

# **CHRIST'S UNITED'S NEWS & VIEWS**

***JUNE 2017***

## **PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS**

### **THE GOSPEL AND THE KINGDOM**

A reader of Matthew's Gospel can be certain that God is fully present and accessible to the world in Jesus. As this is so, one can also fully trust that God's presence in Jesus (Emmanuel) is the guiding principle demonstrating the manner in which humanity is called to live according to God's will and promise (the Kingdom of heaven). In and through Jesus, humanity is blessed and empowered to live holy and wholly by following the example and the teaching of Jesus.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus presents a God who is GRACIOUS and DEMANDING, MERCIFUL and EXACTING. A word of liberating freedom is at the same time a call to unwavering obedience. Righteousness (being in "right" relationships) is both gift and expectation. God's love and care appears at times to be inclusive and at other times particular. The invitation to know God through the presence of Jesus is relatively simple. To be able to reach definitive conclusions about God's ways are not so easy. When and how does God's mercy override any and all exacting obligations on our part to "perfectly" follow and adhere to God's demands? How can we know when God's word of judgment is a word of love or a word of condemnation?

Maybe the point is that knowing God fully in and through Jesus is not the same as being able to know everything about God; that is, even though Jesus represents and enacts God's will for all of humanity, our following Jesus does not suggest that we can fully comprehend God's thoughts, imaginations and motivations. By faith, we are able to trust that by following Jesus we are able to live according to God's will even if we are unable to say exactly how God acts or will act in any given situation.

The Kingdom of heaven has come near. The Kingdom of heaven is at hand. Both of these translations imply imminence and immanence (nearness temporally and spatially). Entering this Kingdom of heaven (cognitively, spiritually, and physically) is a matter of righteousness that goes beyond group identification or rule-keeping. Seeing the presence of God depends on how we see others. In large measure, the way we identify and relate to others will impact the manner in which we are able to understand God's presence to us.

Through Jesus' teaching, we can ascertain that God expects much from us: to love others, even our enemies; to serve all who are in need; to forgive those who have offended us; to live without fear. But we may also trust that God gives more to us than what is expected from us: our life in the presence of Jesus is without end.

God lifts up the fallen and humbles the proud. God calls us to be without sin and calls us to share our company with sinners to show the love of Jesus.

What is the Kingdom of heaven like? Maybe it is better that we do not try to define or explain it as a place or a proposition but that we imagine and understand it as the way to relate to one another in particular situations, all in the presence of God the father and our Lord Jesus.

--Pastor John

## ***ROCKY BOY MISSION TRIP***



On June 8, Pastor John, along with Mindy and Bryanna, will leave with members of First Lutheran for Rocky Boy Reservation in Montana. While in Montana the group will conduct a Vacation Bible School for the children of Rocky Boy and will also be doing work projects around the reservation. They will be returning home on June 18.

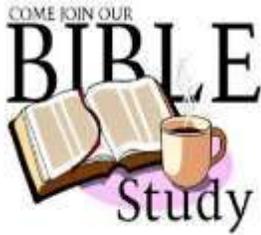
If you need pastoral care while Pastor John is away, please contact Margie.

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*"It is the month of June,  
The month of leaves and roses  
When pleasant sights salute the eyes,  
And pleasant scents the noses."*

*~N.P. Willis*

## ***BIBLE STUDIES***



Bible studies resume on the regular schedule, with them taking place at Christ's United on the following dates:

**10:30 A.M.**  
**June 19**  
**June 26**

**7:00 P.M.**  
**June 21**  
**June 28**

## ***WEST END FAIR***



The West End Fair is only a few weeks away. So, we are going to have a meeting on **Monday, June 12, at 7:00 p.m.** for all those interested in helping in any way with our food stand at the fair. Much help will be needed as well as your ideas and comments to make this great fundraiser a success. For more information about the meeting or our fair stand, talk to Kim Blyler.

## ***SPRING THEME EVENT***



This year our Spring Theme Event will be in the form of an Ice Cream Social on **June 24 beginning at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 9:00 p.m.** We will not be serving a meal, but will be serving hot dogs.

We hope people will bring homemade ice cream to share and games to play.

Questions? Talk to a member of the Inreach Ministry committee.

## ***RE-CREATION TO LEAD SERVICE***



Mark Sunday, **July 2**, on your calendar. Re-Creation is scheduled to sing and lead a community wide church service at the Mifflinburg Community Park. This service will start at **9:30 a.m.** More information will be coming out. For more details, contact Jeff Mensch of First Lutheran.

## ***REMINDER***



The next newsletter will be a combined July/August issue. Please have all pertinent information for those two months that is to be included in the newsletter into the office by **June 19**.



## ***CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES***

### **Bryanna Yost**

|                    |                                                                                                     |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| School:            | Mifflinburg High School                                                                             |
| Graduation Date:   | June 2, 2017                                                                                        |
| Favorite Subject:  | Biology                                                                                             |
| Job During School: | Subway                                                                                              |
| School Activities  | Field Hockey, Student Council (Junior & Senior Representative), National Honor Society, French Club |
| Hobbies/Interests: | Painting, Fishing, Kayaking                                                                         |
| Future Plans:      | Attend Bucknell University to study Biology and Biochemistry                                        |

The congregation would like to invite you to a special day, in your honor, on **June 4**. At the service that day graduates will be recognized for their achievement. At the Koinonia Kafé following the service there will be a reception in your honor, where your church family can greet you individually. We hope that you can be present for this very important service and allow us to express our joy for you.

