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# The Parish Voice

Newsletter of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Milton, PA  
"God's Work, Our Hands"

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Do you renounce the devil and all his empty promises?

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you away from God?

Do you believe in God the Father?

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism?

- To live among God's faithful people
- To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper
- To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
- To serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and
- To strive for justice and peace in all the earth

On Sunday, May 31, 2009 – three members of our congregation – Linea Brouse, Ryan Byers, and Grant Wargo – stand before God, together with their parents and mentors, to answer these questions and confirm the baptismal faith their parents have tendered since their infancy. Now they promise to own that life of faith for themselves.

These are the same questions God asks of all of us who commit our life to faith in God and following the example of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

As we ponder the Day of Pentecost, when God's Holy Spirit blew mission into Christ's Church....and as we celebrate the promises these young people make before God on the Day of Pentecost, 2009... may we also be renewed in those promises – together.

Do **we** renounce?

Do **we** believe?

Do **we** intend?

Let's ponder those questions as a congregation – for summer and all its "other options" is upon us. May the "Sonshine" of our worship and commitment to faith in God not be forgotten in the "sunshine" of outdoor living.



- Wednesday worship, 4 p.m.
- Saturday worship, 7 p.m. – in the pavilion
- Sunday worship – 8:30 a.m. @ Trinity; 10:30 a.m. @ Christ

*"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."*

*--Psalms 100*

Your partner in mission and ministry,

Pastor Pat ☺

## Prayer Concerns . . .

### **Members, Friends and Family of Christ Lutheran Prayer List...**



**For the sick:** Bob Bailey; Judi Barnett; Travis Bartlett; Irene Byers; Alyssa & Chelsea Kelly; Austin Klose; Allison Noel Nicholas; Maddie Reeder; Kathie Shellhamer; Cheryl Yeager

**For those with ongoing, extended illness:** Pr. Gene Alexander; LouAnn Basile; Laura Beck; Maxine Bingaman; Mark Brouse; Betty Brown; Harley Cameron; Karen Campbell; Ben Case; Miles Crawford; Betty Croll; Wayne Croll; Ron & Janet Cunningham; Charles Danowsky; Lisa Day; Rose Deaner; Ruth DiPaolo; Emily Donovan; Bill Dressler; Peggy Drum; Cy & Christine Eminhizer; Pat Evans; Clark Fisher; Laurie Fisher; Edith Folk; Pat Fox; Virginia Frantz; Ida Mae Hartman; Deb Harvey; Mindy Hewitt; Mary & Jim Hollinbaugh; Ben Housner; Louise & Joe Johnson; Debbie Keeley; Alan Long; Lillian Longenberger; James Mertz; Mary Ann Mootz; Dan Morgan; Judy Moyle; Hunter Page; Dawn Pardoe; Sandy Paul; Joshua Perry; John Russell; Judy Schneider; Tammy Schneider; Laurie Smith; MacKenzie Snyder; Arlene Spake; Mary Steeley; Kisha Suarez; George & Tresha Sudol; Mae Walker; Nancy Warburton; Barbara Wareing; Tim Walsh, Jr.; Nadine Whipple; Debbie Wolford; Angela

**For those in sorrow:** Family of Frances Foltz

**For those anticipating and recovering from surgery:** Lee Attick; Jim Coover; Joanne Ficks; Lois Grant; Florence Greenly; Clay Harrison; Merritt Heffelfinger; Sandy Koser; Larry Mensch; Bob Minnich; Scott Reed; Jean Ryan

**For those adjusting to life changes:** Irene Beilger; Jennifer Koppen & daughters

**For those struggling with personal problems:** David Morgan & Family; Sierra

**For the imprisoned:** Timothy Spotts

**For the homebound:** Phyllis Albertson; Blanche Benfer; Caroline Bobb; Lucille Bruss; Mary Burns; Dr. Ken & Betty Jeanne

Callenberger; Edith Coup; Peg Derr; Betty Dotts; Fay Engleman; Gladys Fisher; Irmgard Gordos; Frank & Bessie Hartzel; Merritt & Doris Heffelfinger; Margaret & Tommy Kline; Mary Kathryn Leiby; Helen Manning; Catherine Mazeall; Elva Mazeall; Dix & Pauline Reitz; Jim Russell; Marguarite Ruth; Connie Sholly; Marie Springer; Leah Walker; Audrey Wands; Kenneth Webb; Nancy Weikel; Jeannine Wilkerson; Josephine Yocum

**For those serving in the military:** Amy Brown; Joshua Brown; Matthew Dorman; Justin Gonzales; Gabriel Gonzales; Jace Hutt; Anthony Nudson; Glenn Snyder; Eric Strobeck

**For leaders, guides, students, and workers:** Ron Shellhamer, missionary serving in Liberia; Bishop Robert Driesen & Synod Staff

**For activities and events, and for those who are traveling:** Property

**For those needing daily strength:** Inez Bingaman; Lauren Bodek; Kathy Burnett; Mary Cromis; Jan Foltz; Betty Moyer; Orvis Rockey; Tom Snyder; Mary Sudol; Evan; Susan

### **More prayers needed...**

These are *member families* we have prayed for in Church since last issue:

Edith Coup; Mike & Mary Himes; Sandra Snyder; Ed & Penny Coup; Brett Hosterman; Shelly, Brittany, & Mackenzie Snyder; Scott Coup; Michael Hulsizer; Ella Raudabaugh & Jessica Snyder; Wendy Crebs, Alexis Albertson, & Chloe Abell; Pete & Florence Ishler; Greg, Kelly, Rachel, & Ryan Solomon.

Remember these leaders and congregational families as you offer your prayers this next month.

**You can't fall down  
when you're on your knees.**

## Thank You's . . .

Thank you for your visits, prayers, thoughts, flowers, and other signs of caring.

- Fay Engleman

Thank you to my church family for the Easter cards and the pretty yellow mum. I appreciate your many kind thoughts.

- Mary Leiby

I would like to thank everyone for the many prayers, cards, calls, and many other acts of kindness I have received during my illness. I am blessed to have such a supportive church family.

- Laurie Fisher

Thank you for the prayers, flowers, and cards.

- Ken & Betty Jean Callenberger

Thank you for the cards and yellow mum, and for Pastor Pat's visit.

- Nancy Weikel

Thank you so much for the beautiful flower and the cards. Also thanks to Mike and Kelly for the Sunday visits and to Pastor Pat for her visits. God Bless.

- Lucille Bruss

Thank you for the pretty flowers, cards, and crosses. It made our Easter. We appreciate all you have done for us. It's good to know that people care. Thank you again.

- Doris & Merritt Heffelfinger

Thank you for your cards and gifts given to me at my staff recognition on Wednesday, May 6. I sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness.

- Lorei Comerer

Thank you so much for the Easter flower, cards, and chicken BBQ meal. The flower is still beautiful, and the chicken BBQ was delicious. Everything was much appreciated, and it helped brighten my days.

- Leah Walker

Thank you so much for the use of the fellowship hall. We had out-of-town relatives, and it made for a nice gathering without making us feel boxed in.

- Linda Thomas and family of Clyde Thomas

The ladies did a great job on the meal after mother's memorial service. The food was delicious, service great, and the servers did a fantastic job and were very friendly and helpful. May God bless each one of you.

- Family of Carrie Bastian

Thank you for the delicious food you sent to me. I really appreciate your kindness. Again, thank you.

- Marguarite Ruth

From all of Hunter's family and friends – You were the heaven-sent angel that made her special day possible. We are thankful to you and sorry for Pastor Keith's illness.

- Family of Hunter Beasley at her baptism; members of Pine Street Lutheran, Danville

I would like to offer my thanks to Church Council for giving me money so that I can buy an alb. Your support and encouragement has been appreciated in my journey to become an Authorized Lay Worship Leader. Thank you very much.

- Ed Coup



## Thank You...

- To all our folks who worked so faithfully to make our May 2 Hunger event happen! What a joy it was to see our congregation ministering together in SO MANY WAYS! God's children are doubly blessed by the funds raised AND the love given! We offer our special thanks to our homebound team who regularly lifted up this event in prayer: Caroline Bobb, Lucille Bruss, Edith Coup, Ken & Betty Jeanne Callenberger, Peg Derr, Gladys Fisher, Irmgard Gordos, Merritt & Doris Heffelfinger, Tom Kline, Mary Kathryn Leiby, June Mull, Dix & Pauline Reitz, Marguarite Ruth, Audrey Wands, Jeannine Wilkerson, and Josie Yocum.
- To Harold & Stella Webb and Ruth & Gerald Greenly for volunteering, with Pastor Pat, to greet the Tour de Revs at the Synod office on June 4.
- To Bishop Robert Driesen for covering Wednesday worship while Pastor Pat was at the ELCMA Assembly in Tennessee.
- To Ron Snyder for donating and delivering to the Milton Food Bank 40+ boxes of pancake mix and cans of pineapple juice that were given to him by a truck driver at the Truck Stop.

## In the News...

### WAY TO GO!!

*Team Pennsylvania in AAU Wrestling* – Ryan Solomon

*Milton Rotary Club* – Frank Hartzel

*Milton Middle School Distinguished Honor Roll* – Linea Brouse, Ryan Byers, Blake Kovilaritch

*MMS Honor Roll* – Courtney Kovilaritch, Logan Mensch, Blake Wargo, Chloe Abell, Julia Spear, Ashley Winner, Ryan Solomon, Grant Wargo

*Milton High School Distinguished Honor Roll* – Rachael Spear, Morgan Greenly, Alexis Albertson, Lindsay Byers, Brittany Snyder, Trent Wargo, Rachel Solomon

*MHS Honor Roll* – Lauren Byers, Kyle Kovilaritch

*Lewisburg High School Honor Roll* – Curt Schneider

*Standard Journal Viewpoint* – Charlene Francis & Sandy Koser

*Pavilion ribbon cutting* – Christ Church, Roger Watts, & Pastor Pat

*Bake Sale* – Christ Church & Julia Spear

*HandUP Foundation rooftop gardens* – Pastor Pat & Evangelical Lutheran Coalition for Mission in Appalachia

*Special Olympics Walk-a-thon* – Kim Mitch

**Special Appeal Envelopes –  
Camp Mt. Luther (June)  
Disaster Relief (July)**  
*(envelopes provided with newsletter)*

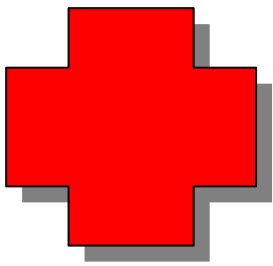
## HandUP Foundation



Thank you.

**Food Bank**—The Milton Food Bank is collecting *pancake mix & syrup* for the month of *June* and *crackers* for the month of *July*. Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the narthex.

Don't forget to recycle at HUF! Go Green!



## American Red Cross

Bloodmobile – June 3  
12-6 p.m.

Sandwiches – July 16  
Watch for sign-up sheet in narthex.

Christ Lutheran will sponsor the Bloodmobile canteen on *Wednesday, June 3, 2009*. Sandwich spreads, cookies, and help from 10:00 a.m. until closing are needed. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. Any questions, see Anna Mae Harpster.

## We Continue To Offer Our Thanks for God's Servants at Christ Church....



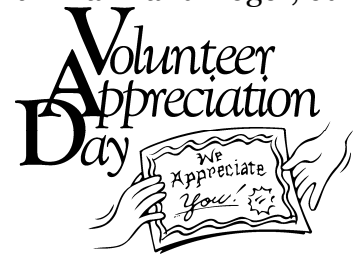
Our June worship will include thanks for the ministry of *Nancy Walters, our Director of Church Music*, and for our *Property Team*.

Nancy faithfully leads our adult choirs, chooses our Sunday worship hymns, and regularly connects God's Word to the choices of music God

gifts her to offer in our worship together. Nancy is the one who ponders new music and coordinates our music collections. She regularly takes time to preview music at our sister church, Trinity, Milton, to see what we might share in our mutual worship services.

Watch for Nancy's picture and information in the Narthex! A gift bag will be available if you wish to bring in a small gift of appreciation for her.

Our Property Team, faithfully led by Frank Hartzel and Roger Watts, held a reorganizing meeting on Sunday, May 17. From our conversations, we hope to bring old and new members together to care for our church building and property, as well as coordinate with other ministry teams to determine who takes care of all the items God has given us to use in ministry here at Christ Church. Currently, with Frank and Roger, our Property Team includes these faithful members: Harry Berger, Bill Dotts, Don Fisher, Bob Greenly, Gerald Greenly, Pete Ishler, Harold Webb, Tim Walsh, and Lee Yost. By the time we recognize this faithful bunch, we hope to have added some new faces and talents!



In July, we will give thanks for our *Vacation Bible School crew*, headed up by *Kay Dunn, our VBS Director*; and in August we will celebrate the ministries of our *new custodian, Rich Olsen*, and our *Groundskeepers, Bob & Debbie Greenly*.

We at Christ Church are SO blessed by so many whose time and talents help us carry out Christ's mission. That good news is so wonderful – and SO abundant – that God needs ALL of us to spread it in the world!

Keep these leaders in your prayers as you offer prayer for others in our congregation each day.

## Leave a Legacy for Ministry and Mission: Make your pension fund work thrice

If you have an IRA or other Qualified Retirement Account, you can use it three times. First, it can be used for you and your spouse in retirement, it can be passed on to your children and grandchildren, and it can be used to make charitable gifts to your favorite ministries. For more information about how to make charitable gifts using your retirement account or other ways to make charitable gifts, call Pr.

Greg Kramer at the Lutheran Planned Giving Office at 570-374-2044 or call the ELCA Foundation, 800/638-3522, ext. 2970 or visit our website at [www.elca.org/fo](http://www.elca.org/fo)

## Just how many are coming to Church each week? Read below, and celebrate!

Worship Attendance:

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Other Services</u>	<u>Total</u>
Apr. 12 (Easter)	107	9		116
Apr. 19	74	11		85
Apr. 26	64	14	57 funeral	135
May 3	69	19		88

## Nominating Committee for 2009

After prayer and discernment, the church council selected the following people to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2009: Evelyn Campbell, Rose Bolich, Nancy Mensch, Glenn Snyder, Gerald Greenly, Deb Bartlett, and Harold Webb.

Our Nominating Committee will meet on June 1 to begin praying and discerning God's calling for candidates to serve on our congregational council in 2010. Believing that the Church is under the direction of God, the process is surrounded and permeated with prayer for guidance in discerning those persons whom God is calling to his ministry. We give thanks for the ministry of Rose Bolich, Michael Lazor, Judy Schneider, Don Fisher, and Dale Bender, who have been faithful members of council. Both Don and Dale are eligible for re-election. The nominating committee will ultimately choose 3 persons to fill the vacancies of those whose terms end December 31.

The committee will meet on June 1 to begin praying individually for guidance in determining candidates. At a second meeting, they will pray together and share names of possible candidates. After the second meeting,

they will continue to pray individually for help in narrowing down the choices.

A third meeting will be held to pray and share the names of the candidates whom they believe God has chosen. Then by letter and personal visit, the committee will invite those candidates to answer the call.

### We need YOUR INPUT in three ways:

- (1) If you have a name to suggest, please contact a member of the committee now. Although your suggestion does not guarantee a nomination, it will be part of the prayer and discernment process.
- (2) Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the congregational meeting, where we will vote for those nominated.
- (3) We ask that **YOU** also pray for the Nominating Committee and possible candidates.

## Get Ready for Tour de Revs!

- 3 ELCA pastors who are traveling from May through August, 2009, throughout the ELCA, to promote wellness and to raise awareness and support for the ELCA Hunger Appeal
- They will bicycle, on a 3-person bamboo bicycle, from Millmont to Lewisburg from 3-4 p.m. **YOU ARE WELCOME TO BIKE WITH THEM THAT DAY.**
- They will arrive at the Synod Office in Lewisburg on Thursday, June 4, at approximately 4 p.m. **YOU ARE WELCOME TO GREET THEM AT THE SYNOD OFFICE THAT DAY.** At that time, any who wish to see their amazing bicycle will have a chance to do so.
- We will share a potluck meal here at Christ Church on that date at 6 p.m. One of the traveling pastors will offer a presentation on how they were called to this trip.
- Bring a non-perishable food item (or items!) to the potluck meal, along with a dish to share with others. *Remember – if we fill up the cart to the TOP, Pastor*

*Pat will wheel it down to the Food Bank on foot!*

- The pastors who will be making this trip are Fred Soltow, David Twedt, and Ron Schlak, who serve a total of seven congregations in West Virginia & Virginia. Pastor Soltow was Pastor Pat's teaching parish supervisor in seminary, and Pastor Twedt serves the 4-church parish Pastor Pat attended prior to entering seminary. All three pastors are friends of Pastor Pat & Pastor Keith from their former Synod, West Virginia-Western Maryland.
- **YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY** to come out to **YOUR** church on June 4, at 6 p.m., to support these disciples **AND** to make a difference in helping those who hunger, both locally and globally.
- **Be sure to come!**
- Visit the Tour de Revs website: [www.tourderevs.org](http://www.tourderevs.org) for more information and/or to donate directly to the ELCA's World Hunger program or other programs aimed at the same issue.



## Bible Study Opportunities...

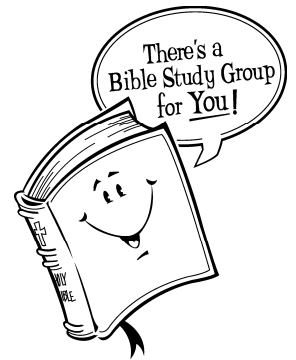
\* Thursdays, 2 p.m., in the parlor – studying the Gospel of Matthew.

\* Monthly Sunday Bible Studies will resume in the Fall.

\* Summer Sunday School for children in June, July, & August – every Sunday at 9 a.m.!

\* Special Bible Study opportunities offered once a month on a Wednesday in July and August at 4 p.m. (at our regular worship time – watch your bulletin for the date):

- July – the disciples
- August – children of the Bible



## Summer Saturday Worship to begin June 6

This year, our Saturday worship services will focus on prayer for our brothers and sisters in need. We will include the needs of those on our weekly prayer card and others in need across our local and global community. The service will include Holy Communion around a candlelight “fireplace” in the pavilion. It is designed to be a more informal service that uses prayer as the Word proclaimed around Christ's Table.

If there are any Saturdays where inclement weather prevents an outdoor service, we will move into the Fellowship Hall for worship.

Please join us for Saturday worship each week during June, July and August, beginning at 7 p.m., except for Saturday, July 4, (holiday) and Saturday, August 1 (Bible Buddies family picnic).

## Shared Worship with Trinity begins Holy Trinity Sunday, June 7

We have the blessing of sharing summer worship with our brothers and sisters at Trinity again this summer, beginning Sunday, June 7. You are welcome to worship @ Trinity each week @ 8:30 a.m. OR at Christ @ 10:30 a.m. Pastor Berner and Pastor Pat, along with John Warfel and Brett Hosterman, will be sharing worship leadership throughout June, July, and August.

Give thanks for this special ministry God has given us together!

## Dedication of pavilion and recognition of graduates on June 7

On Sunday, June 7, during our 10:30 a.m. worship service, we will ask God's blessing and dedicate our new pavilion to God's glory and mission. We will also recognize graduates on this day. Please come – be a part of this special celebration!



*Jeremy David Herr* will graduate from Milton High School on June 5<sup>th</sup>. He is the son of Brian & Kim Herr and Bridget & Dan Deihl; grandson of Roland B. Herr, and Larry & Connie Mensch; great-grandson of Evelyn Campbell. Jeremy participated in Latin Club and baseball. He has been making beautiful pottery this year. He is working at Wendy's and plans to go to Art/Business school in January. Congrats, Jeremy!

*Torrey Drum* graduated from Gettysburg College on May 17<sup>th</sup> with a B.A. in Theatre and a B.A. in Management. He is the son of Peggy & Gary Drum. Torrey was active with the Owl & Nightingale Players, and is searching for a job/internship in theatre management. Congrats, Torrey!

*Michelle Yost* graduated from North Central High School in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 27. She is the daughter of doctors Robert & Bonnie Yost; granddaughter of Lee & Darlas Yost. Michelle was a member of the National Honor Society, Vice President of the Jr. Class Council, member of the Leadership Committee (Jr. year), played Rugby, and was a swimming instructor at Indiana/Purdue University Natatorium. She plans to attend Indiana-Purdue University. Congrats, Michelle!

*Pvt. Steven T. Guffey* graduated from military school on May 15<sup>th</sup>. He is a U.S. Marine stationed at Camp Geiger, North Carolina. Steven is the son of Pauline & Tracy Guffey. Congrats, Steven!

## Come support the leaders God has raised among us!

At synod assembly on Saturday, June 20, 2009 (which is also WEST VIRGINIA DAY – beloved, of course, to your pastor) – God will raise up two new authorized lay worship leaders from Christ Church. You are invited to attend this very special worship service, being held at Weber Chapel, Susquehanna University. At the Service of the Word on June 20, beginning at 10 a.m., Bishop Driesen will celebrate Kellie Brouse and Ed Coup from Christ Church, as well as this year's entire class of authorized lay leaders, including Linda Shipman, who served as our office manager prior to Lorei's arrival.

Upon completion of this celebration service, both Kellie and Ed will join Rose Bolich as authorized lay worship leaders in our congregation and synod.

Please come and support your fellow disciples at this celebration. If you need assistance with directions and/or car pooling, please call the church office (742-7473) or talk with Pastor Pat. *This is a great day for our congregation – and for all of Christ's Church!*

## A Word from Ed

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's hard to believe, but my two-year journey to become an Authorized Lay Worship Leader is nearly over. We have one more half-session on June 13<sup>th</sup>, and then the big day takes place on June 20<sup>th</sup> at Weber Chapel, Susquehanna University. The time has gone so fast, and I have learned so much. Each session is lead by outstanding teachers, and the day goes very quickly. Several weeks ago, each candidate, along with their mentors, was required to submit an end-of-program evaluation. After they were received, each candidate was scheduled for a personal interview. And yes, I was just a bit nervous. The interview took about 30-45 minutes, and I was asked questions relating to my responses in my final evaluation. At the end of the interview, I went into the church sanctuary as the two pastors who conducted the interview discussed my responses. Shortly, they came out and brought me back into the church office where I was told that they would recommend me for approval as an Authorized Lay Worship Leader. I was very excited about hearing this, and while I was on the way home from the interview, I called Pastor Pat to give her the good news.

I must say that it would have been impossible to go through this program by myself. God was with me the entire time, picking me up the times I was discouraged. I was also blessed with the overwhelming support that I received from my church family. On many occasions, church members asked me how I was doing and offered words of encouragement. You have no idea how wonderful this made me feel. I also couldn't have completed the program without the support of my family, including my parents

who always prayed for me. Finally, I give special thanks to my mentor, Pastor Pat. To say she was always there for me would be a vast understatement. Her support, guidance, advice, and prayers were in abundant supply. We spent many hours talking about my joys, my concerns, and the calling I undertook.

To all my brothers and sisters at Christ Lutheran Church, and my family and friends, I say thank you from the bottom of my heart. If it fits into your schedule, I would like you to share in my joy by attending the induction of this year's Authorized Lay Worship Leaders class at Susquehanna University, Weber Chapel, on June 20, 2009, at 10:00 a. m.

Even though my journey to become an ALWL is nearly done, in reality it is only the beginning. Praise be to God!!!

Ed Coup

## Vacation Bible School begins Sunday, June 21, through Thursday, June 25

A meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. each evening, followed by Bible instruction and activities for children grades 6 and younger, concluding by 8:15 p.m. People of all ages are welcome to attend – and those older than 6<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to be involved as helpers! Please sign up at church. And...**give a BIGGGG thank you to Kay Dunn,**

who serves as our director again this year!

*Remember – save your 1/2-gallon cardboard milk and juice cartons for VBS!*



## Please consider sponsoring a child for Vacation Bible School this year

Your Vacation Bible School team is getting ready for another great summer – anticipating about 40 children the week of June 21-25 (Sunday through Thursday). We always have so many good and wonderful hands to help with the children – and now we'd like to give you an opportunity to help, too!

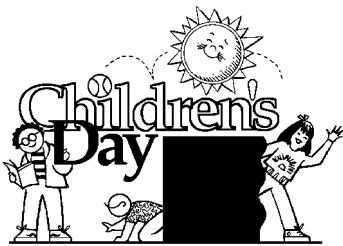
The cost of student Bible books and learning materials this year amounts to about \$10 per child. Would you like to help sponsor one or more children in this wonderful outreach and learning ministry of Christ Church?

You are invited to include a VBS donation on your weekly envelope, or by using a special offering envelope found in the church pews. Each gift will make sure a child is blessed with a week of hearing more good news about Jesus!

We are also in need of folks who are willing to provide cookies for the children's snacks each evening. Call the church office (742-7473) or Betty Morgan (742-8654) if you can help with this part of Bible School, too – AND you can also sign up at Church!

Thank you! And may God bless this year's VBS and all those participating.

## Children's Day Worship Celebration – Sunday, June 28



celebrate the young and growing among us.

Our worship at Christ on Sunday, June 28, will center around God's gift of children. Liturgy, music, and preaching will

Come on this special summer Sunday to give God thanks for these wonderful blessings who worship and serve the Lord in our midst!

## Mission Group to visit Christ Church – Your Help Needed!

We have again this year the special blessing of a visit from members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Glenville, New York, who will be with us from Sunday evening, July 19, through Saturday, July 25, 2009. They will be living in our fellowship hall or a local motel during their time with us.

Our special guests will be coming to the Milton area to assist with ministry to the needy via the HandUP Foundation.



If you would like to participate with this group in providing ministry in our community, you are welcome to join their effort.

## Mission Volunteers

If you can open your home to our visitors for use of a shower, you are needed, too!

If you can provide food and presence at a "we welcome you" potluck dinner, in the pavilion, weather permitting, on Thursday, July 23, at 6:00 p.m., you are needed, too!

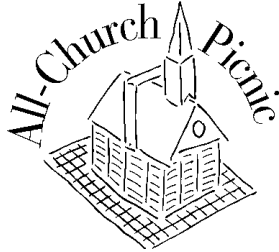
And...if would like to offer to feed our visitors on Sunday evening, July 19, that would be a gift. They are planning to prepare their meals and eat in our church kitchen, but extra hands and food on Sunday evening would be a great help to them.

If you can offer yourselves in any of the above needs, please contact the church office (742-7473) or sign up when you come to church. Let's share our Milton hospitality with our friends from Glenville! Thank you!

