

June/July/August 2021 Newsletter



Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

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He also said, "[The Kingdom of God] is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." *Mark 4: 31-32*

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Updates Regarding Worship

The Church Council continues to be committed to faithful and careful discernment regarding our congregation's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We invite you to pray for them as they engage in this work on behalf of God and our community. Please continue to check your email and mail regularly for updated information about our worship life as we move through this pandemic together.

We continue to offer two opportunities for worship each week: an In-Person and Online Service at 9:00 AM.

The choice, of course, for how you will worship is yours—we will continue to work to maintain the safest environment possible in our Sanctuary for public worship.

For specific notes about Worship, please see Pastor Marissa's most recent letter included with this Newsletter.

Whether you choose to attend In-Person or not at this time, Faith United is still your church—a community that is here to support you and your faith, that is reaching into homes all across Lancaster County.

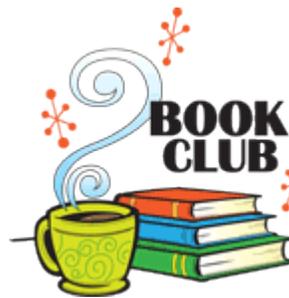
 Pastor Marissa will be out-of-town for Continuing Education: Monday, July 5 through Saturday, July 10. Emergency Pastoral Care will be provided by Pastor Hans Becklin: 717-330-3918.

Pastor Marissa Becklin

Cell: 717-203-6013

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Summer Book Club With Pastor Marissa: Update.



Join Pastor Marissa for a three session Book Club this summer on the book *Everyday Spirituality: Discover A Life Of Hope, Peace, And Meaning* by James Hazelwood, an ELCA Bishop of the New England Synod. The book is made up of short chapters about how our daily lives are expressions of our faith, and it is great for

discussion!

This Book Club will take place in-person, outdoors in our Memorial Garden. We will meet on the last Tuesday of each month from 6:30-7:30 PM: June 29, July 27, and August 31. In preparation for the first meeting, please read all of Section 1. While we will have chairs available, we suggest that you bring your own lawn chair for seating!

Joint Worship Service In Denver Park With Mellingers Lutheran Church



Join Faith United and Mellinger's Lutheran Churches on Sunday, June 27th at 10:00 AM in the Denver Park for shared Worship. Music will be provided by Kim and Pastor Tim Craven, and a fellowship time with grab and go brunch will follow the Service. Those who would like are also welcome to bring their own picnic for themselves and their family in addition to/ in lieu of the provided food.

There will be no Indoor or Online Worship on this Sunday.



**Deadline For August,
2021 Newsletter
Sunday, July 18, 2021**

Stewardship Opportunities

The following are ways for you to support our ministries as we seek to bring the good news of Christ's love to our community and world:

- 1) Mail in your offerings to the church office (we are collecting them regularly).
- 2) Set up Simply Giving (online recurring giving) by calling the office.
- 3) Give online (a one time or recurring gift by checking/savings OR credit/debit) by going to our website: faithunited-elca.org and clicking the "Give" tab at the top of the page.



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!

WANTED

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

Please email your recipes, articles, tips to Shirley Sweigart:

grammyss46@gmail.com

Church Office Requests

Please call the Church Office at 717-336-2141 and leave a message 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.**

Offering Envelopes

Generic Offering Envelopes are available for use on the table at the back.

A good alternative is "Simply Giving" which automatically remits your offering to the Church. Contact Shirley Sweigart for more information:

**grammyss46@gmail.com or
call 717-538-1946**

The Upper Room Daily Devotional
July-August, 2021

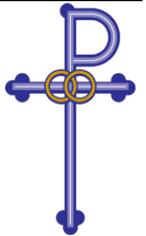
Christ In Our Home Daily Devotional
July, August, September, 2021

Also, A Large Print Version Is Now Available

Devotionals are on the table with the bulletins or please call Shirley Sweigart, 717-538-1946 to set up an appointment to pick one up.

Christian Symbol

Wedding Symbol: This version of the Chio Rho features two interlocking rings on a cross. It symbolizes the partnership a husband and wife make with God as they unite. The Wedding Cross also symbolizes a couple's commitment to grow together in God's grace and love.



**Monday,
June 14, 2021**

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

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Newsletter Editor — Shirley Sweigart
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From Pastor Marissa Becklin

What Summer Reading Has To Do With Our Faith

I love reading. I have loved reading for as long as I can remember—as a child I used to stay up late (long past when my parents had thought I had gone to bed) in order to finish the book I was currently immersed in. At that young age I read to hear the stories of others, to learn about their experiences, their joys, their challenges—to feel connected to others in a way that felt somehow more vulnerable and real than the interactions that I watched adults around me engage in with one another. Reading was a way for me to seek understanding—it was a way for me to practice listening.

Today, as an adult, I still love to read. I enjoy all sorts of genres, and benefit greatly from hearing about the world through the eyes of another. Reading has become a spiritual practice for me throughout my life—when I am overwhelmed, exhausted, bored, and am about to turn to my phone, computer, or TV, I turn instead to a book. When people I am friends with find out how much time I spend reading, they are often astonished—they wonder how I find the time, and sometimes imply that my time spent reading must equate to a habit of laziness. In fact, reading is not a silly habit that I need to actively make time for in my life—it is a practice of quiet time and reflection that I depend on in order to function holistically. Through hearing the stories of others, I feel closer to God. But if reading is my spiritual practice and my reading list only favors the voices of those who are like me, I am missing out on the vastness of God. I have been guilty of this on so many occasions. Of tending only to see or perceive as esteemed and worthy those authors who are like me.

As summer begins, this is the season of summer reading recommendations. Though it is not shocking, many of the posts that I see recommended to me are lists of white authors, or are fluffy stories deemed appropriate for ‘reading on the beach.’ These are lists of books to help folks who have privilege deny the pain of the world, avoid the reality of oppression that we participate in, and ‘escape from it all.’ **The ability to ‘escape from it all’ in books is a sign of privilege. The ability to, in one’s free time, choose not to think about the hardships that others face (and the ways in which many benefit from that hardship), is a sign of privilege.** This existence in a literary vestige to those who are like me brings me no joy. As I continually reevaluate my reading habits and watch for sinful patterns in my choice of books, I ask myself the question—why do I read? **Do I read to feel good about myself?** To ‘get away from it all’? To deny reality? The answer is no.

I read to hear the stories of others. I read to listen—to hear what another person sees in this world, to seek understanding. I read to hear in someone’s own words about their history, their experiences, their life. I read to feel closer to others, and subsequently to feel closer to God, and when I read only or primarily the voices of those historically privileged, I miss out on relationship with the fullness of God. I sinfully ignore the voices of so many who have stories to tell, truth to speak.