We will be honoring our graduates at the service on June 4 and Koinonia Kafe which will follow it. Please join us and wish them well in their future.

We also offer our congratulations to **Dylan Yost** following his graduation from Lebanon Valley University.

## ***COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE***



Sunday, June 4: Graduate Recognition during worship & Koinonia Kafe afterwards

Saturday, June 24: Ice Cream Social, 6 PM – 9 PM. We are inviting people to bring homemade ice cream and other foods as well as games for others to play during the event.

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### **DO YOU REMEMBER?**

*Catching Lightening Bugs*  
*Sliding Down the Banister*  
*White Bucks*  
*Penny Loafers*  
*Feed Sack Dresses*  
*Union Suits*  
*Zoot Suit*  
*Crinoline Petticoats*  
*Garter Belts*  
*Bobby Socks*  
*Jacks*  
*Marbles*  
*Captain Kangaroo*  
*Miss Judy*  
*Flat Tops*  
*Pageboy*  
*Jughead*  
*Lil Abner*  
*Little Lulu*

*Home milk delivery*  
*Party lines*  
*Real ice boxes*  
*Scrub Boards*  
*Mustard Plaster*  
*Paregoric*  
*Vaccination Scars*  
*Tailors*  
*Milliners*  
*Rag Man*  
*Cobblers*  
*Airships*  
*Autograph Books*  
*Box Cameras*  
*Lunch Tickets*  
*May Poles*  
*Mexican Jumping Beans*  
*Pet Rocks*  
*Pin Curls with Bobbie Pins*

*Pinball Machines*  
*Pickle Barrels*  
*Poetry Recitations*  
*Slate Tablets*  
*Sock Hops*  
*Big Little Books*  
*Broom Stick Horses*  
*Cork Pop Guns*  
*Sputnik*  
*Stereopticon*  
*Stock Market Crash*  
*Tabletop Juke Boxes*  
*The Great Depression*  
*Tooth Powder*  
*Trading Stamps*  
*Taffy Pulls*  
*Broom Stick Horses*  
*Paper Dolls*  
*Armistice Day*



## ***TREASURER'S REPORT***

As of APRIL 30, 2017

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income for month (5 weeks)	\$ 25,266.39	\$ 14,378.85
Expenses for month	<u>19,069.95</u>	14,389.35
Difference	\$ 6,196.44	

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income Year-to-Date (18 weeks)	\$ 78,063.70	\$ 51,763.36
Expenses Year-to-Date	<u>66,223.20</u>	51,763.36
Difference	\$ 11,840.50	

### **April Notes:**

Income includes \$5,495 per month from the Buffalo Valley Parish Expenses include \$4,200 per month to Buffalo Valley Parish

Budget is based on Sundays per month. April has 5 Sundays so Budgeted based on 5 Sundays.

(Jan. Apr. Jul, Oct, & Dec have 5 Sundays – all others have 4 Sundays)

The month of April ended with stronger than planned income and expenses. Easter Egg Sales and one Banquet provided \$6,955.28 of the income which resulted in the majority of income over expenses for the month.

As we enter the month of May, **your offering income will be very important.** There are no major fund raising events till the West End Fair Stand in August. Expenses last year averaged \$10,000 per month for May, June, and July.

Sources of Income:	<u>April 2017</u>		<u>Year-to-Date</u>	
Offerings	\$12,816.11	51%	\$ 39,388.33	51%
BV Parish	5,495.00	22%	21,980.00	28%
Banquets	<u>6,955.28</u>	27%	<u>16,695.37</u>	21%
Others				
Totals	\$ 25,266.39	100%	\$78,063.70	100%

Parking Lot Loan Balance - \$4,307.95

## ***SYNOD ASSEMBLY***



The 30th Annual Assembly of the Upper Susquehanna Synod will be held at Susquehanna University on June 16-17, 2017. The theme of this year's assembly is "Together in Mission: Relating and Reforming." Guest speakers and musicians from the ELCA's Global Mission Team will be with us, including Sunitha Mortha as our ELCA Churchwide representative. Items of business include adopting the 2018 budget and making changes to the synod constitution. Register now!

### **Singers Needed for Assembly Choir:**

You are invited to sing as part of the choir that will provide musical leadership for the Eucharist on Saturday, June 17, at 2:00 p.m. in Weber Chapel Auditorium at SU. In addition to leading the liturgy and hymns, the choir will prepare special music for the service. Adult and high school singers who would like to sing in the Assembly Choir should have some choral experience in church and/or school. Being able to read music is helpful but not required. One rehearsal is scheduled for Sunday, June 5, from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. in the chapel of **Zion, Sunbury**. We will also have one, perhaps two, opportunities to rehearse with the Global Team during the Assembly (both on June 17). If you plan to sing in the choir or have questions, please contact David Reier at dreier@ptd.net or 570-847-3435.

