

October 2020 Newsletter



Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



"For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith." *Romans 3:22b-25a*

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Bible Study and Prayer Group Thursdays at Noon

Join Pastor Marissa and your fellow congregants in learning more about one another's lives and about the Bible. We are currently reading our way through the Book of Acts. Join here: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/411053586> or by calling in to 1-929-205-6099 and enter code 411053586.



Blessing Of The Animals Sunday

October 4th
11:45 AM

Memorial Garden

In celebration of St. Francis of Assisi (died 1226) who dedicated his life to service of God through care of animals and creation, on October 4th we will gather to bless our pets* and to thank God for the creatures that gladden our lives and for the earth that we share.

Join us outside in the Memorial Garden for a short service of thanksgiving and blessing.

Please wear a mask and prepare to social distance.

A free will offering for Guiding Eyes for the Blind will be collected at this service.

**All pets are welcome but must be properly restrained or kenneled for safety and up-to-date on all shots if applicable. Thank you!*



**Deadline For
November Newsletter
Sunday, October 11, 2020**

IMPORTANT KID'S CHURCH UPDATE



Beginning in October, Pastor Marissa will be posting a video for families each week with a Bible story, questions to talk about together, a prayer, and an easy activity for your family to do together that week to engage your faith. [Videos will be posted every Monday](#) on our church's YouTube channel, and can be watched at any time throughout the week! We hope this will be a simple and meaningful way for your family to do Kid's Church together this fall.

Ingathering Reminder

October 4th is Ingathering Sunday, the last day to bring the supplies for the school kits and the personal care kits. Information about what we are collecting is in the back of the Church.

The supplies will be delivered to the truck for Lutheran World Relief on October 10th.

Worship Online

Worship Services continue to be [streamed on YouTube](#) on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM. There is a telephone call-in option for all Services as well.

Call in and listen to worship on the phone by dialing this number: +1 (929) 205-6099 and entering the following Meeting ID: 970 957 165. Note: this number uses a different area code, so check with your phone provider regarding long-distance fees. Please share!

Offering Envelopes

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Generic Offering Envelopes are available for use on the table with the bulletins.

A good alternative is "Simply Giving" which automatically remits your offering to the church. Contact the Church Office, 717-336-2141, Monday-Wednesday-Friday, 9:00 AM—12:00 Noon.

Stewardship

Even as we meet electronically for worship, the work of the church continues and intensifies. Please continue your giving by one of the following ways:

- 1) Mail your offering envelope to the church office; they will be collected regularly.
- 2) Set up "Simply Giving" which automatically remits your offering to the church. Contact the Church Office, 717-336-2141, for more details.
- 3) Give online using checking/savings account or credit/debit card by going to our website (faithunited-elca.org) and clicking on the "Give" tab at the top.

Thank you for your continued stewardship of God's gifts!

The Upper Room Daily Devotional
November - December, 2020

Christ In Our Home Daily Devotional
October, November, December, 2020
Also, A Large Print Version is Available
They Are On The Table With The Bulletins.

WANTED

Recipes, inspirational articles, poetry, gardening tips, household tips, etc. to be used in Monthly Newsletters.

Please put your items in the Secretary's mailbox marked "Shirley Sweigart" in the Coat Room. Thank You for sharing your useful items with your Church Family.

Church Office Requests

Please call the Church Office at 717-336-2141 when:

- **You are in the hospital or prior to going to the hospital** (or have a relative call for you). In order for the pastor to visit, someone needs to inform the church.
- **You are confined to your home for an extended period of time** because of illness or accident;
- **You are going to a rehab center or a nursing home;**
- **There is a change in your family status** (birth, death, marriage, or divorce);
- **You move to a new home, move out of the area, or go away to college or graduate school;**
- **You schedule a meeting or an event of a group or committee.** In an effort to be open and communicative with everyone, we would like to include all scheduling on the Church Calendar and in the Weekly Bulletin.

Photo Use Practice

In attending church events, photos may be taken to help keep shut-ins and friends of the church aware of the life and activities of Faith United. If you do not wish to be photographed, please let us know so we may honor your wishes. As a practice, we consider the privacy appropriate to people with special circumstances, but may not know of all sensitive situations. Your help is required or we anticipate permission is given.