In this sinfulness, I feel separate from God. Hearing the stories of others, in all of their intricacies and complexities, makes me a more whole person. In the insidious world of division and hatred, the continuation of oppression and violent narratives about those different from us depend upon all of us—all of God’s beautiful, unique, intricate people—not hearing one another’s stories. When we don’t hear one another’s stories, it becomes so easy to buy into false narratives of scarcity—to believe that we are in competition with one another, that our liberation is not interrelated and interdependent. The onus is on each of us to do the work of listening for the voices of those we have wrongfully and sinfully overlooked or deemed unimportant. In this work of listening we will be encountered by the very voice of God.

So, during this season of summer reading, what will you read?

In peace, Pastor Marissa

**Faith United Evangelical
Lutheran Church Council Minutes
Wednesday, May 5, 2021
6:30 PM**

FUEL Council Members Present: Bruce Carpenter, Terri Kilrain, Deb Demler, Lori Stover, Ellen Houser, Jim Kreider, Melissa Voler, Lisa Gable, Deb Anthony, Kelly Leshner and Pastor Marissa Becklin.

Devotions: Ellen Houser read from Isaac 43 verse 13. "God says do not fear, I will help you." There has been so much fear and anxiety of the last year with not being able to see one another. She ended with a prayer.

Pastor's Report:

There have been lower numbers in the Drive-Thru Communion, but increased numbers attending the In-Person Service.

Easter had great attendance. Approximately 70 in-person and 72 views online.

The overflow area has not been used yet, but will remain set up.

We will still follow the CDC guidelines as instructed by our insurance.

Pastor has started doing visits to homebound vaccinated people.

She continues to creatively think of ways to connect and reach out to the community.

Keeping in her prayers: Vernon and Barb Boose. Vernon's health is declining. Rich Billings after his knee surgery. Deb Martzall for her upcoming wrist surgery.

Time to sign up and start thinking about Acts of Love.

Thoughts on Summer Worship and possibility of a couple Outdoor Services. More Council discussion at June meeting. We will continue to follow CDC guidelines. Governor Wolfe to change state guidelines on May 31: 100% capacity, no social distancing, when STATE vaccination rate is 70% or higher, masks are no longer mandatory.

Committee Highlights:

Property - Jim Kreider - Doors have been switched to key entry. This is going well. How many keys are still needed?

Old Business: Mellinger's Picnic - This will be finalized at the June Council meeting.

New Business:

Parking Lot Use - Unruh Insurance has asked if they may use our parking lot across the street for employee use on May 21 during the 7th Annual Cruise Night.

June Council meeting will be held in-person, at the church in the garden.

Will look into getting the garden fountain up and running.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM following the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, June 2, 2021.

*Respectfully submitted by Kelly Leshner
FUEL Council Secretary*

Newsletter Update

Until further notice, newsletters will be sent following Church Council meetings which are held the first Wednesday of each month.

**Congregation Council
Meetings
Wednesday, July 14, 2021
Wednesday, August 4, 2021
6:30 PM**

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Jim Kreider - President

Bruce Carpenter - Vice President

Kelly Leshner - Secretary

Deb Anthony

Deb Demler

Ellen Houser

Lori Stover

Janice Daub

Lisa Gable

Terri Kilrain

Melissa Voler

Scott Gola — Treasurer

**Interested In Becoming A
Part Of Our Community?**

Have you been attending worship with us online, and are looking for more information about joining our community in an official way? Membership is a mutual commitment between you and our congregation to love and support one another on our faith journey. If this interests you, please email Pastor Marissa at

pastormbecklin@gmail.com.

Seeking Worship Assistants

As we continue to forge our way to a new normal, we are looking to add more worship assistant roles back to our Worship Services. If you are interested in serving in any of the following positions on an occasional ongoing basis, please sign up on the form at the back of the Sanctuary or contact our Church Office. We are looking for lectors (readers), technology assistants, altar guild helpers, and ushers at this time. You will be trained before serving.



**The Church Office
Will Be CLOSED
On Monday, July 5
For The Fourth Of**



June 6: Dawn Frees
June 12: June Wolf
June 13: Scott Gola
June 14: T. J. Burkholder
June 16: Seth Filson
June 17: Don Wolf

June 19: Michael Weaver
June 20: Joshua Gola
June 22: C. J. Rittle
June 23: Kelly Leshner, Gabriella Weidner
June 27: Glenn Gerhart, David Lacy
June 28: Eric Frees
June 29: Bonnie Redcay, Kayla Martzall
July 1: Chad Reinoehl
July 3: Michele Lacy
July 6: Terri Kilrain, Sarah Cline, Nicholas Gable
July 8: Jackson Leshner, James Redcay
July 9: Michael Konopka, Layla Nissly
July 10: Jodi Weaver
July 12: Edgar Sweigart
July 15: Debra Martzall
July 16: Lisa Gable, Bret Hartman, Nathan Shupp
July 19: Cynthia Hegeman
July 25: Susan Hartman
July 26: Traci Krick
July 27: Keith Main
July 28: Kim Brugger
July 30: Marilyn Sweigart
August 1: Barry Martzall
August 2: Jo Dienst
August 3: Debra Demler
August 6: Christa Deibler-McAllister
August 8: Rebecca Reed



June 13: Luther and Doris Reinoehl
 Bryan and Nikki Strohl
June 22: Scott and Lori Gola
 Brian and Joyce Shober
June 24: Jack and Peggy

Dewald

June 26: David and Jean Bradbury
July 10: Eric and Katy Rothenberger
July 11: Todd and Angela Stewart
July 16: John and Melissa Voler
August 4: James and Heather Kreider
August 8: Glenn and Donna Gerhart



80+ Birthdays

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

Gloria Shober - June 9 - Apartment 112, 200 St. Luke Drive, Lititz, PA 17543

Ralph Whitcomb - June 14 - Keystone Villa Room 224, 100 North State Street, Ephrata, PA 17522

Audrey Grill - July 4 - Apartment 622, 300 St. Mark Avenue, Lititz, PA 17543

Jack Dewald - August 14 - 31 Bill Drive, Denver, PA 17517



Dear Friends Of Faith United,

Thank You for my Birthday cards and phone calls. They helped to make a beautiful day even brighter. It's always nice to be remembered in special ways.

Skip and I also want to **Thank You** for the many happy wishes on our 60th Wedding Anniversary. We are blessed to share in such a kind and caring church family. *Lorna Buohl*

It is a blessing to have so many caring friends at Faith United. **Thank You** for helping to make my 80th Birthday extra special. Your cards and phone calls made joining the "Over 80 Club" painless. *Hugs, Joanne Phillips*

"Due to unforeseen circumstances, Traci Krick made the decision to legally end her marriage. The divorce became final in May 2021."

