

the Voice parish newsletter

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. –Psalm 100:1



Our New Director of Music & Organist

On behalf of our Executive Committee, Council, and Search Committee, I am pleased to announce **Hunter Peterson** as our new Director of Music & Organist. He will begin his service on August 3, 2026.

A native of Russell, Pennsylvania in Warren County, Hunter is a graduate of Warren Area High School. He earned a Bachelor of Music degree in Organ Performance (Composition Concentration) from Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA. Last month, he graduated from the prestigious Cleveland Institute of Music with a Master of Music degree in Organ Performance, training under Prof. Todd Wilson.

Hunter was raised in a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and is the recipient of many awards, including *the Iva Jackson Scholarship for the pursuit of church related vocation; the William Berlin Scholarship for pursuit of religious vocation; the James Corry Religion Scholarship; the Jamison Scholarship for pursuit of career in ministry; and the Mary Elkins Wilgoki Music Scholarship for a degree in sacred music.* He has previous service as a church organist, vocal director, and handbell director, and will hold these duties with us while also serving in the music department of Westminster College. Hunter resides in the North Hills.

Special thanks to our Search Committee: Dr. Tim Steinhauer, Larry Allen, Monica Aravich, Cindy Brown, Rick Shaw, Linda Shaw, and Amy Stabenow. I am grateful for the efforts of all and look forward to Hunter's arrival in August.

Pastor Doug Heagy



June, 2026

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



FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

TEACHING CHILDREN AND YOUTH TO SHARE

While serving a congregation, we once held an all-community kids' scavenger hunt. We told the children to search for as many treats as they wanted but if more than five were found, they had to be shared. After the madness of kids running around to find prizes, we were chatting with some of them about what they'd found. When we asked one boy how it went, he puffed out his chest and proudly declared, "I found so many treats I became one of the people who SHARED!"

For generosity to take root in young people's lives, reflection and discussion about the meaning of the practice matter. Thankfully, generosity can be taught. When generosity-practicing adults reflect on how they learned to be givers, family influences are consistently cited as the key source. The challenge, then, is that the adults in a young person's life have to themselves demonstrate the generosity they believe in! "Do as I say, not as I do" is not especially effective for teaching anything, and an orientation toward giving is no exception.

For a young person of any age—and for adults, too! —it's meaningful for stories and examples of generosity to be celebrated. What stories do you share about generosity in your church and home? What real-life giving stories are being taught to your children and youth? Lifting giving stories up will help knit generosity into the values of your congregational youth.

Opportunities to practice generosity are critical to young people putting action to the religious values being taught. What generosity means can vary: money, possessions, time, attention, aid, encouragement, and more but it always intends to enhance the wellbeing of the receiver.

For generosity to take root in young people's lives, reflection and discussion about the meaning of the practice matter, especially as children move into later developmental stages. Generosity is a value woven into every religious tradition, and it's a key practice both for religious formation and for the resilience of the church. What a blessing it would be for more and more of us to be thrilled that we've taught children and youth how to generously share!

--Rev. Meredith McNabb and Matt Lyons, 2025





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

SANCTUARY WORSHIP

Sunday's
8:30 AM & 10:00 AM

Virtual Worship 8:30 AM Facebook LIVE
Posted later on our YouTube channel

The Word of the Lord

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| June 7 | Second Sunday after Pentecost
Hosea 5:15—6:6
Psalm 50:7-15
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 |
| June 14 | Third Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35—10:8 |
| June 21 | Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 10:7-13
Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39 |
| June 28 | Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42 |

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



SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE: JUNE, 2026

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 mtleboluth@aol.com.

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| June 7-Crucifer | |
| 8:30 | Ewan Keplar |
| 10:00 | TBD |
| June 14-Crucifer | |
| 8:30 | Finn Darcy |
| 10:00 | Delaney Graybill |
| June 21- Crucifer | |
| 8:30 | Quin O'Brien |
| 10:00 | Isla Gentzel |
| June 28-Crucifer | |
| 8:30 | Chase Lutz |
| 10:00 | Xavier Graybill |

While shopping... Please continue to remember the ministry of the Food Bank at Dormont Free Pantry 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 Dormont Free Pantry [Your donation will be recorded and then forwarded.] or to the ELCA World Hunger ministries using a designated gift envelope in your pew.



Food Pantry.