Staff

Pastor — Pastor Marissa Becklin

Organists — Caryll Lausch

Cynthia Kauffman

Grady Daub

Choir Director — Matthew Donley

Office Administrator and

Newsletter Editor — Shirley Sweigart

Custodian — Elizabeth Roman-Reich

From Pastor Marissa Becklin

Caring For God's Groaning Creation

As I write this article, I am sitting on my patio. It is, in some ways, a beautiful fall day—the temperature is just cool enough for a sweater. The sun is shining, but it is hard to tell, because of the haze that fills the sky. This haze has made its way here all the way from the west coast, a sign of another fire season that has burned beyond our expectations and fears. Air pollution indexes from Oregon the week that I write this are above 500—this is the same air pollution index as the one my husband and I experienced when visiting New Delhi, India last November at the height of their field-burning. Blazes continue to become more frequent and more intense as time passes, a sign of the groaning of creation in response to our failure as people called to serve and care for it (Genesis 2:15). Wildfires are not the only sign of the earth's pain, either—natural disaster, changed weather patterns, and so many more symptoms of hurt and destruction are evident in our world today.

Care for our climate is one of the core convictions of our faith. It is profoundly biblical—care for the earth is, in fact, one of our *very first* directives from God. It is also, thus, one of our first failures as broken and sinful people. Conversation about climate change has been rife with division and dispute in our country and world for many years, which is tragic. We have let our own sinful tendency toward division keep us for too long from truth-telling and discernment regarding how to repent for this failure of ours and how to turn anew toward faithful practices of stewardship of God's good creation.

Our Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has helpful words for this. In fact, we can be proud that our denomination has been at the forefront of theological conversations about our climate for a long time. We voted on and published our denomination's social statement on climate, titled *Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice* back in 1993 (now 27 years ago). This statement is a gem, and I commend it to you for your reading if you find the time (it is only twelve (12) pages): <https://tinyurl.com/yytmfv7v>. (If you'd like a printed copy of this statement, please contact our office.) As Lutherans we take the scriptural witness seriously, and the entire statement is based on scriptural reference (cited throughout). The main assertion of the document is this: we have been entrusted by God with a role as stewards of the earth, we have fallen short, and we are called to repentance and hope in response.

It is easy for us to respond to conversations about the climate with despair and anguish, feeling as though there is no meaningful impact that we can make as people or as congregations. This fear is valid, and is a sign of our very real concern about God's creation, but our faith moves us instead toward hope. This hope is informed by the power of the resurrection, and moves us to act in ways that can usher in God's dream in this world. The following is the conclusion of *Caring for Creation*:

“Given the power of sin and evil in this world, as well as the complexity of environmental problems, we know we can find no “quick fix”—whether technological, economic, or spiritual. A sustainable environment requires a sustained effort from everyone. The prospect of doing too little too late leads many people to despair. But as people of faith, captives of hope, and vehicles of God's promise, we face the crisis. We claim the promise of “a new heaven and a new earth” (Revelation 21:1), and join in the Offertory Prayer (Lutheran Book of Worship, page 109): “Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Amen.

In Peace, Pastor Marissa

**Faith United Evangelical
Lutheran Church Council Minutes
Wednesday, September 2, 2020
7:00 PM**

FUEL Council Members Present: Tim Hegeman, Bruce Carpenter, Terri Kilrain, Janice Daub, Deb Demler, Lori Stover, Ellen Houser, Jim Kreider, Kelly Leshar and Pastor Marissa Becklin

Devotions: Lori Stover read from Isaiah 55:8-12. It was uplifting and reassuring. It referred to the greatest of the prophets and his message of forgiveness, comfort and hope.

Treasure's Report: Scott Gola was present to review reports. All projects have been completed with the exception of the landscaping and concrete slab intended for the dumpster.

Offerings have been steady.

PPP Loan: He continues to stay on top of what is needed regarding the loan forgiveness application and will keep us updated.

Pastor's Report:

There have been two (2) transfers for the month. This was completion of Pastor Joe's transfer.

We have had a strong impact on our community. There were sixteen visitors at the last outdoor Saturday Service. Visitors have been a consistent high. Pastor has received a positive note from a visitor from Water Street Mission. He has had prior bad experiences with Christians, but felt very welcome and comfortable with us.

