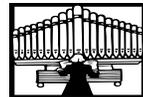


the Voice parish newsletter



Friends at Mt. Lebanon Lutheran Church,

This will be my final “Musical Musings” column to you after 17 years! I have used this space to encourage participation in our musical ministry, to provoke thoughts behind the reasons we do things a certain way, and to express appreciation for opportunities afforded me. I continue that last task here.

My most sincere thanks to all who have sung with me in the Chancel Choir. We have grown in numbers and in musical quality and the choir is an organization of which any church could boast. They – both current and those singers who have gone on after service here – have been intensely loyal and dedicated, and willing to go the “extra mile” whenever necessary. How many church choirs can successfully offer a Bach cantata with orchestra, a John Rutter Requiem, a newly composed Lenten cantata, a rousing Easter anthem with a drum set, as well as meaningful anthems weekly in worship? Not many, trust me! They have made and continue to make me proud each week.

Thanks also to those who have rung handbells. I feel badly that we were not able to resurrect the choir after Covid shut us down, but there have been too many obstacles and now time has run out. Remember the fun we had at Handbell Festivals where we spent a day ringing with others under the direction of a master instructor? And those times when we had young folks rehearsing after church and bringing music in worship – all were wonderful. I do hope that this program returns in the near future.

Many thanks also to those who have worked with the children and their music ministry over the years – Kim Steinhaur, Barb Heagy, and Hannah Morrison. Music for pageants and music in worship had many high moments, and I am grateful to them for their work under challenging conditions and circumstances.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the support of our senior ministers, Pastor Bruce Pedersen, who set this in motion when he hired me in 2005, and then with Pastor Doug Heagy, who has never failed to support any of my flights of fancy, and has always been a vocal supporter of this ministry. And, without question, our secretarial staff, Myrna Weise, Marsha Weiss, and Kris Malia – they have always done their best with the often complex musical material which I have asked them to deal with – to great success!!

Finally, my thanks to you in the congregation who have been so appreciative over the years and have financially supported our efforts. Without you and that undergirding, this could never have happened.

And, before I sign off – I hope that many of you will attend the service on June 12 at 9:30 am when we will celebrate the music ministry of our church. Our choir will be joined by 11 additional singers who return, plus Micah Wilkinson, principal trumpet of our PSO and Scott Bell, oboist, formerly of the PSO and professor of oboe at the Tianjin China Juilliard School of Music, as well as percussionist Mitch Greco. A wonderful festive occasion, and I hope you will be there!

I do encourage you to support and befriend my successor, whoever that will be. Don’t expect him/her to do things the same way – that would soon get boring – but be open to new ideas and ways of expression. If you have ever thought about participating – now is a great time to make that leap – with a new musician at the helm. The musical life of this church will continue to grow and prosper – of that I have no doubt – and I’ll be cheering you on all the way!

Blessings,
Larry Allen



June, 2022

Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church
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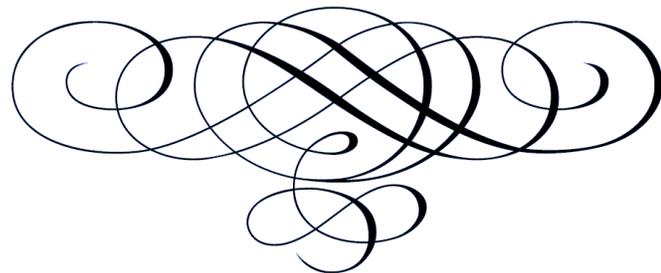


**SUNDAY
JUNE 12
ONE LITURGY
9:30 AM**

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW

A CELEBRATION OF CHRIST
IN GRATITUDE FOR OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR
LARRY ALLEN
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL DAY!



FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Stewardship of our leisure time

I commend enjoyment, for there is nothing better for people under the sun than to eat, and drink, and enjoy themselves, for this will go with them in their toil through the days of life that God gives them under the sun. Ecclesiastes 8:15

Busy-ness keeps us from living with joy and peace in today's 24/7 world, but Scripture reminds us that this is hardly new. Ecclesiastes was written some 2,500 years ago! Ecclesiastes does not give license for mindless pleasure-seeking, but rather affirms that our hard work should be balanced with time for relaxation and enjoyment with friends and family.

