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# *The Parish Echo*

Millcreek Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 399, 221 N. Sheridan Rd., Newmanstown, PA 17073 August 2023

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**“Helping God restore and renew our community, our congregation, and ourselves.”**

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## **NO SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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.

## **SUMMER WORSHIP AT 10:15 AM**

## **PARADISE CORNER**



This is one of the easier months for me to produce my monthly article in The Echo. I say this because my theory is that I can simply give the continuation of last month's article, when I wrote about preparing to spend the week as chaplain at Camp Nawakwa. (Nawakwa is our denominationally affiliated camp in Adams County.) I am now on the other side of that experience and figure our members would appreciate my feelings and thoughts about the week. Having an experience and then reflecting on it is how adults learn.

The main task I had in my week as the camp chaplain was the part of each day called “Dayspring.” This was a ten-minute block of time following breakfast where I had the opportunity to give a soul-stirring talk based on the passage chosen for the day's Bible study. Later in the day, when the various counselors led the actual study on that passage, I was welcome to join the group. (One thing I learned by Wednesday was to find out where the groups would be, since they were free to have their Bible study any place they wanted on the camp grounds.) The most inspiring aspect of this experience for me was to see how the young adult counselors also navigated their comfort zones in doing something that they were new at (i.e., leading a Bible study).

I also had the chance throughout each day to visit with the groups of campers at various activities like crafts, to be part of camp-wide activities like campfires and a surprisingly good fireworks display on Independence Day. (“The best fireworks display \$600 can buy,” as the person in charge said.) I met interesting people in all of those places and was really impressed at how we human beings can do things like endure the heat and humidity together. (For example, I just realized I don't recall any camper having a cranky “I'm hot” complaint.) I take those things as a sign that leads to a lesson about how important it is to realize we are in a situation together.

There were a number of adult volunteers like me who, in addition to all the campers and

counselors, made the week of camp work. Two adult volunteers did the teaching part of the science-based camps, a licensed nurse volunteered to do that important work, and even the fireworks display was overseen by several volunteer firefighters so that the whole experience was safe and legal. All of us came from congregations in the Lower Susquehanna Synod and provided what I see as a great illustration of the church working together beyond the congregation. This is a wonderful thing. The camp simply would not work with the efficiency it does if volunteers from congregations did not step up to contribute their expertise.

The biggest question is: Will I return next year? The most honest answer is: I don't know the answer to that yet. In encouraging our congregation to try new things, I always offer the reminder that what we try might not work, which is okay. It gives us a chance to step back and look at what we have done and imagine yet other ways. These other ways may or may not look like the first try. What matters in the end is that we try something new with an openness to seeing how that might look in the future. I take that—as I do much of the work of ministry—as an adventure knowing that God holds the eventual answer while holding us during the search. We stretch, God holds, together all of our lives grow full of rich experiences of loving community. In the end, that is what matters most!

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 the family and friends of member **Loretta Gromis** who died on June 29, 2023. Services were private. Contributions can be made to Millcreek Lutheran Church in her memory.

### **SUMMER MUSIC**

There are still open dates for Summer Music at Millcreek. Please note that we are looking for folks to do from 1-3 selections. Contact Debbie Tice when you have a date in mind.

August 6

Sept 3

August 13—Megan Field, vocalist

Sept 10

August 20—Woodwinds at Millcreek

Sept 17—Hope Wagner

featuring Brian Klinger

August 27

### **MOVING FORWARD**

The church will no longer be recycling/collecting empty toner cartridges or cell phones. Jubilee does not participate in this type of endeavor anymore. Also, collection of items for Habitat for Humanity has ended as we would have to travel to Lancaster for the closest "drop site". If you have items to donate to Habitat, contact the Habitat Restore at 717-293-0250, Ex 4. They will arrange to send their truck to pick up your donations. Thanks to everyone who has contributed items to both of these causes.

## Church Council

The church council **will not be meeting in August.**

## CHURCH BREAKFAST

Our next church breakfast is scheduled for **Saturday, August 12, 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, August 16, 2023 at 2:00 PM** at the church. **Please note this is the third Wednesday, not the second.**

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH DAY

The area churches are sponsoring the annual OUTREACH DAY which has activities, entertainment, and food for everyone at no cost to anyone!!!! Please plan on attending.



**AUGUST 19, 2023**  
**3-7 PM**

# **17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RICHLAND COMMUNITY OUTREACH DAY**

Richland Carnival Grounds  
Linden Street

**Everything is FREE!!**

Join us for fun for the whole family!

Bring Lawn Chairs



**Free Food/Drinks**  
**Cake Walk**

**Bounce House**  
**Barrel Train Ride**

**Candy Scramble**  
**Activity Bag**  
**Giveaway**

**Live**  
**Entertainment by**  
**Brothers in**  
**Grace**

**Sound by**  
**Gary Althouse**  
**Neptune Fire**  
**Truck**

**Richland Library**

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Tulpehocken Trinity

## **INGATHERING 2023**

Assembling personal care kits and school kits has been a long tradition in our church. Every year we have helped many people! Please join once again in this worthwhile ministry. Thanks!!!! Please note the dates and the instructions at the bottom of each list.

### **PERSONAL CARE KIT**

1. One lightweight bath towel (dark color recommended) approximately 20" x 40" to 52" x 27". \*\*\*see note\*\*\*
2. Three bath size bars of soap, any brand (4 to 5 oz.), in original wrapping
3. One adult size tooth brush (packaged) \*\*\*see note\*\*\*
4. One sturdy comb (LARGE TEETH), ---remove packaging---
5. One "ADULT SIZE" metal nail clippers, with or without file, ---remove packaging-

\*\*\*If using multi-pack tooth brushes, you may seal one in a business size envelope.  
\*\*\* You can provide the towel if you like. If not, the church will be purchasing towels to complete the kits.