Keeping in our prayers Lillian Troutman: She has had a small set back, but is back at Luther Acres. Jamie Carpenter is back to work and getting stronger. Sue Henkel is facing health challenges and has been transferred out of her home. Gerry Phillips is home after spinal surgery. Viola White has had a home transition.

Covid-19 Plan: If someone who was at an in-person worship tests positive for Covid, the county must be contacted for instruction on handling. Continuation of mask wearing, worship sign-up and six (6) feet social distancing help to eliminate need for contact tracing.

Indoor Worship: Please pass along feedback. During communion, please return to your seat the way you came. Continue to have sign-up. Twenty-five total at each indoor worship includes service helpers.

Pastor is looking at possible vacation in November.

Nominations will be needed for Church Council; three (3) members will be leaving.

Annual Meeting: Questions regarding gathering size and number needed for a quorum. Will wait for recommendations from the Synod. To be discussed at October/November meetings in greater detail.

Committee Highlights:

Christian Ed: Help is needed to lead Sunday School via Zoom.

Social Ministry: Ingathering Sunday is Sunday, October 4. Plan is to do it by monetary donation and drive thru collection.

Property: "Wear a Mask" door mat has been placed at ramp door.

Parking Lot: The parking lot paving project has been

completed. Efforts were made to direct water down the alley in a "sheeting" flow towards the lower lot. Texter Mountain Nursery will start Phase 1 in the near future and Phase 2 is TBD. Phase 1 will be to fill the pavement edges with sod and seeded areas. A concrete slab will be placed in the lower level grass area for placement of the trash dumpster. Phase 2 will be to address the area by the shed to smooth out and re-grade.

Family Ministry: Individual packaged cupcakes will be available as a welcome back to indoor worship.

Looking for interest in a Pen-Pal system within the church.

IT: Getting a quote from Endy for a live stream camera with installation.

New Business:

ELCA Disaster Relief Fund and Luther Care Endowment Fund Scholarship: Finance Committee to look into these funds as there is money in there. Possible use Luther Care Fund money to help families in need with daycare costs.

Denver Women's Club: Would like cost for cleaning after use of Social Hall. Pastor to look into this.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM following the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, October 7, 2020.

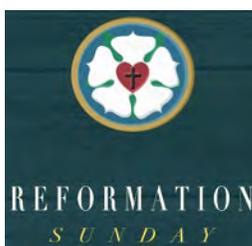
*Respectfully submitted by Kelly Leshar
FUEL Council Secretary*

**Congregation Council
Meeting
Wednesday, October 7, 2020
6:30 PM**

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Tim Hegeman — 717-475-3530 — President
Bruce Carpenter — 717-286-8820 — Vice President
Kelly Leshar — 717-201-7918 — Council Secretary
Jim Kreider — 484-256-6562 — Property
Janice Daub — 717-917-5191
Deb Demler — 717-926-1003
Ellen Houser — 717-445-6175
Terri Kilrain — 717-201-0099
Traci Krick-Shepherd — 302-561-7776
Lori Stover — 610-406-7970

Scott Gola — 484-955-5106 — Treasurer



**October 25
2020**

Pastor Appreciation Month



Pastor Appreciation Month began with the establishment of Clergy Appreciation Month. In Timothy 1 (5:17), Paul began the concept of clergy appreciation when he stated that the elders of the Church are worthy of a double honor. He reiterated this idea in Thessalonians 1 (5:12-13) when he stated that those who work hard among you should be held in the highest regard for their work. This idea became Clergy Appreciation Month in 1992, established by pastors and religious workers.

Updated Addresses

Suzanne (Sue) Henkel
Landis Homes
Oregon House # 135
1001 East Oregon Road
Lititz, PA 17543

Robert and Joyce Fischer
80 St. John Circle
Lititz, PA 17543

Evan Frees
Apartment 230
5363 Essex Court
Alexandria, VA 22311

Audrey Grill and Lillian Troutman
Apartment 622
300 St. Mark Avenue
Lititz, PA 17543

Nina Mayhew
Apartment 3309
300 St. Mark Avenue
Lititz, PA 17543

Viola White
Luther Acres Skilled Nursing Room 219
600 East Main Street
Lititz, PA 17543



Parents, Grandparents

Please contact the Church Office, 717-336-2141, with the name, college, address, e-mail address, and the year graduating of your college student so we may keep in contact (newsletters, activities, etc.) with them.