Church Office Hours

The Church Office is currently operating with irregular in-person hours. To submit information for the bulletin or newsletter, please email Shirley Sweigart at:

grammyss46@gmail.com or grammyss@ptd.net, or call 717-538-1946.

She is usually in the Church Office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:00 AM to Noon.



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30 The Holy Trinity Voting Ends For ELCA Good Gifts Contest 9:00 AM Live-Stream and In-Person Worship Service 10:15 AM Drive-Thru Communion, Faith United Parking Lot, 10:15-10:45 AM	31 Church Office Closed Kid's Church On YouTube Memorial Day Visit Of Mary To Elizabeth	1 JoAn Weaver Birthday 9:00 AM Cozy Comforters Sewing Group	2 6:30 PM Congregation Council Meeting	3	4 Online Synod Assembly	5 Online Synod Assembly 8:00 AM Peter's Porch Drive-Thru - Faith United - 8:00-10:00 AM
6 Second Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 AM Live-Stream and In-Person Worship Service 10:15 AM Drive-Thru Communion, Faith United Parking Lot, 10:15-10:45 AM	7 Kid's Church On YouTube	8 In-Person And Online Bible Study And Prayer Group	9 Gloria Shober Birthday	10	11 Barnabas, Apostle Pastor Marissa's Day Off	12 8:00 AM Peter's Porch - Littiz Mennonite Church, 165 East Front Street, Littiz - 8:00-10:00 AM
13 Third Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 AM Live-Stream and In-Person Worship Service 10:15 AM Drive-Thru Communion, Faith United Parking Lot, 10:15-10:45 AM	14 Deadline For Winters Scholarship Applications Flag Day Kid's Church On YouTube Ralph Whitcomb Birthday	15 9:00 AM Cozy Comforters Sewing Group	16	17 Pastor Marissa At Candidacy Committee	18 Pastor Marissa's Day Off	19 8:00 AM Peter's Porch - Zion Lutheran Church, 435 Main Street, Akron - 8:00-10:00 AM
20 Confirmation Camp At Kirchenwald Father's Day First Day Of Summer Fourth Sunday After Pentecost Recognition Of 2021 Graduates 9:00 AM Live-Stream and In-Person Worship Service 10:15 AM Drive-Thru Communion, Faith United Parking Lot, 10:15-10:45 AM	21 Confirmation Camp At Kirchenwald Kid's Church On YouTube	22 Confirmation Camp At Kirchenwald	23 Confirmation Camp At Kirchenwald	24 Confirmation Camp At Kirchenwald John The Baptist	25 Confirmation Camp At Kirchenwald	26 Confirmation Camp At Kirchenwald 8:00 AM Peter's Porch - Landis Valley Christian Fellowship Church, 2420 Kissel Hill Road, Lancaster - 8:00-10:00 AM
27 Fifth Sunday After Pentecost 10:00 AM Joint Outdoor Worship Service With Mellingers Lutheran Church At Denver Park	28 Kid's Church On YouTube	29 Peter and Paul, Apostles 6:30 PM Book Club In Memorial Garden	30	1	2 Pastor Marissa's Day Off	3 Thomas, Apostle 8:00 AM Peter's Porch Drive-Thru - Faith United - 8:00-10:00 AM



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July 2021

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25 Ninth Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 AM Live-Stream and In-Person Worship Service 10:15 AM Drive-Thru Communion, Faith United Parking Lot, 10:15-10:45 AM	26 James, Apostle (transferred) Kid's Church On YouTube	27 In-Person And Online Bible Study And Prayer Group 6:30 PM Book Club In Memorial Garden	28	29	30 Pastor Marissa's Day Off	31

August 2021

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*What's
Happening at
Faith United?*

Send your pictures in for
next month's newsletter!



Jackson and Haley Lesher hand out flowers and chocolate on Mother's Day



Kellen and Nikki Strohl serving as acolyte on Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday



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“God Moments”

Looking out our kitchen window, I see on the side of a cherry tree a black shape, too large to be a grackle or red-winged blackbird. Neither of these two bird species cling to the vertical sides of tree trunks. My mind struggles to interpret the image reaching my eyes. Suddenly streaks of white become visible on its wings, neck and head that is topped off with a brilliant red crest, confirming the visitor is a pileated woodpecker. I quickly call my wife to come and view this giant among the bird family "picadae" that is only a few paces away from our window. Our tricolor visitor bypasses our feeders to find a partially decayed tree stump in our pasture. He proceeds to chisel a rectangular hole, his species trademark, into it. Determined pecking removes large chips of punky wood that fall to the ground. Using his bill as a tweezers the bird deftly clasps then tosses loose chips to the side and continues chiseling away. We pass our binoculars between us each taking our turn at viewing this spectacular bird pecking at the tree stump until he plunges his bill into the recess he's created to pull out the object of his pursuit, a large white grub the size of my little finger. He positions it in his bill, tosses his head back, and swallows it whole. What a sight to see! Wasting no time on after dinner pleasantries, he quickly flies off in the rising and dipping flight pattern characteristic of all woodpeckers. Pileateds are not uncommon, only reclusive, and rarely seen this close to our home. Mostly we hear them tapping on trees and vocalizing in their cackling call. To see one is always a sudden, unexpected treat that fills me with amazement, wonder and awe. Having looked out the window at just the right time to see this grand bird gave us the feeling of having a magical encounter.

Such chance occurrences cause me to search for meaning in the experience. Why did I look out the window when I did? Is God trying to tell me something? Was this an omen? As a Christian who happens to be Lutheran, is it okay to see our pileated friend as a messenger from God? In a way, I think it is okay. During our weekly Zoom Bible Study we call these occurrences "God moments," special experiences that remind us of God's presence in our daily lives. To me, God moments are not omens sent special delivery from a fickle, capricious God breaking into reality from afar, launching thunderbolts and apparitions into reality. Nor are they the paranormal tinkering of a meddling deity. I like to think of our God moments as faithful interpretations of reality where God is not far away, but present as the Holy Spirit participating in both our sorrows and our joys. The telling of our personal God moments to one another during Bible Study substantiate our sense of God's presence. For example, a bluebird outside our bedroom window that remind us of a lost loved one is not necessarily a messenger from beyond, but a very natural encounter that reflects our love for the person we miss. So every time my wife, Marie, and I see a bluebird we think of our love for her dad who was fond of bluebirds. Our Faith, not earned but given to us by God at our baptism, enables us to see the world with a belief in God's infinite goodness. Therefore; the bluebird, miraculous creature that he is, is still just a bluebird, until we see him as God's reminder of someone special in our life. It is seeing through the lens of Faith that we receive meaning.

