

BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH NEWS **SEPTEMBER 2024**

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

Grace and peace to you!

Summer break is over, and the kids are back in school! Summer break goes way too fast! In all the madness of summer, I hope you found some quiet time to pray, worship, and be closer to God!

My summer has been filled with many mixed emotions, some happy and some sad. June brought sadness and happiness as one chapter of my life ended, and a new chapter began when I moved to Mifflinburg. Also, in June, some of my Nebraska family arrived in Pennsylvania, where we spent some time in Gettysburg and visited some of the sights in Central Pennsylvania. In July, many youth from our communities gathered in the Mifflinburg Park for VBS. We had a great time filling the kids with the gospel, good food, and great music (I think "Alice the Camel" was the favorite of everyone in attendance). In June and July, I traveled to Benton and Penns Creek to watch some All-Star Little League games, and every time I tried to get to a softball game, they were rained out! August brought "fair season!" I spent time at the West End Fair, calling BINGO, watching our church youth show their animals, helping at the tee shirt trailer at the tractor pulls, and even purchasing some chickens at the Junior Livestock Sale! Then came the Grange Fair in Centre Hall, where I saw Gaige have a very successful fair showing his cattle and chickens and Garrett winning the Old Timers Showmanship. I also purchased some animals at the Junior Livestock Sale (I really need to quit going to auctions). August also brought some sadness as I traveled to Nebraska to say goodbye to a beloved uncle. I also spent some time at the Lewisburg Middle School with Camp Koala as the students arrived on the first day of school, finding out that one of their classmates had passed.

As we begin another season, our Bible study will resume on September 9th at 1:30 pm at First, and we will study the Book of Ruth. On September 8th, we will be worshipping in the park and blessing the backpacks! I hope you can join us!

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

Peace in Christ,
Rev. Curt Wingert

PARISH EVENTS



Joint Worship & Picnic

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.

The Service

A representative from “Getting a Head” will speak during the worship service. “Getting a Head” is an adult curriculum for parents to lift people out of poverty.

Also, during the service there will be a special blessing for school age kiddos, teachers, staff, etc. and a blessing of student backpacks, teacher bags, laptop bags, etc. Bring lawn chairs for the service.

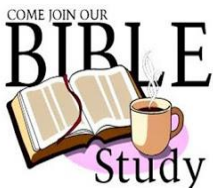
The Picnic

The picnic will follow the worship service. The Parish will be supplying paper goods, hot dogs and water, while folks are asked to bring a covered dish to share.



Day of Service

In conjunction with our joint service in the park on September 8, we will join the congregations of the ELCA for “**God’s Work. Our Hands**” Sunday, our annual day of service. 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**. We are requesting the following items for Hope’s Haven: **Peanut Butter, Jelly, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Canned Tuna, Canned Soup, Canned Fruit (no applesauce cups).**



Bible Study

The Parish Bible Study will resume in September on **Mondays at 1:30 p.m.** at First Lutheran. We will be studying the Book of Ruth. All are welcome.

September 2 – Labor Day; No study

September 9 – Beginning the Book of Ruth

September 16, 23, 30

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

In October, church members get the chance to show their pastors just how much they're loved and appreciated as it is Pastor Appreciation Month. The entire month of October becomes a time when congregational members can pause, deliberately take the time, and expend the effort, to let pastors know they are deeply appreciated.

We often don't take the time to thank our pastor for all he does, but we would like to take this time during this month of National Clergy Appreciation.

Next month (or any time) intentionally take the time and expend the effort to let Pastor Curt know he is deeply appreciated, not just in October, but all year through.



FELC NEWS

Adult Sunday School Class at First Lutheran

An adult Sunday school class is being held at FIRST in the multipurpose room from **9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.** We are studying about the Holy Spirit and are being guided by Janet Shoemaker. All are welcome. Contact Janet with questions at 570-966-0494.

FELC Monthly Coffee Hour

If we have enough volunteers to help with the monthly coffee hour, we would like to continue it, beginning on **September 15**. We need folks to volunteer by making food items. We plan to continue holding it the 3rd Sunday of each month in the MPR, following the service. We will need 2 or 3 people to volunteer each month. The set-up and beverages will be provided. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please consider signing up.

