MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE AND JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER
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Community Yard Sale in our Grove on Sat. June 14

On Saturday, June 14 from 7 a.m. to noon, the Evangelism Committee of Muddy Creek is again sponsoring a Community Yard Sale in our church Grove. Each space (12 foot frontage) costs only $5, which goes entirely to our local food pantry, Peter's Porch. The Schoeneck Lions Club will be there with a food truck and our church will be selling baked goods and cookbooks. If you are interested in reserving a spot to sell your items, please contact Will Wood at 717-917-3141, will.wood@live.com.

If you can help make individually-wrapped baked goods (such as cakes, cookies, cupcakes, etc) to donate for the Yard Sale, please call Gail Bare at 717-672-6282. The proceeds of the Bake Sale will go to support the Boy Scouts, who are helping with the sale. Donated baked goods can be dropped off at the church on Friday evening, June 13th, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. or on Saturday morning on the day of the sale. They may also be dropped off at Gail's house, 935 Lincoln Heights Ave in Ephrata prior to the sale. Please let Gail know if you are interested in helping on Friday evening or Saturday morning with organizing and selling the baked goods.

Help is also needed with setting up and marking the grove, and with directing people on the day of the Yard Sale. If you can help, please contact Brenda Berger (chairperson of the Evangelism Committee) at 717-336-6886, bergerb@dejazzd.com.

Retirement Transition Update

The Transition Committee has been meeting frequently to prepare for Pastor Peter's retirement which occurred on May 31. The Transition Team consists of Gail Bare (chairperson), Audrey Noll, Will Wood, Judy Nichol, Matt Aungst, and Scott Strickland. A Special Council Meeting, including the Transition Committee members, met with the Conference Dean and an Interim Pastor candidate on May 27. The results of that meeting will be shared with the congregation very soon.

As well, a Call Committee (different members than the Transition Committee) is currently being formed to call a new pastor.

Ingathering 2025: Lutheran World Relief School Kit Donations Needed Deadline to Bring in Items: Sunday, Sept. 7. 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 14th. During the summer, 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
- Pencils
- Small pencil sharpeners
- Small blunt scissors (or safety scissors)
- 2 ½ inch erasers

Also Needed:

- Rulers
- Crayons, 16 or 24 per box
- Black or blue ballpoint pens - new
- New bars of soap in original wrappers (4—5 oz. size).

Please place donations in the marked bins beside the mailboxes by Sunday, Sept. 7.
Questions: Contact Nancy Beck and Audrey Noll.

School Kit Assembly on September 14 – All Invited

After the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, September 14, 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!

Father's Day on June 15th

On Father's Day, Sunday June 15th, we will celebrate in church by having all men and children/youth play a song on the colored bells.

Peter's Porch Collection

The next food collection for Peter's Porch (our local food pantry) will be Sunday, June 1st, which is the first Sunday of the month. Food donations can be placed in the bins in the church entrances. (Peter's Porch distributes the food on the first Saturday of every month from 8-10 a.m. Contact Pastor Peter if you are interested in volunteering with the monthly distribution.)

Disaster Response Mission Trip Rescheduled for November

The Spring 2025 Disaster Response Trip had to be postponed due to the wildfires in North Carolina. The new dates have now been finalized. It will take place November 9-15, 2025. There is still room for others to come along if you'd like to take part in supporting our brothers and sisters in North Carolina. A planning meeting will be held on Sunday, September 14th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Luther Acres, 250 St. Luke Drive, Lititz. We will finalize our group size and discuss details of the trip at that meeting. If you would like to participate in the trip, please contact Pastor Glenn Beard at gbeard@luthercare.org as soon as possible.

Summer Arts Organ Recital on June 12, 2025

On Thursday, June 12 at 7 p.m., the Lancaster Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present a Summer Arts Organ Recital at First Reformed UCC, 40 East Orange Street in downtown Lancaster. The recital will feature members of the Lancaster Chapter AGO playing classical organ repertoire on First UCC's newly restored and enhanced Hill Byrne Christiansen Memorial Pipe Organ. A freewill offering will be collected to help support the mission of the Lancaster Chapter AGO. Muddy Creek's Director of Music, Greg Gehman, has been recently elected to once again lead the Lancaster Chapter of the AGO.

