

BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH NEWS

AUGUST 2024

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

Grace and peace to you!

On July 24th, 2019, I was asked the following:

"Before almighty God, to whom you must give account, and in the presence of this assembly, I ask: Will you assume this office, believing that the church's call is God's call to the ministry of word and sacrament?"

The church in which you are to be ordained confesses that the holy scriptures are the word of God and are the norm of its faith and life. We accept, teach, and confess the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds. We also acknowledge the Lutheran confessions as true witnesses and faithful expositions of the holy scriptures. Will you therefore preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and these creeds and confessions?

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace? Will you pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

I answered those questions: "I will, and I ask God to help me." These words were spoken the evening I was ordained. Looking back on my five years of ordained ministry, I see a very interesting journey with many ups and downs. My ministry began right before the covid pandemic, and like many church leaders, I panicked when the shutdown came in 2020 because I had no idea how I would lead two congregations. I found creative ways to have worship, like Zoom services, drive-thru communion, and

drive-thru imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday. During the pandemic, my mother passed due to complications of Covid, and we had to find new ways to have funerals. The church changed more in two years than in the last fifty.

I have served the Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish for almost three years. Some of our beloved parishioners and community members have passed too soon. But I have seen a parish grow in their faith and love of Christ! I have seen two congregations work, laugh, and cry together. We have fed hundreds at banquets, fundraisers, and food pantries. We have celebrated baptisms and weddings and the affirmation of faith of eleven of our youth. I am excited to see where the Holy Spirit continues to guide us as a parish!

I continue to lift you all up in prayer, and if there is anything that you need, please let me know!

Peace in Christ,
The Rev. Curt Wingert

ON SUMMER BREAK



The weekly Bible Studies & the monthly Contemporary Services are on pause for the summer.

The Bible study will resume on September 9 at 1:30 pm at First Lutheran. We will be studying the Book of Ruth.

CULC's Koinonia Kafe has also been temporarily put on hold until Fall.

PARISH EVENTS



On September 8, the Parish will have a joint worship service at the Mifflinburg Community Park. The service will start at **10:00 a.m.**, with the picnic following the service. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish to share. More details about the picnic will be forthcoming.

Sunday, September 8, is also our annual day of service, **"God's work. Our Hands."** This year we also celebrate **50 years of ELCA World Hunger**. As a part of our day of service, and to celebrate **50 years of ELCA World Hunger**, we will be collecting items for Hope's Haven.

Please save this date, as there are several things happening during this special service and plan to join us!



On Sunday, September 8, during the combined church service at the town park, there will be a special blessing for school age kiddos, teachers, staff, etc. and a blessing of student backpacks, teacher bags, laptop bags, etc.



VBS REPORT

2024 BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH COMMUNITY EVENING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT MIFFLINBURG TOWN PARK

THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO HAD ANY PART OF BVLP VBS 2024!

Churches participating:

- Christ United; First Evangelical ~ Pastor Curt Wingert

Curriculum from Camp Mount Luther: **Created to Be...**

Dates: Sunday, July 21 through Thursday, July 25

- VBS Coordinator: Ann Beckley
- Advertising: Barry Spangler
- Food Service: Libby Loss & Sue Jows
- Nurse: Marianne Motto
- Music: Bethany Boyer
- Games/Activities: Christian Boyer
- Crafts: Ann Beckley

- Adult Volunteers: 13
- Youth Volunteers: 6
- Wood Crafters/Jenga: Jerre Motto

Registered as of Sunday evening: 16

Attended 7/21 – 18

Nightly Attendance:

7/22 – 21

7/23 – 27

7/24 – 25

7/25 – 32

CML Counselors: Carol Ann, Natalie



CULC NEWS

Helpers Needed

- We continue to need additional helpers to count offerings after worship services. If interested, contact Barry Spangler (570-966-0406).
- We are still in need of at least one member willing to volunteer to teach/lead adult Sunday School after our worship services. If interested, please reach out to Pastor Curt. He has access to materials and videos.

Council

The next regularly scheduled council meeting for Christ's United will be held on **Tuesday, August 20, starting at 7:00 pm.**

Upcoming Meals

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming meals at CULC:

September 28 – Turkey Dinner
November 2 – Pot Pie Quart Sale



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Because Christ's United has participated in this fundraiser in past years, we have received a packet of information including shopping passes for this year's event. It's a good fundraiser, but it does take some commitment.

If the youth group or any other organization or person would like to take advantage of this opportunity, talk to Becky Dunkle (570-716-2844) for more information or see Margie to pick up the packet of information.



