

THE PARISH VOICE

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

September, 2011

Someone Who Cares

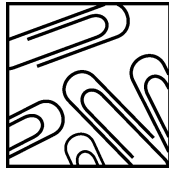
It's easy to become discouraged when we pause to consider the needs all around us. So many worthy causes and pressing concerns require action. What can one person with limited resources accomplish?

Theodore Geisel (a.k.a. Dr. Seuss) said, "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."

We're most effective and fulfilled when we put our God-given talents and resources into areas he has uniquely shaped our hearts to be passionate for. Passion is the key. If you want to make a difference, find something you care a "whole awful lot" about and then dive in.

Mission Statement of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

We are called by God to follow Christ's example and teachings by worshipping, witnessing, learning, supporting one another, and reaching out to others.



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

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:

Bulletin announcements are due in office by **Wednesday at 12:00 noon**.

Newsletter articles are due in office by the **10th of each month** (*unless otherwise noted on newsletter calendar or bulletin*).

Deadline for the next newsletter is September 8, with assembly on Thursday, September 22.

Please e-mail secretary@christlutheranmpa.org with any bulletin announcements or newsletter articles.

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“Corn Walls and God’s Love...”

Last week, as I avoided the construction traffic on Rt. 15 in Lewisburg, I drove along Colonel John Kelly Road toward JPM Road. Along both sides of the road stood these bounteous walls of corn that gave me a sense of being enveloped and protected. “Corn walls,” I call them – and I hadn’t used the word Cornwall since my Civil War history days in elementary school. The words “just appeared” in my head! ☺



I began to think of the contrast between the Cornwall of war and the corn walls that we see along our farming areas here in central PA this time of year. They remind me of the abundance of a crop that feeds us all in some way. They also remind me of the abundant harvest that we will soon have – AND especially the abundant harvest that Jesus asks us to reap for God’s Kingdom.

In these days of summer’s carefree schedules and maturing food crops, we have a good reminder of our task as Jesus’ disciples. Not only can we feed the hungry with such abundance as this, we can also BE fed by it and the sense of its surrounding us with God’s life and love. I’d like to think that corn walls, in their way of hiding and enclosing us from the community around us, can also prepare us for the walls to be torn down and the goodness shared. Someone, somewhere is dying for God’s love, and we may be the only ones with the ability to share it with that person(s). Rather than remain hiding in the corn wall, rather than holding it to ourselves for comfort and protection, we must soon drive, walk, run, look over, look beyond, and even tear down the corn walls to the places where others have not yet known their beauty and hope.

I have to admit that corn on the cob is one of the great delicacies of this time of year. Yet without the corn walls and the nourishment of corn’s silk, I would never know that goodness. What a shame it would be for someone in an abundant area like this to never know the taste of fresh corn from the stalk!

That’s our call, friends. There’s lots of corn available in God’s kingdom. Rather than simply feed us and delight our taste buds, however, God’s corn is the life of eternity. Wouldn’t it be a

shame if no one harvested that gift and shared it? We would all be in trouble, then, huh?

Be the corn walls of our community and bring God's hope into the life of someone you know.

See you in church!

"...the harvest is plentiful, and the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." --Matthew 9:37b-38

Your partner in mission and ministry,

Pastor Pat ☺

Prayer Concerns

For the sick: Roy Crawford; Ryan Divers; Larry Graby, Sr.; Steve Ishler; Gloria Long; Joyce Long; Kaylee Long; Jeff Mensch; Blaine Poeth; Harrison Shirk