GLOBAL LINKS
Sharing Surplus. Saving Lives.

Tuesday, June 9 1-3:00 pm
Volunteers Needed To Help Pack Surplus Medical Supply for those in need.

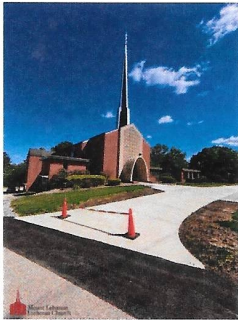
Sign-up sheets have been placed in the narthex if you are interested in volunteering. Please contact Sara Dougherty at tjdsjd@verizon.net

Property Renewal Phase is Complete

New Enhancements Beautify the Campus, Addresses Safety, and Benefits Visitors, Guests, and Members.

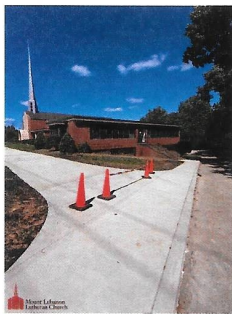
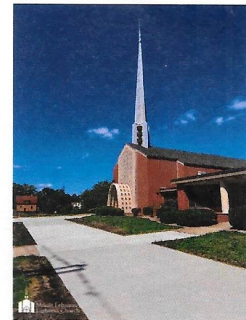
As the Liturgical season of Easter transitions to the time after Pentecost, the current phase of the Property Renewal Project has moved to completion. The scope of this major initiative emphasized exterior hardscapes. Additionally, work was done to prepare for a future landscape-focused project.

Following a competitive bid process, the Congregational Council approved funding that addressed multiple needs on our campus. The project repaired or replaced failed concrete and other infrastructure, including...



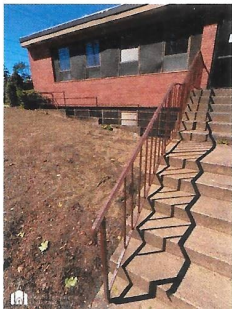
Governor's Driveway - Washinton Road

- Removed the current driveway and curbs in front of our building.
- Placed new concrete with improved drainage, laid new asphalt abutting the Governor's Drive, and installed stones to aid drainage & reduce erosion.
- Installed a seamless edge for a softscape-to-hardscape transition that reduces plow damage and create pedestrian-friendly surfaces.



South Driveway

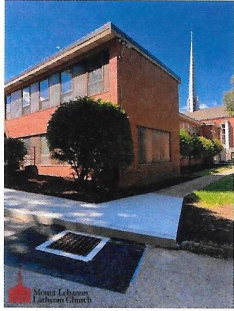
- Installed a new sidewalk along the driveway.
- Repaired a damaged storm drain and laid surrounding asphalt.
- Poured concrete for a new, pedestrian-friendly sidewalk along upper portion of the South Driveway.



Other Work

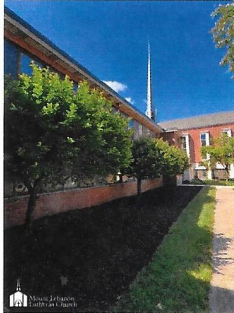
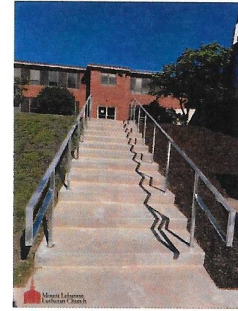
- Repaired sections of accessible sidewalks.
- Upgraded the storm drain area at the property line below the North Driveway.
- Refreshed and repainted railings on the steps and near the Education Wing window wells adjacent to the South Driveway.
- Regraded lawn area where invasives were removed.





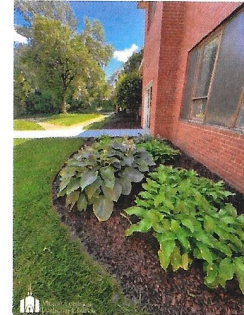
Building Entrance – Back Parking Lot

- Removed the railings, concrete steps, and walkway.
- Re-graded the steps and placed new concrete.
- Fabricated and installed new railings for ease of use and to comply with local codes.



Landscaping

- Graded and seeded all areas adjacent to the cement work.
- Filled large ruts and seeded on front lawns.
- Removed invasive species vegetation adjacent to the building.
- Mulched rear beds, area adjacent to the parking lot stairs, and other identified beds.

