

BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH NEWS

JULY 2023

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

Grace and peace to you!

"⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."—2 Corinthians 9:6-7

We have entered our summer months. As we enter the summer months, our congregations see a decline in attendance, which causes our offerings to be lower than usual. Many of us are busy traveling on vacation throughout the summer months, and our youth attend sports camps and cannot attend church every Sunday. Even if you cannot attend church regularly, I ask that you continue to give regularly. When you give regularly, your offering goes to help:

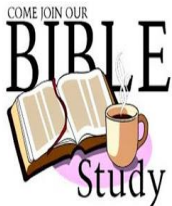
- 1) The Mifflinburg Area School District Backpack Program. Our congregations purchased and bagged food for over 150 children facing food insecurity so that they had food to eat on the weekends.
- 2) Camp Mount Luther. Camp Mount Luther gives our youth a place to learn and study God's word.
- 3) United Lutheran Seminary. Your offering also helps future church leaders.

- 4) Youth programming like VBS, where we spread the love of Christ with the children of our local communities.
- 5) Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response. Your offering helps those who are in need across our country as well as those across the globe.

Those are just a few of the ministries that your offering support! As Paul writes to the people of Corinth, "God loves a cheerful giver," I ask that you continue to be a cheerful giver throughout these summer months. You can drop off or mail your offerings to the church or check out the church website to see how you can give online.

Peace in Christ,
The Rev. Curt Wingert

BIBLE STUDIES



Continuation of the study of the Book of Romans will take place at First Lutheran on:

July 3 - 10 - 17 - 24 - 31

NOTE: Evening Bible Studies will start again in the fall on Thursdays. More information will be forthcoming.

PARISH EVENTS



On **July 9 at 10:00 a.m.** we will have a parish church service in New Berlin at Messiah Lutheran with a picnic lunch to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a covered dish to share.

Hope to see you all there!!



WHO: Children from Kindergarten to Sixth Grade

WHEN: Sunday, July 23 – Thursday, July 27

WHERE: Mifflinburg Town Park Pavilion

TIME: At 5:30 p.m. a meal will be provided and camp will take place from 6 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

THEME: Holy Trinity, Wholly Love.

SPONSORED BY: Christ's United, First Evangelical & Messiah Lutheran Churches

TO REGISTER: Please click or go to the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/LVLqkp0dfX> or scan the enclosed QR Code which will take you to the form. A link is also available on the church's Facebook page.



QUESTIONS? Contact Ann Beckley, VBS Coordinator (text or call @ 570- 490-0242) Come experience outdoor ministries close to home! Staff from Camp Mount Luther and volunteers from the congregations will be on hand to bring fun, fellowship, and the love of God through our evening camp. Evening camp includes games, sports, Bible study, singing, crafts, special events and worship. Help us spread the word! We hope you can join us!

Sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin board and the table outside of the office.

Volunteers

Sign-up sheets are at each church for volunteers to help each evening at VBS

There are lots of opportunities to support VBS...Specific jobs include:

- Food Preparation, Meal Distribution, Snack Distribution and CLEAN UP
- Desk Attendee for Nightly Registration
- Volunteers to rotate with each age group (just as a helper to the counselor)
- Volunteers to help with nightly games and activities (set up/tear down and run thru with each group)
- Volunteers to work at the Craft Station to help participants with nightly crafts

Craft Donations

NO MORE CRAFT SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR VBS. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED!!!

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*A little boy was zigzagging his way home from Vacation Bible School one beautiful summer day. He found a caterpillar and a fluffy milkweed pod, and blew out all the filler. He saw a bird's nest in a tree and a swan in a pond. He picked up a worm and thought of going fishing. A neighbor watched his zigzag path, greeted him, and asked him what he was doing. "I've been to Vacation Bible School," the boy replied. "Good for you," the neighbor said. "If you can tell me where God is, I'll give you this quarter." "I'll give you a dollar, Mister, if you can tell me where God ain't," the boy replied.*

*(The Joyful Noiseletter)*



## ***CULC NEWS***

### **Condolences**

We extend our deep sympathy to the family of **Connie Wagner** who passed away on June 16 at the age of 82. She was born January 4, 1941, in Danville, a daughter of the late Lee Franklin and Grace Naomi (Hollabaugh) Walter. On September 21, 1958, in Lewisburg, she married Neil Cyrus Wagner, who preceded her in death in 1985.