For those with ongoing, extended illness: Faith Bacon; Geraldine &

Christopher Betts; Joan Bilger; Inez Bingaman; Bruce Bolich; Emmaline Brown; Mike Butler; Jason & Ryan Caldwell; Evelyn Campbell; Karen Campbell; Cassie Choplik; Carol Conrad; Rose Deaner; Travis Deitrick; Robert Derr; Barbara & Dick Emley; Joann & Jack Ficks; Catherine Finn; Laurie Fisher; Virginia Frantz; Donna Gearhardt; Marie Gray; Dana Habecker; Lisa Huntington; Pat Kerstetter; Frank Kovilaritch, Sr.; Patricia Leonard; Shirley Menges; Lois, Rachel, & Jessica McDonald; Terry Moll; Stephanie Neal; Lucia Nolan; Hunter Page; Sandy Paul; Lennis Pyers; Joy Reaser; Ned Roush;

*God's
Answers
Prayers*

Paul Smith; Shirley Smith; Mackenzie Snyder; Florence Stahlnecker; Mary Steeley; Dorothy Stevens; Kisha Suarez; George & Tresha Sudol; Janet Swisher; Terry Valiquette; George Van Riper; Tim Walsh, Jr.; Alphon Watts; Carol Watts; Percy Webb; Noah Wenrick; Paul Wiles; Sherry Yingling

For those in sorrow: Family & friends of Mary K. Leiby; All who have lost loved ones; those in our community and the world who are recovering from fires and natural disasters

For those anticipating and recovering from surgery: Jamie Adkins; Luigi Stellato; Wm. Triplett; Darlas Yost; Donald Zerbe

For those adjusting to life changes: All those affected by political upheavals in eastern Nations

For those struggling with personal problems: Kevan Campbell; Gregory family; Nicholas Machusak

For the imprisoned

For the homebound: Phyllis Albertson; Caroline Bobb; Lucille Bruss; Mary Burns; Edith Coup; Betty Dotts; Isobel Feehrer; Gladys Fisher; Bessie Hartzel; Merritt & Doris Heffelfinger; Paul Heimbach; Tom Kline; Elva Mazeall; Dix & Pauline Reitz; Marguarite Ruth; Camille Schillig; Connie Sholly; Marie Springer; Leah Walker; Kenneth Webb; Nancy Weikel

For those serving in the military: Amy Brown; Joshua Brown; Matthew Dorman; Justin Gonzales; Gabriel Gonzales; Larry Graby, Jr.; Dan Moll; Josh Mosier; Anthony Nudson; Ken Ring; Eric Strobeck

For leaders, guides, students, and workers: Pr. Pat; Pr. Keith; Sunday School & Bible Buddies leaders and helpers; missionaries; Bishop Robert Driesen & Synod Staff; Bishop Mark Hanson & ELCA Staff

For those needing daily strength: Brouse family; Mary Cromis; Peggy Hutchinson; Camille Kreisher; Dale Kriner & family; Dan Rarig; Brad Rowe; Rebecca Ulmer; Whitmyer family

For those with unspoken needs

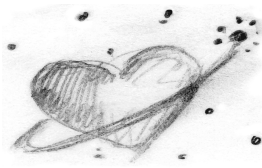
For our partners who serve with us in Appalachia: All those suffering from unhealthy stress perhaps following natural disasters like floods and tornadoes. Many other stressors like divorce, job loss, abuse, and loss of a way of life can trigger the symptoms of PTSD.

For activities and events, and for those who are traveling: Nominating Committee; Sunday School meeting



More prayers needed... These are *member families* we have prayed for in Church since last issue: Sandy Buck; June Mull; Cynthia Feudale; Kathleen Burch; Peggy Neuhard; Kimberly Bastian; Mary Burns; Robert & Evelyn O'Connell; Marvel & Zeke Fisher; Robert, Stephanie, Lindsay, Lauren, Ryan, & Alyssa Byers; Alice Ann Parsons; Angela Francis; Betty Callenberger; Dianne, Zachary, & Tyler Perrin; Ryan Francis.

