



BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH NEWS JULY 2024

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

Grace and peace to you!

While on vacation, I spent a couple of days in Gettysburg with some of my family from Nebraska. I was able to rekindle my love of Civil War history and reminisce about my seminary time at Gettysburg. A little history about the seminary at the time of the battle: the only building that belonged to the seminary was the building with the cupola, where students lived, ate their meals, and attended class. Union General John Buford used the cupola to view the battle on the first day, and the Army of Northern Virginia then used it. The building was also used as a hospital following the battle, and by the fall of 1863, classes had resumed at the seminary. The building is now a museum and you can view the battlefield from the cupola.

During my seminary time, I spent countless hours on the battlefield, or I would walk out to Pickett's Charge and sit on a bench and imagine. I would put myself in that time and wonder what things were like during and after the battle. How does a community come together after such destruction and devastation? What was it like to be a seminarian at that time? What was it like to be a pastor, and how do you offer pastoral care? What was God thinking because those soldiers and generals from both armies were praying to the same God for victory on the battlefield? Some of those questions have been partially answered, but some will never be answered. I think God played a small part in the battle because there were some small maneuvers that the Confederate army did not do that could have changed the outcome of the battle, and I feel that God was at work. Like many communities that have faced adversity, Gettysburg had grit and

determination, but most of all, the people had faith and trust in God that they could and would rebuild and overcome! For me, Gettysburg was the best place to study pastoral care. Studying the battle and having some fantastic professors helped me prepare for the hardships and struggles that I have faced during my time of ministry, which pale in comparison to what happened at Gettysburg.

I 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

SUMMER BREAK



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

The Bible study will resume in September with the study of the Book of Ruth.

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

PARISH EVENTS



Joint Service & Picnic

A joint worship service and picnic will be held on **Sunday**, **July 21**, at the Mifflinburg Community Park starting at **10:00 a.m**. At this time, guests are invited to bring a covered dish to share for the picnic held after worship while the Parish will supply paper goods, water and pulled pork sandwiches. Both congregations will be notified if these directions change.

Texting Program for Parish

Pastor Curt is using a new texting program for the parish called Text in Church. With this program, he is able to send out mass/individual text messages to church members reminding them that church services have changed, share upcoming events, notify that church has been cancelled due to weather, remind committees of meetings, program, please complete the following, place it in the offering plate, or return it to the Pastor or the church office. Also, if you do sign up, the text messages that you receive will come from the following number **814-527-3720.**

Name_____

Name_____ Cell Phone Number_____

THE FOURTH OF JULY

During this special time of the year The corn is usually knee-high, The watermelons are juicy As flags wave proudly in the sky!

Families are enjoying picnics Eating hot dogs and apple pie; They are celebrating Freedom On this day, the Fourth of July.

Birds are singing, freedom bells ringing, June bugs are darting in their flight. Folk gather wherever they can To watch fireworks light up the night.

Worshippers gather throughout the land Gladly sing patriotic songs. Millions express their gratitude For their families and their homes.

The smell of someone's barbecuing Is carried on a summer breeze.

Hear the crack of the baseball bat! Kids cheerfully play "hide and seek".

Hey listen, here comes the ice cream man, He's making his way down the street! Women wave, men tip their hats, Children are filled with joyful glee.

Andy Griffith still entertains us, The flag still brings tears to our eyes! People walk a little taller On this day, the Fourth of July

Colors red white and blue remind us Of the great price of being free. Thank God for the sacrifices Made to purchase our liberty!

So, Happy Birthday, America! Your flag we will proudly lift high! Thank God for you, America On this day, the Fourth of July



CAMP MOUNT LUTHER & THE BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH

Present

VBS SUMMER EVENING CAMP

Open to children entering Kindergarten to Sixth Grade

July 21-25 at Mifflinburg Town Park Pavilion 6:00 PM - 8:15 PM 5:30 p.m. small meal included each evening

Come experience outdoor ministries close to home! Staff from Camp Mount Luther and volunteers from our congregations will be on hand to bring fun, fellowship, and the love of God through our day camp program. Evening Camp includes games, sports, Bible study, singing, crafts, special events and worship.

■ Theme:



■ Registration: use the QR code to go directly to the link





Encourage your friends and neighbors to join us 😊



- To all VBS volunteers: there will be an important VBS Meeting on Monday, July 15. Please plan on attending @ 6pm. at FELC MPR.
- Thank you thus far for all the donations of materials and monetary gifts. At the present time, monetary gifts would be helpful for our small evening meals and nightly snacks that we provide for the participants. Place donation in an envelope marked VBS and turn in at either office or place in offering plate.
- Contact Ann Beckley, BVLP VBS Coordinator if you have any questions, 570-490-0242 beckleyann07@gmail.com

Feel free to invite your neighbors and friends.



