

# the Voice parish newsletter

*For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything;  
the only thing that counts is faith working through love.*

--Galatians 5:6

**Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church**  
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George Forell (1919-2011) came to the United States as a refugee from Nazi Germany in 1939. He became a Lutheran pastor, earned a doctorate, and was a professor of Religious Studies at the University of Iowa. His first book, *Faith Active in Love*, remains an influential study of Galatians 5:6. Competing interpretations of this verse 500 years ago impacted the Reformation debates.

I purchased *Faith Active in Love* during seminary years ago, but never have taken time to read it. My copy has had a long, lonely life, always in my plans but continually passed over. At last, during vacation this month, I will read it! The old book will finally get its due.

Summer time affords opportunities to do things long ignored. June, July, and August are months suited for rest and reflection. Another old book, more important than any, is the Holy Bible. I highly recommend reading it, hoping we might all raise its visibility in our homes and during vacations this summer.

Daily Bible reading is a blessing. I suggest reading the Gospel of Matthew and Romans. Read slowly, ask questions of the passages and of yourself. Put yourself in the place of the Bible characters you encounter. Above all, let us open our hearts to the experience of meeting Jesus.

May God bless us with a restful month, with renewal to meet the fall season. Pray for our Vacation Bible School week (July 10-14). Pray for the VBS leaders and volunteers who've been putting in long hours preparing to serve the children. Paul wrote to the churches of Galatia, "*the only thing that counts is faith working through love.*" Let's ponder his words. I'm looking forward to discovering what the late Prof. Forell had to say about them; it's been a long time coming, but it's never too late to read an old book. The Bible is God's treasure trove of wisdom.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Doug Heagy



**July, 2023**

# From the Stewardship Committee

## Stewardship of Civility

There used to be a wise saying about arguments that helped keep things civil. One party or the other would say, “I disagree with what you say, but I defend with my life your right to say it.” That sounds downright quaint in today’s climate, where partisans are more likely to say, “I disagree with what you say, and you are evil and have no right to that opinion!”

This month, as we celebrate Independence Day, we can relish the freedoms we take for granted, including freedom of speech, religion, and assembly. At the same time, as Christians we remember Jesus’ commands not only to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12:31) but also to do unto others as we would have them do to us (Matthew 7:12). The “neighbors” and “others” certainly include those who hold different ideas on issues of the day. How can we celebrate our freedom of expression in the context of Jesus’ commands?

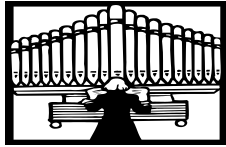
- Listen carefully, being open to another person’s ideas.
- Respond thoughtfully and calmly, citing facts to support your argument.
- Do not attack the person, only the ideas.
- If things get too heated, discontinue the discussion.

Remember the wise old saying, “I disagree with what you say, but I defend with my life your right to say it.”

We are stewards of our relationships with our neighbors. As followers of Jesus, we can be stewards of civility and lead our country to calmer, more amicable times.

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# MUSICAL MUSINGS

Dear Mt. Lebanon Lutheran Members,

I'd like to invite you to my organ recital on July 30th at 3:30 PM at St. Paul Cathedral in Oakland. The instrument at St. Paul Cathedral is a 1962 Rudolf von Beckerath (Hamburg, Germany) and the cathedral provides a stunning acoustic in which to make music. The program will feature works of Bach, Buxtehude, and Messiaen among others.

The choir has been enjoying a well-deserved summer break. It was a fantastic year working with the singers, and I was very impressed with their dedication to the music ministry of Mt. Lebanon Lutheran and to their willingness to accept the challenge of lots of new music! I look forward to what the fall hold for the choir.

Have a great 4th of July!

Chris

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** Our joyous tradition of Adult Dinners at the church will resume on **Sunday evening, August 20!** Details are forthcoming in the Sunday bulletins and in this newsletter. The Congregational Life committee led by Jeff McGraw will host the event. The pandemic took away many church fellowship events, but now we are gathering again! Come one, come all to the adult dinner next month!