What meaning do I derive from our pileated visitor other than being struck breathless at his unexpected visit? The significance of this bird's appearance is that it wasn't supposed to happen at all, at least to naturalists several decades ago. They predicted the demise of the pileated due to the fragmentation and subdivision of large parcels of woodland for development. These great birds needed solitude and would not propagate near human activity. They said only vast stretches of forests like in Pennsylvania's Northern Tier or deeply wooded areas like in Canada would be acceptable woodpecker habitat. I've been to both places and in Canada I saw pileateds as numerous as crows. Conversely, I've also seen them in the Philadelphia suburbs thriving among the large trees found between the many homes in these developments. Pileated woodpeckers do tolerate human activity. I guess the naturalists who predicted the demise of these birds needed more faith in the pileated's adaptability. Which reminds me of myself. I've seen a lot of change in my life, especially in the past year, and I've managed to tolerate it with varying degrees of competence. I know as I grow older more change is coming. I see my pileated woodpecker God moment as the Holy Spirit telling me that like this great bird I can weather change too. With the Faith given to me by God, I'll seek to find goodness amidst life's constant changes with the same vigor as that pileated searching for his nourishing grub.

Have a Blessed summer!

Jim Redcay

JUNE WORSHIP

Second Sunday After Pentecost Sunday, June 6, 2021

Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130:1-8; 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1; Mark 3:20-35. A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.



Third Sunday After Pentecost Sunday, June 13, 2021

Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 4:26-34. The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.



Fourth Sunday After Pentecost Sunday, June 20, 2021

Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41. Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.



Fifth Sunday After Pentecost Sunday, June 27, 2021

**Joint Worship Service In Denver
Park With Mellingers Lutheran
Church
10:00 AM**

JULY WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost Sunday, July 4, 2021

Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123:1-4; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13. Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the "between": between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.



Seventh Sunday After Pentecost Sunday, July 11, 2021

Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29. When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.



Eighth Sunday After Pentecost Sunday, July 18, 2021

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56. Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.



Ninth Sunday After Pentecost Sunday, July 25, 2021

2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-18; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21. Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.



AUGUST WORSHIP

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost Sunday, August 1, 2021

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78:23-29; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35. Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.



Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost Sunday, August 8, 2021

1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:25—5:2; John 6:35, 41-51. Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.





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 Comfort Of The Holy Spirit:

Traynor Family

John Eberly Family

Lorah Family

For Healing:

Jim Stewart

Deb Martzall

JJ Hertzog

Mae Raudenbush

Sally Herbst

Lillian Troutman

Glenn Beard Sr.

Steven Lasher

Andrew McDonald

Jean Wolf

Alan Meckley

Linda Swyhart

Cathy McQuate

Ashton Ochs

Maureen Latanishen

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

Continuing Concerns

Sue Henkel, Caryll Lausch, Michael Konopka, Vernon Boose, Rob Macker, Audrey Grill, Dorothy Hoyer, Susan Means, Lorna Buohl, Arlene Slabach, Ethel Farrow, Peggy and Jack Dewald, Ronald Worline, Ethel Newman, Florence Rutt, Helen Shirk, Viola White, John and Pauline Matthews, Melvin Schmeck, Matt Donley, Susan Hartman, Jeri Yost, Ginny and Jim Stoltz, Tracy Augustine, Stan Henderson, Harriet Garber, Jeri Lynn Pickel, Pastor Sharon Blezzard, Dean Camp, Jed Weidner, Men and Women Serving in our Armed Forces.

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 Pastor Marissa at:

pastormbecklin@gmail.com.

2021 Altar Flower/Bulletin Sponsor Sign-Up



The Altar Flower Chart for 2021 is in the Church Office. 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: August 8, 15.

The Bulletin Sponsor Chart for 2021 is also in the Church Office. **Cost is \$25.00 per Sunday. Open Dates: June 13, 20; July 4, 11, 18; August 8, 15, 29.**



To sign up please click here:

<https://signup.zone/o8DXjLSdanMpgCct5> OR

please call Shirley Sweigart, 717-538-1946 to get your name on the Altar Flower and Bulletin Charts.



Memorial Garden Helpers

Our Memorial Garden and both sides of the Church are in need of some tending and weeding. Anyone who would like to make their way to Church and help out with weeding is welcome and encouraged to do so.

Thank You for helping keep our grounds beautiful!



Committee Contacts

Interested in getting more involved? Contact the following people:

Care of Members: Lori Stover

Finance: Scott Gola

Christian Education: Brian Strohl

Information Technology (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



The Lutheran Camping Corporation
of Central Pennsylvania
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

**The Wittel Farm
SUMMER ECO EDUCATION DAYS**

June 5: Soil Composting

July 3: Plants And Seeds

July 17: Pollinator Gardening

**August 7: Healthy Farm,
Healthy Foods**

9:00 AM



Join Pastor Matt and Cherie Lenahan for a morning of education, with special guests, to learn about the farming practices at The Wittel Farm and how they support a healthier ecosystem, climate, and community.

\$5 per person. 90 minute sessions. Come to any that interest you or come to all four.

Register For Summer Camp!

It might just be the best week you've ever had! Don't wait, sign up today for a summer camp program at Kirchenwald or Nawakwa.

Some programs are starting to fill up, don't wait ...reserve your spot today! Find information about [COVID-19 precautions](#) we are taking this summer.



More Information: [https://](https://www.lutherancamping.org/summer-camp/)

www.lutherancamping.org/summer-camp/

The Wittel Farm

June 13, 2021

July 11, 2021

August 15, 2021

8:00-9:00 PM



Come to the farm for summer Campfire worship nights. Songs, stories, s'mores.

For More Information:

PO Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303

Phone: 717-677-8211;

www.LutheranCamping.org



Peter's Porch

Faith United Evangelical
Lutheran Church

357 Walnut Street, Denver, PA 17517

Phone: 717-336-2141

Email: faithunited@ptd.net

The First Saturday of Each Month

June 5, 2021

July 3, 2021

August 7, 2021

8:00-10:00 AM

Peter's Porch Volunteering

As we continue to share God's love by feeding our community through Peter's Porch, we are reinstating our tradition of having bag packing night on the last Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM.

If you are interested in volunteering by packing bags or by helping on the first Saturday of the month when we distribute, please RSVP first by emailing Pastor Marissa Becklin,

pastormbecklin@gmail.com

as we seek to preserve the health and safety of the community. Thank you!

Winters Scholarship

The Sara Stober Winters Scholarship is awarded annually by Faith United to students pursuing higher education in the fields of ordained ministry, medicine, teaching or other "helping and caring" fields deemed appropriate by the Church Council.

Applications are available in the Church Office by emailing the office at:

faithunited@ptd.net

for anyone interested in applying, and are due in the Church Office by Monday, June 14, 2021.