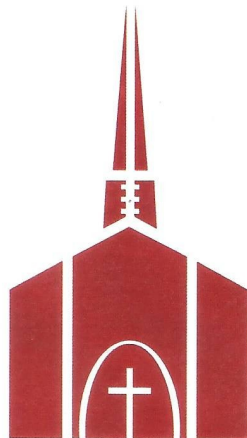


We are grateful to all who are volunteering with this project and acknowledge the leadership of the Property Committee Chairs Patrick Snyder and especially Tom Ultsch. Our thanks also to Dave Hazett who completed all the railing work by the South driveway.



How are we able to do all this?

All are asked to prayerfully consider making financial gifts to the Stir Into Flame Fund. This will allow us to continue to ensure our campus is a safe, accessible, and welcoming space for all. (My e-Offering is accessible using this QR code.)



**Mount Lebanon
Lutheran Church**



**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; Andy Kelemen; Linda Larkin; Bill Young; Shari Ehrlich; Dave Young; Patrick Brown; Pete Lester; Cindy Brown.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for the July issue of the *Voice* are to be submitted by Sunday, June 14. Articles may be left in the church office or email: mtleboluth@aol.com.



**Daily Bread
Outreach Meal
July 26**

The meal with the poor in July will be a cookout including hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, dessert & drink. 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 in the Foyer between worship liturgies. Enjoy food and beverage as you converse with one another. Make new friends as you greet visitors and guests.

The Evangelism Committee invites you to share your gifts of hospitality! Please volunteer to prep and clean up. It's easy and we can introduce you to a fellow host. Information is on the sign up chart in the Foyer.



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, 2026**

Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod — 2026 Synod Assembly will be held June 12 & June 13. Please keep our synod in prayer.

**HAPPY FIRST DAY OF
SUMMER**



JUNE 21, 2026

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!

The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who begets a wise son will be glad in him.



Proverbs 23:24

**HAPPY FATHERS DAY
JUNE 21, 2026**

The Church office will be closed on Friday, June 19th in observance of Juneteenth.

Mt. Lebanon Farmers' Market

(sponsored by the Lions' Club)

Wednesdays 4:00-7:00 PM

beginning **June 3**

in our parking lot.



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





First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the following students who were welcomed to the Lord's Table on May 10:

Grant Kegel
Sterling McCombs
Colton Zielinski

The prayers and joy of the Church are extended to them and their families! A cake reception in their honor was hosted by the Education & Congregational Life Committees. Many thanks to all who helped!

Teens Lead Worship on Youth Sunday



Many thanks to our Catechetical students and other youth who helped lead the late Worship Liturgy on Youth Sunday, May 10:

Madalena Provins
Adam Timmons
Paige Gentzel
Dylan Solomon
Ewan Keplar
Delaney Graybill
Henry Keplar
Gabriel Provins

Confirmation



On May 24, the 2026 Confirmation Class made a public affirmation of their faith before our congregational family. Congratulations to our Confirmands!

Paige Gentzel
Ewan Keplar
Madalena Provins
Dylan Solomon
Adam Timmons

We celebrated with a lovely reception hosted by the Ultsch Family and Congregational Life volunteers. Many thanks to all who contributed and helped!

Thanks to Sunday School Teachers & Education Volunteers!




Our last day of Sunday School was May 17. Many thanks to our dedicated Sunday School Teachers and Substitutes: Andrea Croom, Lizzy Koval, Jessica Porter, Travis Timmons, Julia Nelson, Mary Beth Trivilino, Milo Bucher, and Annaleigh Dwulit.

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. Stacey Tubbs & Tom Ultsch assisted with Confirmation classes. Thanks also to: our Education Ministries Chairperson Carol Vogeley; Children's Education Director Mary Beth Trivilino; Advent Pageant Director Julia Nelson; Cradle Roll Coordinator Normajean Graybill; Children's Music Leaders Carol Vogeley and Barb Heagy; Church Librarian Melodie Frankovitch; Kris Malia for office support; Service Crafts Coordinator Deb Hazlett; Bulletin Board Designers Cindy Zuch, Ashleigh Solomon & Melodie Frankovitch; and to 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 and helping them to be ...

"Disciples of Christ or the Glory of God!"