**Mt. Lebanon Farmers' Market** 

[sponsored by the Lions' Club]

**Wednesdays 4:00—7:00 PM**

**Summer Camp is on this summer at Camp Lutherlyn!**

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



Third Quarter Editions of Christ in Our Home, our congregational family's daily devotional, are available in the Narthex. You are invited to take a copy for personal use and encouraged to use it daily in your prayer life.



The worship links to Facebook & You Tube can be found on our website:  
[www.mtlebanonlutheran.org](http://www.mtlebanonlutheran.org)

**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

July 2	Time after Pentecost
	Jeremiah 28:5-9 Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 Romans 6f:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42
July 9	Time after Pentecost
	Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:8-14 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
July 16	Time after Pentecost
	Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65:9-13 Romans:8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
July 23	Time after Pentecost
	Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 86:11-17 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
July 30	Time after Pentecost
	1 Kings 3:5-12 Psalm 119:129-136 Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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



**WE REMEMBER**  
in our prayers:

**Oh Christ, bless and uphold all who are in pain or sickness this day. Teach us how to be alongside them and to share in their distress deeply in our prayers. Make us open to them and give us courage to suffer with them, that in so doing, we share with you the suffering of the world. Especially bring healing into the lives of:**

Craig Elias; Janice Seigle

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** for the July issue of the August *Voice* are to be submitted by **Sunday, July 16**. Articles may be left in the church office or email: [mtleboluth@aol.com](mailto:mtleboluth@aol.com).

### SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE: JULY, 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)

#### July 2-Crucifer

8:30 Finn Darcy  
10:00 TBD

#### July 9-Crucifer

8:30 Henry Keplar  
10:00 Chase Lutz

#### July 16- Crucifer

8:30 Mackenna Cercone  
10:00 Annaleigh Dwulit

#### July 23-Crucifer

8:30 Max Bruno  
10:00 TBD

#### July 30-Crucifer

8:30 Easton Darcy  
10:00 Luke Frankovitch

## Congratulations 2023 Graduate!



John Hamilton graduated from Mt. Lebanon High School and will be attending the University of Pittsburgh in the fall.

*On your graduation , may you sense God's will in your life as you seek his guidance for the future.*

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

Please call the church office with any changes to the prayer list. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month, unless a request has been made to add, delete, or keep the names as listed. All you need do is call the church office and let us know.



Food Pantry

**Please remember** while shopping during these hot summer days, the ministry of the Food Bank at St. Michael and All Angels' Lutheran in Spring Garden on Pittsburgh's North-side 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. Items may be brought any Sunday. Thank you to Clarence Gourley for making the monthly delivery to St. Michael's.

### 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



### "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.**



## Is There A Summer Season?

To speak of the Sundays after Pentecost as “the summer season” is, admittedly, an artificial construction. The Church Year does not have a “summer” season, yet many of the lectionary images, festivals and liturgical texts of summer contain images that correspond with these months as they are experienced in the Northern Hemisphere.

And as the summer progresses, the harvests take many forms. By paying attention to the natural growth cycle, we are attached to the changes of nature and can also anticipate the life of the liturgical cycle.

And while “paying attention” is part of reading the signs of the times, it may appear merely mechanical. But much of this year’s lectionary connects what is happening in nature with what is happening [or supposed to be happening] in our hearts.

As the Torah calls for the sacrifice of the first fruits, why don’t we acknowledge the various harvests [snow peas, berries, corn, squash, watermelon] that trace across the summer? Even the most urban of our parishes are not far removed from agriculture, even if the agriculture is micro-farming in window boxes.