FELC NEWS

Free Community Meal at FIRST

First Lutheran will be serving a free community meal on **Saturday, August 3, from 11:00 – 12:30**. All are welcome! Please enter the door in the alley behind the church. Upcoming meals for the remainder of the quarter will be held on **September 7**.



Summer Hymn Requests

Is there a favorite hymn you would like to sing? Diane Scott is asking for requests during the summer months. So, if there is a particular hymn you are fond of, please let her know, or you can write the request on the sheet in the hallway. Many requests have been noted, so you may hear one at the next service!

Adult Sunday School Class at First Lutheran

An adult Sunday school class is being held at FIRST in the multipurpose room from 9 am – 10:15 am. We are studying the Book of John (the Love Chapter) and are being guided by Janet Shoemaker. All are welcome. Contact Janet Shoemaker with questions, 570-966-0494.



Summer Guest Musicians For August:

8/4 Calvin McIlwaine, violinist (Audra's brother)

8/11 "The Comfort Road Consort" - Fred Hooper, piano; Broderick Leshar, violin

8/18 Paula Christy/Diane Scott, piano/organ duet

8/25 William Zhao, 8 year old pianist from Danville

Thank You Notes

Thank you for the prayers for the sons of Lee & Bill Miller and grandsons of Carol & Jim Schwartz. They are both back from their respective deployments. So grateful!

A big THANK YOU to Kim Kuba for volunteering to spread new mulch around our large parking lot. She worked hard in the terrible heat – it looks great. Thank you, Kim!!

Word in Season Devotionals

The Word in Season devotionals for July - September 2024 are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Altar Flowers

The cost of altar flowers is now \$50.00 for 2 vases instead of \$40.00.

Empty Coffee Cans Needed

We are in need of empty #1 coffee cans for altar flowers. You may place them on the pew in the office hallway.

Weis/Wenger's Gift Cards Offer

Gift cards make wonderful gifts for college students, birthdays, weddings, ♥ day, holidays, birth of a new baby, a new neighbor....the list is endless....such a useful gift!

First Lutheran - offers cards in denominations of \$25, \$50 or \$100. Simply make checks payable to "First Lutheran Church" and use them as cash or the grateful recipient can do the same. Don Seebold will even deliver! Give him a call at 570-412-1505. ***YOU receive the full value of the card and then Weis gives 5% & Wenger's gives 10% of the purchase to the FELC mission fund!***

CHECK IT OUT!

**SERVING FREE HEALTHY MEALS
TO CHILDREN AND TEENS
AGES 18 AND UNDER**



TUESDAYS, 11:00am-12:00pm
Children and teens receive
two breakfasts and two lunches.

THURSDAYS, 11:00am-12:00pm
Children and teens receive food for
five breakfast meals and five lunch meals.

**At the Mifflinburg Community Park, N. 5th St
June 11-August 15**

Please join us for a healthy, free meals, provided by the Summer Food Service Program and coordinated by the Milton YMCA.
All children and teens, ages 18 and under, are welcome and do not need to provide personal information.
For more information, please contact Angela Haines at 570.742.7321 ext. 2125 or ahaines@gsvymca.org



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**THE DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE
SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER IS
AUGUST 20.**

REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

CHRIST'S UNITED

Chris Beckley
Adley Blank
Rick Boop
Paul Brann
Roger Dunkle
Darlene Endy
Dorothy Furgison
Gary Gemberling
Pearl Gemberling
Gary & Janet Hackenberg
Tom Janaes
Shirley Katherman
Roy Laudermilch
Tonia Longer
Harry Moyer
Dave Oberlin
Louise Ritter
Larry Sampsell
Sam & Ethel Schnure
Sabrina Sickle
Bill Smith
Lee & Kathy Spangler
Chuck Spurr
Linda Swartz
Kerm & Joyce Wagner
Gary & Marline Walters
Tom Watters
Donald Weller
Jesica Wheeler
Glenn Wiand
Wendy Zartman
Alica Zimmerman

The Shut-Ins:

Betty Goss, Helen Pirone, Dottie Rathfon.

In an effort to keep the prayer list current, Christ's United will clear their current list on a quarterly basis. A new list will begin in January, April, July, and October. If you want to continue an existing prayer request or have a new prayer concern, please contact Margie.