Connie, who attended Lewisburg High School, was a lifelong member of the church having attended at Hartleton before the merger. Upon the merger she taught the Nursey SCS class & attended women's group. Always loved singing & music in her later years even with having dementia.

She enjoyed attending Penns Creek Senior Center with her caregiver, enjoying many friends there and participating in singing, crafts, bingo, coloring, and snacks. She enjoyed picnics and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Torey L. and Forrest Showalter of Millmont, and Nelia K. and Carl Jenkins of Muncy; 7 grandchildren, Kyla R. Varney, Cain M. Showalter and his wife Kristen, Corrin R. Zechman and her husband Colby, Calvin J. Showalter, Kristin E. Chisholm and her husband Jack, Nichole A. Stubbs and her husband Colby, and Keegan N. Jenkins; and 9 great grandchildren, Chloe, Hayden, and Leona Showalter, Layton and Rowan Varney, Cooper and Colson Zechman, and Emma and Connor Chisholm.

A private memorial service was conducted by Pastor Curt on June 18. Memorial gifts may be made to either the Penns Creek Senior Center, 3551 Richard Rd, Middleburg, PA 17842, or Christ's United Lutheran Church.

- ❖ We also extend condolences to **Traci Kline, Greg Shuck, Dianne Shuck & Janice Wagner**, along with their families, following the death of their grandfather/uncle, Kenneth Shuck, 94, who joined the Saints Triumph on June 17.

*Please keep all of these families in your prayers as they deal with their grief.*

## **CULC Money Counters**

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

## **Offering Envelopes**

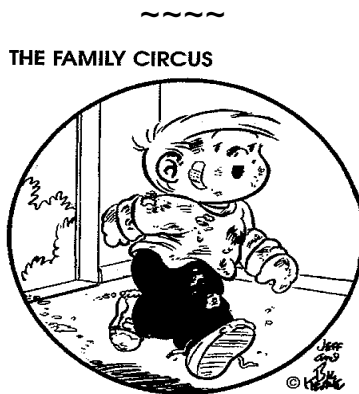
We have cancelled our order for offering envelopes with the Church Budget Envelope Co. Please continue to make any 2023 donations with a check or in an envelope with your name on it, so we can give you credit for your offering gift while we work on an alternative plan.

## **Summer Camp**

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 our church or on the website. Our church will pay up to \$150.00 per person for any 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. If you have any questions, contact Barry (570-966-0406) or the camp office at 570-922-1587 or [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org). You can also check out the camp's website at [www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org).

## **Communication to the Congregation from the Council:**

1. We are looking for 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.
2. Evening Bible Studies will start again in the fall on Thursdays. Stay tuned for which book of the Bible will be covered.
3. The July 18, 2023, Council meeting has been cancelled. The next one is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15.



"My Guardian Angel had a busy day today, but we had FUN!"

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# ***FELC NEWS***

## **Condolences**

The members of First Lutheran would like to extend their sympathy to the family of **Helen Troup**, who entered into rest on Sunday, June 11, 2023 at the age of 93.

She was born April 9, 1930 in Mifflinburg and on June 28, 1950 she married the late Marlin 'Speed' Troup of Mifflinburg.

She was employed at Huntington Throwing Mills and retired from Yorktown Kitchens in 1993.

Helen was a lifelong member of First Lutheran Church in Mifflinburg, a 50-year member of the Eastern Star, a former member of the Legion Auxiliary and a member of Club 39 in Mifflinburg.

Surviving are two daughters, Donna Hackenberg of Mifflinburg and Teresa Troup of Middleburg; a son-in-law Michael Hackenberg; four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandsons.

Helen was preceded in death by five brothers; John, Harrold, Frank, Alton (Abe) and Nevin (Jake) Weaver and one sister, Arlene (Weaver) English.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, June 17, at Adamo Funeral Home, with Rev. Ricky Phillips officiating. Interment was in the Mifflinburg Cemetery.

## **Free Community Meal at FIRST**

First Lutheran will be serving a free community meal on **Saturday, July 1, from 11:00 – 12:30**. All are welcome! Please enter the door in the alley behind the church. Upcoming meals for the next quarter will be held on **August 5**.