Congratulations 2026 Graduates!

Gigi Burkett has graduated from Upper St. Clair High School and will be attending the University of Kentucky in the fall.

Luke Frankovitch has graduated  from Baldwin High School and will be attending Robert Morris University in the fall, majoring in Sport Management at the Rockwell School of Business.

Alexis Jones has graduated May 16th from Nazareth University in Rochester, NY. She has been accepted to the University of Pittsburgh in their accelerated nursing program in the fall.

Henry Keplar has graduated from Mt. Lebanon High School and will be attending Grove City College in the fall.

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

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir did a great job singing in Worship on the last day of Sunday School, May 17. Led by Carol Vogeley and Barb Heagy, the kids sang "Sing Unto the Lord" by John Erickson. They were accompanied by Carol Vogeley and Henry Keplar. Ewan Keplar assisted with rehearsals.

A Special Thank-You...

A sincere thank you to the donors of memorial funds toward the purchase of Pentecost flowers, planters, and planting supplies for beautification of the sanctuary entrance!

We are grateful also to Lyn and Tom Ultsch for decorating the altar and to Sara and Tom Dougherty for planting the outside planters.

We are in need of volunteers to water the planters at both the front sanctuary and back door entrances throughout the summer. Please consider signing your family up for a week to water two to three times, weather pending. Hoses are available at both locations. A signup sheet will be available on the bulletin board near the Foyer. Thank you!



VBS Mission Project

Our Vacation Bible School Service Project is to collect **healthy snacks for Daily Bread Ministries**. These will be assembled into Snack Bags at our God's Work/Our Hands event on Rally Day.

Please see complete list of needed items in the Narthex display and in announcements and email blasts in the coming weeks. Thank you for your donations!

VBS Snack Donations Needed:

Please help us provide our VBS kids with fun, allergy-safe snacks. Check ingredient labels to make sure they do not include nuts, tree nuts or sesame seeds. Please bring snacks to the Social Hall kitchen by June 28, and label them "VBS." **We will need about 300 snacks!**

Many of these "school friendly" snacks may be found at Aldi's, Costco or Sam's Club.

Requested items include:

Rice Crispy Treats

Goldfish Crackers

Fruit Snacks

Frito Lay Variety Pack Chip Bags

Entenmann's Little Bits Muffins

We will also need: Lemonade Mix.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Help keep VBS affordable for families!

VBS Online Registration

Vacation Bible School Online Registration is open.

To register your children to participate, or for teen and adults' volunteer registration, go to: <https://mtlebanonlutheranchurch.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

Vacation Bible School

July 13-17, 2026 - 9am-12pm



VBS Volunteers Needed in Specific Roles:

During VBS week, July 13-17, we need:

- Crew Leaders & assistants (*teens*)
- Photographer
- Registration Table (*Monday & Tuesday 8am-10am*)
- Assistants in Science, Crafts and Music
- Setup/Take-down Traffic Barriers (*before and after VBS each morning*)
- Custodial support

Prior to VBS week we need:

- Volunteers to make paper snowflakes for decorations
- **Help with decorating & setup** – *various days, weekdays, evening & weekend shifts – Look for schedule of dates in the Narthex and email blast*
- Last minute setup tasks on July 12, following the late Worship Liturgy.

After VBS week:

- Help breakdown set & cleanup, flexible time shifts—*let us know your available dates.*

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

To volunteer: contact Julia Nelson at jmnelson25@comcast.net; or call the church office at 412-563-0300.

VBS Volunteer Meetings:

June 14 11:15-12:30 – All Volunteers
Youth Volunteers - Choose one day:
June 27 1:00-2:00 - Teen Volunteers
June 28 3:00-4:00 – Teen Volunteers

Snowball Mountain VBS Supplies Needed - 2026



VBS Items to Borrow: *(for decorating)*

- Artificial Christmas trees
- Snowy decorations
- Sled, snowboard, skis
- White sheets

VBS Items to Donate: *(for decorating)*

- Masking tape; painters tape
- White duct tape
- Large cardboard, *at least 36" in both directions*
- Artificial Snowballs - soft plush *(also to be used for indoor snowball fights)*
- Paper Snowflakes – *need volunteers to make these*

VBS Items to donate: *(for crafts)*

- Model Magic – Large tub of white; Small packs of bright colors
- Felt – various colors
- Chenille stems (pipe cleaners)
- Crepe paper
- Zip Ties -14 inch
- Fabric scraps; ribbons
- Double-sided tape

We need these items by June 14. Please place them in the CRAFT DONATIONS box in the Narthex. Larger items can be brought to the Middle Grades Classroom (across from Choir Room). Questions: Contact Julia at jmnelson26@comcast.net

Look for updated lists in the Narthex display, bulletin announcements and email blasts.