Saints and mystics have long touted the need for rest and renewal. In the monastic tradition it's referred to as *otium sanctum* – Holy Leisure. Not just wasting our free time, but using it for renewal. As steward/disciples, we aim to use our leisure time wisely. Here are some ideas:

Keep the Sabbath: God actually *commands* us to stop working one day per week, as Exodus 20:8-11 makes clear. But there is no prohibition against leisure. (Why else would God give us a day off?)

Plan your vacation: Even if you're taking a STAYcation, *plan* your time for maximum rest and enjoyment.

Manage your schedule: Are you a slave to your appointment book, driven by *other people's* priorities? Put yourself first – scheduling in time for leisure. Even if it's just 30 minutes here and there!

Find an activity you like: What do you do just for you? Discover – or REdiscover – what brings you joy, then make time to do it.

Socialize: Friends and family make life enjoyable. Spend time with them.

Invest, don't waste, time: Many activities pass the time but don't give back much in renewal or refreshment. Choose activities wisely.

God expects us to work, but not work ourselves to death. Sabbath and leisure time provide means for us to find balance in our life, as well as friendship, love, renewal and purpose.

--Rob Blezard

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SUMMERTIME BIBLE STUDIES

NATURE STORIES

IN THE BIBLE AND HYMNS



Participants will discuss nature stories as they appear in the Bible and hymns. All are welcome. Bring a friend. Pastor Heagy will lead the studies on Monday nights and Thursday mornings. Bibles will be provided or bring your own.

Monday / 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

June 6
June 13
June 20
June 27
July 4 (No class)
July 11
July 17
July 24

Thursday / 10:00 AM-11:15 AM

June 9
June 16
June 23
June 30
July 7
July 14 (No class)
July 21
July 28

NEW COLUMBARIUM - South Chancel Wall

As previously announced and approved by our council, we have signed a contract with *Armento Incorporated* of Buffalo, NY, to manufacture a new 48-niche columbarium, identical to the existing north chancel wall columbarium. The delivery date is **JUNE 2** followed by the installation on the south chancel wall **during the month of July.**

Interment in the columbarium is open to church members and their extended families, and the specific policy covering the use of and payments for the columbarium niches is available upon request from the church office.

The size of each niche is suitable for the cremations of one or two individuals. The cost of each niche is \$1,000 for interment of a single individual and \$1,500 for the interment of two.

Spaces remain available.

Please contact the church office to indicate your interest.





The worship links to Facebook & You Tube can be found on our website:
www.mtlebanonlutheran.org

SANCTUARY WORSHIP

Sunday's

8:30 AM & 10:00 AM

Virtual Worship 8:30 AM Facebook LIVE

Posted later on our YouTube channel

The Word of the Lord

June 5	Day of Pentecost Confirmation Sunday Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17
June 12	The Holy Trinity Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15
June 19	Time after Pentecost Isaiah 65:1-9 Psalm 22:19-28 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39
June 26	Time after Pentecost 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 Psalm 16 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62

Join us for

Food Truck Party

Vacation Bible School

July 11-15, 2022, 9am-noon



"Give us this day our daily bread." Matthew 6:11

Ages 4 and older

Register Now online at [https://](https://mtlebanonlutheranchurch.mycokesburyvbs.com/)

mtlebanonlutheranchurch.mycokesburyvbs.com/

Or use the registration form in this issue

SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE:

JUNE, 2022

If you cannot serve as scheduled, please switch with another server. If you cannot get a substitute call the church office at 412-563-0300 or Pastor Doug at [412] 926-5440; or email the church at mtleboluth@aol.com

June 5-Crucifer

8:30 Addison Wetzel

10:00 Jack O'Brien

June 12-Crucifer

9:30 Henry Keplar

June 19- Crucifer

8:30 Xavier Graybill

10:00 Carter Lutz

June 26-Crucifer

8:30 Annaleigh Dwulit

10:00 Luke Frankovitch



Congratulations to Diana Sarnicke and Dr. Derek Andreini who will be united in marriage on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at Heinz Chapel. Pastor Heagy will be officiating. We pray God's blessings for this newly married couple as they begin their lives together in Christ.



