

# the Voice parish newsletter

“Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” –The Gospel of John 21:18

Summer is upon us; for Barbara and me, it’s a summer like none other. We became grandparents for the first time in April. Suddenly, baby items have reappeared in our home. On a recent night, lying in bed, I calculated time: when she’s 18, I’ll be 80; maybe I’ll not live to see her wedding.

Summer has come; soon fall; winter; spring; then summer again. The verse above from John’s gospel is about growing old, but also martyrdom. Jesus is intimating what befell many early Christians: *they were put to death for their faith in Jesus, choosing to die rather than recant their Lord. Jesus was first in their hearts. He was their way, truth, and life.*

Many now read this verse humorously as a reference to being forced to live in a nursing home; or being forced from a job. In fact, this verse is about how much we’re willing to suffer for Jesus. Our grandchild has been born in a nation increasingly disinterested in following Jesus. I’ll not live to see how she fares in a culture now lacking meaningful moorings.

We must do our best in the worst of times, planting the seeds of the gospel every chance we get, during every Vacation Bible School. The exposures to God parents offer their children have been shrinking. I’m looking forward to sharing faith with my grandchild. I hope she outpaces my life, sees more, serves better. Mostly, I hope and pray she keeps our family way: *faith in Christ; Christ alone the way, the truth, and the life.* When a child is born, it’s always a sign God is not finished with us yet. A blessed summer to all. Jesus said, “*Let the children come to me;*” so let’s do that...bring them to church; invite friends; sit together in the pews; pass on the faith. Let’s do our best for God.

With you in Christ,

Pastor Doug Heagy



June, 2023

Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church  
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# FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

## *Stewardship of our Bodily Health*



*Paul writes, “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own?” – 1 Corinthians 6:19*

Although this verse refers to the spiritual body of congregational life, God has given each of us a physical body that, like an automobile, is a masterfully engineered, complex vehicle that carries us along our road of life. Like our cars, our bodies need attention and care to function optimally and bring us smoothly down the road of life. Of course, many of us have health problems for factors beyond our control, such as genetics, environment and misfortune. With so many variables over which we have *no control*, we need to do our best with the variables we *can* control. For June, dedicate yourselves to being a better steward of your body. Here are some ideas:

**Get a physical.** A doctor can evaluate you and advise you on optimizing your health.

**Move it!** Even small amounts of exercise improve health and wellbeing. Ask your doctor how to get going.

**Diet.** Not just eating to lose weight, but also eating for healthy living. Learn about the nutritional value of the foods you now eat, and explore choices that are more healthful.

**Stop smoking.** The number one preventable health risk, smoking causes cancers, high blood pressure, heart disease, etc. Enough said.

**Sleep.** Eight hours of shuteye does wonders for body and mind.

**Pray and meditate.** Spiritual disciplines lower your stress, which improves physical health, too.

God gave us wonderful bodies to carry us through our life’s journey of discipleship. The better we care for it, the more fruitful our journey will be.

--Rob Blezard

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# Musical Musings



From your Music Director Emeritus

Greetings to all you good folk at Mt. Lebanon Lutheran. June is upon us and I am recalling that Sunday about a year ago when I played my final service and was celebrated beyond my most fanciful imaginings! It was a great day for me and I still carry the memories - thank you all again, so much.

Since that day I have enjoyed mostly being retired. I did a 7 week stint as Assistant Organist at Shadyside Presbyterian Church last fall while their assistant was on sabbatical. Other than a few "gigs" with the PSO, I have been happily idle! While I loved being a church musician, these months have confirmed that slowing down was the right decision. We'll see what the future holds!

I know that you are enjoying Chris Keenan's fine organ playing and I am so glad that someone of his calibre is at the Ruffatti console. I wish the very best for him and the Choir and the Bell Choir as you move into a second season together. I have seen several choir members at various functions this year and it is always great to catch up a bit.

In case you haven't heard, Marino Galluzzo and the *Three Rivers Saxophone Quartet* will be performing at MLLC on Sunday, June 4 at 3 pm. You will remember Marino from his years worshipping with us and performing in church. And, his wife, Nancy who was a choir member, bell choir member, and children's choir accompanist. Their move to Arizona was a big loss for us, but they are doing brilliantly. Come hear a fine concert on a June Sunday afternoon!

I hope this finds all of you happy and healthy and looking forward to a fine summer. I think of all of you often and send all my best wishes.