Communion Visits By Request

Pastor Marissa is offering to visit those who have not been able to attend Church during the pandemic in order to bring them Holy Communion. In keeping with the Synod's guidelines, she will wear a mask and remain at a distance for the visit and the sharing of the sacrament, and would prefer to make a visit to your porch or another outdoor space, if possible.

To schedule a visit, contact the Church Office by phone, 717-336-2141, or email, faithunited@ptd.net.

Family Ministry At Faith United

For Information

Contact Terri Kilrain

Cell: 717-201-0099

Email: Task@ptd.net

I continue to need recipes for our cookbook: especially appetizers and beverages, soups and salads, desserts, breads and rolls and cookies and candy. Please remember Christmas cookie recipes too! Many more are needed so please feel free to send in all you want. I will not have this book ready by Christmas and it may not be until next summer so I will extend the recipe deadline till sometime in November. They could be sent to me or to Church.

By now you should have heard from someone from Family Ministry to see if you want to participate in our "Penpal" group. This is a way to keep in touch with those who, due to Covid, are homebound or who are just maintaining social distancing for the last six months. If you have not heard from anybody, please call me or Shirley at Church and let us know and we will get in touch with you to see if you would like to participate. It will involve sending a card now and then or a phone call just to check on a member. Please consider helping us stay connected with our Church Family.





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OCTOBER 2020

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25 All Saints Sunday Recognition Of Loved Ones Form Deadline Reformation Sunday 9:00 AM In-Person Worship Service 9:00 AM Online Sunday Worship 10:30 AM In-Person Worship Service 12:00 PM Online Seventh & Eighth Graders Confirmation (Virtual) - 12:00-1:00 PM	26 9:00 AM Church Office Hours - 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon	27	28 9:00 AM Church Office Hours - 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon 10:30 AM In-Person Worship Service	29 12:00 PM Bible Study And Prayer Group (Virtual)	30 Pastor Marissa's Day Off 9:00 AM Church Office Hours - 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon	31 Reformation Day

IN OUR
THOUGHTS
&
PRAYERS



In Our Prayers

We ask you to daily pray for the following people and those in your life you know that are in need:

For Healing:

Doris Reinoehl	Deb Anthony	Gerry Phillips
Lillian Troutman	Vernon Boose	Glenn Gerhart
Sue Henkel	Gretchen Bomberger	Darryl Edwards
Shirley Achey	Angie Carpenter	Alex Becklin
Helen Kuehne	Ron Ayers	Betty Ramsey
Lorraine Robins	Tracy Augustine	Pat & Carl Adair

You're also invited to call and/or send cards.

Continuing Concerns

Audrey Grill, Alfred Evans, Stan Henderson, Bruce Haws, Harriet Garber, Hudson Sollenberger, Jeri Lynn Pickel, Dominic Schoolcraft, Terry Blair, Victor Rodriguez, Roseann Wiest, Pat Brendle, Day Fasnacht, Larry Donmoyer, Stephanie Kurtz, Arlene Monyer, Dorothy Hoyer, Susan Means, Lorna Buehl, Bill Houser, Arlene Slabach, Maureen Latanishen, Nick Sansone, Bill Murphy, Ethel Farrow, Bob Fischer, Peggy and Jack Dewald, Ronald Worline, Leah Witmer, Peter Heisey, Kimberley Fick, Paul Kostyak, Pastor Dennis Trout, Caryll Lausch, Ethel Newman, Pastor Sharon Blezzard, Cathy Hornberger, Florence Rutt, Helen Shirk, John Oleszczuk, Shirley Shaeffer, William Kralik, Todd Tussinger, Philip Main, Dean Camp, Jack Bucher, Lily Lutz, Alec Martel, Jean (Schaeffer) Mull, Viola White, John and Pauline Matthews, Jed Weidner, Melvin and Dorothy Schmeck, Matt Donley, Bob Witmer, Christian Martin, Susan Hartman, Men and Women Serving in our Armed Forces.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2020

When we lose a loved one, time can help but does not always diminish the sense of loss. On All Saints Sunday, November 1, we remember the saints who have passed into the Church Triumphant and who continue their communion into the Church through Christ's Easter morning reality. Knowing Christ, this celebrates the fullness of their new life in God's eternal plan. We also remember our little saints who have been baptized and are made new.