Food Pantry

While shopping... Please

continue to remember the ministry of the Food Bank at St. Michael and All Angels' with your contributions of non-perishable food, cleaning and laundry products and monetary donations. When making monetary donations, please make your check payable to *Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church* and designate your donation for St. Michael's Food Pantry [Your donation will be recorded and then forwarded.] or to the ELCA World Hunger ministries using a *designated gift envelope* in your pew.



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY ROAD CLEAN-UP

Our church is in charge of picking up garbage on a two mile stretch of Washington Rd, about 1 mile north and 1 mile south of the church. Our spring cleanup is usually in May but this year it will be on **JUNE 19** after the late church service. We will meet at @ 11:15 in front of the church. I will provide trash bags, gloves, and orange vests for volunteers. Volunteers will be divided into two groups, one group will go south towards the Galleria and one group will go north towards St. Bernard Church (St. Michael the Archangel Parish) We will pick up trash along the road. From past experience, there isn't much. We will have drinks and snacks for all volunteers.

This event is for **ALL** church members, and please feel free to invite anyone who is not a church member. High School students can get out of school volunteer hours for this event.

Any questions: Contact Stacey Tubbs at ertubbs@aol.com or 412-302-4247

Daily Bread Outreach Meal

July 17



The meal with the poor in July will be a cookout including hot dogs, hamburgers, chips & soda. Monetary donations are being accepted. Volunteers will be needed to serve the meal. Please see sign up sheet in the Narthex in the coming weeks. Thank you for your support

Mt. Lebanon Farmers' Market

(sponsored by the Lions' Club)



Wednesdays 4:00-7:00 PM

beginning **June 1**
in our parking lot.

"SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP"

All are invited for a time of fellowship between worship liturgies.

Enjoy food, beverage, and conversing
with each other in the Foyer or
Front Lawn (weather permitting).

Hope to see you there.



**The Evangelism Committee is looking for volunteers
for coffee prep and clean up - Sponsorship—and
preparing the sweet healthy treats
for this time together.**

**Please see the sign up chart on the bulletin board in
the hallway by the Narthex. Thank you.**





WE REMEMBER in our prayers:

God of all Life, with the Psalmist we acknowledge you are around us on every side; you protect us with your power; your knowledge is overwhelming. By faith, help us to grasp that your Lordship is also over the realm of the unreasonable and the seemingly undoable. Widen our limited expectations and invite us, heal us, and stir us by your love until we experience the wholeness of your life. Bring healing into the lives of:

Craig Elias; Bishop George Bashore;
Deb Cecotti; Scott Halapin; Patty Pavlak; Kalie
Radigan; Amy Budner; Cheryl Poenisch;
Elizabeth Keim; Rian Dankert; the family of
Annabelle Santos; Paul Young

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for the July issue of the *Voice* are to be submitted by Sunday, June 19. Articles may be left in the church office or email: mtleboluth@aol.com.



Pentecost Flower Planting-
June 6th at 10:00 am
(Rain date 6/7)

Thank you to all who dedicated the many lovely spring plants to adorn the altar on Pentecost Sunday, and to be planted in the front flowerbeds beautifying our church property all summer long!

Please join us for planting Monday, June 6 at 10 am. Bring your trowels and kneelers— extras will be available. Rain date is Tuesday, June 7 at 10 am. No experience necessary!



*I pledge Allegiance to the flag
of the United States of America
and to the Republic for which it
stands, one nation under God,
indivisible, with Liberty and
Justice for all.*

FLAG DAY JUNE 14, 2022

Summer Camp is on this summer at Camp Lutherlyn!

Check out all the programs, schedules,
events & registration info at
<https://www.lutherlyn.com/>



Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod —2022
Synod Assembly will be held June 16-June 18.
Cindy Brown and Pastor Heagy will be in
attendance representing our church.