Blessings,  
Larry Allen

## **"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.**



Coffee Fellowship

THANK YOU to all who dedicated garden plants for Pentecost Sunday to beautify our church property! A small team of ever faithful gardeners planted the red and white petunias in the front flower beds Sunday afternoon.

Thanks and appreciation to:

Monica Aravitch  
Normajean Graybill  
Cynthia Nellis  
Lyn Ultsch  
Cindy Brown





The worship links to Facebook & YouTube can be found on our website:  
[www.mtlebanonlutheran.org](http://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 4	The Holy Trinity Genesis 1:1—2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20
June 11	Time after Pentecost Hosea 5:15—6:6 Psalm 50:7-15 Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
June 18	Time after Pentecost Exodus 19:2-8a Psalm 100 Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:25—10:8
June 25	Time after Pentecost Jeremiah 20:7-13 Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39

**The Liturgy may be viewed on our Facebook page and YouTube Channel.**

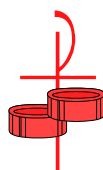


July 10-14, 2023 9:00 am—noon  
 Register online at [mtleboluth@aol.com](mailto:mtleboluth@aol.com)  
 Deadline to pre-register is June 30, 2023

## SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE: JUNE, 2023

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](mailto:mtleboluth@aol.com)

June 4-Crucifer	8:30 Mackenna Cercone 10:00 Emma Gelston
June 11-Crucifer	8:30 Addy Wetzel 10:00 Milo Bucher
June 18- Crucifer	8:30 Henry Keplar 10:00 Luke Frankovitch
June 22-Crucifer	8:30 Max Bruno 10:00 Xavier Graybill



Congratulations to Kelly Francis & David Hudak who were united in marriage on Saturday, May 20, 2023 in our sanctuary. 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.

**GLOBAL LINKS**  
*Sharing Surplus. Saving Lives.*

**Saturday, June 10  
10-12 pm**

**Volunteers Needed To Help Pack Surplus  
Medical Supply for those in need.**

Sign-up sheets have been placed in the narthex or if you are interested in volunteering. Please contact Sara Dougherty at 412-523-1499



**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; Deb Cecotti; Scott Halapin; Patty Pavlak; Kalie Radigan; Cheryl Poenisch; Rian Dankert; the family of Annabelle Santos; Janice Seigle; Elena Getz; Nancy Ingles; Levi; Andy Kelemen; Esmatullah Jafari;

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** for the July issue of the *Voice* are to be submitted by Sunday, June 18. Articles may be left in the church office or email: mtleboluth@aol.com.

**Mt. Lebanon Farmers' Market**  
(sponsored by the Lions' Club)  
**Wednesdays 4:00-7:00 PM**  
beginning **June 7**  
in our parking lot.

**Daily Bread Outreach Meal**  
July 16



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



*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, 2023**

**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 — 2023 Synod Assembly will be held June 16-June 17. Elizabeth Rheinfrank and Pastor Heagy will represent our church. Please keep our synod in prayer.

**HAPPY FIRST DAY OF  
SUMMER  
JUNE 21, 2023**



Summer begins June 21st! God's love for us continues even as the seasons change.

Enjoy the outdoors!

Remember the church!

Thank you for your faithful tithes and offerings!

**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 18, 2023**





# ONLINE GIVING

*Is now available in association with*

 myEoffering

[www.mtlebanonlutheran.org](http://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





## Summer Reading

During the hot summer months– pick up a good book. Below are several suggestions with a Lutheran theme:

Newton and Polly: A Novel of Amazing Grace  
by Judy Hedlund

Maria Martin's World: Art and Science, Faith and Family in Audubon's America  
by Debra Lindsay

The Hammer of God  
by Bo Giertz \*\*

Warrior Monk  
by Ray Keating

The Robe  
by Lloyd Douglas

Why I am a Lutheran: Jesus at the Center  
by Daniel Preus

Divine Intervention: 50 True Stories  
of God's Miracle's Today  
by Daniel Fazzina

Pilgrimage: A Doctor's Healing Journey  
by Donna Chacko, MD

\*\* One of Pastor's favorite novels.



## Welcome To The Lord's Table



On May 14, 2023 we celebrated First Holy Communion with the following young people and their families...

**Crawford Harlachgr**  
**Calvin Koval**  
**Scarlett McCombs**  
**Brynlee Zielinski**

The prayers and joy of the Church are extended to them and to their families!

## Congratulations!

On Sunday, May 21 & May 28 we celebrated the 2023 Confirmation Class as they made Public Affirmation of their baptism. Congratulations to...