On All Saints Sunday, we invite you to bring a candle(s) and candle holder(s) to Church for those you are honoring. The candles will be displayed prominently in the Church and lit to remember that their light remains.

This time of remembrance points to the light of Christ which shines into the darkness of this world and death.

If you wish to participate by honoring a loved one, please fill out the right portion and place it in the basket on the cabinet next to the doorway. **Please return choices by Sunday, October 25th.**

You may also email faithunited@ptd.net with your list.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY CELEBRATION NOVEMBER 1, 2020

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Loved One(s) To Be Honored: *

* Please indicate if "In Memory Of..." or "In Celebration Of ..." or like choice of how you wish your loved one to be remembered.

*What's
Happening at
Faith United?*

Send your pictures in for
next month's newsletter!



Peter's Porch Hunger Ministry:
First Saturday of September



JJ Hertzog: Ring bearer!



Haley and Jackson Lesher with their prizes from
our Kid's Summer Program: The Action Bible!

OCTOBER Birthdays

- October 1:** Hayley Witmer
- October 2:** Bruce Carpenter
- October 7:** Owen Strohl
- October 8:** Mary Stewart, Matthew Martzall
- October 9:** Susan Means, John Nissly
- October 12:** Evan Cline, Grace Deibler
- October 18:** Jean Worline
- October 21:** Dana Russo
- October 23:** Jenny Kipple
- October 24:** Shana Hertzog
- October 25:** Madeline Harding, Matthew Hummer, Steven Gerhart
- October 30:** Terry Burkholder

2020 Altar Flower/Bulletin Sponsor Sign-Up



Sponsors for Altar Flowers may use the standing order the congregation has with Roxanne's or you may use the florist of your choice. **Cost is \$30.00 per Sunday. Open**

Dates: October 18, 25.

Cost is \$25.00 per Sunday for Bulletins. Open Dates: October 4, 11, 18, 25.



If you wish to sponsor the Altar Flowers or Bulletins, please contact the Church Office, 717-336-2141.

OCTOBER Anniversaries

- October 1:** Justin and Kelly Leshner
- October 7:** Chad and Tanya Reinoehl
- October 7:** Jay and Wanda Burkholder
- October 15:** Matthew and Jennifer Martzall
- October 16:** Eric and Jennifer Frees
- October 18:** Edgar and Marilyn Sweigart
- October 18:** Dustin and Jenny Kipple



Peter's Porch

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 357 Walnut Street, Denver, PA 17517
 Phone: 717-336-2141
 Email: faithunited@ptd.net

The First Saturday of Each Month

October 3, 2020

November 7, 2020

8:00-10:00 AM

Drive-Thru

Committee Contacts

Interested in getting more involved? Contact the following people:

Care of Members: Lori Stover

Finance: Scott Gola

Christian Education: Brian Strohl

IT: Deb Demler

Staff Support: Brad Fichthorn

Property: Jim Kreider

Worship and Music: Bruce Carpenter

Peter's Porch Feeding Ministry: Terry Burkholder

Family Ministry and Fellowship: Terri Kilrain

Social Ministry: Dawn Frees

Vacation Bible School: Ellen Houser

Happy Birthday!



October Birthdays

Please remember our 80+ members with a card, visit, or phone call:

Melvin Schmeck - October 14 - 735 Greenville Road, Denver, PA 17517

Edgar (Skip) Buohl - October 16 - 977 Clearview Avenue, Ephrata, PA 17522

Please continue to provide the Church Office with your email addresses (changes also) to be used for Newsletters, Schedules, etc.

Email your changes to: faithunited@ptd.net. Thank You!





Faith United Church Council,
Thank You very much for the generous scholarship money. This will help me very much as I start my final semester of the nursing program.
 All of your kindness is so much appreciated.

