

MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN

OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

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All Saints Celebration and Remembrance on November 3rd

On All Saints Sunday, November 3rd, you are invited to come to either the 8:00 a.m. or 10:15 a.m. worship service (or follow the livestream). Please note: Daylight Savings Time ends on this day, so please don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!

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!



Dave Emrhein to Present on "Medical Ethics" at Oct. 20th Adult Forum

On Sunday, October 20th at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Dave Emrhein will present on the topic of "Medical Ethics". Dave, a long-time participant at Muddy Creek, is a medical ethicist at a hospital. We are honored that he is willing to share about his work and about the fascinating and unique challenges posed by everyday medical situations in terms of ethical considerations. Come to the Adult Forum!

Sunday School Continues Every Sunday Jesus 'n Me Playgroup on Oct. 6: "Thank You God for Pets"

You are invited to bring your family pets to the Jesus 'n Me Playgroup on Sunday, Oct. 6 at 9:00 a.m. in the church nursery. All preschoolers, toddlers and babies and their parents and grandparents are invited. We will celebrate the many animal friends God has given us and sing songs such as "God made the fish", and other favorites. Jesus 'n Me will now normally be held on the first Sunday of each month (please note the change). On Nov. 3, we'll celebrate Thanksgiving with "Thank You God for Food."

Sunday School for all preschoolers to Grade 6 continues every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Sunday School room. Led by Audrey Noll, Nancy Beck and Russell Beck, this is a wonderful way for children to have fun as they learn about God. Friends are invited!!

The Confirmation program is also held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

Sign Up to Volunteer and Repackage Food at Blessings of Hope on Monday Evening, May Oct. 21!

Muddy Creek's Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a volunteer opportunity on Monday evening, Oct. 21, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. We will again be repackaging food at the Blessings of Hope warehouse at 500 Becker Rd. (Brownstown/Oregon). If you are interested, please sign up on the clipboard under the mailboxes or contact Pastor Peter. Every volunteer will also get a coupon to shop for 60 cents a pound at the Blessings of Hope store, 515 N. Franklin St., Lancaster. We will meet at the warehouse at 500 Becker Rd at 6:15 pm. If you wish to carpool, please make your own arrangements or contact Pastor Peter for assistance. Our group size is limited to 25 volunteers, so please sign up now! Volunteers must be 10 years old or older. Wear your Muddy Creek t-shirts!



Volunteer Fair on Sept. 8 a Huge Success!

Muddy Creek's Volunteer Fair, held as part of "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday on Sept. 8th, was a huge success. Thank you to the many people who came out and signed up to volunteer to help with various tasks at Muddy Creek in the areas of Social Ministry, Parish Life, Property, Worship, Evangelism, Finance and Church Council. This event followed up on the tremendous congregational response to the Time, Talent and Interest Survey distributed this summer. Thank you also to the many, many people who expressed interest in helping in various areas of our congregational life and mission! At the fair, we also gave away many free Muddy Creek T-shirts and took orders for many more. Thanks also to all the committee and congregational leaders who staffed the festive tables at the Volunteer Fair!



You are Invited to the Property Committee Meeting on October 23

Everyone is invited to a reorganizational meeting of the Property Committee on Wed. Oct. 23 at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to the many people who already volunteered to serve on the Property Committee and to the numerous people who volunteered to help with property tasks through the survey and at the Volunteer Fair. We appreciate it so much! All interested people are invited to come on Oct. 23.

Thanks to Everyone for the School Kit Collection and the Harvest Home Collection

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to the school kit collection for Lutheran World Relief, and who stayed after church on Sept. 15 to assemble the kits. Thanks to your generosity, we are able to send 50 school kits and 95 bars of soap to children and families in various countries in the developing world. Along with the other churches of our synod, the Ingathering of all the donated kits and blankets and quilts will occur on Sunday, October 12 as the boxed items are collected and shipped to the port of Baltimore. Thanks to Bergstrasse Lutheran Church in Ephrata for serving as our local collection point.

Thank you also to everyone who contributed cans of food and fresh produce on Harvest Home Sunday on Sept. 22. All of these food items were contributed to our local food pantry, Peter's Porch, operated out of Faith United Lutheran Church in Denver. Thank you again to Jeanette Leid for another beautiful Harvest Home display!



Sign Up for the Upcoming Disaster Relief Mission Trip on April 6-12! Planning Meeting on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 2 pm at Luther Acres

If you are interested in participating in the upcoming Disaster Relief Mission Trip, April 6-12, 2025, please come to the planning meeting on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Luther Acres, 600 E. Main St in Lititz (the Community Room is on St. John's Circle - follow the signs), or contact Pastor Glenn Beard at GBeard@luthercare.org. The participants of this yearly mission trip come from local Lutheran (and a few other) churches in Lancaster County and in our synod.

Breakfast Buffet Fundraiser for Mission Trip - Sat. Nov. 16

A fundraiser for the upcoming Disaster Response Mission Trip will be held on Saturday, November 16, 7-10 am at Swamp Lutheran Church, 275 Swamp Church Road, Reinholds. It will be an All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet, consisting of eggs, home fries, creamed chipped beef, pancakes, french toast, bacon, sausage, pastries, fruit, coffee, tea and juices. Proceeds will go to support the North Lancaster Conference of Lutheran Churches Disaster Relief Mission Trip in spring of 2025. Admission by donation. Please make checks payable to North Lancaster Conference Dean's Fund.

Upcoming Choir Practice Schedule

You are invited to come practice with the choir on selected Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the choir loft in the sanctuary. Upcoming practices are:

Thurs. Oct. 10 (singing in church on Sun. Oct. 13)

Thurs. Oct. 24 (singing in church on Sun. Oct. 27 - Reformation Sunday)

Thurs. Nov. 7 (singing in church on Sun. Nov. 10)

Thurs. Nov. 21 (singing in church on Sun. Nov. 24)



Community Hymn Sing with the Lancaster Chapter of the American Guild of Organists - Sun. Sept. 29, 7:00 PM

You are invited to a Community Hymn Sing on Sun. Sept. 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, 3131 Columbia Ave, Lancaster. Come, sing, and enjoy creative hymn tune arrangements by members of the Lancaster Organist Guild, of which our own Director of Music, Greg Gehman, is a member. Admission is free.

“Giving Thanks” - Thanksgiving Community Dinner in Ephrata

Everyone is invited to a free Thanksgiving meal on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28, from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Ephrata Business Center: 400 W Main Street, Ephrata PA. All are welcome to come enjoy a sit-down meal. No pre-registration is necessary. Take-out is not available. Delivery available for home-bound neighbors with pre-registration. Contact Ephrata Area Social Services at 717-733-0345 by November 8th to learn more about delivery.

If you are interested in volunteering to help at the event, please call the above number. Or you may make a financial contribution by mailing a check to the Cocalico Ministerium, P.O. Box 313, Ephrata, PA, 17522.

Please Bring in Food Items for Peter’s Porch on Sunday, Nov. 3

On the first Sunday of every month, we are collecting food items for Peter’s Porch, the food distribution pantry operated by our sister congregation, Faith United Lutheran Church in Denver. Please bring in food items on Sunday, Nov. 3 and place them in the bins located in the sanctuary entrances. Thank you!

Prayer Shawl Knitting Gatherings Temporarily Suspended

In-person meetings of the Prayer Shawl Knitting Group have been suspended for the time being. Knitters will continue to make prayer shawls from their homes. Thank you, knitters!

Donate to Mason Sheaffer's Eagle Scout Project to Upgrade Muddy Creek's Playground

Mason Sheaffer has graciously selected Muddy Creek's playground in our Grove to be the beneficiary of his Eagle Scout Project. If you would like to donate to his Eagle Scout Project, you may do so by going to his GoFundMe page at <https://gofund.me/543e2b2f>, or you may scan the following QR code. Any extra funds will be given back to the church as a donation. Thank you so much, Mason!

Scan to donate



“Brenda and Friends” Bus Trip Schedule

*October 12, 2024 - Fall Foliage Festival in Jim Thorpe by train from Reading Station. Includes a trolley ride in Jim Thorpe and a meal at the Route 61 Diner.