A smile...

Increases your face value, Is a little curve that can straighten out a lot of things. Is the shortest distance between two people



CULC NEWS

Congratulations Graduate

Jayden Zimmerman

School: Mifflinburg High School, SUN Area Technical Institute

Graduation Date: 5/31/24 5/23/24

Course of Study: Diesel and Truck Technology

Favorite Subject: Ag

Job Held While at School: Weis Markets

School Activities: FFA

Hobbies/Interests: Working on Engines; Fishing; Hanging out with Friends;

Hunting

Future Plans: Work as a Diesel Tech

Congratulations Jayden and may the Lord bless you always!!

Helpers Needed

- We continue to be in need of 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 regular scheduled council meeting for Christ's United will be held on **Tuesday**, **August 20**, **starting at 7:00 p.m.**

Upcoming Meals

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming meals at CULC:

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



FELC NEWS

Free Community Meal at FIRST

First Lutheran will be serving a free community meal on **Saturday**, **July 6**, **from 11:00 – 12:30**. All are welcome! Please enter the door in the alley behind the church. Meals for the remainder of the quarter will be held on **August 3 and 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 in the hallway. Many requests have been noted, so you may hear it 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 INCLUDE:

Fred Hooper - piano & Broderick Lesher – violin McKenna Mowry – flute William Zhoa - piano

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 for 2 vases, instead of \$40.

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.

FELC Scholarships

Applications for the Wehr & Munson Memorial Scholarships are available in the office to students who have completed three semesters of college courses. The deadline for submission is August 1st.

Thank You Notes

I want to thank people for the thoughtfulness of sending me a birthday card for my 90^{th} birthday on June 2. ~ June Ocker

A special thank you to those of you that helped to fill the bags and/or made donations of food items for the needy students at the Elementary and Intermediate schools. We filled 183 bags each week in May. This outreach project was made possible by the very generous donation of the ladies of WELCA. There was a total of 1830 items purchased each week to fill the bags. It is a very worthwhile project, and we are fortunate that our church is able to make it happen. Blessings to all of you, Libby Loss.

Weis/Wenger's Gift Cards Offer

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 966-0727 or 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!

THE WORLD'S BIBLE

Christ has no hands but our hands To do His work today; He has no feet but our feet To lead men in His way;

He has no tongues but our tongues To tell men how He died; He has no help but our help To bring them to His side.

We are the only Bible The careless world will read; We are the sinner's Gospel, We are the scoffer's creed; We are the Lord's last message, Given in deed and word; What if the type is crooked? What if the print is blurred?

What if our hands are busy With work other than His? What if our feet are walking Where sin's allurement is?

What if our tongues are speaking Of things His lips would spurn? How can we hope to help Him And hasten His return?

~Annie Johnson Flint



FOR YOUR INFORMATION



2024 Farmers Market Nutrition Program

Applications for the 2024 Farmers Market Nutrition Program for individuals age 60+ (or 60 by 12/31/24) who meet the financial guidelines, are available at both CULC and FELC. Produce vouchers will be distributed via mail starting June 1. Vouchers are worth \$10 each and individuals will receive 5 vouchers.

The 2024 household income eligibility is:

1 person – \$27,861 2 people -\$37,814 3 people – \$47,767 4 people – \$57,720 5 people – \$67,673 6 people – \$77,626





CHRIST'S UNITED

Adley Blank

Paul Brann

Barbara Clouser

Roger Dunkle

Darlene Endy

Dorothy Furgison

Gary Gemberling

Pearl Gemberling

Gary & Janet Hackenberg

Tom Janas

Roy Laudermilch

Tonia Longer

Harry Moyer

Dave Oberlin

Louise Ritter

Larry Sampsell

Sam & Ethel Schnure

Sabrina Sickle

Bill Smith

Lee & Kathy Spangler

Chuck Spurr

Tom Watters

Donald Weller

Jesica Wheeler

Glenn Wiand

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, deployed overseas Zachary Miller, deployed overseas





BIRTHDAYS

CULC

- 6 Brandi Gemberling Rylan Shuck
- 10 Kim Woods
- 14 Kayla Forcheskie
- 16 Dayna Bickhart
- 17 Pat Spangler
- 18 James Gemberling
- 29 Steve Forcheskie Zachary Harvey
- 27 Donald Bowersox Ashley Wenrich
- 30 Gregory Shuck
- 31 Darlene Endy