## **Summer Music**

Music at FIRST this summer will feature guest musicians from the area.

July 2: Paula and Diane will play patriotic music

Aug 6: Emily Seebold

Aug 13: KJ Reimensnyder

Aug 20: Fred Hooper and Broderick Leshner, violin and piano

## **Tone Chime Choir**

We were fortunate to secure tone chimes from UCC (across the street) on loan for one year! We will be starting a tone chime choir starting in the Fall. There was enough interest to make this happen!

Details coming about rehearsals to start in September. Diane Scott will lead the tone chime choir, (in addition to the Chancel Choir as interest permits).

What are tone chimes? Tone chimes are designed to be starter instruments for hand bells. They are lighter and easier to ring, but still create a beautiful tone.

### **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.

### **Online Giving**

First Evangelical Lutheran Church is excited to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides donation consistency for our congregation.

### **Manage your giving online:**

We are pleased to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the internet. To get started simply follow these steps:

1. Visit the website at [www.felcmifflinburg.org](http://www.felcmifflinburg.org)
2. Click on the give button, then
3. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

### **Vanco Mobile App:**

You can also manage your online giving by using the Vanco Mobile App. Download the Vanco Mobile App on your smartphone and search for First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mifflinburg, PA and follow the directions.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Curt or the church office (570-966-0266). We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry!





## ***YOUTH NEWS***

### **Congratulations Graduates**

#### **Natalie Harvey**

School: Mifflinburg High School  
Graduation Date: June 2, 2023  
Favorite Subject: Science  
Job Held During School: Harvey's Food Mart, Camp Mount Luther (this year)  
School Activities: Varsity Cheerleading, Choir, Marching Band, Concert Band (Vice President), Theater/Drama Club, Musicals,  
Hobbies/Interests: Piano, the Outdoors, Guitar, Music  
Future Plans: Attend Misericordia University for a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Studies

#### **Brittany Shuck**

School: Mifflinburg High School  
Graduation Date: June 2, 2023  
Course of Study: ACE Program at Bloomsburg University  
Favorite Subject: History, Spanish  
Job Held During School: The Fence Drive In  
School Activities: National Honors society, Yearbook, Link Crew  
Hobbies/Interests: Cooking/Baking, Photography, Makeup, Shopping, Piano  
Future Plans: Attend Lock Haven University, Majoring in Psychology

#### **Garrett Wingert**

School: Penns Valley High School  
Graduation Date: June 2, 2023  
Course of Study: Heavy Equipment Operation  
Favorite Subject: Lunch  
Job Held During School: A.M. Logging  
Hobbies/Interests: Showing Cattle and 4-H  
Future Plans: Full Time Employment at A.M. Logging

*We also congratulate graduate **Keyan Blyler!***

## **FELC Scholarships**

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



## ***FOR YOUR INFORMATION***

### **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 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!***

**Christ's United** - Grocery cards can now be purchased from Idella Zimmerman. Available grocery cards in denominations of \$25 or \$50 will be for Weis Markets, L & L Marketplace, and Wenger's. If you would like to pay by check, it should be made payable to "Christ's United Lutheran Church" and put "Grocery cards" on the memo line.

### **Crosscutters Baseball Game**

Tickets for a Williamsport Crosscutters baseball game for **Sunday, August 13**, have been secured. The game starts at 4:05 p.m. More details on traveling arrangements will be forthcoming. If interested, please reach out to Jennifer Keister of Christ's United, Kim Sawyer of First Lutheran, or Ron Blatchley of Messiah Luther

### **Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program 2023**

Information on the Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program 2023, including a schedule and application form, is available at both CULC and FELC. This program provides \$50 in free produce vouchers to seniors age 60 and up who meet the income guidelines.

IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

**CHRIST'S UNITED**

Winifred Aikey  
Roger Dunkle  
Darlene Endy  
Pearl Gemberling  
Gary & Janet Hackenberg  
Sam & Ethel Schnure  
Lee & Kathy Spangler  
Tom Watters  
Jim Adams  
Paul Brann  
Phil Crosbie  
Rozelle DeDe Ensminger  
Gary Gemberling  
George (Mick) Guffey  
Scott Hummel  
John Keister  
Roy Laudermilch  
John Morrison  
Harry Moyer  
Dave Oberlin  
Jessica Wheeler  
Glenn Wiand

**The Shut-Ins:**

Winnie Aikey, Florence Boop  
Betty Goss, Helen Pirone, Dottie  
Rathfon.