### THE 2023 CONFIRMATION CLASS OF MT. LEBANON UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

#### **Milo Bucher**

Son of Neil and Lisa  
Baptized 04-03-10

#### **Easton Darcy**

Son of Peter and Kristin  
Baptized 08-30-09

#### **Annaleigh Dwulit**

Daughter of Ben and Keera  
Baptized 06/01/09

#### **Xavier Graybill**

Son of Jeff and Katie  
Baptized 06-28-09

#### **Chase Lutz**

Son of Jody and Debbie  
Baptized 05-17-09

#### **Cameron Mayer**

Son of Michael and Nicole  
Baptized 02-15-09

#### **Gabriel Provins**

Son of Thomas and Rose  
Baptized 06-07-09

#### **Addison Wetzel**

Daughter of Max and Cara  
Baptized 09-28-08

We celebrated with a reception on May 28 hosted by the families of the First Year Catechetics Class. Thanks to all who helped serve!





## Sunday School Teacher Appreciation



Our last day of Sunday School was May 21. Many thanks to our dedicated Sunday School Teachers: Lizzy Koval, Jessica Porter, Mary Beth Trivilino, Emma Gelston, Hayden Sinar, and Claire Bruno. Thanks also to Assistant Nico Provins and to Substitutes: Julia Nelson, Vedette Keplar and Kelly O'Brien.

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, Advent Pageant Director Eric Keplar; High School Coffee Hour Leader Julia Nelson; Registrar & 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 Coordinator Deb Hazlett; Bulletin Board Designer Cindy Zuch, and all the parents who have helped throughout the year. 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!"*

## Congratulations 2023 Graduates!



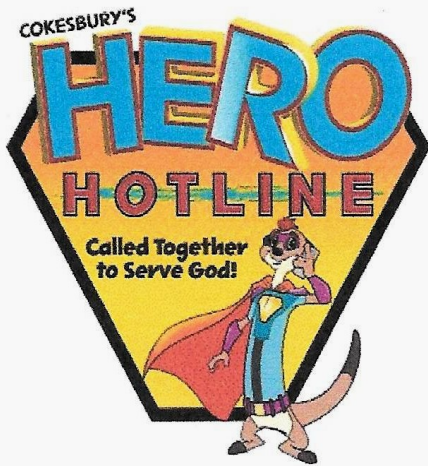
**Peter Hazlett** received his PhD in Economics from George Mason University. He was honored with the 2023 William P. Snavelly Award for Outstanding Achievement in Graduate Studies in Economics. Peter accepted a postdoctoral fellowship in the Department of Economics at NYU beginning in the Fall 2023.

**Carter Lutz** graduated from Mt. Lebanon High School. He will be attending Ohio University.

**Owen O'Brien** graduated from Mt. Lebanon High School. He will be attending the University of Tennessee to study Business.

**Dylan Snyder** graduated from Baldwin High School as a Distinguished Graduate with Highest Honors. He will be attending Rutgers University in the fall to study Economics.

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



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### HERO HOTLINE

**CALLED TOGETHER TO SERVE GOD**

*"So let's strive together for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up."*

**Romans 14:19**

**JULY 10-14, 2023 9:00 A.M. TO NOON**

Register Online at [www.mtlebanonlutheran.org](http://www.mtlebanonlutheran.org) by June 30, 2023

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## **VBS VOLUNTEER MEETINGS**

Please join us at one of the two orientation meetings in the Social Hall.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11**

**FROM 11:00 A.M.**

**– 12:00 P.M.**

Or

**MONDAY, JUNE 12**

**FROM 7:00 P.M.**

**– 8:00 P.M.**

Light refreshments will be served.

Contact: Deb Hazlett, Volunteer Coordinator

[drhazlett@verizon.net](mailto:drhazlett@verizon.net)

## HERO HOTLINE

Called Together to Serve God

### Vacation Bible School

July 10-14, 2023



*"So let's strive together for the things that bring peace  
and the things that build each other up."*

*Romans 14:19*

**CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!**

**CONTACT DEB HAZLETT TO VOLUNTEER!**

[drhazlett@verizon.net](mailto:drhazlett@verizon.net)

## VBS Volunteer Meetings



Calling all VBS Hero Hotline Volunteers...  
teens and adults!

Please join us at one of the two orientation  
meeting for VBS Week:

Sunday, June 11 from 11:am-12:00 noon  
or

Monday, June 12 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Light refreshments for Superhero Volunteers  
will be provided. We will gather in the  
Social Hall.