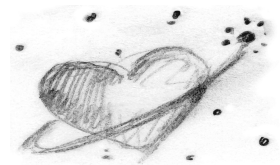
Celebrations



Blessings and congratulations to Salvatore Charles LaNunziata, son of Joe and Julie (Fisher) LaNunziata, who was baptized at Christ Church on Sun., August 14, 2011. Salvatore's membership is at Ascension Lutheran Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, where he attends with his parents. His proud grandparents from Christ Church are Don & Laurie Fisher, along with proud great-grandparents, Lee & Darlas Yost.

Lord, with great joy you call your children into your kingdom. Gather us all around your throne, offering ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. May the words and deeds we offer in your name bring many more to know the blessings of living in you! Amen.

Blessings and congratulations to Eric Lee Fisher and Kylie Ann (Rosengrant) Fisher, who were married at Christ Church on Sun., August 14, 2011. Eric and Kylie are active members at Tunkhannock United Methodist Church. God's blessings to



Eric's proud parents from Christ Church, Don & Laurie Fisher, as well as his proud grandparents, Lee & Darlas Yost.

Eternal God, without your grace no promise is sure.

Strengthen Eric and Kylie with patience, kindness, gentleness, and all other gifts of your Spirit, so they may fulfill the vows they have made. Keep them faithful to each other and to you. Fill them with such love and joy that they may build a home of peace and welcome. Guide them by your Word to serve you all their days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



A Special
THANK YOU



- To Pete Ishler and Roger Watts, for your help installing the new water fountains.
- To Rich Olsen, for your help each week changing our sign out front.
- To Dylan & Ian Tharp, for putting labels on special offering envelopes and sharpening the pew pencils. ☺
- To our faithful ladies, Ida Snyder, Anna Mae Harpster, & Kathleen Burch, who get the newsletter ready for mailing each month, and to Betty Baumer, who 'retired' from the 'newsletter business.'
- To Susan Albert, for taking on the task of laundering the acolyte and choir robes when needed.

Thank You Notes



On behalf of the East Central Division staff and volunteers of the American Cancer Society, I graciously thank you for your

continued contributions and your most recent gift of \$848.45 for the Relay For Life.

- Garry Pincock, C.E.O., American Cancer Society

Thank you to all who have offered your prayers and love during my Dad's illness. He is currently with my sister at her home in Woodstock, doing well, improving, and recently released from the doctor's care in Washington, D.C. God has certainly handed our family another miracle in Daddy. He's strong and moving in the direction of God's good healing. God bless all of you for your care, your love, and your never-ending prayers for our family. With much love,

- Pastor Pat ☺

Worship Attendance Records

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Other Services</u>	<u>Total</u>
July 3	50	9	2 priv. comm..	61
July 10	59	*		59
July 17	54	7		61
July 24	75	12	3 priv. comm..	90
July 31	66	11	3 priv. comm..	80

*No worship – Pastor's family emergency

Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy...

Loose Cash Offerings in Worship & Special Appeals Envelopes

Fire Departments (2) & Prison Ministry

(envelope provided with newsletter)

Please make checks payable to "Christ Lutheran Church."

Be a cheerful giver!

Please give generously to help others!!!

From Your Finance Leaders...

	<u>June</u>	<u>Year-to-date: Jan.-June</u>
Total Budget Offerings Received in June:	\$ 7889.90	\$58387.43
Total Budget Expenses for June:	<u>\$ 7752.87</u>	<u>\$61138.11</u>
Difference:	<u>\$ 137.03</u>	<u>\$<2750.68></u>

(We met our expenses in June with a surplus; we are \$2750.68 over budget in expenses for the first six months.)

Monthly Offerings Needed to Meet Budget:	\$10044.58	\$60267.48
(Needed from each family: \$102/mo.)		
Actual Budget Offerings Received:	<u>\$ 7889.90</u>	<u>\$58387.43</u>
Difference:	<u>\$<2154.68></u>	<u>\$<1880.05></u>

(Our offerings are \$2154.68 under budget for June, and \$1880.05 under budget for the first six months.)

