The Parish Echo

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"Helping God restore and renew our community, our congregation, and ourselves."

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NO SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL **SUMMER WORSHIP AT 10:15 AM**

You can **listen to the worship service** over the phone patch at 10:15 AM. Just dial **717-628-0125**. You will hear a message welcoming you to Millcreek. At that point you are connected to our church sound system, so just stay on the line**.**

PARADISE CORNER

One of the most powerful things about preaching regularly is that, sometimes, the preacher speaks things that are challenging to the preacher personally. I have recently been thinking about one of those experiences and turned to one of my past sermons to help me remember. I managed to find what I needed in my sermon from Maundy Thursday of 2011, which includes this line. "Jesus knew that true service is rarely glamorous and often uncomfortable." I went on to say that such service—as unglamorous and uncomfortable as it is—helps us grow as disciples of Jesus and as human beings.

The reference in that sermon was to Jesus' action of washing the feet of his disciples on the night before his death. Jesus specifically says, "So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." (John 13:14). This was a practice the congregation I was serving at that time was struggling to adopt. (Most Lutherans do not realize that a rite for foot washing is an option within the Lutheran rite for Maundy Thursday.) My work was helping a congregation step out of its comfort zone by following a command of Jesus, which is one part of ministry I believe I am good at. For example, when people reflect with me on my ministry here at Millcreek, encouraging us to step out of our congregational comfort zone is regularly mentioned.

What I discovered lately is that it continues to be important for me to remember the importance of leading by example. If I expect our congregation to step out of our comfort zone by engaging in acts of true service that are unglamorous and uncomfortable, then I need to do the same thing. This is especially important when the purpose of the expansion of the comfort zone is to grow as a disciple of Jesus and as a human being.

One of the things I will do this summer will help me expand my discipleship comfort zone. I will spend the week of July 2 through July 8 as chaplain at Nawakwa, which is our

Lutheran camp in Adams County. This is outside my comfort zone. (One of our Council members described me—accurately—as a person who thinks camping is sleeping with the window open.) I also talked over my commitment with another colleague who said, "You know they don't have air-conditioning, right?" Camping itself is outside my comfort zone, but the work I hope to do is very consistent with my own purpose because it involves building connections and teaching. It also taps into the important work of our Lutheran camps, which are well known places of vocation and inspiration for those who ultimately discern a call to full-time ministry in the church as pastors or deacons.

That brings us back to Maundy Thursday of 2011. "Jesus knew that true service is rarely glamorous and often uncomfortable," so he led by example. As this congregation's pastor, I not only hope to offer true service, but also hope to lead others in true service. All of this is possible because Jesus himself proved his understanding of our challenges by leading the way and calling us to follow his example. It is important for disciples to be like Jesus in his commitments both to God and to humanity. I look forward to watching the Holy Spirit guide all of God's work this summer. Live as children of light! Pastor Scott Paradise

PRAYER LIST

We remember the following **MLC members** in our prayers: Chub (Gordon) Auman, R. Hart Beaver, Violet Hepler, Abbie Keath, Shad and Pat Kreitz, the Leibig Family, Ronald Merkel, Barbara Potteiger, Norm Sharp, Daryl Strickler, Kiersten Sweigart, Thomas Tice, Debra Webber, Stewart Wolf, Aaron Yiengst, Devon Yiengst, and Michael Yiengst Jr.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to daughter, **Phyllis Stettler** and the rest of the family of member **Anna Mae Light** who died on Sunday, June 4, 2023. Services were held at Grose Funeral Home.

SUMMER MUSIC

It's time to book friends, family or yourself for Summer Music at Millcreek. Please note that we are looking for folks to do no more than 1 -3 selections. Contact Debbie Tice when you have a date in mind.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

July 16 will be Christmas in July. It is also **National Ice Cream.Day**, and **we will have ice cream around 930 AM....prior to the service.**

Church Council

The church council **will not be meeting in July**. **Latest total for Restore and Renew is $141,636.07 toward our goal of $150,000.**

CHURCH BREAKFAST

Our next church breakfast is scheduled for **Saturday, July 8, 2023**. We continue to meet at Country Fare Restaurant in Myerstown at **8:00 AM**. No reservation is needed; just show up with an appetite and desire to share time with your church friends. I hope you can join us! Nancy Deiter

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE: The committee's next meeting will be **Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 2:00 PM** at the church.