FELC Music News



As we draw to the end of summer, thank you all for your hymn requests. We conclude the summer with "Piano Sunday" on **September 1**. One of the hymn requests was that we hear only the piano! Listen for familiar tunes arranged by church pianists

including Mark Hayes, Jason Tonioli, Brian Howell, and Joseph Martin.

- Starting **September 15**, the Kyrie will return as part of the liturgy. We will still use setting 8.
- Tone Chime rehearsals start **Thursday, September 5, from 6:30-7:00 p.m.**
- Choir rehearsals start after church on **Sunday, September 15.**

If anyone is interested in playing the congas (the large cylindrical-shaped drums) to accompany a Latin-style hymn, please let Diane Scott know. You don't have to be very fancy, just be able to keep a steady beat. Great opportunity for young or old!

Altar Flowers

The cost of altar flowers is now \$50 for 2 vases, instead of \$40.

Word in Season Devotionals

The Word in Season devotionals for October - December 2024 are available in the back of the sanctuary.

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. If paying by check, simply make 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!***



HARVEST HOME AT FIRST LUTHERAN

First Lutheran will be celebrating Harvest Home on **Sunday, October 20**. As an act of giving thanks for the harvest, we will be sharing with those less fortunate by collecting food items for Hope's Haven. The following foods are needed:

Canned fruit (no applesauce cups), Canned tuna, Canned soup, Pancake mixes and Syrup, Peanut butter, Jelly

Food should be brought to the church and placed on the pew next to the pulpit door **no later than Friday, October 18 by noon**. The doors will be open on **Friday from 8:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m.**



FELC MUMS FOR HARVEST HOME

Mums will decorate the church sanctuary on **Sunday, October 20**, for Harvest Home. They may be picked up after the Sunday worship service. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one, please complete the order form and return it to the church office with payment, by **Sunday, September 29**. Colors available will be: orange, red, white, and golden yellow and the cost is \$8 each. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Jows.



Order Form for Mums

\$8.00 each

_____ Orange _____ Red _____ White _____ Golden Yellow

In Honor of: _____

Remembered by: _____

In Memory of: _____

Remembered by: _____

Total plants ordered: _____

Total amount due: \$ _____

LOOK What's Going On!

CULC NEWS

Event Help Needed

Help will be needed to serve food for the following events. Reach out to Kim Blyler (570-716-5601) for details.

Thursday, September 6, 6:30 p.m. - PFDC Banquet

Saturday, September 27/28 - Turkey Supper

Saturday, October 12, Late Afternoon & Evening - Hilkert Family Reunion

CULC Money Counters

We are still in need of additional offering counters after worship services. If interested, contact Barry Spangler (570-966-0406).



HARVEST HOME AT CHRIST'S UNITED

The Harvest Home Celebration is a tradition that goes back many years. Years ago our congregation was made up largely of farmers who liked to gather in the fall for a big celebration to give thanks for their harvest. Today we don't have as many farmers, but still like to gather to give thanks for the harvest, for family & friends, and for God's many blessings.

We are continuing this tradition on **October 13**. On this special Sunday the sanctuary will be decorated with glories of the harvest. If you can provide any of the following items to help us do that, please have them here by **9:00 a.m. on October 12**.

Pumpkins – Gourds - Indian Corn – Corn Ears - Corn Stalks - Fresh Fruit – Fresh Vegetables - Fall Leaves – Fresh or Dried Flowers - Home Canned Items - Crates - Baskets

Be sure to have your name on all items so they can be returned to you. Also, if you would be available to lend a hand with decorating, your help would be exceedingly welcomed.



A collection of non-perishable food and monetary donations for Hope's Haven to help those in need will be received at this service. We have all been truly blessed and we ask that you share your blessings with those who are less fortunate by bringing a monetary donation and/or non-perishable food items along to worship on the 13th. We will collect the donations during worship. Specific items requested are: **pancake mix, pancake syrup, canned tuna, canned fruit (no applesauce cups), canned vegetables, peanut butter & jelly.**

We invite you to join us for this Celebration of Thanks-giving as we give thanks for the blessings, gifts, and the harvest we have received this year from God. Contact Teresa Shuck (570-966-2053) if you want more information.



CULC CHRYSANTHEMUM ORDERS

The glorious hues of autumn chrysanthemums will be adorning the sanctuary for our celebration of Harvest Home on **October 13**. If you would like to provide one or more of these colorful plants, please fill out the following and return it to Margie or Janice Wagner.

