

MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN

OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

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Homecoming 290! on October 9th

In honor of Muddy Creek's 290th anniversary this year (we were founded in 1732), you are invited to a special "Homecoming 290!" on Sunday, Oct. 9th for all past and present Muddy Creek participants, families and friends! Let everyone know, especially anyone you know who used to go to Muddy Creek, and invite them to come as well! We will have wonderful refreshments, wear nametags, and have a special welcome for everyone at the 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services. This is also the same day we are celebrating "Harvest Home Sunday" - the day when everything, including the harvest, comes home! Don't miss "Homecoming 290!"

Please Bring in Food Items by Oct. 2 for the Harvest Home Display

Harvest Home will be celebrated at both services on Sunday, October 9th, our Homecoming Sunday. Thank you to Jeanette Leid for the beautiful fall display! On Sunday, October 2nd or before, please bring a canned good of fruit, vegetable, soups or meat for the display and put it in a Peter's Porch bin at the sanctuary entrances. Also, fresh apples, pears, potatoes, squash, pumpkins and fall mums for the display are appreciated. All the collected food is given to Peter's Porch, a food bank we help support at Faith United Lutheran Church in Denver.



All Saints Celebration and Remembrance on November 6th

On All Saints Sunday, November 6th, you are invited to come to either the 8:00 a.m. or 10:15 a.m. worship service (or follow the livestream). As is our tradition each All Saints Day, we will be having a special remembrance of all who have passed away since last All Saints Day. As well, we will remember all departed loved ones from any year with the lighting of small individual candles at our place in the pews. Additionally, we will be celebrating Holy Communion. Hope to see you then for this moving and special Sunday of remembrance!

Air Conditioning and Parking Lot

The new air conditioning units in the sanctuary and offices are now installed and operational. Thank you to all who have donated generously to the Air Conditioning Fund (donations are still being gratefully accepted). Thank you also to Gail Bare for overseeing the project with our contractor, Tier One.

As well, half of the lower parking lot has been generously repaved for us by MGS, the trailer manufacturing business next door to the church who uses our parking lot. They will repave the other half next year. Thank you, MGS!

Adult Forum on “Widows in the Bible” – Oct. 2, 9 a.m.

On Sunday, October 2 at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Pastor Peter will lead an Adult Forum on “Widows in the Bible”. This Adult Forum was rescheduled from September when Pastor Peter was recovering from CoVid.

School Kit Assembly on October 2 – All Invited

On Sunday, October 2, in the sanctuary following the 10:15 a.m. service, everyone is invited to help assemble school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Additionally, we will be boxing up soap that was donated. These kits of school supplies will be sent to school children in the developing world. Thank you to everyone who brought in donations. This event was also rescheduled from September.

Choir Rehearsals now Twice Monthly on Thursday Evenings

All are invited to come sing in the Choir! Choir rehearsals are now twice a month, on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. In October, the choir will practice on Oct. 6 and 20th. The choir will sing in church on Oct. 9th (for the Homecoming) and again on Oct. 23. Please talk to our Director of Music, Greg Gehman, if you have any questions.

Jesus ‘n Me Playgroup - Sunday Oct. 23: “Thank you God for Pets”

On Sunday, Oct. 23 at 9 a.m. in the nursery, all infants/toddlers/preschoolers and their caregivers are invited to come for the Jesus ‘n Me Playgroup theme “Thank You God for Pets”. Children love animals and we will celebrate the many animal friends God has given us. We will sing songs such as “God made the fish”, and other favorites. You are invited to bring along your pet from home, if that works for you!





Sunday School is on Sunday Mornings at 9 a.m.

All Sunday School children are invited to come to Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. in the Sunday School rooms.



Stockings for Soldiers Deadline Nov. 6th

As crazy as it sounds, it's time to start our Stockings for Soldiers Project! This will be the fifth year of Muddy Creek's support for this effort in Christian love.

We will soon have Christmas cards for anyone who wishes to sign for our military overseas. Cards will be located at the table under the mailboxes. Please write a brief message on each card if you want, sign it with your name, town, state and church, and put it back in the envelope, **BUT PLEASE DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPE**. Bring the signed cards back to the church no later than Sunday, November 6th. You are also welcome to use your own Christmas cards if you like.

As we did last year, we will also have die cut stockings you can purchase for \$5 to write a message on. The money will help purchase items needed for our military overseas and help offset the costs of shipping stockings to them. We will also be happy to accept any monetary donations to help with sending a stocking to each Pennsylvania service person deployed overseas.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please feel free to write a check to: Keystone Military Families (include in note section: Stockings for Soldiers). You may put your check in an envelope labeled "c/o Judy Dengler" and put it in her church mailbox. The donations collected will help to pay for shipping of stockings all over the world to our Pennsylvania military, which is a huge expense.