For questions or more information, please contact the Church Office at 717-336-2141, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00 AM - Noon or Bryan Strohl at 717-368-3062.



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



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 Spouse Or Companion: Tuesdays, June 15, 22, 2:00–3:30 PM; Tuesday, June 8, 6:30-8:00 PM.

Coping With The Loss Of A Child (Of Any Age): Wednesday, June 23, 6:30-8:00 PM.

GRASP (Grief Recovery After A Substance Passing): Tuesday, June 8, 6:30–8:00 PM. This monthly group provides sources of help, compassion, and understanding for families or individuals who have had a loved one die as a result of substance abuse or addiction. Pre-registration for new attendees is required. For more information about location or Zoom details, or to register, contact Marjorie Paradise at mparadise810@comcast.net or (717) 951-2720.

Newly Bereaved (Three Week Series): Tuesdays, June 15, 22, 29, 6:30-8:00 PM; Wednesdays, July 14, 21, 28, 2:00–3:30 PM. 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.

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**, (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 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.

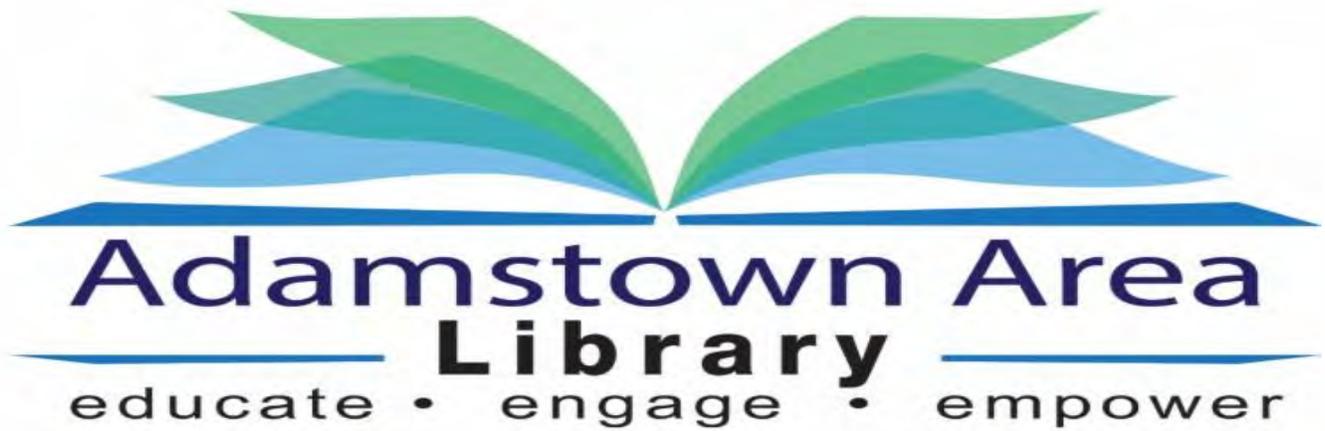
Social Dine-Out Options: Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, we have canceled all social dine-out options scheduled for the immediate future.

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.

Our Church Council made the decision in late 2020 to install in our Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall the most effective air-cleaning technology available.

This technology is called needlepoint bipolar ionization, and was recommended to us by our HVAC specialist and by other congregations in the area. The technology uses ions (naturally-occurring charged particles) to neutralize all forms of air pollution, including viruses. These ions clean the air actively, unlike most air purification, which means that pathogens are neutralized quickly. [You can learn more about how it works at the manufacturer’s website.](#) This technology is paired with our other mitigation efforts of distancing and proper mask-wearing to create a safer environment for In-Person Worship.





Welcome Back!

Starting June 1st, appointments will no longer be required to come into the Library! The Library will be open for computer use, printing, browsing, checking out materials, and passport processing.

Masks are required inside the Library regardless of vaccination status. Thank you for your patience and support as we do our best to make these decisions with the health and safety of the community in mind.

We are so excited to see you again!

Opening Day Drive-Thru Party

Saturday, June 5th from 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Summer Reading starts June 5th! Join us for our "Tails And Tales" Opening Day Drive-Thru Party at Denver Park.



Lions, Tigers, and Magicians, OH MY! Safely stay in your car while picking up your Summer Library Packet, snacks, gifts, crafts, raffle prizes and more. See the Fire Truck, Police Car, CYLO from the Barnstormers, Service Dogs, and so much more at the Denver Memorial Park, 801 Main Street, Denver. The first 100 children receive a Boehringer's Ice Cream Cone Coupon. For Families.

Nature Show At Refreshing Mountain

Monday, June 7 at 10:00 AM

Come and hear all about Pennsylvania native and exotic creatures from around the world. These critters and their tails have many tales of their own, so be sure not to miss this mix of hands-on animal experience and adventure stories.



Meet Miss Jess at the Nature Center at Refreshing Mountain, 455 Camp Road, Stevens, PA 17578. Park in Parking Lot B – Follow yellow footprints to office, turn Left, go down paved road towards pond.

For all ages. Each family will need to print, sign and bring along the release form.

Registration and completed form required!

This program will also be offered on Monday, June 14, July 12, and July 19.

Teen SummerZine

Every Other Tuesday, June 8 - August 17; Tuesday, June 8 and 22, July 6 and 20, August 3 and 17 from 4:00-5:30 PM via Zoom.

Attention writers ages 12-19! Are you ready to take your writing to the next level? Would you like to see your work published alongside award-winning authors? You'll get to know three PA authors who will offer creative prompts and a real-time look at their writing process via Zoom. There will be monthly



opportunities to give and receive feedback from other teens and the guest authors, as well as time to polish your work for publication. Our finished SummerZine will include poetry, short stories, and essays by Lancaster County teens and our guest authors, and it will be catalogued at all libraries in the county. We'll cap off the summer with an in-person Publication Gala and a copy of the magazine for each participant! Registration is required

Book Sale!

Come over to the Old Library on Tuesdays for the Friends of the Adamstown Area Library Book Sale! The Friends will be selling books (plus puzzles, DVDs & CDs) for weeks to come. Books of every sort will be sold at the OLD Library building every Tuesday throughout June (except for June 22).

Doors will be open from 10:00 AM till 7:00 PM. Admission slips will be given to 25 people and as each customer comes out of the Library, another can go in. A mask is required for entry. Sorry, there is no restroom access at the Old Library, but restrooms in the new Library are OPEN for you to use.

Donations can be accepted again at the Old Library on Tuesdays from 10:00-11:00 AM and from 4:00-5:00 PM. Thanks for buying books and helping us make space for more donations!