**Also:**

The families of Connie Wagner & Kenny  
Shuck

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**

Michael Culp  
Amanda Galer  
Ed Libhart  
Logan Roush  
Ken & Pat Smith

**The Shut-Ins:**

Mary Lib Dunkle  
Lois Elliott  
Carol Mensch  
Doris Moll  
Ethel Musser  
Dotty Seebold  
James Shipton  
Trena Zeller

**The Troops:**

Dylan Harvey  
Thaddeus Miller  
Zachary Miller

**Also:**

The family of Helen Troup





## 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

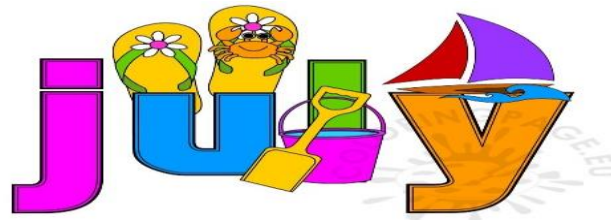
## ANNIVERSARIES

### CULC

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

### FELC

1 – Norman & Bonnie Conrad (45 yrs)  
6 – Michael & Donna Culp (32 yrs)  
12 – Harvey & Brenda Ilgen (64 yrs)  
14 – Keith & Kim Sawyer (39 yrs)  
17 – Don & Dotty Seebold (68 yrs)  
28 – Michael & Melissa Lynch (39 yrs)  
31 – Emil & Tanna Stenger, Jr (30 yrs)



# VOLUNTEERS

## CULC

|              |                         |                         |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b> | <b>Lay Reader:</b>      | <b>Communion Asst.:</b> |
| 7/2          | Glenn Spangler          | Judy Moyer              |
| 7/9          | Joint Service @ Messiah |                         |
| 7/16         | Lisa Lapp               | Janice Wagner           |
| 7/23         | Greg Shuck              | Greg Shuck              |
| 7/30         | Maurice Clouser         | Dianne Shuck            |

**Sound System:** Lee Spangler      **Altar Guild:** Dianne Shuck & Janice Wagner  
**Ushers:** 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.

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## FELC

|              |                         |                                   |                         |
|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Date:</b> | <b>Lay Reader:</b>      | <b>Ushers:</b>                    | <b>Young Followers:</b> |
| 7/2          | Barb Randecker          | Jeff Mensch/Dave Weaver           |                         |
| 7/9          | Joint Service @ Messiah |                                   |                         |
| 7/16         | Sherri Neece            | Nicole Gessner-Klose/Sherri Neece |                         |
| 7/23         | Karen Boyer             | Harry Boyer/Jeff Hackenburg       |                         |
| 7/30         | Don Seebold II          | Barb Randecker/Kim Wagner         |                         |

### **Acolytes:**

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 7/2 – Ava McBryan               | 7/9 – Joint Service @ Messiah |
| 7/16 – Kendall Neece            | 7/23 – Erica Boyer            |
| 7/30 – Aria Gessner/Colbie Loss |                               |

**Chief Usher:** Linda Lewis

**Money Counters:** Sue Jows/Nancy Snook      **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 cell phone: 1-814-876-0974

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

Parish Council Members: Shirley Heasley, Sue Jows, Jennifer Keister,  
Terry Kline, Kim Sawyer, Barry Spangler

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CULC Website: [www.4bellschurch.com](http://www.4bellschurch.com)  
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

**David Swartz & Barry Spangler**,

Digital Music Arrangers

**Loretta Martin**, Custodian

**Margie Dunkle**, Secretary/Asst. Tr.

**Dianne Shuck**, Treasurer

**Janet Hackenberg**, Asst. Treasurer

**Tammy Boop**, Financial Recording  
Secretary

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Joel Blyler**, Worship & Music