CHRYSANTHEMUM ORDER FORM

Cost: \$7.00

Order Deadline: October 1

Return with payment to Margie Dunkle or Janice Wagner

GIVEN BY _____

in memory of _____

in memory of _____

in honor of _____

in honor of _____

to the Glory of God _____

NUMBER OF PLANTS ORDERED _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

BLANKET SUNDAY

At FELC – October 6



Brrr! 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. Around the world, disasters force people from their homes, sending them to shelters and refugee camps where a blanket can make a big difference.

On **Sunday, October 6**, we will receive a special offering for **Lutheran World Relief**. For every \$5.00 collected, Lutheran World Relief will purchase and distribute a blanket to people who suffer from war or natural disasters all around the world.

Special envelopes will be available for your gift, or you can use your regular envelope and mark "Blankets" on the designated gift line.

At CULC – October 13



Think about how comforting and warm a blanket feels when it is wrapped around you. Now, think how comforting and necessary it would become if you were experiencing the aftermath of a hurricane or disaster. What if you did not even own a blanket and your very survival was in doubt. How lucky most of us are never to experience that kind of pain. A simple truth: Ordinary things -- things that we often take for granted like blankets, clean water, education, tents, garden tools and seeds -- can make a world of difference for people devastated by tragedy, as well as

those working to build a better life for themselves and their communities.

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Special envelopes will be available for your gift or you can use your regular envelope and mark "Blankets" on the designated gift line. Your donation will make a positive impact upon a person in America and around the world.

Donations of new and like-new blankets measuring approximately 60" X 80" for LWR are also welcome (no electric blankets or afghans, please).

Blankets are a gift of love that keeps on giving. Your blanket or donation can deliver that same message — of God's ever-present love and care — to someone in need.



UPCOMING MEALS

Free Community Meal at FIRST

First Lutheran will be serving a free community meal on **Saturday, September 7, from 11:00 – 12:30**. All are welcome! Please enter the door in the alley behind the church. Meals for the remainder of the year will be held on **October 5, November 2 and December 7**.

'Drive Through' Turkey Dinner at Christ's United

A 'Drive Through' Turkey Dinner is planned for **September 28** at Christ's United. All proceeds benefit our 'Hope's Haven' Food Pantry. The time is **3:30 p.m. until sold out**. Advance Orders will also be taken. Please check our Web Site at www.4bellschurch.com.

Dinners include Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Gravy, Vegetable and Applesauce. Dinners will cost \$12 each and will be served in a microwavable container.

The workday will take place on **Friday, September 27**. Please let us know if you can help. Help is needed **Saturday, September 28**, the day of the Turkey Dinner. At **9:00 a.m.**, help is needed to cook and cut the turkey, prepare the stuffing, vegetable, and mashed potatoes, and gravy; and to mix & put the applesauce into containers. Help is also needed as the day goes on for other duties including making up the dinners and taking them to the cars, as well as clean up.

If you are experienced, that is great; if not, we will provide training! If you have questions, or to volunteer to help, please call Kim Blyler at 570-716-5601 or email kim@4bellschurch.com.

Fall Pot Pie Sale at Christ's United

A 'Drive Through' Pot Pie 'Quart Only' Sale is planned for **November 2** at Christ's United. Beef, Chicken and Ham will be available. The time is **3:30 p.m. until sold out**. Advance orders will also be taken. Please check our website at www.4bellschurch.com. Cost is \$12 per quart. We will also be offering Pickled Cabbage for \$5 per pint.

The workday will take place on **Friday, November 1**, starting at **9:00 a.m.** Please come out on Friday to help peel and cut potatoes, make pickled cabbage, mix broth, etc. Help is also needed on the day of the pot pie sale. At **8:00 a.m.**, help is needed to roll and cook pot pie. Help is also needed as the day goes on for other duties including filling the quarts and taking them to the cars, as well as cleaning up.

To volunteer to help, please call Kim Blyler at 570-716-5601 or email him at kim@4bellschurch.com. If you have any questions, please talk to Kim.



SENIOR MEMBER DINNER

Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what the heck happened!

