

MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN

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From the Pastors

Reformation

At Muddy Creek, as in all Lutheran churches around the world, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday at our services on October 27th. That is because the beginning of the Reformation is marked by Martin Luther's posting of his 95 theses (95 debating points against the sale of salvation coupons by the Roman Catholic Church) on the church door at Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. He chose that date because he knew that many people would be entering the church the next morning for worship on All Saint's Day (November 1st). Luther's 95 Theses were quickly reprinted, translated and distributed throughout Germany and Europe, sparking a revolt both theologically and politically against the Roman Catholic Church by Christians throughout Germany, Holland, Scandinavia and other parts of Europe.

Luther's main objection to the sale of salvation coupons (called "indulgences") was that he strongly felt it went against the biblical concept of being saved and forgiven by God's grace alone. He knew that we do not pay for or earn salvation and forgiveness, but that Jesus Christ gives it freely to us as a gift.

Grace is a startlingly powerful thing. The fact that God's love for us is free and unearned makes it all the more powerful and life-changing. It is entirely appropriate that the concept of grace should have sparked such a fundamental change in Christianity (through the Reformation), because the same grace sparks a fundamental change in our lives as Christians.

Over and over, the New Testament attests to the phenomena that we are remarkably changed by grace. Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new." This new life in Christ is spoken of in many ways in the New Testament—as reconciliation with God, as restoration, repentance, redemption and even rescue. Jesus himself likened it to being "born anew" (John 3:3).

Being marked by life-changing grace is the essence of both the Reformation and all Christian life.

Come celebrate our reformation into new life in Christ, changed by grace!

REFORMATION

Upcoming Worship Notes

Oct. 27 - Reformation Sunday. Celebrated at both services.

Nov. 3 - All Saints' Day : An opportunity in both services to light candles and remember those who have died during the last year since last All Saints' Day, as well as to remember all who were dear to us and whose loss we still mourn.

October 2019

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Special points of interest:

- *Special Adult Forum on ELCA as a Sanctuary Denomination*
- *Gain Warehouse Packing Event*
- *Stockings for Soldiers Collection and Prayer Squares*
- *New: Community Thanksgiving Hymn Sing Service*
- *Fall Clean-Up Day*
- *Jesus 'n Me Playgroup*
- *Christmas Cantata Rehearsals*

Upcoming Events



New! Community Thanksgiving Hymn Sing Service

Sun. November 24,
3:00 p.m.

We are delighted to announce a Community Hymn Sing service on Sunday, November 24 at 3 p.m. at Peace U.C.C. Church, 37 East Swartzville Rd., Denver. A joint choir from Muddy Creek Lutheran Church, St. Paul Lutheran Church and Peace U.C.C. will perform, and everyone from these congregations as well as the entire community is invited to come out to celebrate Thanksgiving. This event is replacing the joint Thanksgiving Eve service which the 3 three congregations had celebrated in the past. The Hymn Sing is wonderful way to give thanks for all of our blessings!



Special Adult Forum — ELCA as a Sanctuary Denomination

Sun. October 13, 9:00 a.m.

At the 2019 Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee this summer, our denomination, the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) voted to become a “Sanctuary Denomination”. But what does that mean?

Come to a special Adult Forum on Sunday, Oct. 13 at 9 a.m. to learn about how the ELCA plans to do legal ways to walk alongside immigrants and refugees. We’ll also learn about the ELCA’s new initiative, called “Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities” (AMMPARO), through which we are committing to work toward just and humane policies affecting migrants in and outside the U.S.

Folders Needed

If you can volunteer to help fold bulletins or newsletters occasionally on a Thursday morning at the church office, please contact Linda Mohn at 717-336-2770 or office@mclchurch.org.



Upcoming Events



Stockings for Soldiers Item Collection and Prayer Squares

Once again, it is time to start thinking about our military from Pennsylvania stationed abroad who won’t be home with family this Christmas season. Last year, this congregation overwhelmingly responded to the call for food and toiletry donations. Due to costs in shipping and some restrictions, below is the updated wish list of most needed/wanted items:

- Monetary donations for shipping the stockings. Checks should be made payable to Keystone Military Families, noting “Stockings For Soldiers shipping”.
 - Power bars, Cereal bars, Trail Mix, Energy drinks
 - Candy Canes
 - CDs , DVDs (current releases are appreciated)
 - Ground or Instant Coffee
 - Hot Chocolate or Hot Cider
 - Sunflower seeds, Nuts
 - Individual Snacks (crackers, cookies, etc)
 - Peanut Butter, Jelly (small jars only)
 - Small Sewing and/or Manicure Kits
 - Sunscreen, Insect Repellent
 - Chapstick or any lip balm (with sunscreen)
 - Aspirin, Tylenol, Cold Medicine in small packages
 - Vitamins
 - Deodorant (travel size)
 - Odor Eaters, Foot pads, Blister Pads for boots
 - Men’s/Women’s Calf-high socks (Black or White)
 - Hand and/or Foot Warmers
 - Thermal Gloves or Glove Liners
- Questions, please contact Judy Dengler at denglerj@ptd.net, 717-484-2082.