*"So let's strive together for the things that bring  
peace and the things that build each other up."*

*Romans 14:19*

### VBS Items to Donate:

- Cardboard boxes (broken down)
- Old magazines
- Air clay in bright colors
- Golf balls
- Washable paint
- Colorful Duct tape
- Blue painter's tape
- Masking tape – 3 rolls
- Large cardboard box, refrigerator size, 5 ft
- Tiny cardboard boxes, 1 ft or less
- Brown packing paper
- Scrap fabric pieces – at least 2 ft square-  
solid colors or minimal pattern
- Dryer vent tubing – or any flexible tubing at  
least 1 ft long (a lot is great)
- Half used spray cans, any colors, even old
- Acrylic house paint – red, white, yellow, black
- Large paint brushes
- Spray foam insulation – 3, 12oz cans
- 20 Used Golf Balls

### VBS Snack Items to Donate:

- Fruit filled cereal bars, 9 boxes of 8 each.
- Thin pretzel sticks, 2 bags
- Cheese cubes 5, 8 oz bags
- Grapes, 3 bunches
- Cheerios (plain) 1 large box
- Goldfish 64oz
- Raisins 2 large bags/canisters
- M & M's 2 bags or 1 large Sam's container
- Refrigerator sugar cookie dough – 6 tubes
- Sandwich ziplock bags 100 ct
- Snack size ziplock bags 100 ct
- White icing – 3 cans
- Ice cream cones 7 boxes of 12 ct
- Strawberries, 3 containers
- Blueberries, 3 containers
- Apples, 1 bag



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.

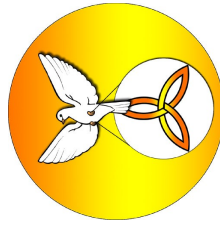
There is no cost to you for this new giving option. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings 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 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>4 The Holy Trinity</b> 8:30 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship 3:00 Three Rivers Saxophone Recital—Sanctuary	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 4:00 Farmers Market	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11 Pentecost 2</b> 8:30 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship 11:00 VBS Meeting	<b>12</b> 7:00 VBS Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 4:00 Farmers Market	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Synod Assembly	<b>17</b> Synod Assembly
<b>18 Pentecost 3</b> 8:30 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship 7:00 VBS Craft Prep	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 4:00 Farmers Market	<b>22</b> 7:00 VBS Craft Prep	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10:00 VBS Craft Prep
<b>25 Pentecost 4</b> 8:30 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship 11:15 Council Meeting 7:00 VBS Craft Prep	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:00 VBS Craft Prep	<b>28</b> 4:00 Farmers Market	<b>29</b> 7:00 VBS Craft Prep	<b>30</b> VBS Registration Deadline	





**1** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Central/Southern Illinois, Montana, Southwest California and Northeastern Pennsylvania synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**2** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the South Dakota, Nebraska, Greater Milwaukee, Upstate New York, Lower Susquehanna, North Carolina, Western North Dakota and Southeastern synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**3** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Eastern North Dakota, Northwestern Minnesota, Central States, Metropolitan Chicago, Southern Ohio and Metropolitan Washington, D.C. synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**4** “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.” (2 Corinthians 13:13). Pray that we will be quick to share with others the blessings and certainty of God’s love and forgiveness.

**5** *Pride Month* Give thanks and praise to God for the rich diversity of humankind, especially for our LGBTQ neighbors and siblings in Christ. Pray for our church and society to practice hospitality.

**6** Remember in prayer camp staff who are training to serve in our summer outdoor ministry programs across the country; pray that they will use their unique gifts to care for, affirm and stir the faith of campers of all ages, backgrounds and abilities.

**7** Pray for communities recovering from severe weather and disasters here and around the world. Ask God to surround them with hope, strength and caring neighbors throughout their recovery, and give thanks for the generous support and volunteer assistance offered through Lutheran Disaster Response and ELCA World Hunger in partnership with companion churches and other relief organizations and ministries, which provide relief and build resiliency.

**8** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Grand Canyon, South Carolina, Florida-Bahamas and Virginia synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**9** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the New England, Southwestern Minnesota, Northeastern Iowa, Northwestern Pennsylvania, Delaware-Maryland and La Crosse Area synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**10** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**11** Give thanks to God for new members, confirmands, newly baptized people and visitors in our congregations; pray that we will welcome and include them, affirm and use their gifts, and celebrate and encourage their faith journeys.

**12** Pray for the summer ministries of congregations that serve children and youth in our communities, and give thanks for leaders and volunteers of all ages who share their faith, time, gifts and hope with young people.