*Thank you for all you do to support the ministry God calls us to do
at Christ Church!*

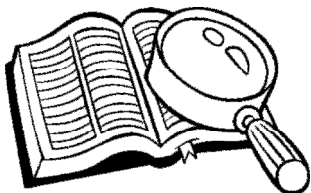
Stewardship for the 21st Century – Top Ten Stewardship Verses

(from the 2010 Rethinking Stewardship Conference;
commentary by Grace Duddy, M.A. Senior, Luther Seminary)

#10 – 2 Corinthians 8 – “Anything you can do, I can do better.”

Generosity is not circumstantial and giving is a privilege. In this passage, Paul uses the story of the Macedonians’ abundant generosity in the face of trial to encourage the Corinthians to give generously.

Bible Study & Christian Education Opportunities



- Thursdays, 2 p.m., in the parlor – studying the book of Genesis, using Book of Faith resources
- Sunday Bible Study begins on Sun., September 18, from 7-8 p.m. in the parlor. We will be studying the book of Esther. October's study date will be Sun., October 30, from 7-8 p.m. in the parlor.
- Gerasene Team ministry – We gear up for the Fall on Sun., September 18. If you would like to be part of a group that is studying and pondering ways we can reach out in our community with the good news of Jesus, please join us! We meet during the Sunday School hour. (Our October meeting is Sun., October 23.)
- Don't forget to be part of Sunday School each week! Our classes begin for the Fall on Sun., September 11, at 9 a.m. Chaplain Debra Reitz of the Muncy Prison will be with us to get us started on our Christmas gift for Jesus! We'll be supporting the children who come to the prison to visit their parents. Be a part of this great day AND this great opportunity to be a disciple of Jesus! All ages invited and encouraged to attend! Regular classes will start on Sunday, September 18.
- Bible Buddies youth gatherings begin on Fri., September 16. We'll be studying "the wise man who built his house on the rock- Jesus Christ." All youth are invited to attend. We meet from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. – and supper is included! Our October meeting date will be Fri., October 28.
- Confirmation Class begins Sunday, September 25, at 9 a.m. Please be in touch with Pastor Pat as soon as possible if you plan to participate. Classes will be monthly during the Sunday School hour, with an additional meeting at another time during the month – to be determined at the first class. If you have not yet been confirmed, and you are at least 7th grade, join Pastor Pat – with your parents – in the parlor on Sun., September 25 – 9 a.m.!!!!

Choir Practice Starts Wed., August 31 at 7 p.m.

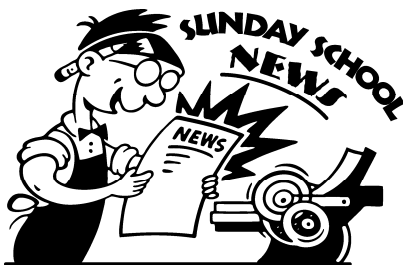


Bring your voice to offer in praise to God each week as a member of the Christ Church Choir! Practices are each Wednesday evening from 7-8 p.m. You may robe and sit in the choir each week, or you may feel free to sit with loved ones in the pew and come forward for the

weekly choir anthem. Use your joyful noise to bring melody to God's house in the choir!!!

New Sunday School Format – Starting this September

For all our youngest saints who attend Sunday School through Sixth Grade, this year's format will be a little different – AND EXCITING!!!! We will focus each month on one Bible story, and enrich that story with learning stations that change each week. One week will include the Bible story and related activities, another week will focus on crafts for that story, another on music – with our youngest saints offering their music in worship from time to time, and a final week will focus on our project for Jesus and/or a game week. All activities will teach the basics of the story for the month. Teachers will take turns leading the various activities – and we hope to have a lot of fun doing it all!!!!



For youngsters who come at least 3 Sundays a month – you will have the opportunity to be recognized on the Pastor's Wall of WOW (Wonderful Ones who study the Word). You'll see your name each month (and a picture, we hope) displayed in the

narthex – helping everyone in our congregation celebrate the growing you are doing in Sunday School!