## Pages Needed for Synod Assembly:

Calling all youth (who have completed at least sixth grade), college students, and seminarians! The 2017 USS Synod Assembly is looking for pages. You'll be needed on Friday and Saturday, June 16-17, from 7:45 a.m. until the end of the day's business (5:00 p.m. on Friday and 3:30 p.m. on Saturday). Responsibilities include handing out papers, bulletins, and other materials as well as serving as ushers for worship and counting votes when asked. All pages receive meals and a free T-shirt! If you have interested youth, please send their names and T-shirt sizes to [brenda@uss-elca.org](mailto:brenda@uss-elca.org).

## Live Tweet from Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly:

We will also live "tweet" from our synod assembly. This year, we invite others to also tweet from the assembly and use this hashtag: #usselca17. If you'd like to see what is happening at assembly in June, search for the Twitter hashtag or visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/usselca](http://www.facebook.com/usselca).

# ***UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION***

**LETTER OF CALL TO:** Congregational/Intercongregational Unit Presidents/Contacts, participants of the Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization

From: Jean Crumb, USSWO President

You are invited to attend the Thirtieth Annual Convention of the Women of the ELCA, Upper Susquehanna Synod, July 22, 2017 at Camp Mount Luther, Mifflinburg, PA. Please plan to be present for this one-day convention as it brings an excellent opportunity for you to meet your sisters from neighboring churches and become informed about the workings of the Women of the ELCA.



**CONVENTION THEME: "All Anew – Renewal of Spirit and Hope"**

**SCRIPTURE TEXT:** 2 Corinthians 4: 16- 18

**CONVENTION HYMN:** Shine, Jesus, Shine

**REGISTRATION:** The registration form is available in the church office and may be copied for additional registrations. I encourage you to bring several (many) women

from your unit to this one-day convention. I would like to encourage participation especially by women under the age of 40. We anticipate a day of worship, Bible Study, business and Workshops to uplift us in the name of Christ. Every person who attends convention must pay a registration fee (\$40) which helps to cover the cost of printed materials and other items such as rental fees for Camp Mount Luther, refreshments, lunch, insurance and honorariums which are necessary to carry out a convention. It is essential that every affiliated congregational/intercongregational unit send a delegate (Constitution Article IV, Section 3, Item 1) to have proper representation. Those congregations not having an affiliated unit are encouraged to send a non-voting delegate who will have seat and voice. All women of the Upper Susquehanna Synod are encouraged to attend as a delegate, a non-voting delegate, or participant. The convention can truly be a life-changing experience. We need YOU.

**Delegates must be present at all business meetings and the orientation session.**

**DELEGATE CERTIFICATION FORM:** Please return by June 15, 2017. It is extremely important that you comply with this deadline as this information is needed for appointing the working committees for convention. Send to: Elizabeth Baylor, 830 A Kaseville Rd, Danville, PA 17821

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM:** Included in this mailing is a scholarship application form for registration fee. Scholarships are available for either a delegate or a visitor. The applicants DO NOT need to be attending the convention for the first time. All scholarship applications should be sent to SWO President Jean Crumb, 239 Railroad St, Bloomsburg, PA 17815 no later than May 12, 2017.

**NOMINATION FORM:** Included in this mailing is a nomination form for nominees for three board positions (each position is for a 2-year term). We will be electing a new Vice President by ecumenical ballot Also, we will be electing a new treasurer. I encourage you to give prayerful consideration to submitting someone's name within your Congregational/Intercongregational Unit who has leadership qualities. There are many women within our organization who have God-given abilities and may just be waiting for a nudge from one of God's servants. Look carefully within your unit- pray for guidance. According to the constitution, only one person at a time from each Congregational/Intercongregational Unit may serve on the Board. Please send names on the nomination forms by May 15, 2017 to Kathy Whitesel, 337 Hammer Hollow Rd, Mifflintown, PA 17059

**RESOLUTION FORM:** New business may be brought to the SWO Convention floor in the form of a resolution. All resolutions should be sent to: Jean Crumb, 239 Railroad St, Bloomsburg, PA 17815 by May 15, 2017 so they can be reviewed by the Administrative Committee and be readied for the Bulletin of Reports for the Convention.

**OFFERINGS:** Opportunities for giving...

1. Freewill – This offering will be received during the worship service on Saturday morning. This offering will be used to support the on-going ministries of the Women of the ELCA.

2. Mission Ingathering – This year our Mission Ingathering will support LTI – Luther Training Institute and Mount Luther.

You may designate which ministry to support.

**WORKSHOP** – Workshop leaders will be our church-wide representative, Dawn Smith, to discuss programs of the Women of the ELCA. Bible study will be led by Jodi Ellis. Sandy Nelson will have a workshop on her trip to Liberia.

**WORSHIP:** The worship service will be led by Bishop Collins of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, assisted by Peggy Bohart.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO:**

1. Mail Registration Form and Check by July 1, 2017 to: Elizabeth Baylor

Make check payable to: USSWO 830 A Kaseville Rd

Danville, PA 17821

2. Mail Delegate Certification Form by July 1, 2017 to:

Elizabeth Baylor 830 00a Kaseville Rd

Danville, PA 17821

3. Mail Resolutions by May 15, 2017 to: Jean Crumb

239 Railroad St

Bloomsburg, PA 17815

4. Mail Scholarship Requests by May 15, 2017 to: Jean Crumb

239 Railroad St

Bloomsburg, PA 17815

5. Mail Nomination Forms by May 15, 2014 to: Kathy Whitesel

337 Hammer Hollow Rd Mifflintown, PA 17059

Selinsgrove, PA 17870

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*The golden crocus reaches up  
To catch a sunbeam in her cup.*



## ***FOR YOUR INFORMATION***

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Dates still available to sponsor altar flowers are: **July 30; October 22; December 3, 31.**

The cost of the flowers is \$35.00 per week and is payable to the church.