Also, our Prayer Shawl Knitting Group has been busy since the beginning of summer knitting “Prayer Squares” to be included in the stockings. Please contact Judy Dengler or Yvonne Weaver (Knitting Group leader) to help with the Prayer Squares.

Additionally, you are invited to a Christmas Card Signing event at the Ephrata Rec Center on Sunday, Nov. 3rd from 12-3pm. Please come for fellowship and the signing of Christmas cards to be sent with the stockings. You can bring your own cards or just sign the provided cards. Please note: Please do not seal the envelopes as all cards must be checked before sending to our military.

Upcoming Events



Invitation to Sing in Christmas Cantata



This is your invitation to join the choir for the December Christmas Cantata. Please join us for rehearsals on Thursday evenings from 8:00 to 8:45 p.m. in the choir loft. We would love to have anyone sing with us, so please consider the invitation! Any questions, see Greg Gehman.

G.A.I.N. Packing Event



Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m - Noon

Sign up on the clipboard under the mailboxes to come and pack clothing for refugees at the G.A.I.N. Warehouse in Mt. Joy on Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m.- noon. Meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. to carpool. All friends, neighbors and family members are welcome! Contact Pastor Peter if you have questions.



All Saints Day

Sunday, Nov. 3, Both Services

Everyone is invited to the yearly All Saints Sunday on November 3. At both services, we will toll the bell as we remember those from our congregation who have died since last November. Family members are especially invited. We will also offer the opportunity for everyone who has ever lost a loved one or friend whom you wish to remember, to come forward and light a candle in their memory as we say their name.

Don't miss this special Sunday as we remember and give thanks for all the saints whom we still carry in our hearts.



Fall Property Clean Up

Saturday November 23

8 a.m. to noon

Your help is needed to clean up the outside of our church property on Sat. November 23. No experience is necessary and this is a great way for all ages to help keep our grounds in good shape. Join us anytime that morning. Children, youth and adults are all invited to come and help. Lunch will be served at noon. Please bring your own rake or leaf blower. Anyone who has a trailer, it would be greatly appreciated if you would be willing to bring it for hauling.

Confirmation Gatherings

Learning, Fun, Fellowship, Service

Youth in grades 6—8 are invited to attend mid-week gatherings at the church. Friends always welcome.

This month's Wednesday Gatherings:

October 2 (Active Game Night), 6:30—8:00 p.m.

October 16 - Confirmation Gathering 6:30—8:00 pm

Next Confirmation Parents' Classes:

Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 8 (note change)

Jesus 'n Me Parent/Child Group

Monthly Sunday Mornings, 9:00 am

0—4 year olds

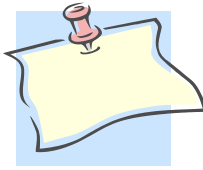
Come join the fun in this interactive experience for parents and children (grandparents, or other adults are welcome with their little ones too!). We will meet on the third Sunday of the month in the nursery, instead of the regular Sunday School for this age group. Pastor Peter will lead everyone in simple songs, stories, activities, parachute play, puppets, and more.



Next meeting: October 20

Theme: Thank You God for Pets

News and Notes



Dear Social Ministry Committee and Muddy Creek Congregation, Thank you so much for the graduation gift for my recent graduation from the University of Michigan. I appreciate all the boxes of treats that I received each year during finals week! You have been so supportive of me during the past four years and it has been greatly appreciated! God bless you all, Marleise Emrhein

For all those who would like to send a note to Will Meckley, studying music as a freshman at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh (he would love to hear from you), his address is: Will Meckley, 5032 Forbes Ave., SMC 2783, Pittsburgh, PA 15289

We rejoice to welcome Betty McMahan to Muddy Creek! On Sept. 15, Betty joined as a new member. Welcome Betty!

Our condolences to the family of Minetta (Mickey) Jones, who died on July 22. The funeral was on July 31.

Congratulations to Muddy Creek members Chris Pirollo and Caryn Allen, who were married on July 27. Congratulations Chris and Caryn!