Virtual & Outdoor Programs

[@adamstownarealibrary](https://www.instagram.com/adamstownarealibrary)

Outdoor & Take-Home Programs:

Opening Day Drive-Thru Party at Denver Park - Saturday, June 5 from 9:30-10:30 AM

I Spy Window Game & Themed Scavenger Hunt - Anytime, outside the Library

Nature Show At Refreshing Mountain - Monday, June 7 and 14 at 10:00 AM (registration required)

Adult Coloring Buddy Program - (register on our website)

Adult/Teen Take & Make Craft Kit - Available in the vestibule now while supplies last

Virtual Programs:

Teen SummerZine - Starts Tuesday, June 8 on Zoom (registration required)

Genealogy Group & Watch Party - Tuesday, June 8 at 7:00 PM on Zoom

No Stress With Miss Jess - Tuesdays at 10:00 AM

Friday Frolic With Hank: Book Reviews - Fridays at 1:00 PM

Jigsaw Challenge - Saturdays at 12:00 PM

Adamstown Area Library, 717-484-4200
110 West Main Street, Adamstown.
www.AdamstownAreaLibrary.org

Favorite Hymns For The Summer

During the Summer months, we would like to sing favorite hymns from the congregation. Please sign the chart on the counter with your favorite hymn. If the hymn is already listed, just check the column behind it.



KID'S CHURCH

Mondays On YouTube: Each week Pastor Marissa posts a video for families 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 are 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.



Mt. Gretna Tabernacle

MT. GREटना BIBLE FESTIVAL 2021

All Programs are in the Historic Tabernacle • 3rd St. & Glossbrenner Ave.

Parking GPS Address: 41 Boulevard St, Mt. Gretna PA 17064

Please visit MtGretnaTabernacle.org for any program cancellations.

A freewill offering will be received at each program.

Summer at the Tabernacle

Worship, Speakers and Concerts

ALL PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE Updates will be posted on our website and Facebook page

MASKS REQUIRED at all programming in the Tabernacle during the 2021 Season.

All programs will conform to strict CBC Guidelines. Visit our website for updates.

Friday programs will be simulcast via the website and on Facebook

- Friday, June 4 - 7:00 PM: Ecumenical Service - "The Benefit Of God's Presence"** - Rev. Bryan S. McAllister, Heard A.M.E. Church, Roselle, New Jersey
- Sunday, June 6 - 7:00 PM: Concert - Mennonite Children's Choir Of Lancaster**
- Friday, June 11 - 7:00 PM: Ecumenical Service - "God's Presence Transforms"** - Rev. Jeffrey Schell, Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Manheim
- Sunday, June 13 - No Program**
- Friday, June 18 - 7:00 PM: Ecumenical Service - "God's Presence In His Word"** - Father James E. Lease, St. Catherine Laboure Catholic Church, Harrisburg
- Sunday, June 20 - 7:00 PM: Concert - Andy Roberts Jazz Quartet**
- Friday, June 25 - 7:00 PM: Ecumenical Service - "God's Presence...On Low And High Power"** - Rev. Len Knighton, Chaplain of the Lebanon Valley Home, Annville
- Sunday, June 27 - 7:00 PM: Concert - New Holland Band,** Directed by Dr. Kenneth Laudermilch
- Sunday, July 4 - 7:00 PM: Concert - Rehrersburg Band,** At The Playhouse (No Program In The Tabernacle)
- Sunday, July 11 - 7:00 PM: Speaker, Darryl Strawberry**
- Sunday, July 18 - 7:00 PM: Preacher, Dr. Stephen McKinney-Whitaker,** Derry Presbyterian Church, Hershey. "Checking Our Blind Spots", Text From Mark 10:46-52
- Sunday, July 25 - 7:00 PM: Concert - Alden Keynotes Chorus,** Directed by Darrell Woomeer, Renee Haag, Accompanist. Voices from Alden Place Community
- Sunday, August 1 - 7:00 PM: Concert - Lancaster British Brass Band,** Directed by Dr. Stephen Arthur Allen
- Wednesday, August 4 - 7:00 PM: Hymn Sing, Music Of The Gaithers,** Led by Rev. Bob Kettering and Dr. Rod Shearer
- Sunday, August 8 - 7:00 PM: Concert - National Christian Choir,** Directed by Kathy Bowman
- Sunday, August 15 - 7:00 PM: Concert - Men In Harmony,** Directed by Nathan Minnich
- Sunday, August 22 - 7:00 PM: Concert - The Susquehanna Chorale,** Directed by Linda Tedford
- Sunday, August 29 - 7:00 PM: Concert - QuintEssentially Brass**
- Saturday, October 2 - 2:00 PM: Concert - The Massed Choir**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community Meals

No Charge

Thursday, June 24
Pre-Order by Friday,
June 18

Thursday, July 8

Pre-Order by Friday, July 2

Thursday, July 22

Pre-Order by Friday July 16

Pickup Time - 5:30-6:30 PM

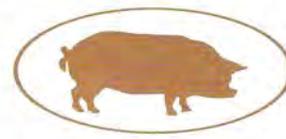
Trinity United Methodist Church
420 Main Street, Denver
(Rear Entrance)

Call 717-336-6748 or

Email: swampcf@ptd.net



PORK BBQ DRIVE-THRU AND FLOWER & QUILT SALE



Saturday, June 12th 10am-2pm

Price :\$12 - Includes:

Pulled pork sandwich, coleslaw, chips, dessert, and drink.

Cash and Carry Flower Sale including annuals, perennials, house plants, succulents, hanging baskets and planters

Quilts for sale

Take home activity kits for kids available for purchase



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FOOD PANTRY

EASS has a satellite location at
Swamp Lutheran Church
 every 2nd Wednesday of the month
 1:30 PM- 5:30 PM

Call 717.733.0345 or 717.336.2849 to let us know you are coming



New extended hours to fit your needs



Celebrating Our 2021 Graduates: June 20th



On Sunday, June 20th we would like to recognize our 2021 graduates with a blessing and gift as a part of worship. Part of our preparation for that celebration includes compiling a list of all of our 2021 graduates.

Please send the names of 2021 graduates from our congregation to the church office:

faithunited@ptd.net



Sarah Kreider
Boston Conservatory at Berkley

Master's Degree in Music Education with a
Concentration in Autism

Grace Stewart
University Of St. Andrews, Scotland

Olivia Voler
Dickinson College

Emily Witmer
Duquesne University, Pittsburgh
BSM in Nursing



Vacation Bible School 2021

Faith United in collaboration with St. John's United Church Of Christ and Trinity United Methodist Church will be offering a virtual VBS program this summer in the month of July. The program will include videos and take-home materials for at-home use.

Stay tuned for more details in July.



**First Day Of
Summer
Sunday,
June 20**

Help Support Faith United's Youth!