Pastor Scott and some of our youth blessing the change collected in the buckets on SUNDAY, MAY 21 for MLC's "Make a Joyful Noise" LOVE OFFERING for the **Lebanon County Christian Ministries.** As always, the congregation's generosity is a blessing. A total of $330.23 was collected. Thank you from the Evangelism Committee.

SPANG CREST

*Friends of Spang Crest organization is again sponsoring two **free band concerts** this summer on the lawn at Spang Crest, both at 7 PM. In case of inclement weather, concerts will be held indoors. Great free entertainment to put on your summer calendar.*

July 18 -Perseverance Band-7 PM
August 8 -Lebanon Big Swing Band-7 PM

Parish Echo: **Deadline** for items you want in the **church newsletter for August, 2023 is Saturday, July 15. Newsletter items sent via email should be addressed to either Newsletter@millcreeklutheran.com or millcreek.echo@gmail.com.** Items may also be submitted to the Hoglunds by placing a written note in the newsletter mailbox in the church office or by phone: **Roy 717-228-8175, Dotti 717-228-8177.**

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Linda Sheetz
3	Lexus Lindermuth
6	Oscar Sebastian Lindermuth
12	Nathaniel Flory
16	Carter Strickler
17	Pastor Scott Paradise
21	Bruce Steiner
23	Derek Strickler
26	Karl Keath
28	Gerald Strickler
	Oscar Lindermuth
29	Dara Wolfe
30	Christine Paradise
31	Virginia Wolfe

If you want to be included on the birthday list, please contact Dotti at 717-228-8177, by email at Millcreek.ECHO@gmail.com, or place a slip of paper in the Newsletter mail slot in the church office.

CONGRATULATIONS

David and Aislinn Staaby welcomed their son, **Stetson Winfield Staaby on May 22, 2023. Sarah Webber** is the proud great grandmother!

NURSERY UPDATE

Stephanie Sheetz will not be staffing the nursery until September. Parents may certainly use the nursery during worship over the summer months, but must provide their own supervision. Thank you for your service, Stephanie!

***Thyme with Debbie Cooking Class** will meet **Tuesday, July 18 from 10:30-12:30**. Topic is "What's Old is New Again" focusing on reusing leftovers. Please register on her website www.thymewithdebbie.com.*

THANK YOU

Hello MLC,
I just wanted to say thank you so much for the gift card! I really appreciate it and I am grateful for your kindness. See you in church! Abbie Keath

The congregation wishes to thank our acolytes for serving this past year. **They are: Sebastian and Charlie Lindermuth, Arianna Robertson, and Sierra Tschudy.**

Thank You to Millcreek Lutheran

The **Hoglund Family** thanks each of you for the love and prayers that have sustained us through this past year. Our super-hero grandson Branson, now 15, has shown us how to fight cancer with courage and strength! All the while, he completed his schoolwork at home. He has tolerated many pre-op and post-op chemotherapy treatments, most requiring either a 3 or 5-day hospital stay. Each time he required blood transfusions and platelets. Branson completed his chemo on June 14. As you know, in the latter part of October he had major surgery to remove the cancer from the bone and reconstruct his lower right leg. After 7 months of non-weight-bearing, he is now able to walk on that leg in the pool. There is still much healing to be done and he will need continued prayers. We are so grateful for the knowledge and skills of the staff at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital and to God for his blessings!

Richland Community Library honored **R. Hart Beaver** for his long time support of the library on June 4, 2023. A plate with his name will be hung on the wall beside a similar plate honoring his wife, Joan. Pictured left to right: Dara Wolfe, Rachel Mock, Nancy Deiter, Pastor Scott Paradise, Britt Beaver Saitta and John Saitta.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

On Saturday, July 22,2023 (time to be announced later), there will be swimming at the home of Barb Heckendorn.

