

the Voice parish newsletter

Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church
975 Washington Road Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania 15228



Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people? –Acts 10:47

In 1992, Ross Perot attempted to become President of the United States, running as an independent candidate. During his campaign he was invited to speak at the NAACP annual convention in Nashville, Tennessee. In his speech to the Black delegates, he famously referred to them by the phrase ‘you people’. Many found his word choice offensive; it was seen as a stigmatization of others different than himself.

On Sunday, May 5, Acts 10:44-48 will be heard in worship, a scripture revealing a tension in nascent Christianity—the tension between Jewish and Gentile believers in Jesus. The first disciples of Jesus were Jewish. When Gentiles began to believe in Jesus there was uncertainty. Should they be welcomed into the fellowship or not? It may surprise us to know (or maybe not!) that a first question among Christians was whether to welcome ALL people into the church. Saint Peter struggled with the question. In Acts 10:47, he declares his decision. In words reminiscent of Ross Perot’s gaffe, he said of Gentiles, “*Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing ‘these people’?*”

I don’t believe Peter or Ross Perot intended to stigmatize anyone, but their choice of words identifies a challenge we face—the challenge of seeing and treating others with respect and of equal worth. Racism, sexism, homophobia, xenophobia, and other discriminatory attitudes will not end short of a spiritual awakening; short of everyone repenting of their superiority mindsets.

Jesus can change our hearts and minds. Thankfully, the early church began to welcome Gentiles. Thankfully, the church in our day has been growing closer to Jesus’ way of love for all. Let us continue in our faith journey, praying for healing; for the end of division in our nation and world. Repentance and forgiveness in Jesus Christ is our way forward.

Christ is risen!

Pastor Doug Heagy



May, 2024

MONDAY NIGHT STUDY GROUP

LITURGY AND THE NATURAL WORLD

Video Presentation

Instructor: The Rev. Dr. Benjamin M. Stewart

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

MAY 6

Session 5: Earth to Earth: Theology and Spirituality of Green Funeral Practices

What is the green burial movement, and how is it deepening Christian faith and practice related to death — and the life of the world to come?

FESTIVAL DAYS IN THE MONTH OF MAY

Bible Study and Discussion

Led by Pastor Heagy, we will read Bible passages related to the festival days of Ascension, Pentecost, and the Holy Trinity.

7:00 pm- 8:30 pm

MAY 13

Ascension (Jesus ascends 40 days after Easter)

MAY 20

Pentecost (50 days after Easter, the church is born)

MAY 27

The Holy Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)

All are welcome to attend. Bibles will be provided or bring your own.

THURSDAY MORNING STUDY

A 7-Session Book Discussion Group

Ark Encounter: The Making of a Creationist Theme Park
by James S. Bielo, (New York: New York University Press, 2018)

10:00 AM – 11:15 AM

MAY 2	Chapter 3: <i>Cultural Producers</i>
MAY 9	Chapter 4: <i>Conversion as Play</i>
MAY 16	Chapter 5: <i>The Past is Not History</i>
MAY 23	Chapter 6: <i>A Walking Poetics of Faith</i>

Led by Pastor Heagy, group participants will discuss competing views of the Noah's Ark story in the Bible while reading through a stimulating anthropological study by James S. Bielo. His focus is the Noah's Ark amusement park in Williamstown, Kentucky. Advance registration is requested. Books will be provided.

Book summary: Opened to the public in July 2016, Ark Encounter is a creationist theme park in Kentucky. The park features a re-creation of Noah's ark, built full scale to specifications drawn from the text of Genesis. The book, *Ark Encounter*, offers insights about the relationship between religion, entertainment, and fundamentalist Christian claims to the public sphere. James S. Bielo examines these themes, drawing on his behind-the-scenes access to the Ark Encounter team during the initial design of the park. James S. Bielo is anthropologist of religion and an Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Northwestern University.



FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Foundation of Stewardship

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it; the world, and those who live in it. -Psalm 24:1

The Bible consistently gives us a countercultural and counterintuitive understanding of the world and ourselves. It's so radical that many of us can't accept it.