**13** Remember in prayer youth and young adults working summer jobs, that they will find safe and affirming environments, build new relationships, gain new skills, earn fair wages and renew their spirit and strength in our communities of faith.

**14** What people in your neighborhood and community are most often overlooked? Ask the Spirit to help us recognize and attend to the needs of our neighbors and the diversity of gifts and insights they bring to the community and our congregations.

**15** “Call on me in the day of trouble” (Psalm 50:15). Call on God if you’re encountering difficulties, and express your gratitude and joy to God if things are going well.

**16** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Illinois, Southwestern Pennsylvania and Upper Susquehanna synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**17** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Allegheny Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**18** *Father’s Day* Remember in prayer fathers who strive to be loving, caring, wise and influential parents, including new fathers, single fathers, stepfathers and fathers who are deployed in the military or incarcerated.

**19** Pray for the courage to address racism and injustice when they arise; ask the Spirit to help us strive for understanding, respect, justice and unity.

**20** Remember in prayer those displaced from their communities and countries by sudden- and slow-onset climate disasters, including drought, flooding, pollution, severe weather, rising oceans and diminishing food resources.

**21** Give thanks for the wonders of creation, especially for the beauty that stirs awe, the immensity that humbles us and the complexity and mystery that spark our curiosity and inspire us to explore, broaden our knowledge and praise God.

**22** “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit” (Romans 5:5). Ask for forgiveness when we take for granted or lose sight of the amazing gift of love that has been given to us by God, who is fully aware of our human nature, weaknesses and messiness.

**23** Pray for those traveling this summer on vacation and sabbatical, that they will be safe, experience renewal and discover opportunities to serve others.

**24** Sarah was amused and overjoyed at the birth of Isaac in her old age: “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me” (Genesis 21:6). Give praise and thanks to God for shaking up our lives and rewarding us when we least expect it.

**25** Thank God for the work of the Spirit, which leads us to Christ, equips us to be faithful disciples and deepens our understanding of God’s wisdom and ways throughout our life.

**26** **Remember in prayer high school students gathering for the Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival at Valparaiso University in Indiana. Ask God to bless their time together as they further their knowledge and skills and prepare for future careers and vocations.**

**27** Pray for adult children who are caregivers for their parents, that they will have resources and support that help inform, guide and sustain their work of love.

**28** Give thanks for our confessions of faith, which remind us that we are children of God and followers of Christ, rooted in Scripture and united by our beliefs with a diverse and global community of faith.

**29** Ask God to help us bear compassion, joy and hope into a world yearning for peace, stability and meaningful connection.

**30** Sharing our faith in Christ and serving our neighbors in need can be challenging, tiring and even intimidating. Ask the Spirit to reassure us that God is with us, giving us the wisdom, strength, courage and patience to do God’s work in the world.



# Three Rivers Saxophone Quartet

## 50th Anniversary Recital

Sunday June 4th, 2023-3:00PM  
Mt Lebanon United Lutheran Church  
975 Washington Rd  
Pittsburgh PA 15228



Warren Yeckel  
Mike Jacob



Steve Ehrin  
Marino Galluzzo

### Featuring

*Music from Renaissance, Baroque, Movies, Broadway, Contemporary and Jazz*

*Music by Bach, Gershwin, Kern, Berlin, Rodgers, Porter, Morricone and more.*

*Original music written especially for us by Vito DiSalvo and Marino Galluzzo - World Premieres*

*Music arranged especially for us by Rick Mansfield, James Guerra, James Pybus, Ralph Guzzi and Marino Galluzzo*

*Saxophone quartet with rhythm section playing from the Hollywood Saxophone Quartet library*

*Music arranged by famous musicians Lennie Niehaus, Billy May and Marty Paich*

*Special Guest Musicians, Deb Weible, Bruce Wallace and Tom Earley*

*Three Rivers Saxophone Quartet former members*

*Large Saxophone Choir featuring many prominent Pittsburgh Musicians*

*Many musicians from across the United States.*

**Program is Free - Donations accepted**



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## Vacation Bible School

Come join us this summer for:

### Hero Hotline

Called Together to Serve God!



**July 10-14, 2023**

**9:00 am—noon**

We welcome children age 4 through 5th grade and invite those older than 6th grade to participate as volunteers with the program. Pre-registration is required by June 30, 2023.

**A week filled with bible stories, games, crafts, and much more!**

*So let's strive together for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up."  
Romans 14:19*

**Registration open online at:**

**<https://mtlebanonlutheranchurch.mycokesburyvbs.com/>**