Come on out – and adults – make sure you give a high-five to our young partners in faith as you come to study God’s Word each week in your own class.

It’s going to be a gre-e-a-a-t!!!! year!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! ☺

Give Thanks...

In worship on Sunday, September 4, we will give thanks for all who labor AND especially for the ministry of our Sunday School teachers and leaders. Come to worship to give thanks for YOUR labor and for the labor of those who help us teach the Word in Sunday School.

Welcome to Our New Church Librarians



Sharon Randolph and Sharon Karchner are currently working with Janie Bloom to re-establish our Church Library. We’re excited that Janie is so willing to share her talents to get both our Sharons on board with her in this important ministry. THANK YOU!!

Watch for more info from all our Church librarians. We are very thankful God has placed such talented disciples in our congregation!

Thinking about Giving Your Time to One of Our Ministries here at Christ Church?

Join the Spiritual Growth Ministry that works together to plan our Worship, Christian Education, Witnessing, and Social Ministry needs AND/OR join the Stewardship Ministry that works together to plan our Finance, Property, Endowment, and Staff Support ministry.

We work together as leaders here at Christ Church. Will YOU join our happy throng?? Your ideas and conversation would be MOST welcome!!

Spiritual Growth meets on the 4th Monday of the month in the parlor; and Stewardship meets on the 4th Tuesday – same place. We meet both days at 6:30 p.m.

Thrivent Choice

Thank you to Robert Davis, Pastor Pat, Rose Walsh, and Stella Webb for recently designating your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Christ Church. We appreciate your gifts!

For those who are Thrivent members and wish to designate Christ Church in your next opportunity for giving, talk with your Thrivent representative about how you can make that happen. Pastor Pat would be willing to help you with that, too – phone 742-7473, or see her at Church. Thank you!

Helping Others

- Campbell's Soup labels and Labels for Education for the Navajo Lutheran Mission project
- Can tabs for Ronald McDonald House

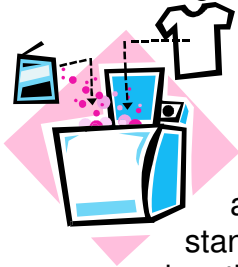


- Pennies for Social Ministry projects
- Caps for Dialysis (box located to left of narthex door) – Update: Currently, we have recycled (and kept out of landfills) 106 pounds of plastic caps! Keep the recycling for God’s creation going!!!!
- Old Sunday School/devotional material/Bibles: We have a connection with a ministry that provides these materials to countries who have none. If you have a collection of these types of materials lying around your Sunday School room or home that could be useful to someone else, bring them to the Church Office. We’ll send them out to folks who can really use them!

Kathryn’s Kloset Blesses Our Community Once Again

Kathryn’s Kloset is a ministry of our synod that, with the help of Diakon Lutheran Ministry, has made it possible for us to receive the generous detergent and fabric softener gifts we have been receiving at Christ Church. Diakon is a ministry we help

support through our mission dollars in our synod. They have partnered with businesses who produce household items (mostly detergent/laundry supplies). When those businesses have items that for one reason or another do not pass the normal “saleable” standards, they donate those items to Diakon for donation through area non-profit groups. We receive of those donations through Kathryn’s Kloset in Shamokin Dam. St. Matthew’s in Shamokin Dam, one of our synod’s congregations, sends a truck to the Diakon warehouse in Baltimore, Maryland, periodically, and warehouses some of our synod’s share of those gifts in a building next to their church. When Pastor Pat has time, she picks up a van load of items to bring to our church for distribution. We have this wonderful opportunity, then, to assist our own or others who have a more limited budget in our challenged national economy.



So often we look at our synod's ministry as a "mystery" that has no direct impact on our life and ministry here in Milton. Thanks to Kathryn's Kloset and many other ministries in our synod, may we see the powerful faith and connection that God has created with our sisters and brothers in the Upper Susquehanna Synod.