In short, the environment of this season is ourselves and our watching the change of life in our midst. Our festal cycle has a list of heroes and heroines during the summer—evangelists Mark and Matthew and apostles Philip and James, Peter and Paul, and Bartholomew. We remember the early followers: Barnabas and Mary Magdalene, as well as the birth of John the Baptist and Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

While the experience of the first half of the church’s year of grace has been intensely an experience of becoming, the “green season” after Pentecost [summer] [ordinary time] is a season to be aware of just who we have become.

And in remembering who we have become and how we have come to gather in God’s House and Who has guided us, we are to remember how we should live as God’s children.



## Dr. Nancy Z. Nelson

January 26, 1935

June 9, 2023



It has pleased Almighty God to call unto himself, his faithful servant, Dr. Nancy Z. Nelson, at the age of 88.

She was preceded in death by her sister Janice Fullerton and her loving dog Zoey. She is survived by her brother Daniel Zebraskey, niece Dawn Yoder and nephew Scott Fullerton. Along with many great nieces and nephews. Her funeral was held on June 13, 2023 at Mt Lebanon United Lutheran Church.

*Our congregational family continues to remember Nancy’s family in prayer.*

## Lynette Rosser

April 6, 1939

June 9, 2023



It has pleased Almighty God to call unto himself, his faithful servant, Lynette Rosser, at the age of 84. She was preceded in death by her husband David. They

will both be remembered and interred in our columbarium in a joint service at our Church at a later date. Lynette is survived by her sons

Matthew and Evan. Lynette is remembered as a faithful servant of the Lord, she read the Bible lessons on Sunday’s when serving as a lector.

*Our congregational family continues to remember Lynette’s family in prayer.*

## Bible Verses about Gardening

Isaiah 35:1-2

Isaiah 28:23-29

Genesis 2:8, 15

Matthew 6:28-30

Luke 21:29-32

Mark 13:28-30

Pslam 104:14-16

Ezekiel 4:9

Ezekiel 47:19

Exodus 30:34

Isaiah 38:21

Luke 13:18



Enjoy a Delicious Meal Dining Outdoors (weather permitting)  
Save the Date



Adult Dinner & Fellowship

Returning this Summer!

**Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

Plan to join us for dinner and good fellowship outdoors this Summer!

More details in next month's Voice and Church Bulletin

### **Sunday School Teachers & Substitutes Needed**

We are recruiting additional Sunday School Teachers and Substitutes for the fall. Specific needs are for Teachers in the Pre-K/Kindergarten class, and for substitutes in the Elementary class. Adults and teens age 16 and older are eligible to teach.

We have a team-teaching system in which volunteers teach every other week or every 3 weeks, depending on their availability. The curriculum is very easy to use, and the children are a lot of fun! For more information or to volunteer, please call the Church office or contact Mary Beth at [MBTrivilino@verizon.net](mailto:MBTrivilino@verizon.net)

**Sunday School Classes resume on Rally day, September 10, 2023.**

Look for the Sunday School registration form in the August *Voice Newsletter*.

# 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*



# WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please donate items needed for Vacation Bible School. Bring your donations to the Narthex by

**SUNDAY, JULY 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

- Washi Tape (craft tape in various colors/patterns)
- air clay in bright colors
- washable paint
- colorful duct tape
- blue painter's tape
- masking tape
- brown packing paper
- dryer vent or flexible tubing
- partially-used spray paint cans
- old acrylic house paint: red, white, yellow, black
- large paint brushes
- spray foam insulation
- disposable plastic tablecloths in primary colors
- disposable aluminum pans

## Food Items

- fruit-filled cereal bars
- thin pretzel sticks
- Cheerios (plain)
- raisins (large box or canister)
- M&M's
- white icing
- ice cream cones (cake cones)
- sandwich ziplock bags
- snack size ziplock bags



**PERISHABLE SNACK DONATIONS** will need to be purchased closer to July 9<sup>th</sup>. Please label 'VBS' and place in kitchen refrigerator. Thank you.