If you were born in or prior to 1962, you, along with a guest, are invited to attend the annual Parish Senior Member Dinner on **Sunday, October 27, at 1:00 p.m.**

Reservations would be very helpful to us in planning the meal. Please reserve in order for the cooks to prepare enough food. Just fill out the attached and return it to the church office by **October 20.**

Mark your calendars and plan to be present for a yummy meal and first-rate fellowship.

SENIOR MEMBER DINNER

October 27, 2024

1:00 p.m.

Number of reservations _____

Signed _____

Telephone _____

(Return by October 20)

HOPE'S HAVEN FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

What Is It, How Does It Work?

Hope's Haven Food Pantry exists to offer assistance for families residing in Union County who have food insecurity. Currently in Union County the food insecurity rate is 8.9% of the population, or approximately 3,800 people. This amounts to an annual food budget shortfall of \$2,488,000.

At Hope's Haven, to receive food, families must show proof of address, supply names and birthdates of all persons in their household and certify that their total family income is below the TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) limit (currently 185% of the poverty level). For example, currently the total income of a family of 2 must not exceed \$3,040 monthly.



Hope's Haven also is the Western Union County site for the Senior Box Program. This is an additional monthly box of food available to each person 60+ years of age who meets the income limits of the program. This is currently set at 130% of the poverty level. For example, currently the total income of a family of 2 must not exceed \$2,137 monthly.



Hope's Haven currently operates on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month and serves nearly 100 families each week. We have approximately 18 volunteers who do such things as pick up items from donors, weigh and sort items, unload trucks, pack boxes for clients and assist with the distributions. A good number of our volunteers are not CULC members.

While Hope's Haven is a ministry of Christ's United, all money spent for food and equipment is from donations from persons in the community, with less than 10% of donations coming from members of Christ's United. We also have 2 turkey dinners each year as a fundraiser and occasionally receive grant money. We recently had money available for equipment and purchased 12 – 18 qt roasters for Christ's United.

Since Hope's Haven is a ministry of Christ's United, we currently have several storage rooms available for food storage and the use of the fellowship hall for distributions.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to stop by on a distribution day to observe, or better yet, volunteer.



In Memoriam

We want to offer our sincerest sympathy to the families of Nancy Engleman and Marilyn Keeler following their recent deaths.



Nancy Engleman

Nancy A. Engelman, 88, of Dallastown, passed peacefully early Friday evening, February 16, 2024, at Spiritrust Lutheran, the Village at Sprenkle Drive, York. She was the loving wife of Rev. Emil J. Engelman, Dallastown with whom she would have celebrated 71 years of marriage on February 28, 2024.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Cynthia Howard and husband Ed, Altoona, Alyn Nedimyer, and husband Leo, Lugoff, SC, Dr. Eric Engelman, and wife Robyn (Young), Dorr, MI and Hans Engelman and wife Karen (Miller-Mitzel), Red Lion; twelve grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Contributions in memory of Nancy A. Engelman may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1999, Memphis, TN 38101 or to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 8th Ave., 16th Floor, New York, NY 10001.



Marilyn Keeler

Marilyn Keeler, formerly of Mifflinburg, passed away Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024, after a brief illness.

She is survived by her children and grandchildren, Jonathan D. Keeler (Jennifer) and Anna and Sydney Keeler of Hummelstown, Erin Stellar (Billy) and Ian Stellar of Kulpmont, and Stephanie Keeler (Jake Davis) of South Williamsport, as well as several close cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her former husband, Rev. Jack E. Keeler.

Contributions may be made in Marilyn's name to the Glioblastoma Foundation at: <https://glioblastomafoundation.org>

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

CHRIST'S UNITED

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
Lee & Kathy Spangler
Chuck Spurr
Dave & Linda Swartz
Kerm & Joyce Wagner
Gary & Marline Walters
Tom Watters
Donald Weller
Jessica 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

Don Seebold

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





CULC

- 9/14 Sandy Sanders
Karen Zimmerman
- 9/15 Aiden Gemberling
Doug Gemberling Jr
Gayle Zerbe
- 9/19 Forrest Showalter
Beth Zechman
- 9/20 Douglas Gemberling
Molly Keister
- 9/21 Terry Kline
- 9/22 Jacob Moyer
- 9/23 Jodi Marshall
- 9/26 Eugene Hassinger
Jason Zimmerman

TODAY IS THE OLDEST
YOU'VE EVER BEEN
AND THE YOUNGEST
YOU'LL EVER BE AGAIN.