This event is open to all MLC families. A sign-up sheet and more information are available on the table in the narthex.

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL June 18, 2023 BEFORE THE SUMMER BREAK

BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, July 20th - 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

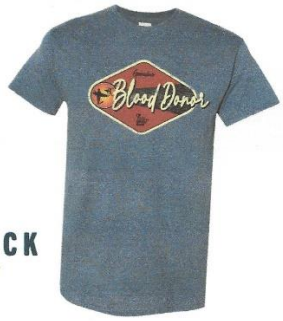
Millcreek Lutheran Church

221 North Sheridan Road, Newmanstown 17073

In the Multipurpose Room

Everyone will receive a $5 Ice Shack gift card & a Blood Donor T-Shirt!

THE ICE SHACK
& BAR-B-Q PIT



A form of ID is REQUIRED to donate

3 ways to schedule your donation appointment:
- go to 717GiveBlood.org & click on DONATE NOW
- call 1-800-771-0059
- scan the QR code

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Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank
Your Community Blood Bank

- We strongly suggest you schedule an appointment to donate blood. Appointments help us improve your donation experience.
- Walk-Ins are welcome; however, donors with appointments will be taken first and this may result in a significant wait time.
- Current CDC recommendations make masking for our donors & staff optional. CPBB will provide masks to anyone who wishes to wear one.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

***Brendan Bergman**, son of Marnie and Peter Bergman, graduated from Manheim Township High School. Brandon is planning to go to Penn State Harrisburg to study Computer Science. Brendan is the grandson of Frank and Doris Bergman.*

***Aidan Heck**, son of Michael and Kristin Heck is a graduate of ELCO High School. He will be attending York College of Pennsylvania this fall to study Mechanical Engineering,*

***Jordan Marie O'Connor** graduated on May 31, 2023 from Kent Island High School in Grasonville, Maryland. She is going to Coastal Carolina University in the fall majoring in Psychology Forensics. She is the daughter of Lindsay and Michael O'Connor and granddaughter of Stephanie Seldomridge and the late Skeet Seldomridge.*

***Sierra Tice,** granddaughter of Tom and Debbie Tice, graduated from Northern Lebanon High School. She is currently working at Klinedell Farms and hopes to continue that in the fall. Her parents are Joseph and Ashley Tice. Sierra attended Millcreek in her early years and currently serves on the church council at Zoar's Lutheran Church in Mt Zion.*

***Michael J. Yiengst Jr.** is a graduate of ELCO High School. He is a son of Devon Yiengst and Mike Yiengst, and a grandson of Dan and Deb Hogeland. Michael will continue in the Lancaster-Lebanon IU13 School to Work program.*

***Aaron D. Yiengst** is a graduate of ELCO High School. He is a son of Devon Yiengst and Mike Yiengst, and a grandson of Dan and Deb Hogeland. Aaron will continue in the Lancaster-Lebanon IU13 School to Work program.*

COLLEGE GRADUATE

***Erik Heck**, son of Michael and Kristin Heck, graduated from DeSales University with dual degrees in Criminal Justice and Homeland Security. He will be starting a Master's Degree program in Homeland Security this fall at DeSales University.*

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2023!

Millcreek
LUTHERAN CHURCH
"The Church on the Hill"

JULY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 -Communion -Pastor @ Camp Nawakwa until July 8	3	4 JULY 4TH HOLIDAY	5	6	7	8 8:00 Church Breakfast
9	10	11	12 2:00 Evangelism	13	14	15 Deadline for August Newsletter
16 Christmas in July, w/ ice cream before the service.	17	18 10:30-12:30 Cooking Class 7:00 Concert at Spang Crest	19	20 11:00 AM – 7 PM Blood Drive	21	22 -Swimming at Barb Heckendorn's -Lebanon Co. Fair begins
23 30	24 31	25	26	27	28	29 Lebanon Co Fair ends