### **FREE ENERGY CREDIT**

There is a free energy credit available to the church. If you want help to lower the church's electric bill, and save money on your own electric bill contact Greg Shuck for details.

### **REIMBURSEMENT UPDATE**

Please talk to Dianne Shuck for information on how to obtain a reimbursement for expenses you may have for the church.

### **COFFEE CANS NEEDED**

We are in need of coffee cans to be used to send altar flowers home following a worship service. If you have any to spare, please drop them off at the kitchen or in the office.

### **VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT**

We are looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:

#### **1. Baby News Correspondent**

When a new baby is born to a member of the congregation, the responsibility of the baby news correspondent is to contact the family and get "vital statistics" and then write a short article for the newsletter. Talk to Margie if you would like to tackle this position.

## **2. Greeters, Lay Readers, Communion Assistants, Ushers and Sound System Operators.**

Our list of people willing to do these jobs keeps dwindling. Will you help? Sign up on the attached “volunteer form” and drop them on Margie’s desk or put them in the offering plate.

## **3. Someone to sharpen pencils and replenish communion cards and comment cards in the sanctuary.**

### **COMMUNIONS**

Communions for all confirmed members must be recorded in the parish register annually. If you do not commune on a regular basis, we ask that you fill out a communion record card (one per year is all we need) so we know you have communed. The cards are located in the racks on the back of the pews. Cards may be put in the offering plate or handed to an usher.

### **MEMORABILIA**

The following memorabilia items are still available for anyone interested in purchasing anything:

Wooden Miniatures of the Church - \$10.00

Church Prints - \$20.00

Blankets - \$10.00

Christmas Cards - \$10.00

12 cards per box feature a winter picture of the church

Talk to Bev Catherman if you have questions about, or would like to purchase, any of these items.

### **INFORMANTS WANTED**

We like to publish news about our members in the newsletter, but we need your help to do so. If you know of interesting information about any of our members (youth or adult), i.e. an award or recognition, a funny tale or exciting adventure, please let Margie know about it so we can include it in an issue of Christ’s United’s News & Views.

### **DO WE HAVE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS?**

If you have an e-mail address that you have never given to us or if it has changed, please fill out the following and drop it off on Margie’s desk or give her a call.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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**HAVE A FAVORITE HYMN?**

Over the past few years, some of you have been requesting favorite hymns and gospel songs and for that we give many thanks. Because of U.S. copyright laws, we do not have permission to reproduce or copy all of our favorites. You may choose selections from the following hymnals: Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW), Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) and With One Voice (WOV). We are also permitted to use hymns that are in the "Public Domain". It's all very complicated. So, keep your suggestions coming and we will be happy to sort out and use all of your suggestions. Give any requests to Gary Hackenberg, Margie or Pastor John.

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**Hymn Request**

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**SOCIAL/FELLOWSHIP REQUEST**

If you have any ideas or suggestions for social/fellowship activities, drop a note on Margie's desk.

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**Social/Fellowship Events:**

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**PRAYER CHAIN**

The Prayer Chain is a group of men and women of Christ's United who pray for the concerns and requests of Christ's United's members and friends. Someone in need of prayer calls the church office and requests to be put on the Prayer Chain. Each member of the Prayer Chain then receives either a phone call or an email notifying them of a prayer request. The prayer chain member receiving the phone call then calls

one other person and so on down the list. Those notified by email do not have to pass it on.

Would you be willing to pray for someone in need? It is reassuring to know that you are supported by the prayers of others and not alone with your concern. If you would like to be a member of the Prayer Chain, fill out the following and put it in the offering plate or on Margie's desk.

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**Prayer Chain Calling List**

I would like to be included on the prayer chain calling list.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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**BUILDING & GROUND NEEDS**

Do you know of any physical problems (or potential problems) that should be addressed by our property committee? Your insight is important. Maybe you have seen something that no one else has noticed yet. You can talk to Pastor John, any council member or Margie if you know of something that needs attention, or fill out the following and put it on Margie's desk or in the offering plate.

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**Building & Ground Needs:**

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**ONGOING COLLECTIONS**

**The Shriners**

Can Tabs (give tabs to Maurice Clouser)

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**GARDENING RULE:**

*When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed  
and not a valuable plant is to pull on it.*

*If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.*



## ***NEWS OF MEMBERS & FRIENDS***

### **Births**

We join in welcoming a new member to Jeremiah & Laura Zimmerman's family. Clint Isaac Zimmerman was born at Geisinger Medical Center on March 19 at 7:08 p.m. This young man weighed in at 7 lb. 11 oz. and measured 21¼ inches. He has light brown hair and dark blue eyes.

The proud grandparents are Ferlin & Idella Zimmerman and Dennis & Sharon Thomas of Danville.

The new baby shall spread smiles and warmth in your family. May he grow strong and happy and wise in the years to come.

