

# MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN

SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

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## Volunteer Fair and Muddy Creek T-Shirt Day - Sunday, September 8th as part of “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday

Following both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services on Sunday, September 8, Muddy Creek is putting on a “Volunteer Fair”. Committees and other groups will staff decorated tables at which you may get more information about specific things to volunteer for at Muddy Creek. Whether or not you responded to the Time, Talent, and Interest Survey and expressed an interest in different volunteer opportunities, come to the Volunteer Fair and discover opportunities or get further information about ones in which you may have indicated an interest.

Free Muddy Creek T-shirts will be given out on this day to those who do not yet have one. If you already have a Muddy Creek T-shirt, you are encouraged to wear it on this Sunday!

We will also celebrate our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America’s yearly “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday on this day.

## Fall Worship Schedule Resumes on Sunday, Sept. 8

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 8, the fall worship schedule will resume with services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Worship will continue to be livestreamed at the later service and posted on our church website and Muddy Creek YouTube Channel.

## Jesus ‘n Me Playgroup and Christian Education Resume Sept. 8 Adult Forum about “Prophets of Justice” on Sept. 15

Christian Education for all children will resume on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 9 a.m.!

Beginning Sept. 8th, the Sunday School Class for all other children K-6th (and which also includes all toddlers and preschoolers in any week when the Jesus ‘n Me Playgroup is not meeting) will be in the Sunday School classroom every week at 9 a.m. All are invited, including friends. Thank you to our teachers: Audrey Noll, Nancy Beck, and Russell Beck!

The Jesus ‘n Me Playgroup, for all young ones (babies, toddlers and preschoolers) and their caregivers/parents resumes monthly, on the second Sunday of the month, in the nursery at 9 a.m. Friends are encouraged and invited to come as well. On Sunday, Sept. 8, the playgroup will meet with the theme “God Made Me”. Come celebrate the wonder of eyes, ears, feet and hands as we make a special handprint picture for you to take home and save. We’ll learn the fingerplay “God made fingers, nose and toes”, and sing “God made me from my head to toes”. We’ll have a snack, too! It is led by Pastor Peter.

And for adults, there is an Adult Forum on the third Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m. The first Adult Forum, led by Pastor Peter, will be on Sunday, September 15 at 9 a.m. The topic is “Prophets of Justice: Amos and Micah”. A prophet is one who “speaks the word of the Lord to the people” (not necessarily one who foretells the future). We will explore these two famous prophetic books in the Bible as they speak God’s word of justice and compassion for the poor and the oppressed in society.



## **Ingathering 2024: Lutheran World Relief School Kit Donations of Spiral Notebooks, Pens, Rulers and Soap (Only) Needed Deadline to Bring in Items: Sunday, Sept. 8. Thanks!!**

Every Fall, our synod makes an appeal called an “Ingathering” to collect school kits, blankets and soap to be sent all over the world through Lutheran World Relief to be used by refugees in need. This year we will be assembling school kits on Sunday, September 15th. During August and early September, you can help by donating the following new items (please pay attention to the specifics of each item, as it is a requirement that each kit be identical; no religious or patriotic symbols please).

### Most Needed:

- 70 sheet spiral notebooks, wide or college-ruled, approx. 8 x10 ½
- Black or blue ballpoint pens—new

### Also Needed:

- Rulers
- New bars of soap in original wrappers (4—5 oz. size).

### Please Note - Not Needed This Year:

Due to your generous donation of previous years, we have leftovers of several items and, this year, will not have to collect crayons, pencils, erasers, sharpeners or scissors.

Please place donations in the marked bins beside the mailboxes by Sunday, Sept. 8.  
Questions: Contact Pastor Peter



## **School Kit Assembly on September 15 – All Invited**

After the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, September 15, everyone is invited to help assemble school kits for Lutheran World Relief. These kits of school supplies will be sent to school children in the developing world. We will also be boxing up soap that was donated. Thank you to everyone for bringing in school kit donations!

## **Please Bring in Food Items for Peter’s Porch on Sunday, Sept. 1 and Sunday, Oct. 6**

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, Sept. 1st and Sunday, Oct. 6th place them in the bins located in the sanctuary entrances. Thank you!

## You are Invited to Sing in the Choir!

It's time for the Choir to begin again! Everyone is invited to come and sing. The choir will sing on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, with rehearsals at 6:30 p.m. on the Thursday before the Sunday we sing. The first rehearsal is on Thursday, September 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, and the first time singing is on Sunday, September 8 at 10:15 (warm-up at 9:45). Looking forward to seeing you!