Thank you in advance for your donations! These help keep VBS affordable for families.



Vacation Bible School

Ages: 4 and older

Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church

Monday - Friday, 9:00 - noon

July 13-17, 2026

Suggested donation: \$10.00/child or \$20/family*

Register online at mtlebanonlutheran.org
or with this form

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 & Phone: _____

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 13-17, 2026

Registration Form, *Continued from page 1*

Participation Agreement:

	YES	NO
My children have my permission to attend VBS at MLULC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
VBS staff are permitted to provide First Aid to my kids if needed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My kids have my permission to be photographed for the church slide show & bulletin board:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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"/>

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 _____



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You Are Invited to CampBlast!

Saturday, May 10th 2025, 11am-4:30pm

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

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 the registration fee for Summer 2025. This applies to Lutherlyn's overnight 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!)



Go to:

<https://www.lutherlyn.com/summer>
for details.



COLUMBARIUM - South Chancel Wall

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

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



*The South Chancel Wall Columbarium
was completed July 2022*

Spaces remain available.

Please contact the church office to indicate your interest.



Stewardship
Sharing God's Blessings



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

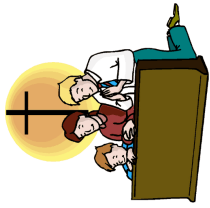
Electronic giving will enable every household or individual to make their church offering using electronic funds transfer or credit card. You may already be using online bill pay for your mortgage, car payment, or insurance premium through an automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account. 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.

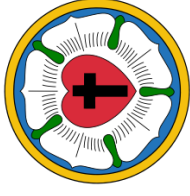
There is no cost to you for this new giving option. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings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



JUNE 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 12-2:30 ESL	2	3 4:00 Farmers Market	4	5	6
7 Pentecost 2 8:30 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship	8 12-2:30 ESL	9 1:00 Global Links	10 4:00 Farmers Market	11 12-2:30 ESL	12 Synod Assembly	13 Synod Assembly
14 Pentecost 3 8:30 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship 11:15 VBS Volunteer Meeting	15 12-2:30 ESL	16 12-2:30 ESL	17 12-2:30 ESL 4:00 Farmers Market	18 12-2:30 ESL	19 Juneteenth Office Closed	20
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1 Give thanks to God for grandparents and older adults — their service and impact are significant. Pray that we support them with gratitude and encouragement as our siblings in Christ and as neighbors with wisdom, compassion and valuable gifts to contribute to the well-being and richness of congregations, communities and families.

2 *Mental Health Awareness Month* Pray for those who live with mental illness, that they will have access to appropriate medical help and will experience understanding, support, respect and total inclusion in the church and society as beloved and gifted children of God.

3 *Pride Month* Give thanks to God for the gifts, wisdom, leadership and faith of our LGBTQIA+ neighbors and siblings in Christ. Ask the Spirit to embolden us as we work together for justice, total inclusion and love for humanity in all its diversity.

4 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the East-Central Synod of Wisconsin, Florida-Bahamas Synod, New England Synod, Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod and Northwestern Pennsylvania 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, serve our neighbors in need and work for justice and peace.

5 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Delaware-Maryland, Eastern North Dakota, Lower Susquehanna, Metropolitan Chicago, Northeastern Ohio, Southwestern Minnesota and West Virginia-Western Maryland 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, serve our neighbors in need and work for justice and peace.

6 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Central/Southern Illinois, Central States, Indiana-Kentucky, La Crosse Area, Metropolitan Washington, D.C. 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, serve our neighbors in need and work for justice and peace.

7 “As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he got up and followed him” (Matthew 9:9). Pray for the Spirit to strengthen our trust in God’s ability to see in us special qualities and gifts valuable for doing God’s work in the world.