- **Cheese cubes**
- **Grapes**
- **Strawberries**
- **Blueberries**
- **Apples**
- **Refrigerator cookie dough (sugar cookies)**

**Thanks for your generous donations!**

**VBS Week: July 10-14, 2023**

# Heroes Rus

The 2023 VBS Mission Project will benefit The Children's Home of Pittsburgh, and Hello Neighbor. Information about the mission and work of these organizations can be found on their websites – see links below. We will be collecting donations of new educational games and toys, baby and toddler items, children's books, and items that will help children who have ongoing medical needs. These efforts will be a joint project with our Congregation and VBS. We are asking your help with donations. Please bring your donations to the Narthex during the month of July, or purchase at The Giving Market in the Social Hall during VBS Week [July 10-14]

The Giving Market will be transformed into a toy store where children and adults will be able to shop and purchase items. It will be located in the Social Hall during VBS Week. You can shop, purchase item, and attach a 'heart' tag with a Bible verse that will accompany your donation. Through this mission project, we hope to teach children the value of service, giving back, and reaching out to others to share God's unconditional love.

Items must be new for health and safety reasons, except books (gently-used & clean).

Interactive toys for babies/toddlers [Montessori, Sensory, STEM]  
Educational games for children  
Building sets (LEGO, LIGHTSTAX)

Olababy Silicone Soft-Tip Training Spoon  
B. Toys Rain-Glow Squeeze Light-Up Cloud Rattle Bumkins Suction Plate  
TalkTools Jiggler Oral Facial Massager  
Fat Brain Toys Squigz (regular or mini)  
Safari Ltd. Toob figurines  
Onesies (premie and newborn sizes most needed) children's books (gently-used); picture dictionaries  
Amazon gift cards in any amount

Thank you for your generosity and kindness,  
Deb Hazlett, VBS Mission Leader

The Children's Home of Pittsburgh  
<http://www.childrenshomepgh.org> <http://www.facebook.com/ChildrensHomePgh>  
Hello Neighbor <https://www.helloneighbor.io>

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

Romans 14:1



# ONLINE GIVING

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[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





I would like you to consider participating in 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.





# July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2 Pentecost 5</b> 8:30 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship 11:15 Council Meeting 7:00 VBS Craft Prep	<b>3</b>	<b>4 Happy 4th of July</b>  <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00 VBS Prop Building	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10:00 VBS Prop Building
<b>9 Pentecost 6</b> 8:30 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship	<b>10</b> Vacation Bible School 9:00-12:00 	<b>11</b> Vacation Bible School 9:00-12:00 	<b>12</b> Vacation Bible School 9:00-12:00 	<b>13</b> Vacation Bible School 9:00-12:00 	<b>14</b> Vacation Bible School 9:00-12:00 	<b>15</b>
<b>16 Pentecost 7</b> 8:30 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship 11:15 Worship & Music 2:00 Daily Bread Meal	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
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<b>30 Pentecost 9</b> 8:30 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship	<b>31</b>					







1 Give thanks for the work of social service organizations, ELCA Disability Ministry and the Total Inclusion! initiative of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries to fully include, affirm and respond to the diverse needs of people who live with a range of physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities.

2 Pray that we will equip one another for the challenges and share with one another the blessings that come from being disciples of Jesus, called and sent to do God's work in the world.

3 Remember in prayer all those who have been impacted by disasters, including those related to extreme weather, climate change, economic upheaval, political unrest, and war, and by other events that cause suffering, loss and displacement.

4 *Independence Day* Give thanks for the freedom and abundance we enjoy in our country, and ask God to help us exercise generosity in our national life, addressing root causes of the poverty, hunger, injustice, racism and lack of opportunity our neighbors experience on a daily basis.

5 Pray for the worship leaders and musicians gathering in Philadelphia for the conference of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians.

6 Ask God to hear our prayers for the comfort, healing and strength of individuals, families and communities suffering from mass shootings; and ask the Spirit's strength to do all we can to prevent gun violence.