The idea is that the world belongs to God, and so does everything *IN* the world. Even *US!* We, who proudly think of ourselves as autonomous, self-directed and self-made, actually belong to God. In other words, we don't own ourselves. We are possessions of the Almighty.

Think about that for just a minute. We don't own the earth, our houses, our cars, our possessions, our animals, our children, or even ourselves. It all belongs to God. We belong to God. We are humble servants, slaves, actually.

The reality that God owns everything, even us, forms the foundation for biblical stewardship. If God owns everything, including us, then we are responsible to God for our wisest and best use of the planet, our possessions, our talents and our lives.

Taking that responsibility seriously, God's people will prayerfully make choices that are in accordance with God's wishes. We will care for ourselves, our neighbors, and the earth. We will strive to love the Lord our God with all our being, and our neighbor as ourselves.

Prayerfully consider, how are you doing?

--Rob Blezard

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May 19, 2024
10:00 AM



When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
—Acts 2:1

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 email the church at mtlebo-luth@aol.com

	8:30	10:00
May 5-Crucifer	Chase Lutz	Gabriel Provins
May 12-Crucifer	TBD	Church Youth
May 19- Crucifer	Ewan Keplar	Luke Frankovitch
May 26-Crucifer	Addy Wetzel	Jack O'Brien



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





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

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

May 5	Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17
May 12	Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/YOUTH SUNDAY HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
May 19	Day of Pentecost Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
May 26	The Holy Trinity Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17

Sunday School
10:00 am



First Holy Communion....For those second graders [and older children who have not yet been instructed], First Communion instruction dates are listed below. The children who receive instruction will celebrate their First Holy Communion at the **10:00 liturgy on Sunday, May 12.**

Full participation in the Eucharistic life of the Church is a milestone in a young person's life for "at the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel."

Parish practices vary widely on the age and circumstances for full participation in the Lord's Supper. However, it was over 30 years ago that the Lutheran Church in America separated 'confirmation' and the reception of Holy Communion. Since that time, congregations have continued to lower the age at which children are instructed and invited to commune.

First Communion final instruction in Eastertide 2024 will be offered on Saturday morning, promptly at 10:00 AM, on May 4th . Class will be one hour in length. Attendance is required! Parents of students [particularly, if this is a first child receiving instruction] are encouraged to attend.

Questions with regard to communion practices and/or First Communion instruction are welcome and should be directed to Pastor Heagy. Please contact him also if you have scheduling conflicts.



What is the new Art and Faith Initiative?

The inspiration for this initiative comes from a quarterly article which appears in the **Thrivent Magazine**, called "Connecting Art and Faith". A piece of artwork from the **Thrivent Collection of Religious Art** (Minneapolis, MN) is featured in each article with a description and interpretation. At the end of each article, there is a "Reflecting" box for the reader to contemplate. Our "Reflection Garden experiences" are a way of bringing art to a larger audience for spiritual inspiration.

We hope you have enjoyed the first of many "connecting" experiences.

See: www.thriventcollection.com

Contact Julia Nelson and/or Melodie Frankovitch for more details.



WE REMEMBER in our prayers:

O God, fill us with your light, that we might delight in your goodness and glory and serve you with joy. As we pray for those who struggle in sickness and in sorrow, illumine with your light and with the warmth of your healing presence which will remind them that they are not alone. Especially we pray for:

Craig Elias; Andy Kelemen; Linda Larkin; Jennifer Meyer, Marlott Schocker

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for the May issue of the *Voice* are to be submitted by Sunday, May 12. Articles may be left in the church office or email:

GET READY....The Mt. Lebanon Farmers' Market, sponsored by the Lions' Club, resumes in our parking lot on Wednesdays from 4-7 PM, beginning June 5.

Looking Ahead -Upcoming Feast Days

Ascension of Our Lord
Virtual Devotions
Thursday, May 9

Day of Pentecost
Confirmation Sunday
May 19

The Holy Trinity
May 26

PENTECOST FLOWER PLANTING
Monday, May 20, 2024
10:00 am



Volunteers are needed to plant flowers in the mulch beds on Monday, May 20, at 10:00 AM. No experience necessary! Bring your garden trowel if you have one. Rain date is Tuesday, May 21 at 10:00 am.