8 Ask God to sustain the hope of individuals and communities rebuilding in the aftermath of tornados, floods and wildfires — here and around the world. Give thanks for those who volunteer their time, skills and resources to help with the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of disaster recovery and building resiliency.

9 Remember in prayer the 4,000 young adults who lead summer camp programs at our 112 Lutheran outdoor ministry sites across the United States and Puerto Rico, programs that include youth camps, adult and family camps, travel and adventure camps, day camps, servant learning events and more.

10 “Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts” (Psalm 33:2-3). Lift up prayers of praise and thanksgiving for cantors, church musicians and choirs that help us express our faith, joys and laments when we gather for worship.

11 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Grand Canyon and South 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, serve our neighbors in need and work for justice and peace.

12 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Illinois and Southwestern 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, serve our neighbors in need and work for justice and peace.

13 Remember in prayer individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, that their faith, gifts and abilities will be valued and affirmed in the church and society. Give thanks for the work, services and advocacy of ELCA Disability Ministries and the Lutheran Services in America Disability Network.

14 Thank God for calling, equipping and sending us into our communities and the world, accompanied by our siblings in Christ, our global companions, our ecumenical partners and organizations that share our vision of serving neighbors in need and doing God’s work in the world — together.

15 Give thanks for those who make you laugh and smile, lifting your spirits.

16 “Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, ‘God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me’” (Genesis 21:5-6). Call upon the Spirit to help us be alert and receptive in those moments when we think something is impossible or absurd and God’s presence and actions take us by surprise.

17 “Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand; listen to the voice that began creation; listen even if you don’t understand” (ACS 974). Pray that we will slow down and listen for what God says to us in Scripture, during worship, through nature and in conversation with our neighbors and siblings in Christ — including strangers.

18 *Thursdays in Black* Pray for an end to gender violence and resolve to wear black every Thursday as a symbol of solidarity with the World Council of Churches’ global movement to resist attitudes and practices that permit violence and rape. Promise to advocate tirelessly for the safe, respectful treatment of women, men, boys and girls in homes, schools, workplaces and communities.

19 *Juneteenth* This day of celebration, dating back to June 19, 1865, commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. Give thanks and praise to God for creating humankind in all its diversity, and ask God’s forgiveness for acquiescing to fear, suspicion, intolerance and unjust treatment of others. Pray for the Spirit to help us as we work to end racism and racial inequity in the church and society.

20 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the Allegheny Synod assembly, 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, serve our neighbors in need and work for justice and peace.

21 Ask the Spirit to stir wisdom, love and patience in fathers, stepfathers, foster fathers and fathers-to-be, that their children will be compassionate and resilient and know the joy of God’s presence in their lives.

22 Our gifts to ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response help them respond to neighbors who can’t afford the food they need. Pray that our faith will prompt us to generously support hunger relief initiatives such as the World Hunger Daily Bread Grants, which support feeding ministries of ELCA congregations.

23 Every day is a day to celebrate and proclaim the risen Christ! Give thanks for the undeserved gift of God’s enduring love and forgiveness that we receive through Jesus Christ, our Savior, shepherd and teacher.

24 Pray that we will not accept violence as normal or too complex to confront and change. Thank God for the power and resources we have when communities work together to prevent violence and address its root causes.

25 God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit in us. Give praise and thanks to God!

26 Remember in prayer refugees, immigrants and asylum-seekers who fear war, violence, injustice, and political and religious persecution, and who seek safe, welcoming communities where they can flourish.

27 Pray that we will inspire others by exemplifying peace, justice, forgiveness, love and service in our communities, nation and world. Give thanks for ELCA justice and peace ministries and for resources, advocacy and initiatives that deepen our understanding of God’s justice.

28 Pray for the Gathering Expeditions, regional retreats for youth and their adult leaders to delve into questions of faith, purpose, identity and calling as they prepare for the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minn.

29 Lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the certainty of God’s presence and grace, evident from the love and forgiveness we know in Jesus Christ. Resolve to share, far and wide, the message of God’s love and care for us.

30 Ask God to make our relationships and social networks healthy, caring and resilient, and pray that the Spirit will inspire us to foster these qualities in our relationships.

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Vacation Bible School

July 13-17, 2026

9am—noon Ages 4 and older



A week filled with Bible stories, games, crafts, music, and more!

Volunteers, supplies and snack donations needed. See inside this issue.

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“I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”
Philippians 4:13