Worship Attendance	Viewed on Muddy Creek YouTube Channel and Facebook
March 28	100 (includes livestream)
April 4 (Easter) Sunrise Service – 23, 9:00 a.m. - 77	42
April 11 (rain)	91 (includes livestream)
April 18 – 9 a.m. - 56	60
April 25 (rain)	78

(There are currently 69 subscribers to the Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube Channel, and 162 followers on the Muddy Creek Facebook Page)

Offering

Received in General Fund in March: \$8,211.97

Income to General Fund through March: \$35,901.10

Expenses to General Fund through March: \$45,764.82

Received in Elevator Fund as of April 25: \$208,584.79 (Still needed for project: \$7,624.21)