Daily Bread Ministries May 21



This month's menu will be *Fried Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Veggie and Dessert.*

Donations are now being accepted in the white giving box in the Narthex; or you can mail checks to church office. Mark the check memo line, '***Daily Bread Ministries***'.

Volunteers are needed to help serve the meal. Please see the sign up sheet in the Foyer. Thank you for supporting this vital ministry on the North Side.

The Festival of the Holy Trinity

Christians have held a festival in honor of the Holy Trinity since the ninth century, when it was celebrated in French monastic communities. The festival was added to the church year calendar in the 14th century.

However, every Baptism or Eucharist celebration is a Trinitarian celebration, just as every gathering "in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit" is one in unison with the Sacred Three.

In the power of the Holy Spirit, the church gathers to offer thanksgiving to the Father for Christ's saving life given to us at the table of the word and the table of the Eucharist. Indeed the church is intended to be a sign in the world of the Holy Trinity's unity-in-diversity.

Class of 2024....

Parents, please submit the names of the Spring graduates for the June *Voice* to the church office. Include the graduate's name, high school, and future plans so that we may share your joy with our congregational family. Our prayers and best wishes are extended to all of our graduates!!

**CHANGES TO YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS?
NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE SO WE CAN UPDATE
OUR RECORDS FOR FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

e-mail to: mtleboluth@aol.com
phone: 412-563-0300

Lenten Service Project 2024

The Lenten service project was a big success thanks to the generosity and compassion of our congregation. A carload of donations as well as much-needed gift cards were delivered to *Hello Neighbor*-a Pittsburgh based refugee resettlement agency. These donations were greatly appreciated and will be distributed to newly arriving families and individuals. Thanks again to all for support of this worthwhile project.



Altar Flowers & Worship Bulletins are still available for the 2024 year.
Please see Sign up sheet in the Narthex or call the church office to reserve a day.

Global Links

The next Global Links will be Wednesday, May 8th at 1:00-3:00 pm.

Sign up sheet in the Narthex. Come join us as we pack medical supplies for those in need.

Please remember 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.

THE WALK TO EMMAUS

SUNDAY, MAY 5

12:30 PM



On Sunday, May 5, church members are invited to join Pastor Heagy and others for a walk on the Montour Trail in remembrance of the Emmaus walk that took place on the first Easter Day.

We will meet in the Rite Aid parking lot and conclude the afternoon with refreshments at Al's Café. Please join the fun and invite friends! We will walk, not run, in our time together. Doubters and stragglers are welcome!





The Festival of Pentecost

Sunday May 19, 2024

The Festival of Pentecost is the third great festival day of the Church Year and commemorates the giving of the Holy Spirit Who calls, gathers and sanctifies the Risen Christ's Church on earth.

Though not as *popular* as Christmas or Easter, Pentecost is *significant*! For without the gift of the Holy Spirit, the events of Christmas and Easter would have faded from human hearts centuries ago. For the Festival Day of Pentecost, we want to bask our entire chancel *in red as a flame*! Individuals and families of our congregation are invited to contribute to the purchase of *red garden flowers* to be placed in the chancel for the Festival of Pentecost.

The cost is \$5.50 per potted plant.

All orders must be in the Church Office by Friday, May 10

All flower gifts will be acknowledged in a special bulletin insert, either as memorials, honor gifts [such as for graduates, confirmands, volunteers] or for the "greater glory of God."

On Monday, May 20 at 10:00 am (date subject to change pending weather) the flowers will be planted in the beds in front of our building to beautify the grounds and to signify the Spirit's work in our midst and in our community.



Pentecost Memorials and Tributes

of Flower Pots _____

Amount \$_____

Donor: _____

Please *print* the bulletin acknowledgement you desire: _____

Confirmation Sundays

May 19 & May 26, 2024 at 10:00 AM



Our second-year Catechism Youth will make a Public Affirmation of their Baptism (the rite also known as Confirmation) this month. Three confirmands will affirm their faith on Pentecost Sunday, May 19. Due to scheduling conflicts, two confirmands will affirm their faith a week later on May 26. The congregation extends our prayers for the youth at this milestone of their faith journey! A reception honoring all of our Confirmands will be held in the Foyer following the 10:00 Liturgy on Pentecost Sunday, May 19. All are welcome!