Muddy Creek's Knitting Ministry is continuing their efforts to supply prayer squares to send to our military as well. Muddy Creek started this addition to the stockings five years ago and it has become a very important gift to our soldiers. Words cannot express thank you enough for all your efforts.

We are preparing bags of squares now to tie prayers on and will need help again. Let our Pennsylvania Military know that we are still praying for them and thinking of them this Christmas season.

Again, please remember: The due date for Christmas Cards and Monetary Donations is Sunday, November 6th. The Dedication of all Prayer Squares and Shawls will be Sunday, November 13th at both services. Thank you so very much for all your support!

No Prayer Shawl Knitting Gatherings in October

There will be no Prayer Shawl Knitting Gatherings at Yvonne Weaver's house during the month of October. Keep on knitting on your own, and thank you to all knitters!

Confirmation Gatherings Schedule

Confirmation Gatherings are online via Zoom twice month on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m.
 Oct. 6 - Parent and Youth Joint Gathering
 Oct. 20 - Youth Gathering
 Nov. 3 - Parent and Youth Joint Gathering
 Nov. 17 - Youth Gathering

Thank You's

*Thank you to everyone who sent me cards, offered support and prayed for me during my recent spleen removal surgery. Thank you! Sincerely, Kim Walmer

*Thank you to everyone for the phone calls and cards I received after my fall. Everyone was so kind and caring. – Janet Frantz

*Thank you to Pastor Nancy for coming out of retirement to help lead worship on Sept. 18 when I was sick with CoVid, and to Greg Gehman and Scott Strickland for helping project the sermon and services on Sept. 11. Thanks also for all the well wishes and prayers I received during my bout with CoVid. – Pastor Peter

*Thank you to all who came to help weed and trim the church grounds on August 13.

*Thank you to Michelle Dimitris for the donation of the two lovely planters outside the sanctuary entrances.

*Thank you to Mark Saylor for cutting up the giant tree limb that fell down in the grove.

Condolences

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

- * Carl Schenskie at the death of his sister Katheryn Mann.
- *The Riggle family at the death of their daughter-in-law Kelly Riggle.
- *The family of Sister Phyllis Enck, who passed away on Sept. 18.
- *The family of Walter Buohl, who passed away on Sept. 21.

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

<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Viewed on Muddy Creek YouTube Channel and Facebook</u>
Aug. 28, 8 a.m. – 22, 9:00 a.m. – 36	56 (includes livestream)
Sept. 4, 8 a.m. – 23, 9:00 a.m. – 40	65 (includes livestream)
Sept. 11, 8 a.m. – 16, 10:15 a.m. – 44	66 (includes livestream)
Sept. 18, 8 a.m. – 17, 10:15 a.m. – 44	26 (includes livestream)

(There are currently 81 subscribers to the Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube Channel, and 193 followers on the Muddy Creek Facebook Page.)

Offering

Received in General Fund in Aug.: \$8,672.98, Expenses to General Fund in Aug.: \$16,362.18
 Income to General Fund year to date through August: \$105,630.58
 Expenses to General Fund year to date through August: \$137,389.21
 Received in Air Conditioning Fund as of Sept. 18: \$7,993.10
 (Donations to the Air Conditioning Fund are still being gratefully accepted)

Worship Helpers Schedule

- Oct. 2, Money Counters – June and Neal Leid
 Communion Assistant: 8:00 a.m. - Scott Strickland Bread Baker – Marliese Smith
 Communion Assistant and Acolyte: 10:15 a.m. -
 10:15 a.m. Lay Reader – Hollie Kemper 10:15 a.m. Cantor – Greg Gehman
- Oct. 9, Money Counters – David and June Sloat
 10:15 a.m. Acolyte – 10:15 a.m. Lay Reader – Jill Youndt
 10:15 a.m. Cantor – Hollie Kemper
- Oct. 16, Money Counters – Jim Weber, Jane Wenger
 10:15 a.m. Acolyte – Mason Sheaffer 10:15 a.m. Lay Reader –
 10:15 a.m. Cantor – Pastor Peter
- Oct. 23, Money Counters – Lori and Mike Martin
 10:15 a.m. Acolyte – Sophia Dimitris 10:15 a.m. Lay Reader –
 10:15 a.m. Cantor – Gail Bare
- Oct. 30, Money Counters – Linda and Tim Fritz, David Sensenig
 10:15 a.m. Acolyte – 10:15 a.m. Lay Reader – Lynn Breidenstein
 10:15 a.m. Cantor – Greg Gehman