***Train a child in the way he
should go, and when he is old he
will not turn from it.***

Proverbs 22:6



HAPPY FATHERS DAY JUNE 19, 2022



ONLINE GIVING

Is now available in association with

 myEoffering

www.mtlebanonlutheran.org

WHAT IS myEoffering?

myEoffering is a service we've teamed up with to give you the ability to send your offerings online in the same way that many of you already pay bills and purchase products. We chose to use myEoffering because they are part of a trusted, Christian family-owned company, who have been serving the needs of churches for nearly 100 years. Their product is solid, secure, easy, and convenient.

WHY SHOULD I USE myEoffering?

Many of you already pay for most of your purchases electronically, whether online or with a credit or debit card. So we have decided to offer this service as a convenience to you - you can stop writing checks or having to remember to bring cash every Sunday. Simply log in to our service and set up your offering. You can set the donations to match your pay periods, and even send your one-time donations to the special offerings we may have from time-to-time. This new service allows you to give any amount, at any time, from home or on the road, with your computer or even your mobile device. Now you can control how and when you give your tithes.

HOW DOES IT HELP?

Online giving is the future. In the lifetime of our young people, we will see electronic payments overshadow traditional methods of paper payments. In order to position ourselves to continue doing the work of God in the future and to make it as convenient as possible to be a cheerful giver to God's work, we have decided to offer online giving to you. In addition to easier access to giving and more engagement with young stewards, online offering has many benefits for the church. It allows us to more easily track contributions for budgeting. It saves us from manually tracking those contributions every week. It saves us from large fees on check processing and allows us to more accurately forecast expenditures and needs.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Signing up is as simple as going to our church website listed above and look for the green computer mouse icon. That button will take you to the myEoffering page for our church. Simply sign up and begin giving online today! Or scan the code to the right with your mobile device to get started now.



SCAN THIS
CODE WITH
YOUR MOBILE
DEVICE NOW



Congratulations on your First
Holy Communion.

May the blessings of Christ be upon
you always!



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Welcome To The Lord's Table

On May 15, 2022 we celebrated
First Holy Communion with
several of our families and friends.

Liliana Croom

Annabelle Kezel

Evelyn Loughney

The prayers and joy of the Church
are extended to them and their
families! A cake reception was
hosted for them by the Education
Committee and organized by
Vedette Keplar.



Congratulations!

On Sunday, June 5 we will celebrate with the families of the 2022 Confirmation Class as they made Public Affirmation of their baptism before our congregational family. Congratulations to:

Gigi Burket

Daughter of Jeff and Maria
Baptized 7-18-10

Luke Frankovitch

Son of Matthew and Melodie
Baptized 06-29-08

Henry Keplar

Son of Eric and Vedette
Baptized 02-24-08

We will celebrate with the Confirmands following the late Liturgy on June 5 with a reception hosted by the families of the First Year Catechetics Class. All are welcome.

Congratulations 2022 Graduates!

Natalie Cox graduated from Mt. Lebanon High School.
She will be attending Cornell University in the fall with a major in Chemical Biology
and a minor in German.



We will continue to publish graduate news in the July and August newsletter. Send the information ASAP.

Food Truck Party Vacation Bible School July 11-15, 2022, 9am-noon

"Give us this day our daily bread." Matthew 6:11



VBS Volunteers Needed—Youth and Adults

During VBS week, July 11-15, we need:

- Bible Storyteller *(one or more days)*
- Snack servers *(one or more days)*
- Crew leaders & assistants *(completed 6th grade and older)*
- Help at Registration tent *(Mon. morning)*
- Setup/Take-down Tents and traffic barriers *(before and after VBS)*

Prior to VBS week we need:

- Help with decorating & setup June 26-July 10– various days, weekday, evening, & weekend shifts
- Publicity: handing out VBS flyers at Farmers Market - Wednesdays in June - 1 hour shifts from 4-7pm

Can you make paper chains with bright colored construction paper?

We will provide the paper for you to make at home—look for kits in the Foyer soon, or use your own

After VBS week:

- Help breakdown set & cleanup, flexible time shifts

Note: **Teens can earn up to 15 hours of Community Service!** Plus, it's a lot of fun!

To volunteer: contact MBTrivilino@verizon.net or call the church office at 412-563-0300.