FELC

- 9/2 Vicki Hackenburg,
Brynn Umholtz
- 9/3 Elliana Girton
- 9/4 Daphine Fritz
- 9/6 Stephen Smith
- 9/9 Amanda Galer
Craig Rothermel
- 9/12 Blaine Dunkle
Jayla Yoder
- 9/13 Mary Jane Feaster
- 9/14 John Uehling
- 9/15 Jace Watson
- 9/16 Jadyn Rothermel
- 9/17 Grace Crossland
- 9/19 Curt Rothermel
- 9/24 Nathan Lynch
Ella Montesinos
- 9/25 Millard Boyer
- 9/26 William Baylor
Tracy Mensch
Tom Woodring
Max Zeller
- 9/28 Ruth Gessner
Linda Lewis
Andrew Schwartz
- 9/30 Brenda Ilgen
Maxine Stahl



CULC

9/06 Cliff & Diane Valentine (1969)
9/09 Tom & Evelyn Rice (1972)
Chip & Beth Zechman (2009)
9/16 Kris & Carla Ruhl (1978)
9/18 Zachary & Abigail Harvey (2004)
9/25 Joe & Sherry Zimmerman (1976)
9/28 D.J. & Haleigh Boop (2019)
9/29 Ken & Patty Emery (1973)

FELC

9/06 Jed & Liz Loss (16 yrs.)
9/25 Christian & Bethany Boyer (3 yrs.)
9/26 Jeff & Vicki Hackenburg (26 yrs.)
9/30 Jason & Daphine Fritz (24 yrs.)
Eric & Gwen Hull (29 yrs.)
Max & Trena Zeller (35 yrs.)

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*Hello autumn,  
Goodbye summer.  
Hello jumping in the leaves,  
Goodbye jumping in the pool.  
Hello cool weather  
Goodbye hot weather  
Hello colored leaves  
Goodbye green leaves.*

*Summer's coming to an end  
September's waiting 'round the bend  
Once warm weather turns to cool  
Just in time for starting school  
Putting on our longer sleeves  
Jumping into piles of leaves  
Colors turn from green to gold  
As the new season unfolds*



## VOLUNTEERS

### CULC

| <b>Date:</b> | <b>Greeters</b>                   | <b>Lay Reader:</b> | <b>Communion Assistants:</b> |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 9/01         | Gina Buttorff                     | Barry Spangler     | Barry Spangler               |
| <b>9/08</b>  | <b>Worship @ Mifflinburg Park</b> |                    |                              |
| 9/15         | June Wenrich                      | Maurice Clouser    | Janice Wagner                |
| 9/22         | Judy Moyer                        | Glenn Spangler     | Judy Moyer                   |
| 9/29         | Idella Zimmerman                  | Lisa Lapp          | Dianne Shuck                 |

**Sound System:** Barry Spangler

**Altar Guild:** Bev Catherman & Barry Spangler

**Ushers:** The Boop Family

**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

| <b>Date:</b> | <b>Lay Reader:</b>                           | <b>Ushers:</b>               | <b>Acolytes:</b> |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| 9/1          | Karen Boyer                                  | Christian Boyer/Harry Boyer  | Erica Boyer      |
| 9/8          | <b>Service at Mifflinburg Community Park</b> |                              |                  |
| 9/15         | Sherri Neece                                 | Shirley Heasley/Sherri Neece | Ava McBryan      |
| 9/22         | Barb Randecker                               | Liz Loss/Barb Randecker      | Brynn Umholtz    |
| 9/29         | Sally Rothermel                              | Jeannie Sawyer/Kim Sawyer    | Hannah Boyer     |

**Chief Usher:** Jamie Bartlett

**Money Counters:** Ann Beckley/Jim Schwartz

**Altar Guild:** Linda Lewis/Jane Moore

**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**

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Pastor Curt's e-mail: [pastorbuffalovalleyparish@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbuffalovalleyparish@gmail.com)

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/4bellchurch>

## 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**

## 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**

**Lee Spangler – Vice President/Christian Ed.**

**Idella Zimmerman – Eucharist & Visitation**

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FELC Website: [felcmifflinburg.org](http://felcmifflinburg.org)  
FELC Facebook: First Evangelical  
Lutheran Church Mifflinburg Pa