FIRST LUTHERAN

The Shut-Ins:

Mary Lib Dunkle
Lois Elliott
Doris Moll
Ethel Musser
June Ocker
Barb Reed
Dotty Seebold
James Shipton
Ken & Pat Smith
Nancy Ulrich
Trena Zeller

The Troops:

Thaddeus Miller
Zachary Miller



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

CULC

- 3 – Larry Sampsell
- 5 – Sianah Gemberling
- 7 – Kim Blyler
- 11 – Landon Auld
- 12 – Payton Spigelmyer,
Brandi Zimmerman
- 14 – Tom Catherman, Ethel Schnure
- 15 – June Wenrich
- 17 – Larry Zerbe
- 20 – Stacey Gemberling
- 22 – Sue Blyler
- 25 – Eric Dunkle, Janet Hackenberg
- 28 – Kaelex Shuck

FELC

- 2 – Kimm Watson
- 3 – Troy Smith
- 5 – Libby Loss
- 6 – Michael Beckley, Kaleisha Page
- 8 – Bailey Klose, Jane Moore
- 9 – Erica & Hannah Boyer
- 10 – Grace Alexander, Logan Bartlett
- 11 – Sue Jows, Carol Shipton (**80**)
- 12 – Erica Hess, Eric Hull,
Mike Shoemaker, Carla Watson
- 13 – William Donmoyer
- 14 – Calista Girton, Elizabeth Loss
- 17 – Karen Musser, Nancy Ulrich
- 19 – Dorothy Bollinger, Traci Musser
- 21 – Denise Seebold
- 22 – Jamie Ulrich
- 24 – Timothy Klose, Janet Shoemaker
- 26 – Lori Galer
- 27 – Angela Hendricks
- 28 – David Galer, Calen Loss

CULC

- 20 – Larry & Gayle Zerbe (1967)
- 24 – Grant & Lisa Lapp (1991)
- 31 – Andrew & Jennifer Keister (2013)

FELC

- 1 – Tom & Lisa Woodring (40 yrs)
- 20 – Don & Erma Hower (**74 yrs**)
- 29 – Drew & Paula Christy (54 yrs)
- 29 – Brian & Debbie Dauberman (26 yrs)



VOLUNTEERS

CULC

Date:	Greeters:	Lay Reader:	Communion Assistants:
4	Jim & Karen Adams	Maurice Clouser	Dianne Shuck
11	Ben Wenrich	Glenn Spangler	Glenn Spangler
18	Idella Zimmerman	Lisa Lapp	Janice Wagner
25	Dave & Dayna Bickhart	Greg Shuck	Greg Shuck

Sound System: Dave Bickhart

Altar Guild: Sherri Klauger

Ushers: Barry Spangler & Janice Wagner

REMINDER! You are responsible for finding a substitute if you are unable to be here when scheduled. Altar Guild Members, Sound System Operators & Ushers are responsible for any special services scheduled during the month.



FELC

Date:	Lay Reader:	Ushers:
4	Jeff Mensch	Jeff Mensch/Kim Wagner
11	Jane Moore	Carol Klose/Jane Moore
18	Don Seebold II	Jeff Hackenburg/Tom Orren
25	Andy Long	Libby Loss/Marianne Motto

Acolytes:

4 – Evan McBryan	11 – Brynn Umholtz
18 – Erica Boyer	25 – Hannah Boyer

Chief Usher: Shirley Heasley

Money Counters: Shirley Heasley/Jane Moore

Altar Guild: Andy Long

Volunteers, Please Note: If you are scheduled to help with the service and are unable to fulfill your responsibility, please contact the head usher.

If you are scheduled to count money and are unable to do so, please find a substitute.

BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH

The Rev Curt Wingert, Pastor

Pastor Curt's cell phone: 1-814-876-0974

Pastor Curt's e-mail: pastorbuffalovalleyparish@gmail.com

Parish Council Members: Shirley Heasley, Jennifer Keister, Terry Kline,
Linda Lewis, Marianne Motto, Barry Spangler

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday – 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

STAFF MEMBERS

The Members of the Congregation –

The Ministers

Matthew Wagner – Organist

Diane Valentine & Karen

Zimmerman – Pianists

Barry Spangler – Digital Music Arranger

Loretta Martin – Custodian

Margie Dunkle – Secretary/Asst. Treasurer

Dianne Shuck – Treasurer, Financial Recording
Secretary

Janet Hackenberg – Asst. Treasurer

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Joel Blyler – Worship & Music

Kim Blyler – Facilities & Administration

Gina Buttorff – Inreach & Outreach

Bev Catherman – Eucharist & Visitation

Terry Kline – Facilities & Administration

Lisa Lapp – Facilities & Administration

Greg Shuck – President/Christian Ed.