Our prayers and best wishes go with the following Muddy Creek members who are transferring to other Lutheran Churches near their new homes since they have moved:

Carol Taylor

Sid and Nancy Hurst

Kyle and Tracey Himmelreich, Emily and Aaron

Council and Committee Highlights

Christian Education Committee

- Sunday School began on Sept. 8. Thank you to the teachers serving our children and youth, and who were installed on that Sunday: Toddler and Preschool—Michelle Dimitris; K-4th—Michelle Walzl, Brandon Walzl Youth—Audrey Noll, Nancy Beck, Russell Beck; Adult—John Schutter, Pastor Peter, Attendance—Roger Noll, Music—Greg Gehman.
- On Sunday, Sept. 15, many youth, children and adults came out to pack school supply bags which will be given to the Lutheran World Relief Ingathering and sent to refugee children overseas. Fifty-five bags of school supplies were filled! The group also enjoyed pizza afterward. Thank you to Thrivent for underwriting some of the cost of this service project! Thank you as well to everyone from the congregation who so generously donated school supplies! We appreciate your wonderful support!

Social Ministry

- The Community Meal will be held on Nov. 14 at Trinity, UMC in Denver

Property

- The new sanctuary doors are due to be installed in October. A leak was discovered in the Bell Tower, and GSM was called to come out and repair it. Two dying trees in the grove were cut down. The Outdoor Clean Up day is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 23.

Church Council

- The Church Council discussed an expedited timeline on the commencement of the Elevator Project and its construction. After consulting with Horst Builders, it was determined that the project planning is proceeding quickly and we are in line to have a congregational vote on the Project at our Congregational Meeting on December 8, with construction to begin in the Spring if the congregation approves.

October Birthdays



**A Special Happy Birthday
to our
“Over-Eighty” Members!!**

2	Lori Martin	17	Randl Roth		
3	Diane Grube		Cari Czarnecki		
	Frank Zimmerman	18	Marian Sgaramella		
	Megan Wummer		Gunner Geissel		
	Kelby Weaver	19	Kenneth Frazer		
4	Paige Walzl		Garry Wenrich		
6	Brianna Schweitzer	21	Courtney Zwally		
8	Terri Meckley		Riley Beichner		
	Nathan Bordner	22	Janet Frantz	October 9	Shorty (CJ) Weinhold, 83 21 West Church Street Stevens, PA 17578
9	Shorty (CJ) Weinhold		Eric Becker		
10	Darlene Weidman	23	Amy Hough		
11	Celia Sgaramella		Joe Sgaramella	October 12	Donald Heister, 82 281 Kurtz Road Ephrata, PA 17522
	Phillip Leid	24	George Nagle		
12	Donald Heister	26	Pastor Nancy		
	Andrew Schnader		Shawn Bearinger	October 13	Marvin Sweigart, 82 295 Paradise Road Denver, PA 17517
13	Marvin Sweigart		Madeline Beichner		
14	Paul Moyer		Carl Schnader		
	Rick Harding	27	Justin Blatt	October 19	Kenneth Frazer, 89 Keystone Villas, Apt. 105 100 N. State St. Ephrata, PA 17522
16	Russell Beck		Richard Ueberroth III		
	Katie Ueberroth		Jason Becker		
	Jordan Rutt	28	Bud Thunberg		
	Justin Martin		Ashley Kemper	October 26	Carl Schnader, 84 1257 Kramer Mill Road Denver PA 17517
		29	Wm Craig Brossman		
		30	Angie Stuck		
				October 28	Bud Thunberg, 82 P.O. Box 237 Bowmansville, PA 17507

Brenda & Friends Tours

October 5, 2019 – Flight 93 Memorial and Bedford Fall Foliage Festival

October 12-14, 2019 – 3-Day Mystery Trip – wait list

October 19, 2019 – Potomac Eagle Scenic Railroad

Nov. 2, 2019 – Fall at the Bronx Zoo – wait list

Nov. 9, 2019 – “The Three Scrooges” Christmas Show at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse – wait list

Nov. 30, 2019 - Maryland Christmas Show - seven buildings of arts, crafts, pottery, furniture, jewelry, clothing, wreaths and garlands, toys and Christmas ornaments

December 7, 2019 - Christmas Tour to be Announced

December 14, 2019 - Mifflinburg Christkindl Market and more

For more info contact Brenda at 717-336-6886, bergerb@dejazzd.com.

More info also on hallway table outside church office.

Worship Helpers

Coffee Ministry

October

- 6 Sherri Duby
- 13 Still Needed
- 20 Millie Shober, Kathleen Ebling
- 27 Betty McMahan

Money Counters

October

- 6 Lori and Mike Martin, Josephine Martin
- 13 Linda and Tim Fritz, Dave Sensenig
- 20 Gail and Ted Bare
- 27 Jeanette and Mike Leid

November

- 3 Connie Harding, Diane Leed
- 10 Jere and Joan Shimp
- 17 Marie and Walter Buohl, John Schutter
- 24 Gloria Aseli, Brenda Berger, Audrey Noll