This summer Faith United will send three of our middle/high school students to Confirmation Camp at Camp Kirchenwald. This weeklong program (June 20-26) is run in collaboration with a number of other local Lutheran churches, and will include time learning about the Lutheran Affirmation of Baptism along with fellowship and fun.

Faith United will be covering half of the cost of our campers, and is looking to raise \$450 to cover these costs. We will have a Special Offering Container for this cause placed in the back of the Sanctuary on Sundays, June 6, 13, and 20 to raise money for this important program.

The students will participate in Sunday Worship when they return from camp, and share some of what they learned and experienced.

ELCA Good Gifts Winner



The Latrine is the winner of the ELCA GOOD GIFTS Contest. In fact, Faith is able to purchase two latrines. "A startling 2.3 billion people lack access to basic sanitation, including toilets." This fact is hard to understand. Most of us have more than one toilet in our homes.

We had 330 votes, Three hundred dollars will buy two toilets. With the remainder \$30 we are able to buy a Vaccination For A Child.

Thank You Faith members!

Bible Quiz

An unnamed relative of Paul obstructed a conspiracy to kill the apostle. What was this rescuer's relation to Paul?

- A. nephew
- B. niece
- C. brother
- D. sister



Answer: A (See Acts 23:12-22, esp. v. 16.)

Community Events



A Veteran-Centric Program

Soul Injury®

"Liberating Unmourned Loss and Unforgiven Guilt"

featuring
Deborah Grassman, RN, BSN, NP
Opus Peace

**Friday, August 6, 2021
12:00 Noon – 1:30 p.m.
Virtual via Zoom**

National lecturer and author Deborah Grassman cared for more than 10,000 dying veterans over a 30-year career. Now she shares what those veterans taught her about the burden of Soul Injury, an emotional wound caused by unmourned loss and unforgiven guilt or shame. Learn how Soul Injury has the potential to affect us all, long before a serious illness, and how to respond to Soul Injury during this thought-provoking educational program.

Register online at www.HospiceConnect.org/Events or call Pat Cochrane at (717) 391-2456.



This program is funded by
The Charles L. Deardorff, MD
Medical Education Endowment Fund.



***"The Backyard"* At St. Paul Lutheran Church, Penryn**

You are invited to join us in ***"The Backyard"*** at St. Paul Penryn! ***"The Backyard"*** is an outside gathering space on the St. Paul Campus to be used for in-person sharing of our ministries and resources, to build support for our calling in the world, and to deepen/renew our relationships with each other and the community.

Here is our list of currently scheduled events open to the community. **All Are Welcome!**

June 6 - "Konnet With Konde", 5:00-7:00 PM: a time to learn about the Konde Diocese and connect with April Trout.

June 12 - 7:00 PM: Live Music on the Lawn

June 25 - Tree For Hope, 5:00-9:00 PM: Guatemala ministry with Dave and Jennifer Hope-Tringali

July 17 - Fundraiser for the Penryn Fire Department, Early Evening

July 30 - St. Stephens Lutheran Church: Fundraiser for their Time House Ministry

August 7 - Lutheran Trivia Night

All of the events will include a Beer Truck, some will have Food Trucks, and Live Music.

Dogs are welcome and encouraged to hang with their humans.

Bible Study And Prayer Group (In-Person AND Online) Second And Fourth Tuesdays At Noon



Join Pastor Marissa and your fellow congregants in learning more about one another's lives and about the Bible. Join us as we read through the book of Acts, learning about discipleship and the early church.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall In-Person, or Online:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/411053586>

and follow the prompts.

You can also call in by telephone to 1-929-205-6099 and enter our meeting ID: 411 053 586.

NOTE: No Bible Study On June 22

Adamstown Area Library Summer Reading

2021



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Sidewalk Safari - Any time, outside the library on the ramp. How well can you roar like a lion? Can you jump like a frog? Or arch your back like a cat? Stop in at the library this summer to play this fun sidewalk chalk activity. *For all ages.*

Themed Scavenger Hunt - Any time, in the woods behind the library. Need to get outdoors? Stop by and read the book on the rear library windows and then "search" for the hidden items in the grassy area behind the library. *For all ages.*

I SPY Tails & Tales Window - Any time, outside the library next to the picnic table. Bring your picnic lunch to the library and see what you can "spy" with your little eye! *For all ages.*

Adamstown Pool Storytime - Thursdays, June 10, July 8, & August 12 @ 1 PM. What better way to take a break from swimming than listening to a fun story? Join Miss Jess at the Pool Pavilion. Bring your library card along to check out some books. Additional Thursdays for Book Checkout only. *(Pool entrance fee or membership required).*

Nature Show @ Refreshing Mountain - Mondays, June 7 & 14 and July 12 & 19 @ 10 AM. Come and hear all about Pennsylvania native and exotic creatures from around the world. These critters and their tails have many tales of their own, so be sure not to miss this mix of hands-on animal experience and adventure stories. Meet Miss Jess at the Nature Center at Refreshing Mountain, 455 Camp Rd, Stevens, PA 17578. Park in Parking Lot B Follow yellow footprints to office, turn L, go down paved road towards pond. *Registration and completed form required! For all ages.*

Teen SummerZine - Tuesday, June 8 & 22, July 6 & 20, August 3 & 17 from 4-5:30 PM via Zoom. Attention writers ages 12-19! Are you ready to take your writing to the next level? Would you like to see your work published alongside award-winning authors? You'll get to know three PA authors who will offer creative prompts and a real-time look at their writing process via Zoom. There will be monthly opportunities to give and receive feedback from other teens and the guest authors, as well as time to polish your work for publication. Our finished SummerZine will include poetry, short stories, and essays by Lancaster County teens and our guest authors, and it will be catalogued at all libraries in the county. We'll cap off the summer with an in-person Publication Gala and a copy of the magazine for each participant! *Registration Required. Ages 12-19.*

Adamstown "Groovy" Grove Storytime - Fridays @ 9:30 AM, 10 AM, & 10:30 AM @ Adamstown Grove. Join Miss Jess for Storytime fun and be sure to bring along your library card to check out some books. Every Friday from June 11 through July 23. Choose one of these times to attend: 9:30, 10 or 10:30 AM. *For families.*

Ran'D Shine-Magician - Tuesday, June 22 @ 10:30 AM. TRICKS! is a fast, fun and amazing show where Magician Ran'D Shine performs tricks from his favorite magic books that he keeps in his box. During the show you will witness objects appear, vanish, and transform! This is a highly interactive show that combine magic, music, and storytelling. *Registration Requested. For all ages.*

Animal Encounters - Wednesday, June 23 @ 10 AM. What does it feel like to have a shark's "sixth sense"? How about having no opposable thumbs? Hands-on House Children's Museum invites children and their families to find out as they investigate the mysterious world of animals. This workshop takes a child's natural connection with animals and turns it into an interactive learning experience. *Registration Required. Ages 3-10 with Family*