**Kim Blyler**, Facilities & Administration

**Sue Blyler**, Eucharist/Visitation

**Bev Catherman**, Eucharist/Visitation

**Joe Dressler**

**Jennifer Keister**, President, Youth

**Terry Kline**

**Teresa Shuck**, Inreach/Outreach

**Barry Spangler**, Council Secretary, W&M

**Lee Spangler**, V Pres, Christian Education

**Idella Zimmerman**, Eucharist/Visitation

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FELC Facebook: First Evangelical  
Lutheran Church Mifflinburg Pa

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**Sue Nentwig**, Secretary

**Katiann Lloyd**, Financial Secretary

**Diane Scott**, Director of Music

**Hank Dorman**, Sexton

**Carrie Lasoski**, 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

**Marianne Motto**, 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)

Mount Luther is gearing up for the 2023 summer camping season. Registrations are now being accepted for all programs until they are filled. If you bring a friend to camp who's never been there, you can get 25% off your registration fee. Program information and registration available at [www.campmountluther.org/summer](http://www.campmountluther.org/summer).

This year's camping season will began on **June 18, 2023**. Resident and Day Camps run until August 8. 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 Pick-A-Day Camp and Pick Your Adventure. 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>.

**2023 SUMMER SCHEDULE**

Resident Camp Registration is 2:45-4:00 p.m. Camp ends with songs and a sending service on Friday from 4:45-5:15 p.m. Family camp ends at noon. Day Camps are 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

| Week | Dates         | Pioneers                                                                                | Juniors               | Intermediates         | Senior High |
|------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
|      |               | Pick-A-Day Camp (Mon-Fri)                                                               |                       |                       |             |
| 1    | June 18-23    |                                                                                         | Juniors               | Intermediates         |             |
| 2    | June 25-30    |                                                                                         | Juniors               | Intermediates         | X-Teen      |
| 3    | July 4 or 5-7 | Family Camp (for all ages); Pick your length of stay if you cannot attend whole program |                       |                       |             |
|      |               | Mini Pioneer (Wed-Fri)                                                                  | Mini Junior (Wed-Fri) |                       |             |
| 4    | July 9-14     | Pioneers                                                                                | Tracks                | Tracks                |             |
| 5    | July 16-21    | Pick An Adventure (Mon-Fri)                                                             |                       |                       |             |
|      |               |                                                                                         | Juniors               | Intermediates         | SALT        |
| 6    | July 24-28    | Off-Site Camps                                                                          |                       |                       |             |
| 7    | July 30-Aug 4 |                                                                                         | Juniors               | Intermediates         | SALT        |
| 8    | August 6-8    | Mini Pioneers                                                                           | Mini Juniors          | Pedal, Pack, & Paddle | SALT        |

Register online at [campmountluther.org](http://campmountluther.org). Need a paper registration form?  
 Download at [campmountluther.org/summer](http://campmountluther.org/summer) or call us at 570-922-1587

## AGE GROUPS

Our campers venture into new territories, discover new interests, and develop independence. They talk to peers, listen, grow, share, play, sing, and pray together in a faith-centered environment, tailored to their age.



**Pioneer**

Ages 4-8



**Junior**

Ages 8-11



**Intermediate**

Ages 11-14



**Senior High**

Ages 14-18



**Family**

All Ages

This year's theme at Mount Luther is "Holy Trinity, Wholly Love." Campers and staff will enter into the wonder and truth of the Trinity in order to know God more fully and know ourselves more wholly. Each day at camp is framed by a question that will open participants to an aspect of the Trinity. 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.

### **Attention! Young Adults**

A reminder that Camp Mount Luther's Young Adult Fellowship meets via Zoom on the last Wednesday of every month. If you consider yourself a young adult, come join us! Questions or want the link? Email [jim@campmountluther.org](mailto:jim@campmountluther.org).



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

### **Upcoming Events for 2023**

**Saturday, July 22** - The 35th Convention of the Women of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, to be held on Saturday, July 22, 2023, at our beautiful camp just outside Mifflinburg. Camp Mount Luther's Evergreen Center provides a comfortable setting which accommodates worship, business meetings, Bible Study, workshop and, of course, a delicious lunch, all to be included in the convention format. It is a great time to get acquainted and reacquainted with women throughout our synod, make decisions concerning our organization, share in worship and Bible study, and have some fun. We



hope you will plan to attend and bring a friend or two from your congregations. Cost for the entire day is only \$45.00 per person.

