

MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN

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All Saints Day - Nov. 7, 2021



November 2021

On Sunday, Nov. 7, at both services, everyone is invited to a special All Saints Sunday commemoration to remember your loved ones who have passed away. We will light individual candles in the pews to honor them. As well, we will light candles and toll the chimes for those from our congregation who have passed away since last All Saints Sunday. There will also be Holy Communion. Come out for this poignant and moving service.

From Muddy Creek we will remember:

<i>Ken Merring</i>	<i>Nov. 30, 2020</i>	<i>Marlene Nagle</i>	<i>Apr. 2, 2021</i>
<i>Becky Quenzer</i>	<i>Dec. 7, 2020</i>	<i>Barbara Ruth</i>	<i>Apr. 16, 2021</i>
<i>Travis Aungst</i>	<i>Dec. 28, 2020</i>	<i>Paul Shober</i>	<i>Apr. 23, 2021</i>
<i>Verna Good</i>	<i>Jan. 11, 2021</i>	<i>Aileen Kulp</i>	<i>May 8, 2021</i>
<i>Lavern Lausch</i>	<i>Feb. 2, 2021</i>	<i>Roma Oberholtzer</i>	<i>Aug. 31, 2021</i>
<i>Ella Mae Good</i>	<i>Feb. 15, 2021</i>	<i>Marvin Sweigart</i>	<i>Sept. 2, 2021</i>
<i>Charles Breidenstein</i>	<i>Mar. 3, 2021</i>	<i>Diet Aseli</i>	<i>Sept. 14, 2021</i>
<i>Virginia Frankfort</i>	<i>Mar. 30, 2021</i>	<i>Sharon Frankhouser</i>	<i>Sept. 23, 2021</i>
		<i>Eugene Fry</i>	<i>Sept. 26, 2021</i>

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Daylight Savings Time Ends November 7th

Don't forget to move your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 7th!

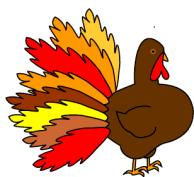


Poinsettias

The deadline for ordering red or white poinsettias (5 blooms each) to help decorate the church for the Advent/Christmas Season is Sunday, November 28. The cost is \$6.95 each and they may be given in honor or in memory of someone. Forms are available at the church and in the bulletin, or you may call the office to place your order.



Upcoming Events



Muddy Creek Serves Community Thanksgiving Meal in Denver

On Thursday, November 11 at 5:00 p.m, Muddy Creek Lutheran Church's Social Ministry Committee will serve the Community Thanksgiving Meal at Trinity United Methodist Church, 420 Main St., Denver. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Nancy Beck at 717-475-3234 or nancybeck120@gmail.com.



Fall Property Clean Up

Saturday November 20
9—11 a.m.

Your help is needed to pick up the sticks and branches in the Grove and clean out the leaves from around the church building on Sat. November 20, beginning at 9 a.m (or whenever you can make it). Children, youth and adults are all invited to come and help. Trailers are very much needed. Please bring your own rake. We will provide barrels for picking up the sticks.

For further information, please contact Walter Buohl at 717-445-6060.

Cancellations Due to CoVid

- The Community Thanksgiving Service and Hymn Sing, normally held on the Sunday afternoon before Thanksgiving, is cancelled this year due to CoVid. Muddy Creek, St. Paul, and Peace U.C.C usually jointly sponsor this Hymn Sing.
- The free Community Thanksgiving Meal, normally held at the Ephrata Business Center on Thanksgiving, is also cancelled this year due to CoVid.

Stockings for Soldiers

Card Deadline is
Sunday, November 7

Please return all signed Christmas Cards by Sunday, November 7th. These cards, with our handwritten notes, will go to our Pennsylvania deployed soldiers.

Additionally, you may sponsor a stocking for \$5. For questions, please contact Judy Dengler, denglerj@ptd.net, 717-484-2082.

On Oct. 31, we dedicated over 2,000 prayer squares (in addition to prayer shawls) to be sent out to the deployed soldiers as well. Thank you to our knitters for knitting them, to the congregation for tying on the prayers cards, and to Judy Dengler and Karen Oglesby for coordinating the project!



Caring Tree

This year, we are collecting Christmas gifts for a family with children through Ephrata Area Social Services. The Caring Tree will be in place by the mailboxes beginning Sunday, November 28. Pick up a tag from the tree for a gift to give to the family, and return the wrapped and marked gift by Sunday, Dec. 19th. Make Christmas merry for some local kids!

Amazon Smile, Redners

When shopping online with Amazon during this holiday season (or anytime), please consider using Amazon Smile and listing "Muddy Creek Lutheran Church, Denver, PA" as the beneficiary. In this way, Amazon gives Muddy Creek a portion of each purchase. We appreciate it! As well, keep bringing in your sales slips from Redner's Market and put them in the box in the entryway, because we also receive money from Redner's when you do that.

Upcoming Events

Confirmation Gatherings



Youth in grades 5-8 are invited to attend Sunday morning Confirmation Gatherings at the church. Friends always welcome!

Upcoming Gatherings, 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

- Sun. Nov. 7—Joint Parent and Youth Confirmation Gathering
- Sun. Nov. 21—Youth Only Confirmation Gathering
- Sun. Dec. 5—Joint Parent and Youth Confirmation Gathering
- Sun. Dec. 19—Youth Only Confirmation Gathering

Jesus 'n Me Parent/Child Group

Monthly Sunday Mornings

4th Sunday of the month at 9:00 am

In the Church Nursery

0—4 year olds and Parents

There are no Jesus 'n Me Playgroups in November and December because the dates conflict with Thanksgiving and with Christmas. The next Playgroup will be on January 23rd!