7 Praise God that sin and death have no control over our lives now that we have been set free by God's unearned gift of grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

8 Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with the United Methodist Church, a full communion partner since 2009. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength and resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

9 "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Pray with relief and gratitude that we are never alone or without a loving rabbi, instructing and rejuvenating us to navigate life as followers of Christ.

10 Ask God to guide and bless the Truth and Healing Movement of our church, an initiative to increase our understanding of past and present injustices and harm borne by Indigenous people and to encourage action to build right and healthy relationships, healing Indigenous and non-Indigenous people alike.

11 Thank God for inspiring our generosity to new congregations and ministries, especially in places that lack the resources for growth and self-sufficiency.

12 "Help us to put aside the angry word, the clenching fist, the wish and will to hurt. Teach us the way in which love is best served" (*ELW* 615). Pray that we will treat our neighbors — including our enemies — with a kindness and respect that delight God.

13 Give thanks for the ELCA's Resourceful Servants initiative, which promotes the financial wellness of ELCA congregations, rostered ministers and seminarians; lessens the strains on those who lead faith communities; and enables them to more effectively carry out the mission of the church — making disciples for Jesus Christ.

14 God is gracious and good to all and has compassion for all creation. Pray for God to help us spread the good news throughout the world and to every generation.

15 Ask the Spirit to guide and inspire those planning the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event, the tAble event (for youth living with physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities) and the Young Adult Gathering.

16 Pray for patience when our ministry doesn't produce the results we expect; ask the Spirit to help us reflect on our work, adapt, and understand that sometimes positive results ensue without our knowledge.

17 Pray for rostered ministers gathering with colleagues from across the church for fellowship, renewal, continuing education, worship and Bible study at the ELCA Rostered Ministers Gathering in Phoenix, Ariz.

18 Remember in prayer members of the Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church as they reconsider statements of purpose for each expression of the ELCA and the principles of our church's organizational structure.

19 Lift up prayers of joy and thanksgiving, for God has given us new life, freedom and an eternal inheritance through the risen Christ — a gift for all people!

20 Give thanks, today and every day, for those who stir our joy and hope, and resolve to *be* a source of joy and hope for others.

21 Doing God's work in the world and sharing the gospel is never a fruitless endeavor — God accomplishes what God intends. Pray for the Spirit to deepen our trust in God's power and renew our strength for continuing the important work to which God has called us.

22 Pray that, together, we will always work to identify and encourage potential leaders, deacons and pastors, so that they might respond to God's call and use their gifts to share the gospel, nurture congregations, grow the church and serve our neighbors in need.

23 Pray for wisdom to discern good from evil, and for faith to know God's truth reigns.

24 The brutality and destruction of the Russia-Ukraine War have gone on for over a year. Pray for a permanent end to the violence, and remember in prayer people of all ages who yearn for peace and normality.

25 Pray that we will not judge or disparage people whose religious beliefs differ from our own or who belong to no community of faith. Promise to trust the work of the Spirit when listening to our neighbors, responding to their questions and opinions and inviting them to embrace the gift of unconditional love we experience through Jesus Christ.

26 "Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth" (Psalm 86:11). Pray that, as disciples and students of Christ, we will attend to the truth of God and what the Spirit may reveal anew.

27 Citizens of Louisville Organized and United Together (CLOUT), an ELCA World Hunger Domestic Hunger Grant partner, has assisted in providing over 4,200 units of safe and affordable housing in Louisville, Ky. Give thanks for what we accomplish together when we share our gifts and resources!

28 Pray for those whose mental and physical pain goes unnoticed in our communities and congregations; ask the Spirit to help us reach out to them with care, support and respect.

29 Give thanks and praise to God, who knows us inside and out and guides and supports us throughout our journey.

30 "Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39). Thank God for this sweeping proclamation, which gives us peace and assurance in this uncertain world.

31 Pray for the Spirit to refresh and sustain the health, spirit and faith of young adult staff and their leaders as they serve in our summer camp ministries across the country.

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