**PLEASE** bring items in a plastic bag and we'll assemble at church. The collection will start July 30 and run through September 24.

Collection bins will be located in the narthex.

### **SCHOOL KIT**

- 4 70 SHEET NOTEBOOKS OF RULED PAPER  
APPROXIMATELY 8" X 10-1/2"
- 1 - BLUNT SCISSORS (SAFETY SCISSORS WITH  
EMBEDDED STEEL BLADES WORK WELL).
- 1 - 30 CM RULER WITH CENTIMETERS ON ONE SIDE and  
INCHES ON THE OTHER.
- 1 - PENCIL SHARPENER
- 5 - NEW UNSHARPENED #2 PENCILS WITH ERASERS;  
SECURED WITH RUBBER BAND.
- 5 - BALL POINT PENS; BLACK OR BLUE (NO GEL INK) ,  
SECURED WITH RUBBER BAND.
- 1- ERASER APPROXIMATELY 2-1/2" LONG
- 1 – BOX OF 16 OR 24 COUNT CRAYONS
- 1 - DRAWSTRING BACKPACK STYLE CLOTH BAG WITH  
SHOULDER STRAPS.

**\*\* THE BACKPACKS ARE PROVIDED FOR YOU BY THE CHURCH ☺**

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## **SPANG CREST**

Friends of Spang Crest organization is again sponsoring a **free band concert** on the lawn at Spang Crest at **7 PM on August 8. The Lebanon Big Swing Band** will be playing. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held indoors.

The annual fall Kauffman's Chicken Barbeque will be held on **Friday, September 1 from 2:30-6:00. The price is \$10 for chicken, roll, baked potato, and applesauce.** The tickets will be available the beginning of August from Margie Kriss. There will also be a baked sale table and any donation of baked goods will be greatly appreciated.

**Parish Echo:** **Deadline** for items you want in the **church newsletter for September, 2023 is Tuesday, August 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.**

**SECRETARY NOTE:** I will be out of the office July 31, August 1, 2, and 3, returning on the 4<sup>th</sup>. I will be working on the bulletin and announcements for Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup> early-throughout the week of July 23<sup>rd</sup> and adding any last minute items upon my return on Friday August 4<sup>th</sup>. It will be appreciated if you can get information to me this coming week. Thank you, Linda Sheetz

## **Church Pictorial**

The "sitting" dates for our upcoming Church Pictorial are not until October. I am aware that this is only July but it is important to keep you all informed of our progress and to be sure you have it on your calendar. We have begun to shoot pictures that will be used on the front and back cover of the pictorial as well as specialty shots that we want included inside the booklet. Mary Ream and Barbara Heckendorn have begun the process of going out to photograph the 16 people on the list who are physically unable to attend church. These folks will all be included in the new pictorial directory. If you have a computer, you can visit the site <https://youtube/5rQpMjhGE3g> to get a few ideas for your photo shoot. You can choose to have a formal or informal set up and you may include your family pet. We will not be scheduling sittings until closer to the dates we have been assigned which are: **Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.** Please plan on being included in this pictorial...MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Committee: Nancy Deiter(chair), Mary Ream, Deb Buffington, Barb Heckendorn, and Pastor Paradise

## **August Birthdays**

1 Charles Lindermuth  
2 Amber Blessing  
4 Kathryn Zerbe  
5 Linda Ream  
12 Harry Bump  
17 Mary Meyer  
18 Matthew Long  
19 Ronald Merkel Sr.

20 Morgan Hoffman  
22 Julie Strickler  
Liz Leibig  
23 Erin Stettler  
24 Darryl Bentz  
26 Zachary Batdorf  
27 Jodi Hoffman  
29 Melanie Warnick  
31 Matthew Bentz



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.

*Thyme with Debbie Cooking Class* will meet at MLC Tuesday, August 15 from 10:30-12:30. Topic is "Eat Your Water, Foods that Hydrate." Please register on her website [www.thymewithdebbie.com](http://www.thymewithdebbie.com).

### **MUSICAL PROGRAM**

Servant Stage is presenting a musical program of old-time favorites, bluegrass standards, classic hymns and more on Sunday, July 30 at 7 PM at Tulpehocken Trinity. Entitled "I'll Fly Away", you pay what you will.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**



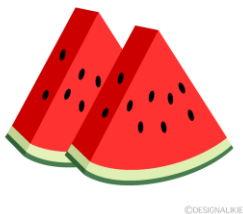
Mini golfing at Kauffman's on June 25, 2023.



Christmas in July on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> featured ice cream treats served by the Lebanon County Dairy Princesses.

## AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
July 30 Ingathering starts 7:00 Program- Tulpehocken Trinity—"I'll Fly Away"	July 31	1	2	3	4	5
6 Communion	7	8 7:00 Lebanon Big Swing Band concert @ Spang Crest	9	10	11	12 8:00 Church Breakfast
13	14	15 10:30-12:30 Cooking Class -Deadline for September Newsletter	16 2:00 Evangelism	17	18	19 3:00-7:00 Richland Community Day
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 ELCO school begins	29	30	31	Sept 1 2:30-6 PM Kauffman's Chicken BBQ at Spang Crest	



August 3rd is National Watermelon Day.  
 August 10th is National Lazy Day.  
 Maybe our favorite, August 16th is National Roller Coaster Day.  
 And finally, August 28th is fancy, it's National Bow Tie Day!  
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