Denver Memorial Park & Playground Association

Denver, PA 17037
 717-338-6091

9/8/2020

Dear Faith United Lutheran Church,

The Trustees of the Denver Memorial Park & Playground Association want to say thank you for your generosity in giving a \$500.00 dollar donation to the park.

We rely on the support of the community to keep the park running and usable for the enjoyment of our town. This year has hit the civic groups in a way that has never before happened and donations will be hard to come by for the park. Which makes your donation very needed and appreciated!

In this crazy year of social distancing it was nice that the Park could be used in a positive and safe way for the community to come out and worship together.

Warm regards,

Mindi Stoner
 Secretary

October Food Collection



Food, household, and personal items will be collected for Peter's Porch.

Please check the list on the grocery cart in the Coat Room for the items needed and

deposit the items in the grocery cart.



Reformation

**Reformation Day
 Saturday
 October 31, 2020**

OCTOBER WORSHIP

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost Sunday, October 4

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46. In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a



parable of the vineyard, an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread, that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost Sunday, October 11

Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23:1-6; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14. In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.



Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost Sunday, October 18

Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22. In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.



Reformation Sunday Sunday, October 25

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46:1-11; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36. Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.



**World Communion
 Sunday
 October 4, 2020**



Hospice & Community Care and the Pathways Center for Grief & Loss are offering the following programs in October, 2020.

As we are taking all necessary precautions for the health and safety of our patients and families, staff, volunteers and visitors related to the Coronavirus outbreak, our support group will be held via Zoom. Call the



Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to receive Zoom credentials.

ADULT DROP-IN GROUPS

These free meetings include a presentation and an informal time to talk with others. Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to register.

Coping With The Loss Of A Parent Or Sibling: Tuesday, October 6, 6:30–8:00 PM.

Coping With The Loss Of A Spouse Or Companion: Wednesday, October 7, 6:30–8:00 PM; Tuesdays, October 20 and 27, 2:00–3:30 PM; Tuesday, October 13, 6:30–8:00 PM.

Coping With The Loss Of A Loved One Due To Coronavirus: Wednesday, October 21, 6:00–7:30 PM.

There are some unique aspects to losing a loved one to the Coronavirus. This virtual support group held via Zoom provides a safe place for you to talk with others who are also grieving this type of loss. Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to register.

Coping With The Loss Of A Child (Four Week Series, Of Any Age): Tuesdays, October 6, 13, 20 and 27, 6:30-8:00 PM. This series, held via Zoom, will explore common reactions experienced by parents after the death of a child of any age. The group will also address coping strategies, self-care, and ways to commemorate their life. The series will be facilitated by a Master's-level bereavement counselor along with two volunteers who are bereaved parents. Space is limited and registration is required. Call to discuss with a bereavement counselor to determine if the group will meet your needs. **Registration Deadline: September 29.**

Newly Bereaved (Three Week Series): Wednesdays, October 14, 21, and 28, 10:00–11:30 AM. If a loss was recent, this series provides an overview of common grief responses and will help attendees to begin to identify coping tools. Space is limited and registration is required. Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 at least one week prior to the start of the group to discuss with a bereavement counselor.

GRASP (Grief Recovery After A Substance Passing): Tuesday, October 13, 6:00–7:30 PM. This group provides compassion and understanding for individuals who have had a loved one die as a result of substance abuse or addiction. Free; pre-registration for new attendees is required. For more information or to register, contact Marjorie Paradise at mparadise810@comcast.net or (717) 951-2720.

Exploring New Relationships: Wednesday, October 14, 6:30-8:00 PM. Feelings of loneliness and the desire for social connections are common reactions after losing a spouse or companion. This healthy desire may be met by your own feelings of self-doubt or other's advice. This workshop, held via Zoom, offers an opportunity for bereaved individuals to discuss this topic and hear from a small panel who will share different approaches to meeting the need for companionship. Space is limited and registration is required. **Registration Deadline: October 12.**

Mindfulness And Grief: Practical Tools For Living (Three Week Series): Mondays, October 19, 26 and November 2, 6:30–8:30 PM. Grief over the death of a beloved person triggers many uncomfortable emotions and thoughts. Many people respond by avoiding these uncomfortable feelings. This series, held via Zoom, will address the benefits of practicing mindfulness as a tool for being present with your grief and improving your overall well-being. Mary Grace Lomboy, CRNP, Hospice & Community Care, will provide several forms of mindfulness to practice each week and help you connect mindfulness tools to common grief reactions. Space is limited and registration is required. **Registration Deadline: October 12.**