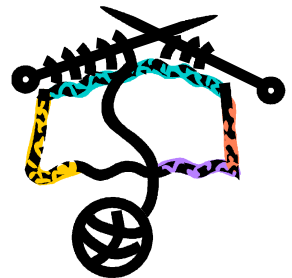
Nominating Team News

Our Nominating Team is currently meeting and praying to discern members for our Church Council for 2012. If you have a name to suggest they include in the prayer process, please contact a member of the committee: Kay Dunn (chair), Kellie Brouse, Kim Herr, Connie Mensch, Betty Morgan, or Joanne Seidel. In addition to the names God gives to our Team, you will also have opportunity to nominate candidates at our November congregational meeting. We will then vote to fill the three vacancies needed for the new year. As you pray for God to lift up leaders for Church Council, we also ask that you pray for our Nominating Team as God guides them to those names they will offer from prayer.



Knitting Group

If you knit, or would like to learn, or you crochet, needlepoint, etc., come to Christ Church on Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., for a time of fun and fellowship.



Little Needs... Little Things... Little Ways You Can Help

The church needs these items on a regular basis. If you can provide any of them, THANK YOU!

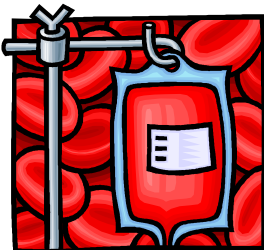
- Paper plates, cups, napkins, plastic silverware
- Boxes of tissues
- Hand sanitizers
- Dishwashing soap for kitchen & sacristy



HandUP Foundation

Food Bank – The Milton Food Bank is collecting *salmon, tuna, or spam* for the month of *September*. Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the narthex.

New hours: The Food Bank will be open **only** the 1st and 2nd Wednesday of the month from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., and on the 3rd Wednesday from 9 a.m. – 12 noon. It will be closed all other Wednesdays. Qualified recipients are still eligible to receive their food allotment once per month. Questions, call 742-3000.



Red Cross

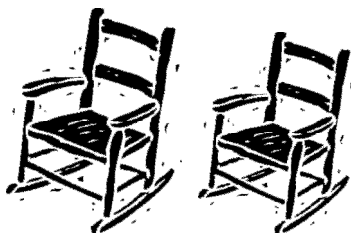
Bloodmobile
Wed., October 5
12 noon – 6 p.m.

Did you know?? Each unit of blood

undergoes up to twelve steps, nine of which are for infectious disease. Pick up a brochure in the narthex for more information regarding how you can become a blood donor!

“Front-Porchin” Evangelism Workshop

The Upper Susq. Synod will sponsor an Evangelism Workshop on Sat., November 19, 2011 (**here at Christ Church; time tba**). The session, called “Front Porchin” will look at how easy evangelism is – it’s about sharing a story. It’s your story and God’s story shared with another.

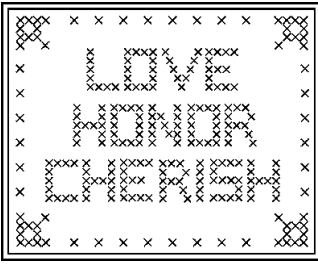


Evangelism is sharing what God in Christ has done in your life. We don’t even have to go out looking to evangelize – God provides us with all the places to do this sharing without ever having to go knock on a stranger’s door. God gives us natural front porches where we live, work, and play. There, God introduces us to others, and sits with us as we share our lives, our stories, and the Christ within us with those who regularly gather there with us. How do we best utilize the front porches God calls us into or onto? What is our role in this process? How do we repair our damaged or dis-used porches? Front Porchin’ is a simple process that helps congregations and individuals reassess their gifts and sharpen their skills for sharing the good news with others (both inside and outside the community of faith). More information and registration coming this Fall.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends

Fall is the perfect time to fall in love with your spouse all over again! That is what couples overwhelmingly report is the result of attending a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. Weekends run from Friday at 8 p.m. to Sunday at 5 p.m. and are designed to enrich all marriages. There is a \$45 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 continuation of the program. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included. Sign up now while there are still openings for one of the Fall weekends: Sept. 16-18 at the beautiful Olmsted



Mansion & Retreat Center in Ludlow, PA, which is located in the Allegheny National Forest, 20 minutes southeast of Warren, PA, or Nov. 4-6 at the Radisson Hotel Sharon, in West Middlesex, PA (currently undergoing extensive renovation and being re-named "Park Inn by Radisson.") This is an outstanding facility located an hour north of Pittsburgh where all rooms have king beds and in-room hot tubs. To register for either of the weekends, simply go to www.GodLovesMarriage.org and sign up using your credit card, or for questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166, or email fjschamber@comcast.net.

Leave a Legacy for Ministry and Mission

A will is one of the most important documents you will create. Yet each year, 60% of people who die do not leave a Will. And surprisingly, each year less than 10% of ELCA Lutherans who die remember their congregation in their Will. If you do not have a Will, the commonwealth of Pennsylvania has one for you, but it does not include your charitable interests. If you do not have a Will or are planning to update your Will and want to include your favorite ministries, please call Pr. Greg Kramer for more information at the Lutheran Planned Giving Office, 570-374-2044, or call the ELCA Foundation, 800-638-3522, ext. 2970, or visit www.elca.org/fo.

Hospice Volunteers Needed

Diakon Hospice Saint John is looking for volunteers to join the Hospice Team. You can volunteer to visit terminally ill patients in your community, lend a helping hand, be a good listener and reassure patients with kind words of encouragement. Please consider giving the gift of your time to someone in need of friendly support. Call Cathy Sweeney, Volunteer Coordinator, at 1-877-438-3511 to learn more about what volunteer opportunities are available.

Camp Mount Luther News

Camp Mount Luther will be holding a 5K and 10K trail run race at the camp on Saturday, September 3, at 9 a.m.. This will be an entry-level trail race on Mt. Luther grounds with proceeds going to the camp. Runners decide on race day if they want to do a 5k or 10k run. Age group awards will be presented. Race day registration is \$20. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. Spectators are welcome as well! A kid's fun run (registration = \$1) and a one-mile fun walk will also be held. Awards ceremony will be immediately following the race. Registration forms are posted on the camp's website at www.campmountluther.org, or you can contact Joel Heasley at 570-765-0267.

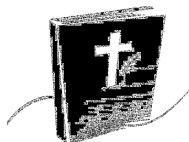
All local women are invited to be participants at Camp Mount Luther's Fall Women's Retreat to be held on Saturday, September 17, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The retreat will feature a presentation by Rev. Sarah Hershberger. The day will begin with refreshments and registration at 9:30 a.m. There will be three sessions during the day. The topic will be "Daily Spiritual Life: A Lutheran Woman's Perspective." Cost for the retreat is \$16.95, which includes coffee/tea, snacks, lunch, and the program. Registration deadline is September 3. To register, contact the camp at 570-922-1587 or email cml@campmountluther.org.

Upper Susquehanna Synod News

The third in a series of Upper Susq. Synod stewardship workshops will be held Sat., September 17, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, at St. John Lutheran Church, Montgomery. Throughout the Bible, we see that creation is a sign of God's creativity and love, and that God wants us to serve as its protectors and stewards. "The Story of Stuff" is intended to help individuals, groups, and churches, as well as communities understand the impact and implications of their choices as consumers as well as protectors and stewards of creation. For more information, contact the Synod office at 524-9778 – or see Pastor Pat. She and Pastor Keith will be helping to lead the workshop.

Copies of USS ARK (Upper Susquehanna synod news) and CAMEL TRACKS (Camp Mt. Luther news) are available in the narthex. Help yourself!

Bible Trivia



BIBLE TRIVIA

Rebekah was married to whom?

Answer on Page 21.

ELCA: Did You Know?