Congratulations on Your New Arrival! Enjoy your God's gift.

### **Birthday Card Shower**

Carolyn Bowersox's will celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 2, In honor of this milestone, her family would like to honor her with a card shower.

Cards and memories may be sent to:

Carolyn Bowersox  
Rolling Hills Manor  
17350 Old Turnpike Rd  
Millmont Pa 17845

### **Condolences**

Our sincere sympathy to **Ferlin & Kevin Zimmerman** and their families following the death of their mother, Marian Zimmerman, 87, on May 22.

Please keep the families in your prayers as they deal with their loss.

## **Congratulations**

On Friday, May 26, Pearl Gemberling, along with 66 other people traveled to Philadelphia, where following a 90-minute ceremony they were sworn in to become a U.S. Citizen.

Congratulations Pearl!!

## **Birthdays**

### **June**

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|---|--|
| 1 – Bonnie Greeney<br>Angela Heimbach   | 14 – Bradley Hendricks<br>Bryan Hendricks              |
| 3 – Denver Clouser<br>Michael Keister   | 16 – Jayden Zimmerman                                  |
| 4 – Ryan Dreese<br>Randy Harvey<br>Dianne Shuck   | 17 – Ruth Diamond<br>Karen Troutman                    |
| 5 – Wanda Stamm   | 18 – Sherri Klauger<br>Myron Sampsell                  |
| 8 – Tony Masterson<br>Carol Miller<br>Brittany Shuck  | 19 – Nathan Harvey<br>Jacob Marshall<br>Darlene Ulrich |
| 10 – Janet Hileman  | 22 – Dion Kline<br>Susannah Rayburn                    |
| 11 – Spencer Harvey<br>Dustin Kline<br>Latisha Spigelmyer<br>Jeromy Stamm<br>Stella Walters | 23 – Kelli Baker                                       |
| 12 – Rebecca Welker   | 25 – Tom Watters<br>Debra Parker                       |
| 13 – Wendy Vest   | 29 – Douglas Gemberling<br>Kayla Kahler<br>Jim Sanders |
|   | 30 – Ryan Emery<br>Lindsey Snyder                      |

## **Anniversaries**

### **June**

- |                             |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| 2 – Terry & Sally Kline     | (1979) |
| Lee & Kathy Spangler        | (1979) |
| 3 – Richard & Alice Reitz   | (1978) |
| 4 – Kevin & Jonna Zimmerman | (1983) |
| 8 – Bob & Eve Rantz         | (1968) |

11 – Tim & Tiffany Spencer	(2011)
15 – Doug & Pearl Gemberling	(2002)
19 – Bob & Doris Lukens	(1960)
20 – Maurice & Barbara Clouser	(1959)
David & Linda Swartz	(1987)
24 – Tom & Bonnie Greeney	(1988)
Sam & Ethel Schnure	(1961)
Richard & Karen Troutman	(1972)
25 – Joe & Stacey Veley	(1988)
26 – Al & Sue Pantaleo	(1965)



**Remember In Thought and Prayer**

***Please help us keep our prayer list current by letting us know of any names that should be added or removed***

**Our Members**

Gailyn & Jacki Baker	Bob Rantz
Jim & Florence Boop	Alice Reitz
Jean Buoy	Teresa Shuck
Denver Clouser	Dave Swartz
Shirley Diehl	Stacey Veley
Doug & Pearl Gemberling	Marie VonNeida
Nathan Harvey	Mary Ellen VonNeida
Vickie Kahler	
Shirley Kerstetter	

**Our Friends & Relatives**

Karl Aikey	Dave & Cindy Janas
John Bowersox	Norman Kline
Norm Brouse Jr	Grace Kovacs
Louise Crichton	Kegan Lahr
Aiden Fenderson	Roy Laudermilch
Adam Garman	Rhilynd Lechinsky
Cyrus Gehringer	Gerald Lloyd
Lorraine Grisnik	Tony Parker
Bella Guisewite	Becca Parthemer
Megan Hackenberg	Kaye Remsnyder

John Renninger  
Diane Roush  
Linda Ruder  
Diana Sacco

Bev Shreffler  
Mark Troup  
Russell Wise  
David Wood

**Our Shut-Ins**

Jim & Florence Boop  
Carolyn Bowersox  
Barbara Grimooris  
Shirley Kerstetter  
Pat Korman  
Betty Lauf  
Eugene Phillips

Myron 'Mick' Sampsell  
Richard Schnure  
Marie VonNeida  
Mary Ellen VonNeida  
Connie Wagner  
Caroline Wenrick

**The Men and Women Serving In the Military**

Adam Gemberling      Brandi Gemberling

**The Youth And Advisors From First Lutheran  
Traveling To Rocky Boy Reservation on a Mission Trip**

Deanna Billow  
Logan Bartlett  
Luke Beaver  
Daniel Crossland  
Brian Fee  
Hannah Fee  
Calista Girton  
Cher Girton  
Elliana Girton  
Aaron Hackenburg  
Alexa Hackenburg  
Anna Harter  
Jennifer Harter  
Sara Harter

Cindy Harvey  
Dylan Harvey  
Ben Hornig  
Nicholas Hornig  
Cathy Hudock  
Victoria Harvey  
Lydia Klinefelter  
Colin Krout  
Logan Mensch  
Samantha Orren  
Barbara Randecker  
Cora Reed  
Jadyn Rothermel  
Sally Rothermel