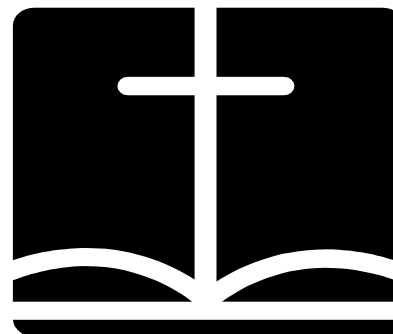
Lay Readers

October

- 6 Brad Rauch
- 13 John Schutter
- 20 Diane Leed
- 27 Dean Lutz

November

- 3 Will Wood
- 10 Hollie Kemper
- 17 Mike Leid
- 24 Brenda Berger



Bulletin Folders

October

- 3 Audrey and Roger Noll
- 10 Brenda Hinden Shreiner
- 17 Janet and Charles Frantz
- 24 Kathleen Ebling
- 31 Judy Dengler

November

- 7 Marian and Shorty Weinhold, Joyce Keith
- 14 Linda Berger, Nancy Beck
- 21 Kathleen Ebling, Brenda Hinden Shreiner
- 27 (Wed.) Charles and Janet Frantz

Altar Guild

October

- 6
- 13
- 20
- 27

November - Gail and Ted Bare

Greeters

November 3 Millie Shober

Ushers

Oct. 6 - Mile Leid, Connie Hoover, Brad Rauch, Doris Rauch, Diet Aseli

Oct. 13, 20, 27 - Patti Weaver, Jill Youndt, John Schutter

Nov. 3 - Jane Wenger, Julie Emrhein, Terri Meckley, Linda Gerhart, Craig Brossman

Nov. 10, 17, 24 - Walter Buohl, Roy Becker, Will Wood, Laura Vedder, Lilly Garrison, Brenda Hinden Shreiner

Worship Helpers

Acolytes

October

6	Brandon Walzl
13	Zach Sheaffer
20	Sophia Dimitris
27	Mason Sheaffer

November

3	Grace Youndt
10	Paige Walzl
17	Cole Dimitris
24	Brandon Walzl

Communion Assistants

October 6	Brandon Walzl
November 3	Kelby Weaver

Attendance Report

	Worship	Sunday School
Aug. 25	99	
Sept. 1	73	
Sept. 8	109	19
Sept. 15	82	16
Sept. 22	100	

Giving Report

	Received	Actual Expenses
Thru August 2019	\$112,727.65	\$134,439.65

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Newsletter Folders

October

24	Brenda Hinden Shreiner, Kathleen Ebling
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November

21	Brenda Hinden Shreiner, Kathleen Ebling
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Bread Baker

Marliese Smith

Upcoming Events

- November 3 - All Saints Sunday
- November 14 - Community Meal at Trinity United Methodist Church, Denver
- November 23 - Fall Outdoor Clean Up Day at Muddy Creek
- November 24 - Community Thanksgiving Hymn Sing Service
- December 8 - Congregational Meeting
- December 8 - St. Nicholas Day in Sunday School
- December 22 - Choir Cantata

October Office Hours

Admin. Asst.: Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
 Pastor: 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
 For pastoral emergencies, call 717-598-5095



October 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 3:30 p.m. Finance Committee	2 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Gathering	3 7 p.m. Choir 8 p.m. Cantata Practice	4	5
6 3rd Grade Bible Sun 8 a.m. Spoken Worship 9 a.m. Sunday School 9 a.m. Confirmation Parents 10:15 a.m. Worship	7	8 6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawls at Yvonne's	9 7 p.m. Church Council	10 7 p.m. Choir 8 p.m. Cantata Practice	11	12
13 Newsletter Deadline 8 a.m. Spoken Worship 9 a.m. Sunday School 9 a.m. Adult Forum—ELCA as Sanctuary Denomination 10:15 a.m. Worship	14	15 6:00 p.m. Social Ministry Committee	16 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Gathering	17 7 p.m. Choir 8 p.m. Cantata Practice	18	19 9:00 a.m.—noon Packing Event at Gain Warehouse
20 8 a.m. Spoken Worship 9 a.m. Sunday School 9 a.m. Jesus&Me Playgroup 10:15 a.m. Worship	21	22 No Prayer Shawls Gather- ing	23	24 7 p.m. Choir 8 p.m. Cantata Practice	25	26
27 Reformation Sunday 8 a.m. Spoken Worship 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship	28	29	30 Puerto Rico Disaster Relief Trip Oct. 30—Nov. 7	31 7 p.m. Choir 8 p.m. Cantata Practice	Pastors: Peter Schwabe-Fry Nancy Schwabe-Fry (on temporary leave) Administrative Assistant: Linda Mohn Director of Music: Greg Gehman Sextons: Mark Saylor, Brenda and Linda Berger President: Mike Leid Vice-President: Fred Hamley Council Secretary: Audrey Noll Treasurers: Scott Strickland and Gail Bare	
Note: The Sisters of Sobriety meet every Thursday at the Church.						