FELC

- 2 McKenna Magyar
- 4 Bonnie Conrad
- 5 Sally Rothermel
- 10 Gladys Jamison, Austin Spickler
- 13 Derek Gessner
- 15 Dylan Harvey, Paige Ulrich
- 16 Paige Jordan
- 19 DuFrane Reed, Sierra Rehm
- 20 Norman Conrad, Timothy Shoemaker, Tyrus Watson
- 22 Brian Dauberman
- 23 Ann Beckley
- 26 Sarah Fritz
- 29 Helen Donmoyer, Lee Schwartz-Miller
- 31 Scott Baylor, Evan McBryan

ANNIVERSARIES

CULC

- 1 Lonnie & Chris Leach (1979)
- 10 Glenn & Pat Spangler (1982)
- 22 Dennis & Tammy Boop (1989)

FELC

- 1 Norman & Bonnie Conrad (46 yrs)
- 12 Harvey & Brenda Ilgen (65 yrs)
- 14 Keith & Kim Sawyer (40 yrs)
- 17 Don & Dotty Seebold (69 yrs)
- 28 Michael & Melissa Lynch (40 yrs)
- 31 Emil & Tanna Stenger, Jr (31yrs)



JULY VOLUNTEERS

CULC

Date: Greeters Lay Reader: Communion Asst.:

7/7 Barry Spangler Lisa Lapp Dianne Shuck 7/14 Becky Dunkle Greg Shuck Janice Wagner

7/21 Joint Service & Picnic @ Mifflinburg Park

7/28 Gina Buttorff Barry Spangler Judy Moyer

Sound System: Dianne Shuck Altar Guild: Katherine & Eugene Hassinger

Ushers: Greg Shuck & Linda Smith

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: Young Followers:

7/7 Tom Orren Jim Schwartz/Don Seebold II
 7/14 Linda Skinner Jeff Crossland/Linda Skinner

7/21 Joint Service & Picnic @ Mifflinburg Park

7/28 Barb Randecker Eric/Gwen Hull

Acolytes:

7/7– Ava McBryan 7/14 – Hannah Boyer 7/21 – Service/Picnic @ Mifflinburg Park 7/28 – Erica Boyer

Chief Usher: Jane Moore

Money Counters: Sue Jows/Mike Beckley Altar Guild: Vicki Hackenburg

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 e-mail: <u>pastorbuffalovalleyparish@gmail.com</u>
Parish Council Members: Shirley Heasley, Jennifer Keister, Terry Kline, Linda Lewis, Marianne Motto, Barry Spangler

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CULC Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/4bellchurch1

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. Tr.

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
Barry Spangler–Secretary/Worship & Music
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OFFICE HOURS:

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

STAFF MEMBERS

Sue Nentwig, Secretary
Katiann Lloyd, Financial Secretary
Diane Scott, Director of Music
Hank Dorman, Sexton
Kay Trick, Housekeeping

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jeff Mensch, Council President
Kim Sauers, Council Vice President
Linda Lewis, Secretary
Gloria Mincemoyer, Treasurer
Jamie Bartlett, Council
Christian Boyer, Council
Shirley Heasley, Council
Sue Jows, Council
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Summer Camp Season at Camp Mount Luther

This year's camping season began on June 23, 2024. Resident and Day Camps run until August 2. There are programs for all ages from kindergarten to senior high, adults, and families. Most sessions run for one week, but there are also half-week and day-only sessions, including a Create-A-Camp option. For more information on this summer's programs, call the camp office at (570) 922-1587 or visit the camp's website at http://www.campmountluther.org.

The Mount Luther experience is a blend of small and large group activities. Campers spend most of their time in a cabin group with peer campers and their counselors. A Family Camp will be held during the week of June 30 and there is also a Servant and Leadership Training (SALT) camp for senior high. Theme weeks for Night Owl, Water Adventure, and Christmas in July are also being offered.

This year's theme at Mount Luther is "Created to Be." We will explore how God gives us freedom to be our authentic selves and what it means to be siblings in Christ—humans who are brave enough to encourage and stand up for each other, sharing burdens as well as joys. We grow and learn more about ourselves while listening to and sharing with each other. Through the camp's method of studying the Bible, called "GROW Time," staff will help campers gather and reflect on the Word throughout their day, culminating in an evening worship service. Campers also get to do crafts, go swimming, play games, camp out, and sing songs during their time at Mount Luther.

One of America's Best Camps

For the second year in a row, Camp Mount Luther has been named one of America's Best Summer Camps by Newsweek Magazine! This award is based on an extensive research study, planned and executed by Plant-A Insights Group:

- The study encompassed the votes and opinions of more than 30,000 interviewed parents
- More than 3,500 camps were studied
- 699,000 social media reviews and a detailed media monitoring.