## Sign Up to Repackage Food at Blessings of Hope on Mon. Oct. 21

Muddy Creek's Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a volunteer opportunity on Mon. Oct. 21 from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. We will repackage food at the Blessings of Hope warehouse, 500 Becker Rd., Leola (actually Brownstown/Oregon). If you are interested, please sign up on the clipboard under the mailboxes or contact Pastor Peter. Our group size is limited to 25 people, so please sign up now! We will meet at the warehouse at 6:15 p.m.! Come volunteer!



## "Harvest Home" To Be Celebrated Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Please bring items



Harvest Home will be celebrated at both services on Sunday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to Jeanette Leid for the beautiful fall display! On Sunday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **New Financial Secretaries for Muddy Creek Starting in January**

A sincere thank you to Nedra Bearinger and Charles Leid for serving as Muddy Creek's Financial Secretary and Assistant Financial Secretary for many years! Besides serving on the Finance Committee, Nedra and Charles can be faithfully found every Sunday in the Money Counting Room after church managing the offering counting team for the day. Nedra also comes into the Administrative Office during the week to enter each individual's donations into the finance computer, and every year, she prepares giving statements for everyone from the congregation. Nedra and Charles will continue as Financial Secretaries until the end of December, when they will be stepping down from their duties and getting a deserved rest! But they have agreed to still continue to help out occasionally as needed. Thank you, Charles and Nedra!

Taking their place as Financial Secretaries in January, with our deepest appreciation, are Michelle Dimitris, Joe Sanchez and David Sensenig. Joe will be handling the deposit bag pickup and coming into the Administrative Office during the week to post the donations on the finance computer. Michelle and Dave will be in the Money Counting Room on Sunday morning, serving respectively as the Money Counting and Deposit Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator. Thank you so much also to Joe, Michelle and Dave!

## **Fellowship and Refreshments After the 10:15 a.m. Service**

You are invited to stay after the 10:15 a.m. service every Sunday to enjoy cookies and beverages in the sanctuary! Thank you to the Parish Life Committee for sponsoring this, and for all who have been signing up for and bringing in refreshments.

Volunteers are needed to host future fellowship times. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet over at the fellowship table in the sanctuary. In a modified and easier format, we are suggesting you bring a light snack of cookies and a cold drink for the congregation to enjoy after the service. As well, you would be in charge of putting water into the Keurig coffee maker and turning it on. If you have any questions, please contact Audrey Noll at 717-336-3592.

## **Check Out the Updated History Display Case in the Sanctuary!**

Thank you to the Archive Task Force of Gail and Ted Bare, Julie and Dave Emrhein, Marleise Emrhein and Pastor Peter for updating the history display case in the sanctuary by the church mailboxes. The Task Force is continuing to catalog and organize the items in the Archive Room, and is also working on an additional history display case in the downstairs hallway across from the Archive Room.

## **Come Help Make Cloth Feminine Pads for Women in the Developing World**

You are invited every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, from 9am - 12:30 or 1 pm (includes lunch) in our Fellowship Hall, to help cut out and sew cloth feminine pads for the UNTO organization to be sent to women in the developing world. It is fun, social, and a much-needed ministry! Contact: Pat Brendle, 717-799-2591, pattig@ptd.net, or just show up!

## Committee Budget Worksheets - Due Sept. 22

The budget worksheets for all committees of the church are due to Treasurer Scott Strickland by Sept. 22nd. Thank you to the chairpeople of all the committees!

### Bring in Your Redner's Sales Slips

If you shop at any Redner's Warehouse Markets, you can add to the Good Samaritan Fund at Muddy Creek by bringing your register tapes to church and putting them in the Redner's containers at all entrances. Just be sure to use your Redner's reward card each time you shop and also at Redner's Quick Shop on food, etc. (gas sales do not qualify, unfortunately). Important: please make sure you bring in the entire receipt. Please do not cut off the bottom! The church receives 1% of the Save a Tape amount on the receipt. We received \$158.97 from your last tapes. Thank you from the Social Ministry committee.

### "Brenda and Friends" Bus Trip Schedule

September 12, 2024 - River Lady Lunch Cruise and Historic Smithville, NJ  
 September 19, 2024 - "One Slight Hitch" at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse  
 September 21, 2024 - Autumn in St. Michaels, MD: Maritime Museum, lunch at the Crab Claw and a Patriot Cruise on the Miles River  
 More information about the trips can be found on the display outside Pastor Peter's office.