Keith Sawyer  
Kim Sawyer  
Denise Seebold  
Emily Seebold  
Maverick Stenger  
Tonna Stenger  
Aubrey Wagner  
Joley Watson  
Derrick Wenrick  
Bryanna Yost  
Mindy Yost  
Pastor John Yost

*In an effort to keep our prayer list up-to-date, we are going to clear the current list on a quarterly basis. **New lists 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 EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**404 Market Street**  
**Mifflinburg, PA 17844**  
**Telephone 570-966-0266 - E-Mail: [firstlu@dejazzd.com](mailto:firstlu@dejazzd.com)**  
**Office Hours: Mon-Thurs, 9:00-2:00**

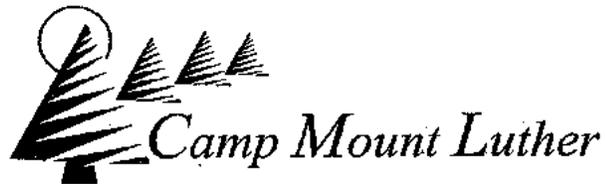
### **Community Meal**

The Community Meal Committee is looking for a few good folks to help serve meals on the first Saturday of each month. We begin preparing the meal at 9:00 and are usually done by 1:00. You can come for an hour or 2, or stay the whole time. We serve between 30 and 60 people each month. This is a great way to help reach out to our community. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Please Contact Libby Loss @ 966-1606 or Sue Jows @ 966-3644 if you can help.

*Pastors should not make a bet with (and lose to) 7- year old Calen Loss*



*Calen bet Pastor John he could fill a jar with donations for the mission trip. If he could do it, Pastor John agreed to a pie in his face. You can see the result.  
(photo courtesy of Cliff Valentine)*



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## **Scholarship**

Our church will pay one-half of the day camp rate for our young people to attend Camp Mt. Luther. Questions may be forwarded to Pastor John or Barry Spangler.

## **Evergreen Center Mortgage Burning and Circle of Faith Dinner** **June 4, 2017**

On Sunday, June 4, 2017, Camp Mount Luther will have a worship service at 7:00 p.m. at which time they will burn the mortgage on the Evergreen Center debt. The worship service is open to anyone who would like to attend to commemorate a milestone in the camp's history. The service will be held outdoors, if the weather permits, so please bring a lawn chair. This will give the synod's outdoor ministry a chance to thank those who helped achieve the goal of paying off the debt early and celebrate the opening of camp for the 2017 season.

## **Looking Ahead to July at Camp**

Camp Mount Luther is gearing up for the summer camping season for 2017 and is still accepting registrations for all programs. Late fees will begin to be accessed on June 2, 2017, so register soon to avoid the late fees! Some highlights of programs in July and August include:

- Family Camp, a great vacation for the whole family!
- Senior High X-Teen, a traditional program for that age group
- Night Owl, where campers stay up later each night and do nighttime activities
- Pioneers, juniors, and intermediates celebrating Christmas in July
- Craft, Lego, and Wild Sports (CLAWS) camp, doing more of those three activities
- Pick Your Days Day Camp when you pick how many days you want to come from 9:00 to 3:00
- Nature Detectives for younger campers to explore the outdoors
- Explorers and Sprouts for a shorter camp experience
- LOGIC where campers Live Outside in God's Incredible Creation

- SURE for campers who want to Survive Using the Resources of the Environment
- Base Camp for those who don't want an overnight camping experience during their camp week
- Intern for our senior high campers who want to learn what it's like to be on staff.

For more information, visit the camp website at [www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org) or call 570-922-1587. This year's theme at Mount Luther is "The Water of Life." The theme will give campers a new awareness of how water and life are gifts from God. The Bible is filled with stories involving water as a powerful means by which God sustains, heals, revives, and saves us. God surrounds us and fills us with literal waters and spiritual waters that remind us how we are part of God's life. Campers will dive into five Bible stories and daily themes that will show them God's goodness, birth and belonging, enough for everyone, seeing and being the light, and resting in God.

**Celebrate Christmas in July at Camp!**  
**July 16, 2017**

The Camp Mount Luther Staff invites everyone to attend their Campfire and Worship Service celebrating Christmas in July on July 16, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. The program will be held outdoors, weather permitting, so bring a lawn chair. In addition, there will be a Christmas carol sing either as part of worship or just after worship is over. There is no need to RSVP. Just show up ready to celebrate our savior's birth at camp in the middle of the summer!



**Upper Susquehanna Synod Events Calendar**

**Steward Leaders Gathering**

The Upper Susquehanna Synod invites all steward leaders to a gathering on Saturday, June 10, 2017, at Christ's United (4 Bells) Lutheran Church, 13765 Old Turnpike Road, Millmont PA. The event will run from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Steward leaders may include council members, Stewardship Committee members, pastors, or anyone in the congregation interested in caring for what God has given to us. Our gathering will provide an opportunity to network and to share best practices in Stewardship. Through

Bible study and conversation we will learn about how stewardship happens in our synod. Lunch is included. RSVP by June 2, 2017, to Brenda Krouse ([Brenda@uss-elca.org](mailto:Brenda@uss-elca.org) or 570-524-9778).