The list of awarded camps can be found at newsweek.com/rankings.

Summer Schedule

Day Camp Weekdays 9am-3pm Pick your days	Mini Camp Drop-off: First day 4pm Pickup: Last day at 4pm	Week-long Camp Drop off: Sunday 4pm Pick up: Friday 4pm	
		Ages 9-11 Ages 12-14 Ages 15-17 SALT [†]	
Ages 6-8 Ages 9-11 Ages 12-14	Family* SALT†		
		Ages 9-11 Ages 12-14 SALT [†]	
	Ages 6-8 July 14-16 or July 17-19 Ages 9-11 July 14-16	Ages 9-11 Ages 12-14 SALT [†]	
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^{*}Pick your length of stay if you cannot attend the whole program. +SALT (Service and Leadership Training) is for 15-17 year olds who desire leadership, planning, and management skills by serving as junior counselors with camp staff.

Night Owl: Stay up later each night to do nighttime activities like flashlight tag, capture the flag, or field worship. If you like to stay up late, this one is for you!

Solve a Mystery: Come solve a mystery together! Bring your detective skills as we look for clues and solve the mystery!

Water Adventure: This one's for the water lovers! Get extra time to swim, canoe, fish, and do other water activities. Bring an extra bathing suit!

Christmas in July: Celebrate Jesus' birth—in the summer! We'll decorate, sing carols, and eat like it's December 25. Feel free to bring an ugly Christmas sweater!

Create-a-Camp: You are in charge. Decide your length of stay and you'll help plan the schedule that week with all your favorite camp activities. This week is for all ages!

CULC Camp Person

Barry Spangler, who is serving as Christ's United's camp person again this year, has information on programs for the summer. Brochures are available at the church or on the camp's website. Our church will pay up to \$150.00 per person for any CULC congregational member's child or grandchild this year. Anyone from our congregation can receive "Camel Bucks" from Barry for use at the camp store this summer.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Annual Convention

You are invited to attend the 36th Annual Convention of the Women of the ELCA, Upper Susquehanna Synod, **August 10, 2024** at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Turbotville, PA. Please plan to come to this one-day convention as it brings an opportunity for you to meet with your sisters from neighboring churches and participate in the Women of the ELCA of the Synod. **CONVENTION THEME: "Don't Go it Alone...Follow Jesus."** Rev. Mindy Bartholomew will lead the worship service and Bible study. Josie Miller will be leading the second workshop with chair yoga.

Registration: The registration cost is \$45. The form and full payment are needed by July 1. The Delegate Certification Form must accompany your registration form. Delegates must be present at all business meetings and the orientation session. **All forms and driving directions are available in the church office.**

Nomination Forms: We will be electing a Treasurer and Secretary as well as 2 board members. Please give prayerful consideration to serving in one of these positions. We have a wonderful and active board that is a joy to work with.

Offerings: Freewill – This offering will be received during the worship service on Saturday morning. It will be used to support the ongoing ministries of the Women of the ELCA.

Mission Ingathering: This year our Mission Ingathering will support Lutheran Immigration Services.

In-Kind Offering: We will be accepting non-perishable food items for Agape Ministries in Bloomsburg.



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.

Young Adult Fellowship: Looking for a community of young adults to connect with? Join the Upper Susquehanna Synod Young Adult Fellowship on the last Wednesday of every month on Zoom for a time of sharing and discussion. Right now, we're exploring how to be theologians of the cross. For a Zoom link and more information, contact Jim at jim@campmountluther.org. We hope you can join us!



God's Work, Our Hands

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 <u>50 years of ELCA World Hunger</u>. More information on how we will celebrate this milestone will be forthcoming.

Young Adult Fellowship

If you consider yourself a young adult, you are invited to join in a time of conversation, study, and prayer every last Wednesday of the month. It's online! Contact jim@campmountluther.org for more information.

July 2024								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
	1 9:00-2:00 Office - FELC No Bible Study	9:00-2:00 Office - FELC	3 9:00-2:00 Office - FELC 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC	4 Independence Day Offices Closed	5 Offices Closed	6 11-12:30 Community Meal-FELC		
7 8:30 Worship- CULC- 9:00 Adult SS- FELC 10:30 Worship- FELC	8 No Bible Study	9	10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC	11	12	13		
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21 10:00 Joint Worship/Picnic- Mifflinburg Park No Adult SS- FELC VBS – 6-8:15 pm	No Bible Study	23	10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC	25 TBA Banquet Workday-CULC	26 12:00 Hoover Banquet-CULC	27		
28 Gideons 8:30 Worship- CULC 9:00 Adult SS- FELC 10:30 Worship -FELC	29 No Bible Study	30	31 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC					