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# *The Parish Voice*

Newsletter of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Milton, PA  
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## **What A Joy**

- Written by Ed Coup

Sunday, August 12, 2007 at 11:45 a.m. A moment in time that most of our church members will have etched in their memories for a very long time. A statement was made that day. Loud and clear. Tears of joy were shed. The Holy Spirit is guiding our church, and the majority of our congregation is joyful and supportive of the direction. Wonderful things await our church, and many challenges also face us.

Our church has many successes to celebrate and rejoice in. I think about our loving congregation, who many times has showed they are willing to reach out to others in a time of need. Praise God that you do. We have proven that our mission statement is more than words; it is the positive actions that have been taken.

Our children's sermon is engaging our youth in a way that makes them want to attend church and learn about God. These young people are our future. Let's continue to teach and nurture them. There have been more than a few parents that have remarked to me that their young sons or daughters actually want to come to church. Praise be to God.

Our ministry groups have begun to attract new volunteers, and that is needed. To be a vibrant, mission driven church, we need the help of each and every one of our members, no matter what talents they have, and no matter how little, or how much time they can give.

And last, but certainly not least, we have a Pastor that loves God, loves our Church, and loves each and every one of us. How lucky we are.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mission Statement of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church</b></p>
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Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your overwhelming affirmation of call on August 12 to serve as your permanent pastor. I am honored, humbled, and blessed that God has called us to continue our relationship as partners in the ministry of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I accept that call with joy, and I am looking forward to the many years and ministries God has in store for our life together!

It was wonderful to look out in our church on August 12 and see the signs of ministry we have shared in our first two years together. In our church sat the joys, the leaps forward, the wrestling with challenges and tough questions, the countless times of splashing, breaking, pouring, hearing, and sharing God's signs of grace. It was a brilliant picture of love that reflects the AMAZING power of God's Holy Spirit calling us to continue to tell the story of Jesus!

May the joy we have shared in this journey to God's call continue to lead us throughout our days of serving our Lord together. We don't stop with August 12 - we now begin the next part of God's amazing call to follow Christ's example and teachings through worshiping, witnessing, learning, supporting one another, and reaching out to others....

With much, much love,  
Your partner in mission and ministry,

Pastor Pat ☺

## ***Mission Project Chosen and Supported!***

When our congregation met earlier in the year to determine where God was leading us to tithe our recent bequests from Mary Lou Johnson and Anna Yagel, you may remember that we designated a \$10,000 gift to be sent to a specific ELCA mission project.

Your leaders on Church Council chose to support hospitals in need in Tanzania. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania supports 20 hospitals in their country that have been having difficulty with electrical power surges and undependable electrical power. This electrical power problem has interrupted necessary medical care and in some cases has destroyed expensive, hard-to-get medical equipment. Global Health Ministries, one of our regular loose-offering recipients, conducted an evaluation of the electrical problem and have found a solution that will provide battery back-up to the power supply, but the cost for the installation is an average of \$7,500 per hospital (a total of \$1.5 million).

What a blessing it is to know that somewhere in Tanzania, God's gifts that we now pass forward from God's gifts given to us will now support one of those 20 hospitals! As you draw from the ministry of our local hospitals, remember the people God has given us to provide dependable health care in Tanzania. We are partners in faith all over the world, and now, in a particular way, with our sisters and brothers in Tanzania. To God be the glory!

## Prayer Concerns . . .



*Members, Friends and Family*  
Eugene Benfer; Grace Bentley;  
Maxine Bingaman; Gene Buck;  
Ivy Butterworth; Evelyn  
Campbell; Karen Campbell;

Miles Crawford; Rose Deaner; Tim Devane; Cy  
& Christine Eminhizer; Tony & Pat Fox; Simon  
Francis; Jeff Frederick; Joyce Frederick; Edith  
Gray; Shirley Gromlich; Barbara Guy; Paul  
Heimbach; Sam Henney; Mindy Hewitt; Ben  
Housner; Vicki Jones; Raymond Keefer;  
Marraine Kettel; Harold Kirkpatrick; David  
King; Taylor Klees; Thelma Mauger; Audrey  
Miller; Marc Miller; Dan Morgan; Ken  
Mowery; Robert Newman; Sue Newton;  
Hunter Page; David Pisani; Jackie Reich; Lynda  
Phillips; Tony Randall; Florence & Dayton  
Reese; Crystal Reid family; James Russell; Judy  
Schneider; Tammy Schneider; Mackenzie  
Snyder; Nancy Snyder; June Solomon; Betty  
Steele; John Taylor; John Tharp; Walsh family;  
Audrey Wands; Gerald Wands; Bill Wargo;  
Danette Weikel; Daniel Weiland; Beth Wertz;  
Jack Wertz; Kathy; Jennifer

### *Homebound & Special Concerns Members...*

Carrie Bastian; Blanche and Kermit Benfer;  
Caroline Bobb; Lucille Bruss; Mary Burns; Dr.  
Ken and Betty Jeanne Callenberger; Edith  
Coup; Anna DeHart; Gladys Fisher; Irmgard  
Gordos; Margaret & Tommy Kline; Mary  
Kathryn Leiby; Helen Manning; Dix and  
Pauline Reitz; Marguarite Ruth; Connie Sholly;  
Marie Springer; Leah Walker; Kenneth Webb;  
Josephine Yocum

### *Military...*

Adam Arndt; Todd Beck Jr.; Amy Brown;  
Joshua Brown; B. J. Dellinger; Justin Dorman;  
Matthew Dorman; Daniel Gonzales; Gabriel  
Gonzales; Justin Gonzales; Christopher  
Grimsley; Jay Milinichik; Anthony Nudson;  
Dan Moll; Brandon Rathfon; Ben Rebuck;

Glenn Snyder; Eric Strobeck; Todd Twist;  
Stephanie Ulmer

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

These are *member families* we have prayed for in Church since last issue: Thomas Berger, Randy Francis, Ryan Francis, Steve Greenly, Peter & Grace Six, Willard J. Bloom, Willard & Janie Bloom, Marlin & Joyce Frederick

Our thanks and prayers go out to this year's *Nominating Committee* for their hard work, their prayerful dedication, and their decisions borne of the Holy Spirit's call. They are currently contacting three people whom God is calling to serve as Council members beginning in 2008. Continue to pray for God's hand in their response, and for God's guidance and direction for our leadership needs in 2008, as you also pray in thanksgiving for those who have served in this process: Kellie Brouse, Ed Coup, Rose Deaner, Barbara Gray, Peggy Neuhard, and Mary Steeley.

Remember our leaders and congregational families as you offer your prayers.

*Blessings and congratulations to Jeremy Logan Tharp and Cecily Anne Van Vaerenewyck, son and daughter-in-law of **Pastor Pat**, who were married on Saturday, August 18. "Faithful Lord, source of love, pour down your grace upon Jeremy & Cecily, that they may fulfill the vows they have made and reflect your steadfast love in their life-long faithfulness to each other...use us to support their life together...from your great store of strength give them power and patience, affection and understanding, courage, and love toward you, toward each other, and toward the world, that they may continue together in mutual growth according to your will in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."*  
(LBW, page 204)

**Thank you to Connie Sholly** who serves the Lord by folding our Celebrate inserts each week. We appreciate your ministry!

**Thank you to Anna Snyder, Ida & Glenn Snyder, Nancy & Roger Watts, and Penny Ulmer** for packing military boxes and to those who donated money or materials for the mailing!

## In the News . . .



**Blake Wargo** – Milton Little League player and winner of Oral Health America's 2007 National Spit Tobacco Education Program Slogan Contest with "Make the smart call...no tobacco at all!"

Milton Middle School Award Recipients:

**Morgan Jane Greenly** – Outstanding Attendance and Highest Grade Average in Language Arts for Grade 8; **Rachael Spear** – Recognition as Historian and working with publicity for Student Council

**Frank Hartzel** – remembering Milton Bridge collapse

**Nancy Walters** – backyard gardener

**Kermit Benfer** – woodworking

If we've missed any newsmakers this month, please call or bring in your clippings so we can include them in next month's issue.

Thanks!

## Thank You Notes . . . .

Our family would like to say thank you very much for all the cards, prayers, and money donation. We really appreciate what you have given. You all have blessed us and we're very thankful. John, my husband, is doing okay. We still have bad days but the Lord gets us through day by day. Thank you all very much. May God Bless You! – **John, Rachel, Dylan & Ian Tharp, 10 Johnny St., Wardensville, WV 26851**

God bless you wonderful people. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Jesus, Pastor Pat, and my friends in Jesus at Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you for all the prayers and cards.

- **Judy Schneider**



Thank you – all of you – for your loving care of us during this year. We are SO VERY GRATEFUL for your generosity, your concern, your prayers, and all you do for us. Our children are doing so very much better – and you have been an amazingly abundant source of strength. You are such a blessing to us! With love,

**Pastor Pat & Pastor Keith ☺**

Thank you to all who had a part in the meet & greet for me on Tuesday. It was very nice, and I enjoyed meeting those of you who were able to come. I appreciate so much your welcoming of me!

- **Lorei Comerer, Office Mgr.**



## New & Improved Family Reunion

Come One, Come All... to the new and improved Family Reunion on September 9.

~ Sunday School Kick-Off @ 9 a.m.

~ Worship in the Sanctuary @ 10:30 a.m.

~ Potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall after worship

Come & learn about all the ways people can participate in worship.

Best of all there will be no bees, no bugs, no heat, or humidity!!

Hope to see you there!

## Confirmation Classes to Begin

Pastor Pat will be sending letters of invitation to our confirmation students, mentors, and parents for this year's program. You are invited to meet in the parlor on Sunday, September 16, at 9 a.m., to hear more about the confirmation program. Put this special date on your calendar and plan to attend!



## Blessing of Labor Sunday, September 2

Bring something that represents the labor you offer to God's glory in the world. We will ask God's blessing upon the labor God has given us to share with all God's people. Do you work outside? Bring a tool of your trade. Do you work at a desk or another inside job? Bring a tool that helps you do your work every day. Do you work at home? Bring a home utensil, a desk accessory, even a non-perishable food item! If your ministry is to play or attend school, bring a toy or a school accessory you use every day. Be creative, and allow God's Holy Spirit to inspire you to share an example of how you offer yourself in doing God's work every day....

Then place your item on the altar rail when you come for church on September 2 (10:30 a.m.) – and let's receive God's continuing blessing in worship for our work in another new year!

## Youth News

Everyone that came to the Summer Picnic Pool Party had a great time! Many thanks to the Spear family for opening their house and pool resort. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. It was like escaping to another part of the world. The weather was perfect!! We had plenty of great food, church fellowship, and were able to build some long lasting memories with our church family. Be sure to check out the web page for some of the pictures. We even had s'more cookies. If you don't know what they are, try the recipe in the newsletter. Watch for more youth events to come...they're a blast!!

## Life After Loss

Evangelical Hospice and Community Health Education are offering a six-week educational bereavement group called "Life After Loss." Anyone 18 years or older who has experienced the loss of a loved one is invited to attend. It is recommended that your loss be longer than six months. The group will meet Wednesdays, September 19 – October 24 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. in the Community Health Education Center. There is a \$20 fee. Registration is required. Please call 522-2955.

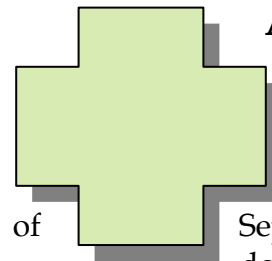
## Vets Helping Vets



Christ United Lutheran Church (Four Bells Church) has begun a ministry for our service veterans. Veterans from the congregation and Pastor John Yost

will host a group for veterans returning from Afghanistan and Iraq, but Vets from all eras are welcome. Meetings will be the first and third Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. at CULC (Four Bells Church), Route 45, Millmont. Contact Mike Glennon at 966-9431 for more information.

## American Red Cross



**Food Bank**—The Red Cross is collecting *salmon, tuna, or spam* for the month of September. Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the narthex. Thank you.

## S'more Cookie Recipe

½ cup butter  
 ½ cup shortening  
 1 cup packed brown sugar  
 ½ cup sugar  
 2 eggs  
 1-1/2 tsp. vanilla  
 3 cups flour  
 1 tsp. baking soda  
 ¼ tsp. salt  
 1-1/2 cups oatmeal  
 1 cup chocolate chips  
 1 cup marshmallows

Cream butter, shortening, and sugars. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Combine flour, soda, salt, and gradually add to creamed mixture. Stir in the oats, chocolate chips, and marshmallows. Drop by heaping teaspoonful, 2 inches apart on greased baking sheets. Bake @ 350 degrees for 9-11 minutes or until golden brown. Cool for 1-2 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely. Enjoy!

## New Bishop to Begin

At Synod Assembly, God called the Rev. Robert Driesen, pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church, South Williamsport, as our next bishop. Bishop-elect Driesen will begin his ministry Sept. 7, with his installation to be held on October 21.

Please pray for our Synod, for Bishop Main and Bishop-elect Driesen, and especially for our Synod staff, as we face both the blessings and challenges of change. God's Holy Spirit has led us here together and will continue to guide and direct our ministry together.

## Learn to Dance

Ballroom Dance Lessons with a Difference  
 Using International Steps

Date: Begins Monday, October 1

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Christ Lutheran  
Church

1125 Mahoning Street, Milton, PA

Cost: \$8.00 per couple

Child care is possible.



Frank & Sandy Hartzel will offer weekly group learning sessions in ballroom dancing. They will be using all types of music that make you want to dance. Class size is limited. Please make reservations by calling the Church at 742-7473.

## Tutors Are Needed

Volunteer tutors are needed for the Milton Area Homework Club sponsored by the Milton YMCA. The Club is for elementary and middle school students. The program starts September 4 and will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping, contact Ann Lawton, Program Director, at 742-7321.

## Milton Harvest Festival



Pick up a brochure on the table in the narthex at the Church or at one of the businesses in town to see what's going on the week of September 7-16. Many activities are planned including the Tomato Bowl Football Game, Arts & Crafts on both Saturdays, Princess Pageant, Little Miss/Junior Miss Pageant, Pops Concert, and much more!! Check out the website at [www.miltonharvestfestival.org](http://www.miltonharvestfestival.org).



## Treasurer's Report for July

	Begin. Balances 1/01/07	Receipts thru 7/29/07	Expenses thru 7/29/07	Curr. Balances 7/29/07
Current Expenses	1,743.18	77,128.93	-76,038.05	2,834.06
Synod Commitment	0	0	0	0
Local Benevolences	0	7,408.02	-4,941.90	2,466.12
Building Fund	8,790.44	1,283.05	0	10,073.49
Parking Lot Fund	6,000.00	0	0	6,000.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	16,533.62	85,820.00	-80,979.95	21,373.67
<b>Year-End Projections:</b>				
Average Receipts per week				2,571.00
NEED per week to MEET Budget				-2,629.00
<b>Year-End Projections</b>	<b>133,692</b>	<b>-136,693</b>	<b>-3,001.00</b>	



## September Anniversaries

Marvel & Zeke Fisher	9/2	46 years
Blaine & Dorothea Poeth	9/4	20 years
John & Tonya Wargo	9/10	19 years
Scott & Maxine Jones	9/18	31 years
Ken & Betty Callenberger	9/21	62 years
William & Betty Dotts	9/22	23 years
Donna & James Spear	9/27	21 years
Chadd & Dawn Sechler	9/28	16 years
Ken & Penny Ulmer	9/29	28 years



## September Birthdays

Rodney Bastian	9/2
Joseph Feichtel	9/2
Pauline Reitz	9/2
Audrey Wands	9/2
Lee Yost	9/3
Blanche Benfer	9/4
John Wargo	9/5
John Heffelfinger	9/6
Marissa Cresswell	9/7
Sarah Mullin	9/7
Alice Roush	9/8
Patricia Hendricks	9/9
Bret Johnson	9/10
Rose Bolich	9/12
Jessica Guffey	9/12
Steve Greenly	9/14
Carson Berge	9/15
Gavin Walsh	9/15
Pam Walsh	9/15
Mandy Beck	9/17
Gerald Greenly	9/17
Elizabeth Brown	9/18
Terri Engleman-Fisher	9/18
Christopher Jones	9/18
Mary Steeley	9/18
Dawn Umholtz	9/18
Connie Sholly	9/19
Jayden Patraw	9/20
Edith Gray	9/21
Gregory Valiquette	9/22
Timothy Manning	9/24
Hailey Bartlett	9/25
Robert Greenly	9/25
Jody McHenry	9/25
Scott Jones	9/26
Rose Deaner	9/27
Margaret Derr	9/27
Kay Hoffman	9/29
Tonia Steeley	9/29
Olivia Giacobbi	9/30

## September Worship Participants

**Altar Guild:** Ann Johnson, Kristen Bastian, Pam Walsh

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Participants</u>
<b>Sept. 2</b>	Bill Dotts, Don & Laurie Fisher, Dale Bender	A - Linea Brouse L - Stephen Moll S - Ed Coup & Heather Martin SS - Stephen Moll Prayer Team Minister - Mae Jones
<b>Sept. 9</b>	Larry Gray, Jack Plotts, Kim Mitch, Lee Yost	A - Ryan Byers L - Ed Coup S - Bebe Bolich & Rose Deaner SS - Stephen Moll Prayer Team Minister - Rose Bolich
<b>Sept. 16</b>	Gerald & Ruth Greenly, John & Tonya Wargo	A - Alex Gonzales L - Betty Eskildson S - Heather Martin & Rose Bolich SS - Stephen Moll Prayer Team Minister - Kellie Brouse
<b>Sept. 23</b>	Nancy & Roger Watts, Betty Morgan, Pete Ishler	A - Amanda Johnson L - Laurie Fisher S - Ed Coup & Brittany Snyder SS - Roger Watts Prayer Team Minister - Mae Jones
<b>Sept. 30</b>	Harry Berger, Harold Webb, Bill & Stacey Winner	A - Blake Wargo L - Penny Ulmer S - Rose Bolich & Bebe Bolich SS - Stephen Moll Prayer Team Minister - Rose Bolich

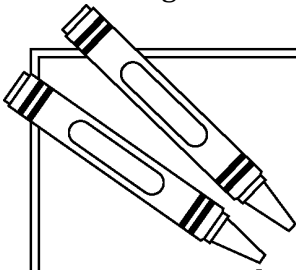
**If you are unable to participate on the dates you are scheduled this month, we would ask that you please contact the following people so arrangements can be made for someone to take your place:**

<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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>SEPTEMBER 2007</b>						1
2 <b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b> 10:30-Holy Eucharist w/ Blessing of Labor	3 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  <i>9/3-Pastor with family in Chambersburg</i>	4 <i>8 am-Sermon Study Group</i> <b>7 pm-Council</b>	5 <b>No Quiet Communion</b>	6 <i>8:30 am - Buffalo Valley Pastor's Conference</i> <b>2 pm-Bible Study</b>  3-9 pm - Dance	7	8 8-5 Northern Lights booth @ Harvest Festival  9 am-Lay Worship Leaders class
9 <b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b> 9:00-Opening of Sunday School 10:30-Land & Seasons Family Reunion Service with Potluck luncheon; Growing Disciples	10 .	11 <i>8 am-Sermon Study Group</i> .	12 <i>8:30 am - Milton Ministerium Mtg.</i> <b>4 pm-Quiet Communion</b>	13 11:00 am - worship @ Rockwell Ctr. <b>2 pm-Bible Study</b>  3-9 pm - Dance	14	15 1 pm-Harvest Festival Parade  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
16 <b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b> 9 am-Confirmation class begins 10:30-Holy Eucharist Home Communion 7 pm-Bible Study	17	18 <i>8 am-Sermon Study Group</i>	19 <b>4 pm-Quiet Communion</b>	20 <b>2 pm-Bible Study</b>  3-9 pm - Dance	21	22
23 <b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b> 10:30-Holy Eucharist	24 <b>7 pm - Worship &amp; Music Mtg.</b>	25 <i>8 am-Sermon Study Group</i>  <b>6:30 pm-Finance Mtg.</b>	26 <b>4 pm - Quiet Communion</b>	27 <b>9 am - Newsletter Assembly</b> <b>2 pm - Bible Study</b> 3-9 pm - Dance	28	29
30 <b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b> 10:30-Holy Eucharist						
Text Key: <b>Bold - Christ Lutheran Events</b> <i>Italics - Pastor Pat's Activities</i> Plain - Community Events						

**Look what's new...** Sunday Evening Bible Study begins September 16 at 7 p.m. We'll meet once a month in the parlor to study the short books of the Bible, starting with the book of Obadiah. Bring your Bible, and come join the conversation!



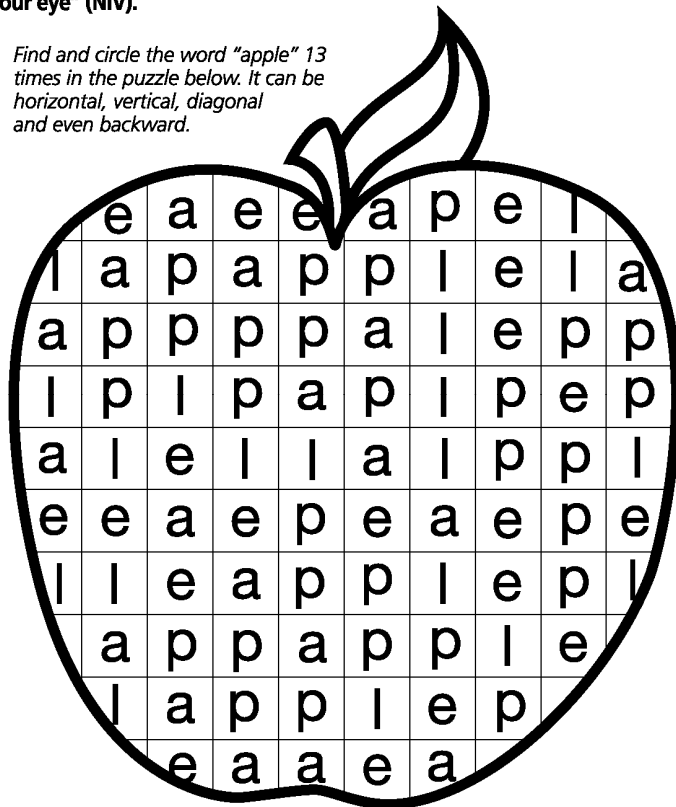


# Just for KIDS

## Apple of Your Eye

When something is said to be the "apple of your eye," it means it's precious to you and you would protect it as you would your own eye. With school starting up again, we should remember God's instructions in Proverbs 7:2: "Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye" (NIV).

*Find and circle the word "apple" 13 times in the puzzle below. It can be horizontal, vertical, diagonal and even backward.*



**Public Office Hours** are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (*unless previously noted in the weekly bulletin or monthly newsletter*). Please feel free to stop by with bulletin announcements or monthly newsletter articles.

Deadlines are:

**Bulletin announcements** are due in office by Wednesday afternoon at 2 pm.

**Newsletter articles** are due in office by the 15th of each month (unless otherwise noted on newsletter calendar).

***Deadline for the next newsletter is September 15 with assembly on Thursday, September 27.***

Please feel free to e-mail [secretary@christlutheranmpa.org](mailto:secretary@christlutheranmpa.org) with any bulletin announcements or newsletter articles.

**ADDRESS CHANGE/ADDITION**

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