## ***IN THE MAILBAG***

### **Free Youth Event**

**July 5**

**7:00 p.m.**

We would like to invite you along with all the youth groups in Mifflinburg to a FREE youth event on Wednesday, July 5 at 7:00 p.m. in our church parking lot at 1001 Market St. It's going to be a time of fun, games, competitions, food, prizes, and ending in an outdoor movie with popcorn ("The Amazing Spiderman" starting around 8:45 p.m.) This just happens to take place 2 days before the release of the new Spiderman movie, "Spiderman: Homecoming." So along with showing one of the previous Spiderman movies once it gets dark, several of our games will have a Spiderman theme and we'll be giving away a Spiderman prize drawing that includes movie tickets to the new movie.

Here's some of the specific things we'll have:

- Inflatable boxing ring
- Inflatable obstacle course
- Cotton candy & snowcones

Possibly rent other inflatables if we have a lot of youth groups pre-register. We have a ministry team from Lancaster called One18 Movement that will be with us and about every 15 minutes along with the inflatables and snacks we will have other things like Garbonics team, a basketball shootout competition, silly string competitions, a gospel message & more.

We also have several prize packages (including a Spiderman one with movie tickets) that youth can be entered for if they do any or all of the following things:

- Wear a super-hero shirt
- Pre-register by signing up with your church's pastor or at [www.miffag.org](http://www.miffag.org) at least a week in advance.
- Bring a friend who isn't from your youth group (FYI: We're glad to give you the registration info for your youth's friends so you can follow up with them).

If you have any questions or would like to bring a group please feel free to call our youth pastor (Pastor DJ) or myself at 570-966-1714.

In Christ,  
 Rev. Johnny Blake  
 Mifflinburg Assembly of God

### **Marriage Encounter Weekends**

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES: Have you signed up for your fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend? Both of our spring Weekends had waiting lists, so sign up now for a fall Weekend to avoid disappointment! Couples overwhelmingly report that the Weekend is the best thing they have ever done for their marriage.

The fall Weekends are:

- September 15-17, 2017 at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA, a new hotel-style facility on Spruce Lake in the heart of the Pocono Mountains – an hour north of Allentown.
- October 6-8, 2017 at the Black Swan Inn in Lee, Massachusetts. Nestled in the foothills of the Berkshire Mountains, a hidden gem overlooking Laurel Lake – an hour north of Hartford, CT.

Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your \$100 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. Registrations are limited, so sign up today by going to the website: [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) and paying the registration with your credit card, or marking the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net) or 724-325-3166.



## ***NOTES OF APPRECIATION***

*“Volunteers are gold”. Volunteers are the most valuable commodities in ministry. Without them, nothing would get done in our churches. We are fortunate to have the kind of dedicated people that we do. Do you know anyone who should be given a pat on the back and a “Thank You” for the contributions they make in and around the church? Let Margie know.*

### **THANK YOU TO...**

...**All** who helped in anyway with the blood drive

...**The Volunteers** who donated their time and energy to help with the spring cleaning of the church grounds, removing the storm windows and planting the geraniums

Pastor John and Members of CULC,

May God bless you for all you’ve done for Caroline Wenrick’s 100 birthday on Sunday, May 7, 2017.

Richard & Lucille Wenrick  
Norman & Rebecca Wenrick

Much appreciation for assisting the family with eight delicious cakes, kitchen helpers, the Kim Blylers, Ronnie Ulrichs, Pastor John. Also the use of the social hall. Also your energized bunny, Bev Catherman. She’s certainly one of God’s blessings.

Hopefully I didn’t miss anybody.

Becky Wenrick

P.S. Caroline was not in favor of this honor, but she truly enjoyed the afternoon and really liked the memory notes! And we as her family wanted to honor her.



**ALTAR GUILD**

Sherri Klauger

**GREETERS**

4 - Mary Hassinger  
11 - Janet and Gary  
Hackenberg  
18 - Stella Walter  
25 - Janet and Chuck  
Spurr

**LAY READERS**

4 – Drew Christy  
11 - Glenn Spangler  
18 – Greg Shuck  
25 – Janet Hackenberg

**USHERS**

Eugene Hassinger  
Ben Wenrich

**MUSIC PROVIDERS**

4 – Dave Swartz  
11 - Diane Valentine  
18 - Dave Swartz  
25 – Gary Hackenberg

**SOUND SYSTEM**

Barry Spangler

**COMMUNION  
ASSISTANTS**

4 – Dianne Shuck  
11 - Glenn Spangler  
18 – Greg Shuck  
25 – Janet Hackenberg

**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.**

If you would like to be added to our list of volunteers to help with one or more of the following positions, please fill it out and return it to the church office.