In Baptism, God redeems us from sin and death, and grants forgiveness, life and salvation. In the Church, confirmands learn of God's loving purpose for their lives. They are nourished at the Lord's table and hear God's call to be witnesses to Christ. Publicly affirming their Baptism, they indicated they are prepared by grace to assume responsibilities within the life of the Church and in Christ's mission to the world.

The 2024 Confirmation Class of Mt. Lebanon Lutheran Church:

Max Bruno (May 19)
Mackenna Cercone (May 19)
Finn Darcy (May 26)
Quin O'Brien (May 26)
Sam Wetzel (May 19)

*Happy Mothers Day
May 12, 2024*



*"I have no greater joy than to hear
that my children are walking in the
truth." – 3 John 1:4*



*Remember those
whom have
sacrificed for our
freedom on this
Memorial Day
May 27, 2024.*

**We adore You, O Christ,
and we praise You. +
Because by Your holy
Cross You have redeemed the world**

Welcome To The Lord's Table

On May 12, 2024 we will celebrate First Holy Communion with several of our families.

Leo Bucher
Nolan Erickson
Taylor Larson
Madelyn Nichols
Dylan Solomon
Elliott Solomon
Kyle Timmons

Full participation in the Celebration of the Eucharist is a milestone in a young person's life. The prayers and joy of the Church are extended to them and their families! A cake reception in honor of our First Communicants will be served in the Foyer.



YOUTH SUNDAY

May 12, 2024

10:00 am

Our catechetical students and other youth in our congregation will assist Pastor Heagy in leading worship at 10:00. Please join us on this special day, which is also Mother's Day.





VBS

"Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you."

Psalm 56:3

July 15-19, 2024, 9am-noon

VBS VOLUNTEER MEETINGS

**Come to one of the two orientation
meetings in the Social Hall.**

Sunday, June 2, 11:15-12:15

(light refreshments) OR

Monday, June 3, 7-8pm



Contact: mbtrivilino@verizon.net or

frankovitch@comcast.net if you plan to attend.

Camp Firelight Needs Supplies!

VBS ITEMS TO DONATE: *(for Decorating)*



Paper towel tubes
Cardboard boxes (large, broken down)
Red, yellow, and orange tissue paper
Brown packing paper
Blue tarp
Plastic tablecloths (brown, green, light, or dark blue)
Washable paint (brown, black, white, green)
Old spray paint (brown, black, white, green)
House paint (brown, black, white, green)
Duct tape and masking tape
White and brown poster boards
1-inch-wide paint brush

VBS ITEMS TO BORROW: Items to be returned must have lender's contact information.

Child-size lawn chairs
Coolers (small to medium size)
Fishing pole
Canoe and oars
Hammock
Tent (small one person)
Xmas trees (9 ft. or less)
Battery lanterns (any size)

VBS ITEMS TO DONATE: *(for Crafts)*

Stickers (nature or camping)
Black cardstock paper
White cardstock paper
Gallon sized Ziploc bags
Craft Sticks
Battery operated votive candles
Vellum paper (translucent)
Tissue paper (assorted colors)

**Look for updated lists, including snack donations in the
JUNE VOICE.**



Vacation Bible School

Ages: 4 and older

Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church

Monday - Friday, 9:00 - noon

July 15-19, 2024

Suggested donation: \$10.00/child or \$20/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 15-19, 2024

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"/>	<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"/>	<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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
I grant permission to take photos/videos of my children and to use and to use these images in church newsletter and website. I understand that photos and videos will not be accompanied by captions or tags that include names or other identifying information.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<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 _____

Camp Firelight Details! July 15-19, 20-24



Stop by the Camp Firelight VBS table in the Narthex during the month of May to find out more information about the week's events and activities. Sign up to be a volunteer. Pick up a supply donation list. Do you have camping gear? Can we borrow it for the week July 15-19? We have decorating, crafting and snack needs. See you at the camp table!