## August 1 – Lutheran community picnic

Together with all our sisters and brothers in the Northern Lights congregations, you are invited to a Bible Buddies family event for all our congregations on Saturday, August 1. This will be a potluck picnic in the pavilion, beginning at 6 p.m. Christ Church will supply paper products, utensils, and drinks. You are invited to bring a dish to share with others and a smile that will add to the fun of gathering together!

Put this good time on your calendar and join in the fun!



## Gardening Ministry Coming to Milton!!!

HandUP Foundation is partnering with the Evangelical Lutheran Coalition in Appalachia (ELCMA) to offer a gardening project for needy persons in our community. Individuals and families are invited to work a “plot” of ground, either on the bank of the

HandUp lot, or in a child’s swimming pool on the rooftop of the Milton Food Bank.

These gardens

are designed to provide needy folks with fresh vegetables throughout the summer, as well as training in planting, harvesting, preserving, and saving seeds for next year’s garden. In addition, participants will be invited to pass on their new learnings to other needy ones they know.

*We are blessed that our own Carson Berge* has been named the gardening project’s site coordinator. Carson will share his knowledge of gardening with participants and offer a helping hand on the days he is on site



Planting

Vegetables

with them. He will be working alongside other gifted gardeners in our area to help gardeners get the most out of their gardens.

This “Bonding Gardens” project is another way ELCMA partners with Appalachian communities like ours to provide food and fellowship in God’s name. Please consider these ways you can support this ministry among us:

- Suggest names of families/individuals who would benefit from participating – call Pastor Pat at the church or Mary at the HandUP Foundation (742-3000).
- Volunteer to visit the HandUP site throughout the summer and get permission from participants to take pictures of them and their gardens – submit your pictures to the HandUP Foundation for publication on the website of HandUP, ELCMA, and Christ Church.
- Include the ministry of this Milton Community Bonding Gardens in your daily prayers. Pray for successful planting, abundant harvests, and participants’ growing in the understanding of partnering with the Lord to provide food for the hungry and care of the land.



**Fight Cancer -One Step At A Time**



**Relay for Life**

This year’s Relay for Life, to be held at the Milton High School, will begin Friday, June 19, at 1 p.m. and end Saturday, June 20, at 1 p.m. Support this event to raise money to fight cancer!

## Upcoming Northern Lights Events

- June 6: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Summer FunFest @ Follmer Lutheran Church; 4-10 p.m.
- June 7-11: VBS (Rome: Paul & the Underground Church) at United in Christ Lutheran Church, 6-8:30 p.m.; ages 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade
- June 22-26: Discovery Canyon VBS @ Trinity Lutheran church; 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- July 22-26: 2009 Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA
- August 1: Picnic at Christ, Milton, pavilion; 6 p.m.

to continue His work among us and to faithfully use the many gifts God has given us to do that work. Chad Hershberger now serves as synod communicator. His work includes the synod newsletter and coordinating news of our congregations' ministries.

## Bible Trivia

How many children did Jacob have?

(See answer, page 15)



## ELCA Trivia

Did you Know?

...In Malawi, the Evangelical Lutheran Development Service (supported by gifts to ELCA World Hunger) sponsors the Kasungu Community Savings and Credit Cooperative. This and other local cooperatives are village banks built to offer microloans, and they are managed and supervised by the local communities.

Albeta Chilombo became a member in 2005, making a savings deposit of about \$3.50—the profits she earned from beekeeping, farming, and selling homemade breads. She is planning to apply for a small loan to make home repairs and increase the amount of honey, crops, and bread she can produce and sell.

## Synod Trivia

Did you Know?

Your synod staff now includes two new persons. Beth Yenchko is now serving as Mission Director and Stewardship Specialist. She helps us discern where Jesus is calling us

## A Thought for Father's Day

Many an excellent man is tempted to forget that the best offering he can make his children is himself.

- Henry Neumann

## What is a Father?

Being of the male species does not make a man a father, for a dad is a special blend of hero, disciplinarian, a friend, someone to look up to, someone to model...someone with a touch of the "mother" in him, someone who is big enough to say, "The fault was mine" ...someone who lives the kind of life that makes you want to say, "I, too, shall follow him!"

- Dr. Alton Kaul

**Happy Father's Day!**



OUR CHURCH'S  
**FINANCIAL  
HEALTH**

**Treasurer's Report for April**

	Begin. Balances 1/01/09	Receipts thru 4/30/09	Expenses thru 4/30/09	Curr. Balances 4/30/09
Current Expenses	\$3,817.57	\$46,292.20	-\$49,635.17	\$474.60
Synod Commitment	0	1,832.18	0	1,832.18
Local Benevolences	2,582.65	4,482.99	-1,773.50	5,292.14
Building Fund	10,194.51	584.00	-2,284.64	8,493.87
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$16,594.73</b>	<b>\$53,191.37</b>	<b>-\$53,693.31</b>	<b>16,092.79</b>
<b>Average Receipts per week</b>				\$2,723.07
<b>Need per week to meet Budget</b>				2,870.46