Get registration information here: <https://www.uss-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/March-2023-Share.pdf>

**October 1** – Blanket Sunday



## ***SYNOD NEWS***


### **God's Work, Our Hands Sunday**

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, Sept. 10**, when congregations of the ELCA will join together for “**God’s work. Our hands.**” **Sunday, our annual day of service.** This year marks the 10th anniversary of “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday! “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday began in 2013 in connection with the ELCA’s 25th anniversary. It continues to be an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. ELCA congregations participate in acts of service every day. This day of service is an extension of the work you already do to make your community a better place. Consider expanding your day of service this year by inviting a friend, partnering with a neighbor congregation or serving in collaboration with a local community group or event. If your congregation cannot participate on Sept. 10, you are welcome and encouraged to pick an alternate date that suits your schedule. Be sure to save the date and visit [ELCA.org/DayofService](https://www.ELCA.org/DayofService) for updates to resources.

### **ELCA Youth Gathering**

The 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering is being held in New Orleans, Louisiana on **July 16-20, 2024**. Every three years, thousands of high school youth and their adult leaders from across the ELCA gather for a week of faith formation and fellowship known as the ELCA Youth called into this world. The 2024 Gathering theme is "Created to Be" which is centered around Psalm 139 with emphasis on verse 14 "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well". Questions? Comments? Laments? Contact the Upper Susquehanna Synod Gathering Synod Champion, Charlene Rineer ([ckrorange@yahoo.com](mailto:ckrorange@yahoo.com) or 717-880-2872), who would love to journey through this Gathering experience with you.

# July 2023

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                | Monday                                       | Tuesday                                                                                                                                   | Wednesday                                                       | Thursday                                                           | Friday    | Saturday                                       |
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|                                                                                                                                                       |                                              |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                 |                                                                    |           | <b>1</b><br>11-12:30<br>Community<br>Meal-FELC |
| <b>2</b><br>8:30 Worship-<br>CULC-<br>9:30 Koinonia<br>Kafe-CULC<br>9:30 Sunday<br>School-CULC<br>10:30 Worship-<br>FELC<br>Basement<br>Reserved-FELC | <b>3</b><br>1:30 Parish Bible<br>Study-FELC  | <b>4</b><br><br>4th of July<br><br><b>Offices Closed</b> | <b>5</b><br>10:00 Hope's<br>Haven-CULC<br><br>6:30 Council-FELC | <b>6</b>                                                           | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>                                       |
| <b>9</b><br>10:00 Joint<br>Worship &<br>Picnic-Messiah                                                                                                | <b>10</b><br>1:30 Parish Bible<br>Study-FELC | <b>11</b><br>6:30 Parish<br>Council-FELC                                                                                                  | <b>12</b><br>10:00 Hope's<br>Haven-CULC                         | <b>13</b>                                                          | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b>                                      |
| <b>16</b><br>8:30 Worship-<br>CULC<br>9:30 Sunday<br>School-CULC<br>10:30 Worship<br>-FELC<br>TBA – Small<br>Fellowship Hall<br>Reserved-CULC         | <b>17</b><br>1:30 Parish Bible<br>Study-FELC | <b>18</b>                                                                                                                                 | <b>19</b><br>10:00 Hope's<br>Haven-CULC                         | <b>20</b><br><br><b>August<br/>Newsletter<br/>Articles<br/>Due</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b>                                      |
| <b>23</b><br>8:30 Worship-<br>CULC<br>9:30 Sunday<br>School-CULC<br>10:30 Worship<br>-FELC<br><br><b>VBS – 6-8:15 pm</b>                              | <b>24</b><br>1:30 Parish Bible<br>Study-FELC | <b>25</b><br>6:30 Council-<br>Messiah                                                                                                     | <b>26</b><br>10:00 Hope's<br>Haven-CULC                         | <b>27</b>                                                          | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b>                                      |
| <b>30</b><br>8:30 Worship-<br>CULC<br>9:30 Sunday<br>School-CULC<br>10:30 Worship<br>-FELC                                                            | <b>31</b><br>1:30 Parish Bible<br>Study-FELC |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                 |                                                                    |           |                                                |