YOUTH GROUP MEETING

Check this Meow-t, youth group! We're going to have a tail-wagging time making toys and enrichment for furry friends in our area at our May meeting. We plan to partner with a local animal organization to learn more about the hard work and love that goes into caring for God's creatures. We plan to meet on May 19th from 4-6pm. If you already have a relationship/volunteer with an animal group in the area, please reach out to Julia Nelson at: jnnelson26@comcast.net.

It'll be a paw-sitively fun time!



CampBlast at Lutherlyn

CampBlast at Lutherlyn

May 11, 2024, 11:00 am - 4:30 pm

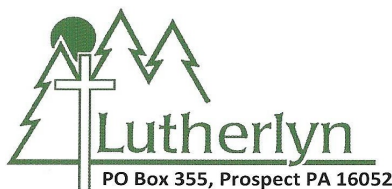
Join us for a **FREE** day of **FUN** that highlights all that Camp Lutherlyn has to offer.
Rain or Shine! Many awesome indoor and outdoor activities to enjoy at CampBlast!

Go to <https://www.lutherlyn.com/events-retreats/campblast.html> for directions and schedule.

Camp Lutherlyn brochures are on the bulletin board in the hallway by the Narthex, and given by the Sunday School Teachers.

Lutherlyn's 2024 Summer Camp Schedule		
Week 1 June 16-21	-Staff-In-Training (SH) -Life in the Wild (JH) -Adventurers (JH & SH)	-Classic (Jr) (SH) -Horse Camp (JH & SH) -Confirmation Camp
Week 2 June 23-28	-Classic (Jr) (JH) -Horse Camp (Jr) -Small Fry Days (Th & Fri) -Confirmation Camp	-Adventurers (JH & SH) -Young Folks (Sun-Wed) -Grown Up & Me (Th & Fri)
Week 3 June 30 - July 5	-Family Camp -On-Site Day Camp (1st-5th grade)	
Week 4 July 7-12	-Arts & Musical (Jr & JH) -Classic (Jr) (JH) (SH) -Life in the Wild (Jr)	-Horse Camp (Jr) -Adventurers (JH & SH)
Week 5 July 14-19	-Classic (Jr) (JH) (SH) -Adventurers PLUS (SH) -Small Fry Days (Th & Fri)	-Horse Camp (JH & SH) -Young Folks (Sun-Wed) -Grown Up & Me (Th & Fri)
Week 6 July 21-26	-Classic (Jr) (JH) -Horse Camp (Jr) -Junior Adventurers (Jr)	-Venture (SH) -Rocketry (JH & SH)
Week 7 July 28- August 2	-Classic (Jr) (JH) -Rocketry (Jr) -Horse Camp (JH & SH)	-Night Owls (JH & SH) -Adventurers (JH & SH)

"Young Folks" - campers enter grades 2-3, "Jr" - campers enter grades 4-6, "JH" - campers enter grades 7-9, "SH" - campers enter grades 10-12 or 2024 graduate



You Are Invited to CampBlast!

Saturday, May 11th 2024, 11am-4:30pm

Join us for a day of FUN that highlights all that Lutherlyn has to offer.

Pony rides, campfire, crafts, gaga ball, archery, zipline, bouldering room, hiking, nature activities, hay rides, games, sports, LEGO room, tours, great food, and MORE!

The best part.... **EVERYTHING IS FREE!**

www.lutherlyn.com/campblast

\$100 off for FIRST-TIME campers!

This coupon entitles FIRST-TIME Lutherlyn campers to \$100 off of the registration fee for Summer 2024. This applies to Lutherlyn's residential week-long programs. Young Folks half-week programs get \$50 off for FIRST-TIME campers. Does not apply to Family Camp, Confirmation Camp, Day Camps, or Small Fry Days.

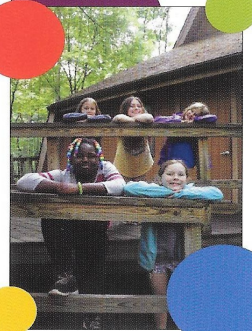
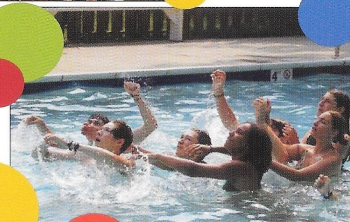
Must be a FIRST-TIME summer camper.