A.J. Gonzalez	6/1
Lauren Byers	6/2
Irmgard Gordos	6/2
Susan Berger	6/3
Randy Francis	6/4
Glenn Snyder, Jr.	6/5
Nancy Walters	6/5
Tonya Wargo	6/5
Mary Freeman	6/6
Todd Twist	6/6
Linda Short	6/9
Robert Byers	6/10
Chloe Abell	6/12
Larry Gray, Jr.	6/12
Tina Patraw	6/12
Linea Brouse	6/13
Adrienne Johnson	6/14
Merrill Miller, Sr.	6/15
Celia Shiffer	6/16
Nancy Weikel	6/17
Stacey Winner	6/18
Brian Bolich	6/19
Dylan Freeman	6/20
Stephanie Ulmer	6/21
Evelyn Yost	6/22
Steven Ishler	6/23
William Dotts	6/25
Bruce Bolich	6/26
Catherine Mazeall	6/26
Steve Manning	6/27
Tim Walsh, Sr.	6/27
David Hoffman	6/28
Rachel Solomon	6/28
Cory Templin	6/30



**THIS  
MONTH'S  
ANNIVERSARIES**

Gerald & Ruth Greenly	6/3	54 years
Tim & Pam Walsh	6/7	34 years
Gregory & Kelly Solomon	6/10	20 years
Joanne & John Ficks	6/12	60 years
Travis & Stacey Bartlett	6/17	9 years
Gary & Peggy Drum	6/17	25 years
Michael & Pamela Roush	6/18	21 years
George & Bebe Bolich	6/21	57 years
Todd & Laura Beck	6/26	40 years
Ed & Penny Coup	6/28	34 years
David & Evelyn Yost	6/28	29 years
Brad & Debra Bartlett	6/29	35 years
Jamie & Scott Faust	6/30	8 years



Scott & Carol Reed	7/2	10 years
Peggy & Daniel Neuhard	7/7	19 years
Roger & Nancy Watts	7/7	52 years
Jack & Patsy Aunkst	7/10	50 years
Gary & Debra Loreman	7/15	31 years
Mike & Mary Himes	7/22	3 years
Rusty & Kellie Brouse	7/23	21 years
Harry & Lois Berger	7/26	57 years
William & Stacey Winner	7/27	18 years



Jody Edwards	7/1
Leroy Hauck	7/1
Emily McHenry	7/1
Kenneth Callenberger	7/3
Tyler Perrin	7/3
Shawn Roush	7/4
Rick Edwards	7/5
Mackenzie Snyder	7/6
Jace Cresswell	7/9
Jeremy Herr	7/9
Ed Coup	7/10
Sandra Koser	7/11
Alex Freeman	7/16
Cody Winner	7/16
Kyle Kovilaritch	7/17
Debra Bartlett	7/18
Michael Roush	7/18
Grace Six	7/18
Kenneth Ulmer	7/21
Todd Beck, Jr.	7/22
Tatum Brittingham	7/22
Deb Snyder	7/22
Leah Walker	7/22
Isobel Feehrer	7/25
Betty Baumer	7/26
Barry Yeager	7/26
Adam Steeley	7/27
Jennifer Steeley	7/27
Helen Manning	7/30

## June Worship Participants

**Altar Guild:** Barbara Gray, Laurie Fisher, Ida Snyder

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Participants</u>
<b>June 7 Holy Trinity</b>	John & Trent Wargo, Dale Bender, Barry Yeager	A – Joseph Martin & Blake Wargo C – Lindsay Byers TB – Rachael Spear & Grant Wargo L – Rose Bolich S – Rose Bolich & Heather Martin SS – Roger Watts Prayer Team Minister – Rose Bolich
<b>June 14</b>	Ida Snyder, Kellie Brouse, Harold Webb, Lee Yost	A – Julia Spear L – Lindsay Byers S – Bebe Bolich & Ed Coup SS – Glenn Snyder Prayer Team Minister – Ed Coup
<b>June 21 Father's Day</b>	Bebe & George Bolich, Don & Laurie Fisher	A – Sydney Blosser L – Nancy Walters S – Rose Deaner & Rose Bolich SS – Roger Watts Prayer Team Minister – Rose Deaner
<b>June 28</b>	Rose & Terry Deaner, Chuck & Kim Mitch	A – Linea Brouse L – Laurie Fisher S - Bebe Bolich & Heather Martin SS – Glenn Snyder Prayer Team Minister – Kellie Brouse

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<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Rose Bolich	568-8433
<b>Ushers, Lectors, Servers &amp; Sound System:</b>	Church Office	742-7473
<b>Acolytes, Crucifers, &amp; Torchbearers:</b>	Kellie Brouse	742-2115



Bible Trivia Answer: 13 (12 sons, 1 daughter) See Genesis 29:31-30:24 & 35:16-18.