Thank You's

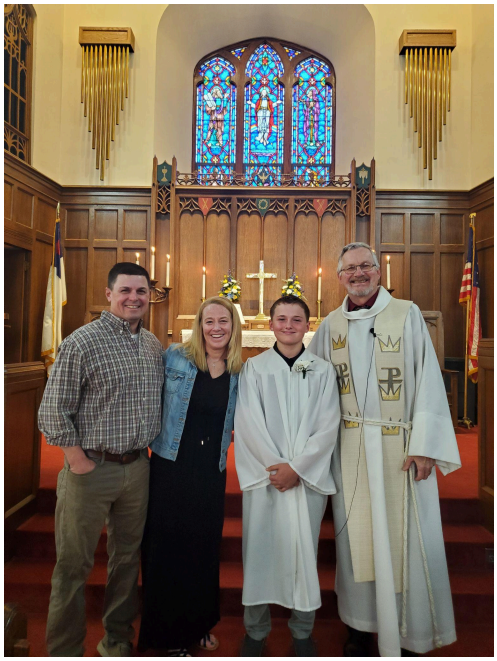
Thank you for the wonderful box of snacks. It is always nice to hear from my Muddy Creek family. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. - Travis & Kirsten Gerhart, USCG Eaton Neck, New York.

Dear Muddy Creek Council and Muddy Creek Congregation, I wanted to thank you so very deeply for the incredible retirement luncheon you had for me and my family on May 18. The fellowship hall was decorated so beautifully and the food was amazing! I feel very blessed and honored. Thank you also for the extremely generous monetary gift you gave me. The gift box of maps and "gas money" and treats for our first journey out West was so creative and touching! Thank you so much!

Also, thank you for all the retirement cards and for the well wishes the congregation has given me as we head out to this next chapter in our lives. I will really miss you! Thanks again. May God continue to bless you richly in grace and in love - Pastor Peter

Bud Thunberg and family wish to thank everyone who sent cards or text messages of condolences for the passing of Becky. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations



Congratulations to Wyatt Youndt who was confirmed on May 11. Congratulations, Wyatt!

(pictured: Pastor Peter, Wyatt and parents Jill and Jesse Youndt.)

*Congratulations to our High School Graduating Seniors: Sophia Dimitris, Cole Dimitris, Zach Sheaffer, Cannon Youndt, Paige Walzl and Cole Aungst. They were recognized at our worship services on May 11. We wish you God's blessing in your future endeavors.

Condolences

*Our condolences to Bud Thunberg and family upon the death of Becky Thunberg on May 13. Funeral was May 19.
*Our condolences to Larry Shober and Pat Adair at the death of their brother, Ronald Shober, on May 16.

Worship Helpers

June 1 8:00 am Communion Assistant - Scott Strickland
9:30 a.m. Communion Assistant Zach Sheaffer
9:30 am Acolyte - Mason Sheaffer
9:30 am Lay Reader – Jill Youndt
9:30 am Cantor - David Sensenig
9:30 am Money Counters - David and June Sloat Bread Baker - Marliese Smith

June 8 9:30 am Acolyte -
9:30 am Lay Reader - Brad Rauch
9:30 am Cantor - Gail Bare
9:30 am Money Counters - Julie and Dave Emrhein, Kim Eshleman

June 15 9:30 am Acolyte -
9:30 am Lay Reader - 9:30 am Cantor - Greg Gehman
9:30 am Money Counters - Linda and Tim Fritz

June 22 9:30 am Acolyte - Jack Lammey
9:30 am Lay Reader - Judy Nichol
9:30 am Cantor - Hollie Kemper
9:30 am Money Counters - Gail and Ted Bare