No additional discounts may be combined with this offer.

Enter coupon code: **FIRST**

Register at **WWW.LUTHERLYN.COM**.

Please share this code with friends!)





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.





MAY 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 Choir	2 10:00 Study Group 4:00 Catechetics 2	3	4 10:00 First Communion Instruction
5 Easter 6 8:30 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship 10:00 Sunday School 12:30 Walk To Emmaus	6 7:00 Study Group	7 4:30 Catechetics 1	8 7:00 Choir	9 Ascension of Our Lord 10:00 Study Group 4:00 Catechetics 2 7:30 Virtual Devotions Ascension	10	11
12 Easter 7 8:40 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship 10:00 First Communion 10:00 Youth Sunday Happy Mother's Day	13 7:00 Bible Study	14 4:30 Catechetics 1	15 7:00 Choir	16 10:00 Study Group 4:00 Catechetics 2	17	18
19 Day of Pentecost 8:30 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship 10:00 Sunday School-Last Day 10:00 Confirmation 2:00 Daily Bread Meal 4:00 Youth Group Meeting	20 10:00 Pentecost Planting 7:00 Bible Study	21 4:30 Catechetics 1	22 7:00 Choir	23 10:00 Study Group	24	25
26 The Holy Trinity 8:30 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship 10:00 Confirmation 11:15 Council Meeting	27 MEMORIAL DAY <i>Office Closed</i> 7:00 Bible Study	28	29	30	31	





1 *Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month* Give thanks for our Asian and Pacific Islander neighbors and siblings in Christ, and for their cultures, languages and contributions to our nation and church. Pray for the well-being of Asian and Pacific Islander congregations and ministries of the ELCA as well as the work of ELCA Asian and Pacific Islander Ministries and the Association of Asians and Pacific Islanders.

2 *National Day of Prayer* Join with our siblings in Christ in praying for the well-being of the church, our neighbors in need and the leaders of our communities and nation. Ask God to help us resolve the problems and issues that keep us from thriving in unity.

3 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Minneapolis Area, Southeastern Pennsylvania, Arkansas-Oklahoma and Southwestern Texas 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 Pray for congregational young-adult ministries, ELCA Young Adult Ministry, Abide small-group ministry, Young Adults in Global Mission, Lutheran Campus Ministry Network, Lutheran outdoor ministries and long-term volunteer service organizations. Ask God to bless leaders who serve young adults as they seek community, strengthen their faith, find opportunities to serve, and discern their gifts and vocations.

5 “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you” (John 15:12). These words, spoken by Jesus to his followers, seem simple and unambiguous, yet we respond with resistance and stipulations. Pray that we might turn to the word of God and the example of Jesus to see the power of humility and fearless, unconstrained love.

6 *National Nurses Week* Pray for faith community nurses, who nurture and care for the whole person — body, mind and spirit — and promote wellness in Lutheran congregations, ministries and agencies; other denominations; and our communities. Give thanks for the ministry of the Lutheran Faith Community Nurse Association, which promotes health and well-being in faith communities and supports nurses serving in a variety of roles across the country.

7 Pray that our love for God will move us to seek God's ways, wisdom and Commandments, which exist for the benefit of all humanity.

8 Give thanks for the creative gifts of church musicians and music ministry leaders, who enrich the worship experience in our congregations and help us express to God our joy, concerns and praise.

9 Remember in prayer our neighbors in Haiti, who yearn for peace, safety and hope amid persistent suffering and violence. Ask the Spirit to guide us as unwavering advocates for the peace and relief of our neighbors and siblings in Christ.

10 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Saint Paul Area 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 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southeastern Minnesota, Southeast Michigan, North/West Lower Michigan and New Jersey 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.

12 Praise God that the truth of our faith, assurance of salvation and call to participate in God's work in the world are revealed to us through Jesus Christ, the Spirit, and the nurture and affirmation we experience in our faith communities.