# June, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <b>10 am-Nominating meeting</b> 6 pm- Dance (last class)	<b>2</b> <i>8 am-Sermon Study Group</i> <b>7 pm-Council</b>	<b>3</b> 12-6 pm-Bloodmobile <b>4 pm-Quiet Communion</b> <b>7:30 pm-Sr. Choir (last rehearsal)</b>	<b>4</b> <b>2 pm-Bible Study</b> <b>3 pm-Tour de Revs leave Millmont</b> <b>4 pm-Tour de Revs arrive @ Synod office</b> <b>6 pm-Potluck dinner; Tour de Revs presentation</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>7 pm-Prayer &amp; Com.</b>
<b>7</b> <b>Holy Trinity</b> <b>8:30-Trinity worship</b> <b>9:00-Summer S.S.</b> <b>10:30-Holy Eucharist; Dedication of pavilion &amp; graduate recognition</b>	<b>8</b> <b>6:30 pm-VBS mtg.</b>	<b>9</b> <i>8 am-Sermon Study Group</i>	<b>10</b> <b>4 pm-Quiet Communion</b>  <b>**Pr. Pat on vacation thru 6/16 →→→</b>	<b>11</b> 10:30-worship @ Kramm's, Milton <b>2 pm-Bible Study</b> 2:30-worship @ Kramm's, Watsontown	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>7 pm-Prayer &amp; Com.</b>
<b>14</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. after Pentecost</b> <b>8:30-Trinity worship</b> <b>9:00-Summer S.S.</b> <b>10:30-Holy Eucharist; Home Communion</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <i>8 am-Sermon Study Group</i>	<b>17</b> <b>4 pm-Quiet Communion</b>	<b>18</b> <b>2 pm-Bible Study</b>	<b>19</b> Synod Assembly thru 6/20→→  Relay for Life @ MHS, 1pm today thru 1 pm Sat.→→	<b>20</b> 10 am-Celebration of new authorized lay worship leaders @ Weber Chapel  <b>7 pm-Prayer &amp; Com.</b>
<b>21 Father's Day</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. after Pentecost</b> <b>8:30-Trinity worship</b> <b>9:00-Summer S.S.</b> <b>10:30-Holy Eucharist; Celebration of Fathers</b> <b>5:30-8:15-VBS</b>	<b>22</b>  <b>5:30-8:15-VBS</b> <b>7 pm-Worship &amp; Music</b>	<b>23</b> <i>8 am-Sermon Study Group</i>	<b>24</b>  <b>4 pm-Quiet Communion</b>  <b>5:30-8:15-VBS</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>2 pm-Bible Study</b>  <b>5:30-8:15-VBS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>7 pm-Prayer &amp; Com.</b>
<b>28 Children's Day</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost</b> <b>8:30-Trinity worship</b> <b>9:00-Summer S.S.</b> <b>10:30-Holy Eucharist; Celebration of Children</b>	<b>29</b> 6 pm-Summer Dance	<b>30</b> <i>8 am-Sermon Study Group</i>				
Text Key: <b>Bold</b> – Christ Lutheran Events <i>Italics</i> – Pastor Pat's Activities      Plain – Community Events						

Please note: If you need emergency pastoral care while Pastor Pat is on vacation June 9-16, call Pastor Cheryl Berner at 742-4601 (church office) or 568-5009 (home).

## July Worship Participants

**Altar Guild:** Penny Ulmer, Penny & Ed Coup

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Participants</u>
<b>July 5</b>	Larry Gray, Nancy Watts, Bebe & George Bolich	A – Ryan Byers L – Brody Gray S – Rose Bolich & Heather Martin SS – Roger Watts Prayer Team Minister – Rose Bolich
<b>July 12</b>	Stacey & Ashley Winner, Kellie Brouse, Ruth Greenly	A – Justin Winner L – Ed Coup S – Bebe Bolich & Ed Coup SS – Roger Watts Prayer Team Minister – Ed Coup
<b>July 19</b>	John & Trent Wargo, Pete Ishler, Jack Plotts	A – Grant Wargo L – Rose Deaner S – Rose Deaner & Rose Bolich SS – Glenn Snyder Prayer Team Minister – Rose Deaner
<b>July 26</b>	Barry Yeager, Terry & Rose Deaner, Dale Bender	A – Rachael Spear L – Lindsay Byers S - Bebe Bolich & Heather Martin SS – Glenn Snyder Prayer Team Minister – Mae Jones

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# July, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 4 pm-Quiet Communion	<b>2</b> 2 pm-Bible Study	<b>3</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>4</b> NO 7 pm-Prayer & Com.
<b>5</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost 8:30-Trinity worship 9:00-Summer S.S. 10:30-Holy Eucharist	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <i>8 am-Sermon Study Group</i>	<b>8</b> 4 pm-Quiet Communion	<b>9</b> 2 pm-Bible Study	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7 pm-Prayer & Com.
<b>12</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost 8:30-Trinity worship 9:00-Summer S.S. 10:30-Holy Eucharist	<b>13</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 6 pm-Summer Dance	<b>14</b> <i>8 am-Sermon Study Group</i>	<b>15</b> 4 pm-Quiet Communion	<b>16</b> 6 am-Red Cross sandwich prep. 2 pm-Bible Study 6 pm-Witness mtg. w/potluck picnic in pavilion	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7 pm-Prayer & Com.
<b>19</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost 8:30-Trinity worship 9:00-Summer S.S. 10:30-Holy Eucharist; Home Communion; Mission Group arriving thru 7/25➔➔➔➔➔➔➔➔➔➔	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <i>8 am-Sermon Study Group</i>	<b>22</b> 4 pm-Quiet Communion  <i>6:30 pm-Mission Interpreters Mtg. @ Synod Office</i>	<b>23</b> 9 am-Newsletter Assembly 2 pm-Bible Study 6 pm-"We welcome you" potluck dinner in pavilion	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7 pm-Prayer & Com.
<b>26</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost 8:30-Trinity worship 9:00-Summer S.S. 10:30-Holy Eucharist	<b>27</b> 6 pm-Summer Dance	<b>28</b> <i>8 am-Sermon Study Group</i>	<b>29</b> 4 pm-Quiet Communion	<b>30</b> 2 pm-Bible Study	<b>31</b>	
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## Coming up in August:

- 1** – Bible Buddies family event – Northern Lights picnic in pavilion – 6 p.m. (no Saturday evening worship service)
- 7** – 6 to 9 p.m. – Leadership Retreat
- 13** – 10:30 a.m. – worship @ Kramm's, Milton
- 13** – 2:30 p.m. – worship @ Kramm's, Watson town