VBS items needed to borrow:

- (for week of July 11-15)
- Picnic table, outdoor chairs
- Chef's hat
- Plastic food props
- CD players (boom boxes)

VBS Items to Donate:

- Paper towel tubes
- Bright construction paper ~ and Volunteers needed to make **paper chains** for decorations

Snack items listed on next page

VBS Snacks Donations Needed:

Please help us provide our Vacation Bible School kids with fun, allergy-safe snacks. To keep everyone Covid-safe, snacks will be served outdoors and will include pre-packaged snacks. **Please check ingredient labels very carefully to make sure they do not include nuts, tree nuts or sesame seeds.** Some examples of allergy-safe snacks include, but are not limited to:

- Rice Crispy Treats
- Goldfish crackers
- NutriGrain Bars
- Skinny Pop Popcorn
- Quaker Chewy Dipp's Chocolate Granola Bars
- Frito Lay Variety Pack Chip bags
- Nature's Bakery Fig Bars

Many of these products can be purchased in bulk at Costco or Sam's Club, which is good news since we will need at least 300 snacks!

We will also need:

- Lemonade Mix
- Napkins
- Small cups

Please bring snacks to the Social Hall Kitchen, and label them VBS. Thank you in advance for your generosity! This helps us keep VBS affordable for families to participate.

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation



Our last day of Sunday School was May 22. After a year of remote learning, it was wonderful to teach the kids in person this academic year! Many thanks to all our dedicated Sunday School Teachers: Barb Heagy, Kathy Hrabovsky, Matt Frankovitch, Mary Beth Trivilino, Alexis Jones, Emma Gelston, Hayden Sinar, Hunter Rheinfrank, and Vedette Keplar. Thanks also to Assistants Emily Sinar and Mary Sadowski, and Substitutes Julia Nelson, Lizzy Koval and Hannah Zuch.

In addition to our Sunday School teachers, we greatly appreciate all those involved in Christian Education. Pastor Doug led our weekday Adult Bible studies and taught both levels of Confirmation classes and our First Communion classes. Sara Dougherty and Ann Ultsch assisted with Confirmation classes. Thanks also to: our Education Ministries Chairperson Vedette Keplar, Sunday School Director Mary Beth Trivilino, Registrar and Cradle Roll Coordinator Normajean Graybill; Children's Music Leaders Barb Heagy and Hannah Morrison; Church Librarian Melodie Frankovitch, Kris Malia for office support; Service Crafts Coordinators Deb Hazlett and Cindy Zuch. Cindy also designs our education bulletin board. Please take a moment to show your appreciation to all our dedicated teachers and volunteers! They have devoted energy and hours each week teaching our children, helping them to be

"Disciples of Christ or the Glory of God!"



Vacation Bible School

Ages: 4 and older

Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church

Monday - Friday, 9:00 - noon

July 11-15, 2022

Suggested donation: \$10.00/child or \$18/family*

REGISTRATION

Family Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone: _____

Persons authorized to pick up children: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ Birthdate: _____ Grade Completed: _____

Known Allergies/Special Needs: _____

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Known Allergies/Special Needs: _____

My children have my permission to attend & participate in MLULC **VBS per Terms on page 2**

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

I would like to help with VBS (*adults & teens age 12 & up*) _____

Please also sign the back side of this page.

For registration purposes: Age Group/ Crew: _____ Amount: _____

**Scholarships available if needed.*

Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School
July 11-15, 2022
Registration Form, *Continued from page 1*

Participation Agreement:

	YES	NO
My children have my permission to attend VBS at MLULC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
VBS staff are permitted to provide First Aid to my kids if needed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My kids have my permission to be photographed for the church slide show & bulletin board:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My kids have my permission to have their photos appear on our Church website. Children's names will not appear.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please note: We will follow health and safety guidelines and practices of our Church Council.

Please read and sign below:

Parents/guardians agree not to send their children to VBS if the children are sick or have fever.

LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church allowing child(ren) listed on this 2-page form to participate in Vacation Bible School activities, I, the undersigned, do hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church, its directors, employees, volunteers, and agents from any and all liability, claims or demands for accidental personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the undersigned and the above child(ren) while involved in Vacation Bible School. Furthermore, on behalf of my minor child(ren), I hereby assume all risk of accidental personal injury, sickness, death, damage, and expense as a result of participation in activities involved therein. As well as releasing the child(ren), if necessary, for transportation to and from the Vacation Bible School location, I, the undersigned, do hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church, its directors, employees, volunteers, and agents from any and all liability, claims or demands for accidental personal injury in the process of transportation.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



I would like you to consider participating in a our online giving designed to simplify weekly giving in our congregation.

Electronic giving will enable every household or individual to make their church offering using electronic funds transfer or credit card. You may already be using online bill pay for your mortgage, car payment, or insurance premium through an automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account. Many of you also have used your credit cards to purchase goods online through Amazon, eBay, or a number of other sites.

We have teamed up with myEoffering to enable you to use the same process to give your offering electronically from your bank account, credit or debit cards.

There is no cost to you for this new giving option. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue uninterrupted.

You can participate in the electronic giving program immediately. Just visit our church website and look for the "Donate Now" button.

Thank you for considering this new giving opportunity.



JUNE 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>5 Day of Pentecost Confirmation Sunday 8:30 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship 10:00 Confirmation 11:00 Confirmation Reception</p>	<p>6 10:00 AM Pentecost Flower Planting 7:00 Bible Study- Nature Stories in the Bible</p>	<p>7 10:00 AM Rain Date Pentecost Flower Planting</p>	<p>1 4:00 Farmers Market</p>	<p>2 10:00 Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>12 The Holy Trinity 9:30 Festive Worship Liturgy Larry Allen Last Day Farewell Reception following Worship today.</p>	<p>13 7:00 Bible Study- Nature Stories in the Bible</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 4:00 Farmers Market</p>	<p>16 10:00 Bible Study- Nature Stories in the Bible Synod Assembly</p>	<p>17 Synod Assembly</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 Pentecost 2 8:30 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship 11:15 Adopt-A-Highway Road Cleanup.</p>	<p>20 7:00 Bible Study- Nature Stories in the Bible</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 4:00 Farmers Market</p>	<p>23 10:00 Bible Study- Nature Stories in the Bible</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 Pentecost 3 8:30 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship 11:15 Council Meeting</p>	<p>27 7:00 Bible Study- Nature Stories in the Bible</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 4:00 Farmers Market</p>	<p>30 10:00 Bible Study- Nature Stories in the Bible</p>		



1 LGBTQ Pride Month Give thanks for the gifts, wisdom and faith of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer neighbors and siblings in Christ. Ask the Spirit to stir and embolden us to advocate for laws, practices, values, and institutional and social change that address injustice, bias and exclusion.

2 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Central/Southern Illinois, Nebraska, North Carolina and Sierra Pacific synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

3 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Florida-Bahamas, Lower Susquehanna, Montana, Northwestern Ohio, South Dakota, Southeastern and Western North Dakota synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

4 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Eastern North Dakota, Metropolitan Chicago, Northwest Washington and West Virginia-Western Maryland synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

5 Day of Pentecost [Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Illinois and Upstate New York synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them](#) as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

6 Pray for an end to the invasion of Ukraine and the violence inflicted upon its citizens, for the safety and well-being of its refugees, for the healing of its communities and for the restoration of its infrastructure.

7 The ELCA World Hunger Global Farm Challenge is a youth-focused campaign to accompany our neighbors who live with the threats of hunger and poverty. Pray that our church will meet its fundraising goal of \$500,000 to equip communities around the world and in the U.S. with the resources needed to turn hunger into hope and self-sufficiency.

8 Remember your baptism and give thanks that, in Christ and through the Spirit, our new identity as children and heirs of God is revealed, shaped and guided so that we might live our faith with confidence and joy and serve our neighbor with compassion, mercy and generosity.

9 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Central States, Indiana-Kentucky and New England synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

10 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Grand Canyon; La Crosse Area; Northeastern Pennsylvania; Metropolitan Washington, D.C.; Northeastern Iowa; Northwestern Pennsylvania; and Southwestern Texas synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

11 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southwestern Minnesota, Southwestern California and Allegheny synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

12 Holy Trinity Sunday Celebrate and pray for our faith to deepen as we embrace the mystery of the Holy Trinity — Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, always present for us.