June 29 9:30 am Acolyte -
9:30 am Lay Reader - Lynn Breidenstein 9:30 am Cantor - David Sensenig
9:30 am Money Counters - Nick Duong and Thai Phan, Pat Brendle

July 6 8:00 am Communion Assistant - Judy Dengler
9:30 a.m. Communion Assistant - Lynn Breidenstein
9:30 am Acolyte - Barbara Yerger 9:30 am Lay Reader – Will Wood
9:30 am Cantor - Gail Bare
9:30 am Money Counters - Jeanette and Mike Leid
Bread Baker - Marliese Smith

July 13 9:30 am Acolyte - Mason Sheaffer 9:30 am Lay Reader - Doris Rauch
9:30 am Cantor - Greg Gehman
9:30 am Money Counters - Marie Buohl, Connie Hoover, Charles Leid

July 20 9:30 am Acolyte - Sophia Dimitris 9:30 am Lay Reader - Brenda Berger
9:30 am Cantor - Hollie Kemper
9:30 am Money Counters - Brad and Doris Rauch

July 27 9:30 am Acolyte -
9:30 am Lay Reader - Hollie Kemper
9:30 am Cantor - David Sensenig
9:30 am Money Counters - Brenda Berger, Judy Nichol, Audrey Noll

"Brenda and Friends" Bus Trip Schedule

*May 31, 2025 - 1-Day Mystery Trip
*June 21-26, 2025 - Cape Cod and the Islands of Massachusetts. Included is a local guide service, Martha's Vineyard, tour of Cape Cod, Provincetown, Whale Watching or a Dune Tour, Plymouth and Plymouth Rock, Sandwich and The Village Green, a Cranberry Bog, and Cape Cod Bay, Hyannis, including the John F. Kennedy Memorial, Hyannisport and a view of the church that was the summer parish of the Kennedy family, Nantucket Island Tour, and more.
*June 28, 2025 - "Queens of Country" at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Enjoy a hot plated lunch and unlimited dessert buffet before the afternoon show. Wendy T will perform as Dolly Parton and Reba McEntire and Jilla Webb, a premier Patsy Cline impersonator, known for her rich, velvety vocals that perfectly echo the country music legend.

*July 8, 2025 - “Noah” at Sight and Sound - Included is a buffet meal at Hershey Farms Restaurant and the 30 Year Anniversary performance of “Noah”.
*August 7, 2025 - “Clue the Musical” at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Enjoy a hot plated lunch and unlimited dessert buffet before the afternoon show. The internationally popular game is now a fun-filled musical that brings the world’s best-known suspects to life and invites the audience to help solve the mystery: who killed Mr. Boddy, in what room, and with what weapon.
*August 14, 2025 - “River Lady Lunch Cruise and Historic Smithville, NJ”. We enjoy a hot, plated meal while cruising on the river in Toms River, NJ, followed by shopping at the more than 50 unique shops.
*September 6-12, 2025 - Mackinac Island and more in Michigan and Ohio.

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.

August Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submissions for the August Newsletter is July 17. Please email, call or bring them into the church office (office@mclchurch.org, 717-336-2770).

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

Worship Attendance	Viewed on Muddy Creek YouTube Channel and Facebook
April 27, 8 a.m. – 21, 10:15 a.m. – 52	30 (includes livestream)
May 4, 8 a.m. – 17, 10:15 a.m. – 64	39 (includes livestream)
May 11, 8 a.m. – 49, 10:15 a.m. – 69	64 (includes livestream)
May 18, 8 a.m. – 28, 10:15 a.m. – 82	43 (includes livestream)
May 25, 8 am - 35, 9:30 am - 59	35 (includes livestream)

(There are currently 108 subscribers to the Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube Channel, and 222 followers on the Muddy Creek Facebook Page.)

Offering

Income to General Fund in April: $14,412.82
Expenses to General Fund in April: $19,165.99
Received through April: $55,222.40 (includes $475 of Qualified Charitable Distributions received in the latest month)
Expenses through April: $64,363.90