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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**

**Kim Sauers – Council Vice President**

**Linda Lewis – Secretary**

**Gloria Mincemoyer - Treasurer**

**Jamie Bartlett – Council**

**Christian Boyer – Council**

**Shirley Heasley, Council**

**Sue Jows – Council**

**Jane Moore – Council**

**Barb Randecker – Council**

**Don Seebold II – Council**





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Telephone (570) 922-1587 Fax (570) 922-1118  
E-mail: [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org)

### **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](mailto:jim@campmountluther.org) for more information!



## ***WOMEN OF THE ELCA***

### **Blanket Sunday – October 6**

Sponsored jointly by The Women of the ELCA and The Committee for Global Missions Upper Susquehanna Synod of the ELCA, blankets will be collected **Saturday, October 19, from 9 am to Noon** at the Faith Lutheran Church, 2349 Old Turnpike Road, Lewisburg, PA. The container should be available from October 18 until October 22.

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.

### **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 [50 years of ELCA World Hunger.](#)

### **Youth Event**

**The Synod's Youth Ministry Initiative**, led by youth from around the synod, kicks off with monthly events in September. The first event will be a game night at Christ's Lutheran Church, Lewisburg, on **Sunday, September 22, 2024, from 3-5 p.m.** You are invited to bring your own game and enjoy some fellowship and refreshments.

Other events scheduled for fall include:

**October 20-** Murder Mystery from 2-5 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Shamokin Dam

**November 17-** A Ping Pong Tournament (time and place TBA)

**December 15-** Advent Holy Hike and Christmas Party from 2-5 p.m. at Camp Mount Luther

# September 2024

| Sunday                                                                                                           | Monday                                                                              | Tuesday                            | Wednesday                                                    | Thursday                                                     | Friday                                                  | Saturday                                                            |
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| <b>1</b><br>8:30 Worship-CULC<br>9:00 Adult SS-FELC<br>10:30 Worship-FELC                                        | <b>2 Labor Day</b><br><br><b>Church Offices Closed</b><br><br><b>No Bible Study</b> | <b>3</b>                           | <b>4</b><br>10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC<br><br>6:30 Council-FELC | <b>5</b><br><br>1:00 WELCA-FELC<br><br>6:30 Tone Chimes-FELC | <b>6</b>                                                | <b>7</b><br>11:30-12:30 Community Meal<br>TBA FH<br>Reserved-CULC   |
| <b>8 God's Work, Our Hands</b><br>Sunday<br>10:00 Joint Worship/Picnic-Mifflinburg Park                          | <b>9</b><br>1:30 Bible Study-FELC                                                   | <b>10</b>                          | <b>11</b>                                                    | <b>12</b><br>6:30 PFDC Banquet<br><br>6:30 Tone Chimes-FELC  | <b>13</b><br>TBA Fellowship Hall Reserved-CULC          | <b>14</b><br>8:00 Hess Public Sale-CULC                             |
| <b>15</b><br>8:30 Worship-CULC<br>9:00 Adult SS-FELC<br>10:30 Worship-FELC<br>Rehearsal-FELC<br>Coffee Hour-FELC | <b>16</b><br>1:30 Bible Study-FELC                                                  | <b>17</b><br><br>7:00 Council-CULC | <b>18</b><br>10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC                         | <b>19</b><br><br>6:30 Tone Chimes-FELC                       | <b>20</b><br><br><b>OCTOBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b> | <b>21</b>                                                           |
| <b>22</b><br>8:30 Worship-CULC<br>9:00 Adult SS-FELC<br>10:30 Worship-FELC<br>Rehearsal-FELC                     | <b>23</b><br>1:30 Bible Study-FELC                                                  | <b>24</b>                          | <b>25</b>                                                    | <b>26</b><br><br>6:30 Tone Chimes-FELC                       | <b>27</b><br>9:00 Workday-CULC                          | <b>28</b><br>9:00 Workday<br><br>3:30 Drive-Thru Turkey Dinner-CULC |
| <b>29</b><br>8:30 Worship-CULC<br>9:00 Adult SS-FELC<br>10:30 Worship-FELC<br>Rehearsal-FELC                     | <b>30</b><br>1:30 Bible Study-FELC                                                  |                                    |                                                              |                                                              |                                                         |                                                                     |