Congregational Budget Meeting

Sunday, December 12, 11:15 a.m.

The Congregational Meeting to vote on the 2022 budget and to elect Church Council members and Cemetery Board members will be on Sunday, December 12, immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service. There will be a budget hearing for anyone with questions about the budget on Sun. Dec. 5 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Christmas Eve Lawn Signs



Help spread the word about Muddy Creek's Christmas Eve services! Beginning Dec. 5, the Evangelism Committee will be handing out yard signs which list the times of Christmas Eve services at Muddy Creek. All are invited to take one to put up on your lawn. Questions, contact Brenda Berger at 717-336-6886 or bergerb@dejazzd.com.

Volunteer Opportunity

Muddy Creek is now hosting the LCBA Club which makes women's pads out of flannel and towels in our Fellowship Hall from 9 a.m. to noon on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. You are invited to help assemble these women's pads for the GAIN Warehouse (now called UNTO). The pads are sent to women in developing countries for inexpensive and sanitary hygiene. Please wear a mask. If you would like to donate towels or flannel to make the pads, please place your donations in the box by the mailboxes. For questions, please contact Pat Brendle, 717-799-2591, pattigb@ptd.net.

Money Counters

Nov. 7—Jere and Joan Shimp

Nov. 14—David and June Sloat

Nov. 21—Jim Weber, Jane Wenger

Nov. 28—Lori and Mike Martin

Dec. 5—Linda and Tim Fritz, David Sensenig

Still On Hold Due to CoVid

Lay Readers, Acolytes and Communion Assistants are all still on hold due to CoVid.

The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group is not yet meeting at Yvonne's. Please keep on knitting the shawls on your own!

The Coffee Hour/Fellowship Time following the 10:15 a.m service is still on hold as well.

Condolences

Our condolences and deepest sympathy to the following for their losses:

*The family of Diet Aseli, who passed away on September 13. Burial was on September 15 in Philadelphia, and the memorial service was at Muddy Creek on Oct. 2. Our sympathy to his wife Gloria at her loss.

*The family of Sharon Frankhouser, who passed away on September 24. The funeral was on September 30. Our sympathy to her daughter Cindy at her loss.

*The family of Eugene Fry, who passed away on Sept. 26. The funeral was on Oct. 1. Our sympathy to his wife Hazel and to the rest of the family.

Council Notes

- The Council met on October 13 and adopted a proposed 2022 budget of \$208,436. This is projected to be a deficit budget, with the shortfall to be made up from existing funds. The budget will be presented to the congregation for vote on December 12 following the 10:15 a.m. service.
- The Council voted to make masking temporarily required in worship to protect children and unvaccinated worshippers due to the current high CoVid transmission in our county.
- The Elevator Project is nearly complete, with the notable exceptions of the completion of the inspection to make the elevator operational, and a staining of some exterior stone blocks for matching. The entryways are all keyed, coded, and operational, including the new entryway into the Fellowship Hall.

Office Hours

Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Please use the intercom button by the elevator entryway, and our Administrative Assistant, Linda Mohn, will buzz you in.

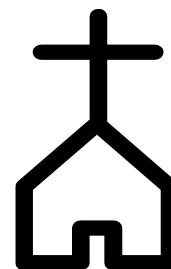
Altar Flower Sign-Ups

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. Call the church office at 717-336-2770 if you have any questions.

Attendance

Worship Attendance	8 a.m.	10:15 a.m.	Views on YouTube and Facebook
September 26	27	60	20 (includes livestream)
October 3	26	40	27 (includes livestream)
October 10	28	30	15 (no livestream)
October 17	18	33	15 (includes livestream)
October 24	23	32	17 (includes livestream)

(There are currently 70 subscribers to the Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube Channel, and 175 followers on the Muddy Creek Facebook Page)



Offering

Received in General Fund in Sept: \$10,404.36, Expenses to General Fund in Sept: \$13,081.41

Income to General Fund year to date through Sept.: \$122,413.39

Expenses to General Fund year to date through Sept.: \$142,182.00

Received in Elevator Fund as of Oct. 24: \$225,234.79

Offering Envelope and Year End Giving Statement Information

- Giving Statements for 2021: Anyone wishing to receive a giving statement who did not receive one in the past should contact Nedra Bearinger at 717-336-7444 before January 1, 2022 in order to receive one.
- 2022 Envelopes: These will be available in your mailbox in the sanctuary beginning Sunday, Dec. 5th. Please be sure to write your designations for your offering on the outside of each envelope:
Current, Benevolence (mission to Synod and ELCA), Building/Improvement, Other (such as altar flowers, bulletins, Elevator Fund, World Hunger, Good Samaritan Fund, Ephrata Area Social Services, etc.), Special Envelopes (Communion, Lent, Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas—money goes to the mission of the Synod and ELCA unless it is designated otherwise).
- Other ways to give besides envelopes: Simply Giving Program (an automatic deduction from your bank account - talk to Nedra Bearinger if you are interested), Bill Pay from your bank, or clicking on the “Give Online” button on the church website, mclchurch.org.