Growing Through Grief (A Six Week Series): Wednesday, October 7 - November 11, 6:00-8:00 PM. This support series, held via Zoom, is for adults (age 18 or older) who are grieving a death that occurred at least nine months ago. The group provides a safe place to explore how you have been impacted by your loss, who you are apart from your loved one, and how you continue to reorganize your life. Space is limited. Interested individuals will first speak with a bereavement counselor to determine if the group will meet your needs. Call the Pathways Center to schedule an appointment.

We Are Here For You: Many bereaved individuals know they “need something” but are uncertain what that is. Perhaps you have experienced several losses in a short period of time. Or, after the initial busy time of settling affairs ends a fresh wave of grief hits. Grief and loss are unpredictable so we encourage you to contact a Pathways grief counselor whenever needed, **Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM–5:00 PM.** to discuss support options. Pathways services are available regardless of the cause of death or whether Hospice was involved. After our grief counselors talk with someone on the phone or see them in a support group for the first time, they often say they wish they had reached out to us sooner. Support groups or individual consultation, regardless of whether by Zoom or face-to-face, provide a safe place to express emotions you may not have felt comfortable sharing with family or friends. Most people say they are glad they called because it helped them realize that they feel less alone.

Social Dine-Out Options: Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, we have canceled all social dine-out options scheduled through the end of 2020.

Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to request the log-in address or phone number to participate in a Zoom group or to schedule a private Zoom meeting with a Pathways counselor. Visit our website at www.PathwaysThroughGrief.org for updated information about support groups.



Recent Marriage

Meg Stover and Jonathan May

160 East High Street, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Saturday, September 25, 2020

**Cards Are Welcome
Congratulations!!!
Congratulations**

Coronavirus Information Regarding Church Office

The Church Office is Closed except for Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.

If you do not have email access or you cannot get on the Faith United website for updates, please call the Church Office, 717-336-2141, for Church Worship and activity updates.



Connect With Us On Facebook!

For regular invitation to prayer, devotional reflections, and updates, follow us on

Facebook: @faithunitedelca.

Also, consider joining our Private group: Faith United Lutheran Church Community Building, where we are spending time getting to know one another and check in with each other. We'd love to have you join us!

Children's Bulletins

ARE AVAILABLE

**On The Table
With Bulletins**



Christian Symbol

Plow – This farming implement is mentioned frequently in the Bible, often in verses about the harvest. Plowing symbolizes preparing the heart to receive God's truth, or the "seed" of God's word. The plow also represents commitment; Jesus says, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62, NIV). The prophet Elisha burns his plow to show his commitment to answer God's call (see 1 Kings 19:21).



Bible Quiz

In Jesus' parable about people who hear and live by God's words, on what did the wise man build his house?

- A. rock
- B. sand
- C. grassland
- D. soil that was free of rocks



Answer: A (See Matthew 7:24-27.)

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you're doing the impossible."

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Denver Women's Club Meeting

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

7:00 PM

Ralph Buckles, Beekeeping
Faith United Fellowship Hall

Masks Required



HUB SHUTTLE INFORMATION

Transportation Info:
(717) 733-0345

Weekday Schedule

8:30 a.m. Ephrata ⇄ Denver
9:00 a.m. Denver ⇄ Ephrata
10:30 a.m. Ephrata ⇄ Denver
11:00 a.m. Denver ⇄ Ephrata
12:30 p.m. Ephrata ⇄ Denver
1:00 p.m. Denver ⇄ Ephrata
2:30 p.m. Ephrata ⇄ Denver

Call Ephrata Area Social Services (717-733-0345) to schedule an appointment at the Hand UP Food & Clothing Bank, and we'll drop you off and pick you up.

This is a free service provided by the Northern Lancaster Hub.