### 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.

### St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Adamstown Free Community Outgrown Exchange - Donations and Shopping

Donations are needed for St. Paul's Free Community Outgrown Exchange, located at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 80 E. Main St, Adamstown. Only the following clean items are needed: clothing (including shoes and coats), linens, toys, games, puzzles, books, purses. No household items please. Items may be dropped off at the church from 9 am - 1 pm on Mon. Sept. 23 and Wed. Sept. 25. On Thurs. Sept. 26, items may be dropped off from 9 am - 1 pm, and 5-8 pm.

Free shopping for anyone in the community is on Thurs. Sept. 26 (5-8 pm), Fri. Sept. 27 (9 am - 1 pm), and Sat. Sept. 28 (8 am - noon).

### Prayer Shawl Knitters Now Knitting From Home

In-person meetings of the Prayer Shawl Knitting Group (which has been meeting at Yvonne Weaver's house) have been suspended for the time being. Knitters will continue to make prayer shawls from their homes. Thank you, knitters!

## Thank You's

Dear Pastor Peter and the saints who worship at Muddy Creek - We deeply appreciate the prayers, concerns, and kindness showered upon us during the past few months of our mother, Betty Kramer's, illness and passing. We are confident that she now is one of those who have come from the great ordeal and is experiencing a profound joy in the heavenly glory of God. (Rev. 7:9-17). It gives us great joy to be a part of this community of faith.

Thank you. Bob and Carolyn Kramer.

Dear Muddy Creek Lutheran Church, Thank you for the donation of \$275 from your Community Yard Sale to Peter's Porch for the support of those in need of food, clothing, and personal care items. Your gracious donation will be put to good use in these efforts.

- Zion Lutheran Church, Akron, and Peter's Porch Ministry

Thank you to Jeanette Leid for agreeing to display 15 pieces of her beautiful artwork in the sanctuary on Sunday, August 4.



## Welcome To:

\*Jessica Mancini, who joined Muddy Creek on August 18, and to her and her husband Anthony's two children who were also baptized on that day: Malia and Bradlee. Welcome to the Mancini family!

## Our Condolences To:

\*Pastor Bob Kramer (member of Muddy Creek) at the death of his mother Betty Kramer on July 28.

## Attendance

<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Viewed on Muddy Creek YouTube Channel and Facebook</u>
July 28, 8 a.m. – 20, 9:00 a.m. – 52	54 (includes livestream)
Aug. 4, 8 a.m. – 24, 9:00 a.m. – 48	25 (includes livestream)
Aug. 11, 8 a.m. – 25, 9:00 a.m. – 53	31 (includes livestream)
Aug. 18, 8 a.m. – 18, 9:00 a.m. – 62	30 (includes livestream)

(There are currently 101 subscribers to the Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube Channel, and 212 followers on the Muddy Creek Facebook Page.)

## Offering

Received in General Fund in July: \$16,037.29      Expenses to General Fund in July: \$15,863.68  
 Income to General Fund year to date through July: \$146,295.75  
 Expenses to General Fund year to date through July: \$119,134.00

## Worship Helpers

- Sept. 1 8:00 am Communion Assistant -  
 9:00 am Communion Assistant and Acolyte -  
 9:00 am Lay Reader – Lynn Breidenstein  
 9:00 am Cantor - Greg Gehman  
 9:00 am Money Counters - Linda and Tim Fritz  
 Bread Baker - Marliese Smith
- Sept. 8 10:15 am Acolyte -  
 10:15 am Lay Reader - Fred Hainley  
 10:15 am Cantor - Pastor Peter  
 10:15 am Money Counters - Julie and David Emrhein, Kim Eshleman
- Sept. 15 10:15 am Acolyte -  
 10:15 am Lay Reader - Doris Rauch  
 10:15 am Cantor - Pastor Peter  
 10:15 am Money Counters - Nick Duong and Thai Phan, Pat Brendle
- Sept. 22 10:15 am Acolyte - Mason Sheaffer  
 10:15 am Lay Reader - Brenda Berger  
 10:15 am Cantor - David Sensenig  
 10:15 am Money Counters - Jeanette and Mike Leid
- Sept. 29 10:15 am Acolyte -  
 10:15 am Lay Reader - Nancy Beck  
 10:15 am Cantor - Gail Bare  
 10:15 am Money Counters - Marie Buhl, Connie Hoover, David Sensenig