Phredd-Ukulele One Man Band - Monday, June 28 @ 1:30 PM. Enjoy ukulele strumming, harmonica wailing, suitcase drum kicking, quirky singer-songwriter of unmitigated joy performing original tunes about pirates, electric tricycles, monkeys and more-His songs inspire imagination, creativity and positive encouragement. *Registration Requested. For all ages.*

Turtle Dance Music: The Music, Bubble and Comedy Show - Tuesday, July 6 @ 10:30 AM. Flap your wings, jump up & down like five little monkeys and roar like a polar bear! Performance celebrates famous children's stories/songs about animals including a few written by adults on the autism spectrum! The show will also celebrate biodiversity - the wilder our planet is the healthier it is! Kids will dance, sing, laugh, use their imaginations, and connect with new friends. The show is crafted to be inclusive for all children, including children on the Autism Spectrum. *Registration Requested. For all ages.*

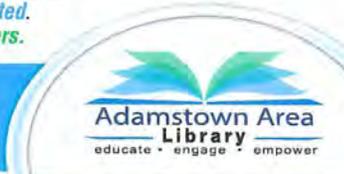
Tails, Tracks and Turds - Wednesday, July 7 @ 10 AM. (Lancaster County Dept. of Parks & Rec) What if you had a tail? What would it be used for? This program will help you answer these and many other questions about an animal's tail. You will also learn about the signs that the animals leave behind. We will play games and write some track tales to help us learn even more. *Registration Required. For Families.*

Jeff Boyer's Big Bubble Bonanza - Wednesday, July 21 @ 10 AM. Gigantic Bubbles that blow their own bubbles? See the newest, funniest, zany spectacular from world-famous, Guinness Book of World Records-holding, master bubble wrangler, Jeff Boyer, as he takes bubbles to the max with big bubble flair. *Registration Requested. For Families.*

ZooAmerica Tales of Tails - Monday, July 26th @ 1 PM. Featuring ambassador animals, you will get to explore several books and meet some of the animals starring in these stories. Read and learn about the amazing tales the animals' tails must tell. *Registration Requested. For all ages.*

End of Summer Glow in the Dark Bike Parade - Friday, August 13 @ 8 PM. Kids, celebrate all your hard work this Summer Reading. The Parade will be held at the Cocalico High School Walking Trail at 879 S. 4th Street, Denver. Bring your animal themed decorated bike/tricycle/scooter/ride-on toy and helmet to show off your skills. Prizes awarded. *Registration Requested. For Families and community members.*

**Registration requested/required for most events.
Locations to be determined-please contact
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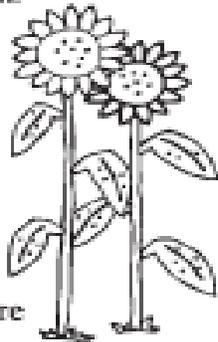


Follow the Son

Make a sunflower, which turns its head to follow the sun.

What you need:

- Paper plate
- Yellow marker
- Scissors
- Yarn (black and brown)



What you do:

1. Color the entire plate yellow.
2. Around the edge, cut out an odd number of triangles. Evenly space the cuts to form flower petals.
3. Poke a hole in the plate's center. String black yarn through the hole and over one triangle cut. Tie a knot at the back of the plate.
4. Continue looping yarn through the hole and over the remaining cuts. Secure the end. The flower should look like a wagon wheel with black spokes.
5. Tie the brown yarn to a black "spoke." Weave the brown yarn over and under the spokes in a circle. Continue until the sunflower has a large center. Then tie the end.
6. Display your craft as a reminder to follow the Son, Jesus!



Conundrums of creation

God's creation is filled with amazing and sometimes puzzling works.

Directions: Use the bank of picture clues to answer the riddles.



You can hold but not touch this. -----

Before using this, you must break it. ---

This falls without getting hurt. -----

This gets bigger the more you take away. -----

This has an eye but cannot see. -----

"In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the ___.

It is like ... a champion rejoicing to run his course.

It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit

to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth."

PSALM 19:4-6, NIV

Answer: breath, egg, rain, hole, hurricane, sun

KID'S PAGE



Make this refreshing treat on a hot summer day.

What you need:

- Baking sheet
- Parchment paper
- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2 Tbsp. honey
- ¼ cup granola or cereal

What you do:

1. On a baking sheet covered with parchment paper, spread yogurt in a thin layer, about ½-inch thick.
2. Drizzle honey evenly over yogurt. Sprinkle granola (or cereal) on top.
3. Freeze about 30 minutes, or until firm.
4. Crack frozen yogurt into pieces and peel away paper. Enjoy!



As sweet as honey



Honey is both a sweetener and a medicine. How can our words be used in the same ways?



Directions: Use the hexagon key to fill in the missing vowels and complete Proverbs 16:24, NIV.



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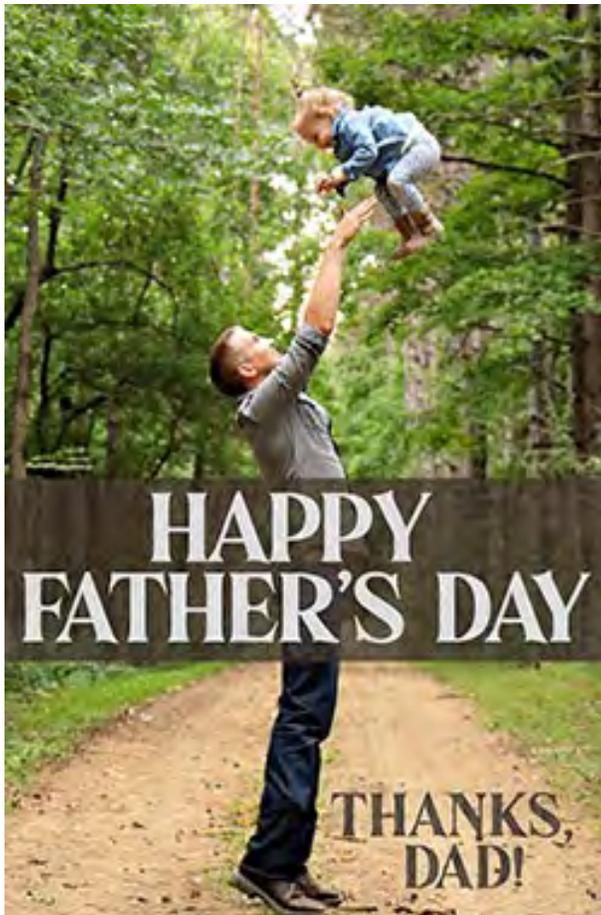


PROVERBS 16:24, NIV

Answer: Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24, NIV

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