EXPLORE

REAL Life



Northern Lancaster Hub Shuttle Locations

Ephrata

Community Commons
560 S. Reading Rd., Ephrata
RRTA Bus #11 Stop
Ephrata Public Library
Ephrata Public Library Government Services Office
Comm. Action Partnership: WIC & Utility Assistance
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
Welsh Mountain Mobile Dentist
Literacy Council of Lancaster-Lebanon
PA CareerLink
Tabor Community Services

Denver

Declaration House
240 Main St., Denver
Real Life Community Services
The Apartments at Declaration House
The Lighthouse Youth Center
Denver Community Health Center
Power Packs Project

For More Information About Hub Services:
www.northernlanasterhub.org

Puzzle!

Beginning at the arrow and moving clockwise, write every other letter on the spaces below to discover what Jesus says about his friends.



" Y

JOHN 15:14, NIV

Answer: "You are my friends if you do what I command." John 15:14, NIV

peanut butter mixture over chip mixture. Top with remaining corn chips and chocolate chips; drizzle with remaining peanut butter mixture.

Let stand until set. Cut into bars.

Total Time: Prep: 15 minutes plus standing

Yield: 2 dozen



Frito Treats

- 2 packages (9 3/4 ounces each) corn chips, divided
- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips, divided
- 1 cup sugar

1 cup light corn syrup

1 cup creamy peanut butter

Spread 1 package of corn chips on the bottom of a greased 13 x 9 baking pan; sprinkle with 1 cup chocolate chips.

In a large heavy saucepan, combine sugar and corn syrup. Bring to a boil; cook and stir 1 minute. Remove from heat; stir in peanut butter. Pour half of the

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2020 Adult Study Retreat at Nawakwa - Cancelled

Capture the Flag Spectacular at Kirchenwald

October 4 3-5:30pm | Free

*** Masks and social distancing required at all LCC events ***

[Register Now!](#)

Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwald - [Register Now!](#)

Fall Foliage Day at Nawakwa - [Register Now!](#)

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October 18 1-6pm | \$10 per person (5 & up)

Annual Quilt Auction

Join us from November 1-8 **online** for this virtual event!

Follow along at the [Quilt Auction Website](#)

Women's Craft Retreat at Nawakwa

November 6-8 | \$155

*** Masks and social distancing required at all LCC events ***

Registration is limited to 20 participants - [Register Now!](#)

TIME AWAY AT CAMP

Lodges are available to rent throughout the year. Cabins will be available through mid/end of October. Call 717-677-8211 to reserve your get-a-way today!



WITTEL FARM EVENTS



*** Masks and social distancing required at all LCC events ***

9/20/2020 - Dinner and Campfire Worship night: 6:00 to 8:30 pm. Bring a picnic dinner.

10/18/2020 - Dinner and Campfire Worship night. 6:00 to 8:30 pm.

11/8/2020 - Dinner and Campfire worship night. 6:00 to 8:30 pm

Here is the link to register for the dinners:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0949A9A72EA7FB6-dinner>

12/20/2020 - Advent/Christmas in the Barn. 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

KID'S PAGE

SEED

impressions

Create autumn-themed artwork using items from plants.



What you need:

- Seed pods, nuts, pine cones
- Mixing bowl
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1 cup warm water
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Go on a nature walk and collect seeds with interesting textures.
2. In the bowl, mix flour and salt. Gradually add water. On a table, knead the dough. (If too dry, add more water; if too sticky, add more flour.)
3. Flatten a ball of dough and stamp impressions in it with the seeds.
4. If desired, bake for several hours at 150 degrees until dry and hard. Or, to reuse dough, store in an airtight container up to 6 months.



A PLANTING PARABLE

Jesus had to explain his Parable of the Sower to the confused disciples.

Directions: Use the word bank to answer the clues. Then fill in the correct words below to complete Matthew 13:23, NIV.

WORD BANK: sow, soil, wither, root, thorn, crop, seed, farmer

1. Plant part that absorbs water
2. Contains what's needed to grow a plant
3. To plant
4. Sharp part of a plant
5. What is harvested.
6. To dry up and shrivel
7. Person who plants
8. The earth a plant grows in.

“But the _____₂ falling on good _____₈ refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.

This is the one who produces a _____₅, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was _____₃ n.”

MATTHEW 13:23, NIV

Answer: root, seed, sow, thorn, crop, wither, farmer, soil; seed, soil, crop, sow

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