13 Ask God to strengthen and be with all mothers — biological, adoptive and foster — in the daily joys and challenges of teaching values, passing on faith, and protecting and guiding their children.

14 Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with the Reformed Church in America, a full communion partner since 1997. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength, resources and encouragement for the work of sharing the gospel, serving our neighbor and growing the church.

15 Give thanks for the ELCA Life of Faith Initiative, an effort to equip people of all ages to live out their faith in their families, workplaces, schools, local communities and world, serving their neighbors and working for justice in everyday life.

16 *International Day of Living Together in Peace* Our words and actions speak volumes about our faith and values. Pray that we might move past our conflicts and that the Spirit will fill us with kindness, compassion, respect and sacrificial love for our neighbors.

17 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, Southeastern Iowa Synod, East-Central Synod of Wisconsin, South-Central Synod of Wisconsin and Greater Milwaukee 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 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northwest Washington and Northern Great Lakes 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.

19 *Day of Pentecost* Praise God for the work of the Spirit, which calls us to faith, focuses and strengthens us, accompanies us in our baptismal journeys and unites us in a diverse, global community of siblings in Christ.

20 Remember in prayer college, university and seminary students as they prepare for final exams, graduation and vocations that will direct their gifts and passions into service to their church, communities and world.

21 “The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groaning too deep for words” (Romans 8:26). Praise God for the gift of the Spirit, an advocate for us who stirs and strengthens our faith.

22 Give thanks to God that, in every corner of the world, the Spirit works to open hearts and minds to the life-changing news of unconditional love, forgiveness, renewal and salvation that we receive in Jesus Christ.

23 Ask the Spirit how God is calling us to use our faith, gifts, experience and wisdom to uplift our society, nation and world. “Could it be that we are called for such a time as this?” (*All Creation Sings* 1003).

24 Give thanks for scientists, science teachers and researchers, who stir our understanding and awe of God's creation and seek to improve our lives, communities and natural environment. Promise to be careful with technology and new advancements, using them for the sake of justice and the well-being of humanity and creation.

25 Pray for the work we do through the ELCA's AMMPARO strategy to accompany migrants with protection.

26 *Holy Trinity Sunday* Nicodemus came to Jesus with questions about faith, baptism and the kingdom of God. Rather than snub his curiosity, Jesus took the time to speak with him. What questions do you have about faith and theology? Share your uncertainties with God, trusting God to understand.

27 Pray for the ministry we pursue through ELCA Global Mission, and for the personnel, missionaries and volunteers who serve in long-term partnerships with our global companions in nine Latin American and Caribbean countries.

28 Sing a prayer of praise and worship to the Lord our God, creator of all that exists and sustains our lives.

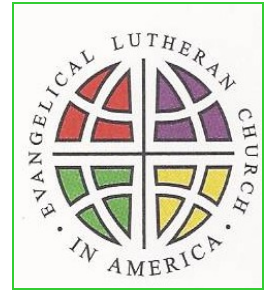
29 *Pray for teachers and professors in public and faith-based settings, who work with students of all ages and abilities to develop and nurture their faith, self-confidence, curiosity, creativity and caring relationships.*

30 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Montana and North Carolina 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.

31 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southwest California, South Dakota, Southern Ohio, Lower Susquehanna, Western North Dakota, Southeastern and Florida-Bahamas 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.

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Holy Communion Sunday/ Youth Sunday May 12, 2024 10:00 AM

Those preparing for First Holy Communion on this day are:



Leo Bucher
Nolan Erickson
Taylor Larson
Madelyn Nichols
Dylan Solomon
Elliott Solomon
Kyle Timmons

Day of Pentecost May 19, 2024

8:30 and 10:00 AM Festive Worship

8:30 Live Virtual Worship

The third great festival day of the church year



Confirmation Sunday's May 19, 2024 & May 26, 2024 10:00 AM

(This year's Catechetics 2 class will make a public affirmation of their Baptism)

Max Bruno (May 19)
Mackenna Cercone (May 19)
Finn Darcy (May 26)
Quin O'Brien (May 26)
Sam Wetzel (May 19)