**USHER**



I/we will serve as an usher

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**



I/we will help with children's church

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**SOUND SYSTEM OPERATOR**



I/we will operate the sound system

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**ALTAR GUILD**



I/we will serve on the altar guild

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNION HELPER**



I/we will serve as a communion helper

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**GREETERS**



I/we will serve as greeters

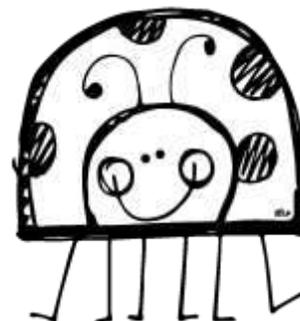
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**LAY READER**



I/we will serve as a lay reader

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_



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

**Office Hours:**  
**Mon-Thu – 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**  
**Fri – Closed**

THE DEADLINE FOR  
ARTICLES FOR THE  
***JULY/AUGUST***  
NEWSLETTER IS  
***JUNE 23***

### **STAFF**

The Congregation.....	The Ministers
The Rev. John D. Yost.....	Pastor
Margie Dunkle .....	Sec/Asst Tr
Dianne Shuck .....	Treasurer
Janet Hackenberg.....	Asst Tr
Al Pantaleo .....	Data Entry
Tom Catherman.....	Custodian
Paula Christy & Gary Hackenberg .....	Organists
Diane Valentine & Karen Zimmerman .....	Pianists

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

#### **Officers**

Lee Spangler, President  
Drew Christy, Vice President  
Barry Spangler, Council Secretary

#### **Ministry Assignments**

##### **Facilities/Administration**

*(deals with property, personnel  
and stewardship)*

Jim Boop,  
Tom Catherman  
Eugene Hassinger

##### **Inreach**

*(focus on ministry  
within the congregation)*

Greg Shuck  
Lee Spangler  
Janet Spurr

##### **Outreach**

*(related to ministry  
beyond the congregation)*

Drew Christy  
Dianne Shuck  
Linda Smith

## **THE M.I.S.S.I.O.N OF CHRIST'S UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Meet** – we meet each other as sisters and brothers in Christ

**Invite** – we invite and welcome others into the body of Christ

**Share** – we share the good news of Jesus and our gifts with all

**Support** – we support each other as we walk in the ways of Jesus

**Imagine** – we imagine life filled with God's purpose and grace

**Offer** – we offer ourselves to God through faith, hope and love

**Nourish** – we nourish one another in the Word, by the Spirit

Christ's United Lutheran Church is a community of faith, gathered, empowered and entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ to bear witness that we are one body in Christ as together we worship God in all praise and thanksgiving and we serve one another with unconditional love and mercy.

### **PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE...**

- ...when a member of your family is sick or is admitted to the hospital, so that visits can be made and the proper people notified.
- ...when your address and phone number is changed, so the church records can be corrected.
- ...when you move—out of town or locally.
- ...when a new baby arrives in your family or in the family of another church member.
- ...when a member of your family leaves home for college or to establish a new residence.
- ...when a new family moves into your neighborhood.
- ...when your class or group plans to have a meeting, so that it can be cleared and placed on the church calendar.
- ...when something good happens to you or your family.
- ...when you feel the church can assist you in any way



## **I AM YOUR FLAG**

*I was born on June 14, 1777.*

*I am more than just a cloth shaped into a design.*

*I am the refuge of the world's oppressed people.*

*I am the silent sentinel of freedom.*

*I am the emblem of the greatest sovereign nation on earth.*

*I am the inspiration for which American patriots gave their lives and fortunes.*

*I have led our sons and daughters into battle from Valley Forge to the steaming treacherous jungles of Vietnam and the unbearable Gulf.*

*I walk in silence with each of your honored dead, to their final resting place beneath the silent white crosses row upon row.*

*I have flown through peace and war, strife and prosperity, and amidst it all, I have been respected.*

*My red stripes symbolize the blood spilled in defense of this glorious nation.*

*My white stripes signify the burning tears shed by Americans who lost their husbands, fathers, sons and daughters.*

*My blue field is indicative of God's heaven under which I fly.*

*My stars clustered together, unify 50 states as one, for GOD and COUNTRY.*

*"OLD GLORY" is my nickname, and proudly I wave on high.*

*Honor me, respect me, defend me with your lives and your fortunes.*

*Never let my enemies tear me down from my lofty position lest I never return.*

*Keep alight the fires of patriotism, strive earnestly for the spirit of democracy.....*

# June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b><i>The Old Weather Rock</i></b>  <i>This special rock is kept outside. And if it turns white,  you know it's snowing. If it's wet, it must be raining.  If it's rolling away, it's a mighty windy day.</i></p>				1	2	3 Musser/Rodgers Wedding
<p><b>4 Pentecost</b>  9:00 Worship  10:00 Koinonia  Kafe  10:15 Sunday  School</p>	5 10:30 Bible Study	6	7 10:00 Hope's Haven	8  Pastor John	9  On Mission	10 10:00 USS Steward Leaders  Trip-----
<p>11 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School  -----</p>	12  -----	13  -----	14 10:00 Hope's Haven  -----	15  -----	16  Synod  Pastor John	17 Assembly  On Mission
<p><b>18 FATHER'S DAY</b>  9:00 Worship  10:15 Sunday  School   Trip</p>	19 10:30 Bible Study	20  7:00 Council	21 10:00 Hope's Haven  7:00 Bible Study	22	23	24
<p><b>25</b>  9:00 Worship  10:15 Sunday  School</p>	26 10:30 Bible Study	27	28 10:00 Hope's Haven  7:00 Bible Study	29	30	

*Three-fourths of the earth's surface is water, and one-fourth land.  
It is quite clear that the good Lord intended us to spend triple the  
amount of time fishing as taking care of the lawn.  
~C Clark*