Teresa Shuck – Inreach & Outreach

Linda Smith – Inreach & Outreach

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday –
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STAFF MEMBERS

Sue Nentwig – Church Secretary

Katiann Lloyd – Financial Secretary

Diane Scott – Director of Music

Hank Dorman – Sexton

Kay Trick – Housekeeping

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jeff Mensch – Council President

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Attention! Young Adults

A reminder that Camp Mount Luther's Young Adult Fellowship meets via Zoom on the last Wednesday of every month. The next meeting will be on **August 28**. If you consider yourself a young adult, come join us! Questions or want the link? Email jim@campmountluther.org.



August 31 - Dandelion Run

Camp Mount Luther will be hosting a benefit 5 - and 10 - kilometer trail run race, "**The Dandelion Run**" on Saturday, August 31, 2024. This is an entry-level trail race starting at 9:00 a.m. with "day of" registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. The 10k distance is part of the 2024 Rocksylvania Trail Racing Series (Sandstone Division).

All miles for the course will be marked, and there is one water stop on the course. There will be no changing of race distance after the race starts. If you registered for the 10k and aren't sure you can finish it on race day, please change to the 5k prior to race start. 10k runners who stop after one loop will be a DNF.

The event will also feature a one-mile fun walk on a dirt road with the same registration fees and amenities. Following the race, there will be a Kids Fun Run! The age groups are 6 and under and 7 – 10. Special awards will be presented to every participant in the fun run.

To register, follow the link below:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Mifflinburg/DandelionRun5k10TrailRace>. The fee is \$35. You must be registered by midnight, August 11, to receive a hoodie. There will be an awards ceremony following the races.

The Dandelion Run, begun in 2002, is organized by Joel and Shelley Heasley of Middleburg, assisted by Shirley Heasley of Mifflinburg. The family started the race in memory of Rev. Glenn E. Heasley, Jr., former Assistant to the Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Glenn's favorite "flower" was the dandelion, because no matter what you do with them, they always rise again!



Cookies Needed for Dandelion Run

Donations of homemade cookies are needed for the annual run. Cookies should be delivered to the church no later than **Friday, August 30 by 2 pm**. The door at FIRST will be unlocked on Friday, August 30 from 9 am - 2 pm. If you have any questions, contact Shirley Heasley at 570-966-1008.

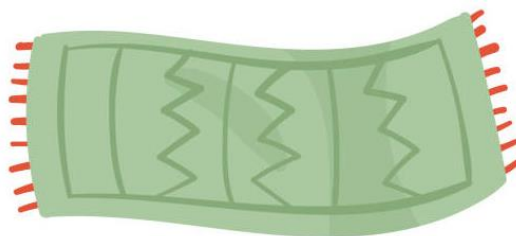


WOMEN OF THE ELCA

October 6 – Blanket Sunday

Burr! When the weather outside is cold and deep with snow, we burrow under warm blankets every night to stay warm as we fall fast asleep. Now imagine a man on a cold bench or a family standing outside of their home, looking at the devastation caused by a natural disaster...How will they find warmth? For many, a simple blanket given when they most need it is a loving way to offer warmth, to offer hope. Many people without homes have a daily challenge of fighting the bitter cold. Around the world, disasters force people from their homes, sending them to shelters and refugee camps where a blanket can make a big difference.

The CWS Blanket program provides warmth, hope, and care during cold and trying times. Your gift provides a sturdy, comforting blanket to children, men, and women who are struggling against the cold.





SYNOD NEWS

Synod Office Hours Update

We wanted to let you know that Synod Office hours will be inconsistent for the time being. Brenda Krouse, our administrative assistant, is managing some family medical issues which may lead to her working more from home. Please be sure to call the synod office (570-524-9778) before stopping by. Thanks for your understanding and prayers.



On **Sunday, September 8**, congregations of the ELCA will join together for our annual day of service, **“God’s work. Our Hands.”** This day continues to be an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. This year we also celebrate **50 years of ELCA World Hunger.**



August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 11-12:30 Community Meal-FELC
4 8:30 Worship- CULC 9:00 Adult SS- FELC 10:30 Worship- FELC	5 No Bible Study Bingo Stand at West End Fair	6	7 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC	8	9	10
11 8:30 Worship- CULC 9:00 Adult SS- FELC 10:30 Worship- FELC	12 No Bible Study	13	14 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC	15	16	17
18 8:30 Worship- CULC 9:00 Adult SS- FELC 10:30 Worship -FELC	19 No Bible Study	20 7:00 Council- CULC September Newsletter Articles Due	21 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC	22	23	24
25 8:30 Worship- CULC 9:00 Adult SS- FELC 10:30 Worship- FELC	26 No Bible Study	27	28 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC	29	30 Bring cookies for Dandelion Run to FELC from 9am – 2pm	31 9:00 Dandelion Run – Camp Mt. Luther



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