13 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the South Carolina Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

14 "When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?" (Psalm 8:3-4). Give thanks and praise that God shows no bias, understands our human complexities and is not constrained by human borders, rules or traditions.

15 Pray that our hope and strength will be grounded and renewed in God's boundless and unfaltering love, especially in times when we feel uncertain, discouraged or powerless to impact what goes on in the world today.

16 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

17 Emanuel Nine, martyrs Today we remember the members of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, N.C., who were killed by a self-professed white supremacist while gathered for Bible study. Pray that we — as individuals, a church and a society — will reaffirm our commitment to repent from the sins of racism and white supremacy, and that the Spirit will change our hearts and lead us to value, love and welcome all people as the wonderful handiwork of God.

18 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

19 Juneteenth This day of celebration commemorates the end of slavery in the United States, an observance dating back to June 19, 1865. Give thanks to God for the diversity of humankind and pray that God will help, guide and strengthen our commitment to work for the full inclusion of all people in the church, in our society and throughout the world.

20 On Father's Day, give thanks and pray for fathers, stepfathers, foster fathers, fathers struggling with parenting, and men without children of their own who serve as loving and caring adults in the lives of children and youth.

21 Remember in prayer seasonal workers, often working behind the scenes, who are in transition throughout the year; pray that they will find safe and sustaining employment, affordable housing and a sense of community in our congregations.

22 Give thanks and praise that God is at work to reclaim, transform and unite us as children of God through our baptism in Christ.

23 Pray that summer programs and community ministries of our congregations will stir faith and hope and attend to the needs of communities. Give thanks for volunteers who share their enthusiasm, faith, time and gifts to help summer ministries thrive.

24 John the Baptist Though we may lack the single-mindedness, fervor and sacrificial spirit of John the Baptist in proclaiming Christ, give thanks that God uses our unique qualities and gifts to serve our neighbor and share the life-changing gospel with whomever we encounter in our daily life.

25 Pray for programs and partners of the ELCA churchwide organization that support young adults as they grow in faith and discover who God is calling them to be in the world, including ELCA Young Adult Ministry, Young Adults in Global Mission, Young Adult Justice Network, Campus Ministry, and outdoor ministries.

26 Pray that we might follow Christ with passion and commitment, sharing the good news, inviting others into faith and showing grace toward our neighbor when we encounter resistance, difficulty or disbelief.

27 Pray that God will hear our concern and yearning for our communities and schools to be safe from gun violence; pray that the Spirit will transform that concern and yearning into advocacy for common-sense gun laws, community conversations and initiatives, and loving care for those impacted by gun violence.

28 Give thanks and pray for the safety of firefighters, first responders, members of the National Guard, disaster response volunteers, relief agencies and neighbors who respond to individuals and communities in times of severe weather and natural disaster.

29 Peter and Paul, apostles Peter and Paul disagreed with each other yet were united in their commitment to spread the good news of Jesus Christ and encourage communities of faith. Pray that we will be united in our faith as siblings in Christ, moving beyond our differences and using our unique gifts and perspectives to do God's work in the world, together.

30 Pray for the churchwide organization staff and volunteer leaders across the country preparing for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, and for the congregations, youth and adults anticipating this rich experience of worship, community, faith formation, learning and service.

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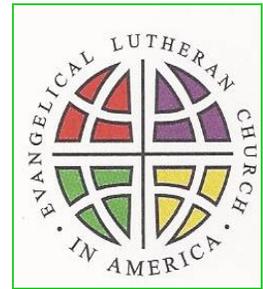
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Larry Allen
for 17 years of exemplary service as our
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Sunday June 12, 2022
9:30 Worship Liturgy
Followed by a Catered Farewell Reception
ALL ARE WELCOME!

A festive and wonderful occasion including our choir and 11 returning singers. We also have the honor of having the following guest instrumentalists performing for Larry's last liturgy:

Scott Bell

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