Many retired pastors of the ELCA have spent many years serving congregations in their active working years. They, along with the congregations they served, contributed in good faith toward clergy pensions in preparation for retirement. These pensions are an important part of their livelihood.



Because some clergy did not receive high salaries, many have found themselves unable to support themselves in retirement – even with their church pensions and Social Security retirement benefits. Many still live at the poverty level.

The Special Needs Retirement Fund was created in the ELCA to give us opportunity to support these faithful servants and their families as they face expenses of the 21st century, and as with all of us, face an economy that challenges even formerly comfortable pension and household incomes.

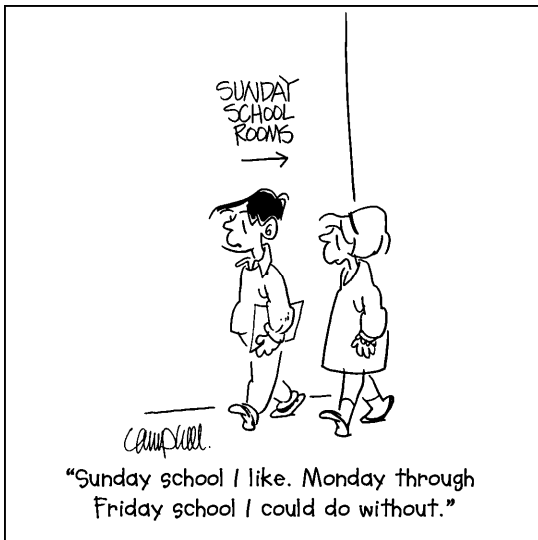
If God is moving you toward a gift to support a ministry in the wider Church, consider a gift to the Special Needs Retirement Fund. You may designate your gift on your offering envelope at church, or send your gift directly to: ELCA, Special Needs Retirement Fund, 8765 West Higgins Road, Chicago IL 60631.

THANK YOU for your ongoing support!



BIBLE TRIVIA

Bible Trivia Answer: Isaac (see Genesis 24:67);
BONUS QUESTION: What relationship was Isaac to Rebekah BEFORE he married her? (see Genesis 24:15)





This
Month's
Anniversaries

Marvel & Zeke Fisher	9/2	50 years
Blaine & Dorothyjean Poeth	9/4	24 years
Ron & Deb Snyder	9/6	3 years
John & Tonya Wargo	9/10	23 years
William & Betty Dotts	9/22	27 years
Donna & James Spear	9/27	25 years
Ken & Penny Ulmer	9/29	32 years



Rodney Bastian	9/2
Pauline Reitz	9/2
Lee Yost	9/3
John Wargo	9/5
John Heffelfinger	9/6
Sarah Mullin	9/7
Alice Roush	9/8
Rose Bolich	9/12
Jessica Guffey	9/12
Steve Greenly	9/14

Carson Berge	9/15
Gavin Walsh	9/15
Pam Walsh	9/15
Gerald Greenly	9/17
Elizabeth Brown	9/18
Terri Engleman-Fisher	9/18
Mary Steeley	9/18
Connie Sholly	9/19
Gregory Valiquette	9/22
Tim Manning	9/24
Hailey Bartlett	9/25
Bob Greenly	9/25
Rose Deaner	9/27
Olivia Giacobbi	9/30

(If we missed your birthday, call the Church Office
and let us know!)

Nurse's Notes

-Debbie Best, RN, BSW, MHA

Tip for the month: Use vinegar to cut down cleaning with toxic chemicals. Distilled white vinegar is great at removing stains and can be used for many cleaning chores while cutting down on toxic chemicals from household cleaners. Vinegar is great for cutting through grease, polishing, dissolving mineral deposits, and deodorizing. Use 1 part vinegar with 3 parts water. This mixture is good for most countertops, sinks, stove tops, glass, and mirrors. Also can unclog shower heads, and clean faucets, remove stains from toilets, and clean a shower curtain.

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