*October 18-21, 2024 - Wytheville, VA and Mount Airy, NC (Mayberry), Edith Bolling Wilson birthplace, “Oklahoma” at the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre, Guided Tour of Mayberry, Andy Griffith Museum, Siamese Twins Museum, Wytheville's Smallest Church, Big Walker Lookout, Fort Chiswell Animal Park, Woodrow Wilson birthplace, 3 nights' lodging and 8 meals.

*October 26, 2024 - Bronx Zoo all-inclusive ticket, dinner at Hometown Breakfast Bar and Grille

*November 3, 2024 - Wilson Fairchild afternoon concert at the Capital Theater in Chambersburg.

They are Will and Langdon Reid, the sons of Statler Brothers Don and Harold Reid. They will be singing some Statler Brothers songs plus their own original country songs. Also included is a dinner after the show.

*November 30, 2024 - Fall Getaway to Lewisburg, PA - We will start the day with a stop at Purity Candy's Factory Store before our visit to the Street of Shops in Lewisburg, PA, with over 375 shops located completely indoors in a restored historic wooden mill. We will have an included evening meal on the way home at Ranch House Restaurant.

*December 5, 2024 - Christmas at the Playhouse at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse.

More information about the trips can be found on the display outside Pastor Peter's office.

Congratulations

*Congratulations to Ricky and Mackenzie Ueberroth on the birth of their son, Richard Robert Ueberroth IV, on September 11. Proud big sisters are Rennie and Tierney, and proud grandmother is Lee Anne Ueberroth. Welcome, Richard!

*Congratulations to Cannon Youndt, who was recently crowned a world champion in the Male Bowhunter Open Division at the International Bowhunting Organization's annual World Championship! Congratulations, Cannon!

*Congratulations to Pastor Peter and Pastor Nancy on the birth of their grandchild, Marcelo Arnoldo Gutierrez-Fry, on September 23.

Our Condolences To:

Our condolences to Bob and Marilyn Brugger upon the death of Bob's uncle, Donald Miller, on September 10.

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 \$45 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. 25, 8 a.m. – 18, 9:00 a.m. – 62	39 (includes livestream)
Sept. 1, 8 a.m. – 18, 9:00 a.m. – 51	41 (includes livestream)
Sept. 8, 8 a.m. – 20, 10:15 a.m. – 64	31 (includes livestream)
Sept. 15, 8 a.m. – 29, 10:15 a.m. – 45	45 (includes livestream)
Sept. 22, 8 a.m. – 25, 10:15 a.m. – 58	33 (includes livestream)

(There are currently 102 subscribers to the Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube Channel, and 213 followers on the Muddy Creek Facebook Page.)

Offering

Received in General Fund in Aug.: \$11,664.61, Expenses to General Fund in Aug.: \$14,561.02
 Income to General Fund year to date through August: \$158,166.36
 Expenses to General Fund year to date through August: \$133,901.02

Worship Helpers Schedule for October

- Oct. 6 8:00 am Communion Assistant - Judy Dengler
 10:15 am Communion Assistant and Acolyte - Kelby Weaver
 10:15 am Lay Reader – Hollie Kemper
 10:15 am Cantor - Greg Gehman
 10:15 am Money Counters - Brad and Doris Rauch
 Bread Baker - Marliese Smith
- Oct. 13 10:15 am Acolyte - Grace Youndt 10:15 am Lay Reader - Jill Youndt
 10:15 am Cantor - Hollie Kemper
 10:15 am Money Counters - Brenda Berger, Judy Nichol, Audrey Noll
- Oct. 20 10:15 am Acolyte - 10:15 am Lay Reader - Joe Sanchez
 10:15 am Cantor - Pastor Peter
 10:15 am Money Counters - Ray and Susan Sweigart
- Oct. 27 10:15 am Acolyte - 10:15 am Lay Reader - Brad Rauch

10:15 am Cantor - David Sensenig

10:15 am Money Counters - Linda Gerhart, Hollie Kemper