



The Parish Echo

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

“Motivating Lives Through Christ.”

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9AM 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.



To the saints gathered at Millcreek Lutheran Church.
 Grace and peace to you in the name of the risen Christ.

Greetings to you from my living room.

I am progressing. It is now ten days since the surgery, The surgeon is confident that he was able to eliminate all of the cancer. This diagnosis is pending the final lab report. I am still somewhat limited.. No lifting anything above ten pounds until June. No driving yet. I am back to walking 2.5 miles a day. I hope to return to regular activities by the first week in May, joining you for worship on May 10.

During May we will celebrate special events. The great Easter celebration continues through May 17. Along the Easter journey, we will celebrate Mothers Day on May 10.. On May 24, the Church rejoices on the day of Pentecost, the day the Church was born as the Holy Spirit descended with tongues of fire and empowered the witness of the risen Christ to all of the people gathered in Jerusalem by enabling them to hear the Gospel in their own language. We also will join our nation on this Memorial Day weekend in remembering those who have offered the ultimate sacrifice by dying in war. On May 31, we focus on the feast of the Holy Trinity.

I look forward to leaving my living room and rejoining you. Thank you for all of your prayers and support. God continues to bless us with many gifts. Let us rejoice together during these upcoming weeks and all days.

Peace to you all,

Pastor Frank Terhune

PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following **MLC members** in your prayers:

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|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Debbie Hartman | Violet Hepler | Liz Leibig | Portia Lindermuth |
| Brian Ream | Norm Sharp | Gerry Strickler | Stewart Wolf |
| Aaron Yiengst | Devon Yiengst | Greer Zellers | Michael Yiengst, Jr. |
| Dale Bentz | Pastor Frank Terhune | | |

Our Empowering the Future Capital Campaign is underway!

We want to express our appreciation for those that have already pledged toward our capital campaign. Pledge forms can be placed in the treasurer's box in office or given to David Engle. As of April 19th, we have \$121,000 in pledges and have received \$32,000 to date. This is your opportunity to make a difference in the future vision of MLC! (A copy of the campaign letter and pledge form are attached at the end of the newsletter.)

Evangelism Updates



March Gladness was quite helpful for the Sharing Cupboard food pantry. My contact, Dotti Nagle was very thankful for the inclusion of our Souper bowl soups collected earlier this year. It seems that soup was in short supply! Again this year, our committee sent Subway gift cards to our college students. Along with each card we sent the poem entitled, "Hear Ye, Hear Ye" (below). Our committee thanks everyone for their generosity! The next evangelism committee will be meeting on May 13th @ 2:00 p.m.

Blessings! Dara Wolfe

HEAR YE, HEAR YE



Breakfast, Lunch, or Dinner
Another Subway "GIFT"
For you.... another "WINNER"
Reminds you of the best "GIFT" ever

The 3 in 1...

God the Father, Holy Spirit and most importantly- THE SON!

Blessings and prayers, Your M.L.C. family

Parish Echo: The **deadline** for items for the **June church newsletter is May 15th.**

Newsletter items sent via email should be addressed to secretary@millcreeklutheran.com. Items may also be submitted by placing a written note in the secretary mailbox in the church office or by phone.



UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS:

Spring Fundraiser:



We will once again be holding a pulled pork dinner fundraiser on Saturday May 2, 2026, from 11am-1pm. Our GOAL FOR 2026 is to SELL 450 TICKETS. Tickets are \$15 and include pulled pork, a roll, baked beans, cheesy potatoes and cookies. Sign-ups for event day help and cookies are on the table in the Narthex. We had a FUN time last year and look forward to another great day in 2026.

CHURCH BREAKFAST

The next church breakfast will be held at Country Fare Restaurant on **Saturday, May 9th** at **8:00 a.m.** Everyone is welcome and no advanced notice is needed. Ask the hostess for the Millcreek Lutheran group & you will be directed to our table. We'd love to have breakfast with you...a nice way to start the day! ~Nancy Deiter



SWEET SUNDAY: Sweet treats by Charmayne will be available after May 17th service.

SPECIAL MUSIC: The choir is winding down their weeks to sing. If you have a special song you would like to hear before the end of our "season", please let me know. That being said, we are also looking forward to Special Summer Music. If you have someone you would like to schedule, please speak to Debbie. We hope to have a mix of old favorites and new folks. All musicians of all ages are welcome!



Special **THANKS** to all who provided special music during the Lenten and Easter season. Special shoutout to all the "extras" that joined us for the Easter service, as well as the musicians that did preludes. You ALL make Millcreek special!! ~Debbie Tice

MOTIVATING LIVES THROUGH CHRIST AND OUR COMMUNITY

MILLCREEK BB SHOOTERS CLUB: A big THANK YOU to everyone who supported our shooters' fundraising efforts! (Flyers attached) Your generosity is helping them attend the 2026 Daisy Nationals in Rogers, Arkansas. We're grateful for our church community coming together to cheer them on!
~The Long family



**Blood
Drive**

Central PA Blood Bank will be on site May 14th. Your donation can save lives!



SUMMER TUTORING: Summer tutoring at MLC! June 15th through July 17th for ELCO students in grades K through 5. Please pick up a flyer in the Narthex & share with family, friends and neighbors!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Gene Flory
5 James Balsbaugh
Leonard "Lenny" Ontkos
9 Rachel Mock
10 Lourdes Kahl
12 Liam R. Gahres
14 Jack Kahl
Maddie Johnson



18 Linda Bump
Abbie Keath
20 Robert Stettler
22 Stetson Staaby
23 Christina Strickler
24 David Engle

If you would like to be included on the birthday list, please email to secretary@millcreeklutheran.com or place a slip of paper in her mail slot in the church office.

MAY 2026

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--------|---------|-----------|-----------------------|--------|---|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 11am-1pm MLC BBQ fundraiser |
| 3 9am Sunday School 10:15 Communion Service | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 8am Church Breakfast at Country Fare |
| 10 9am Sunday School 10:15 Communion Service | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Blood Drive | 15 | 16 |
| 17 9am Sunday School 10:15 Communion Service | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 9am Sunday School 10:15 Communion Service | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 9am Sunday School 10:15 Communion Service | | | | | | |

**HEADED TO THE
2026 DAISY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**



Dine Out & Support Our Shooters!

Sunday, May 17th 2026

Open 8AM - 9PM

12 E. Main Street, Richland, PA 17087

Reservations Encouraged

**Take-out option **

Call (717) 866-9394

RAFFLE BASKETS AND 50/50
TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

10% of food sales breakfast,
lunch, and dinner will be donated
directly to help cover travel and
competition expenses



**Millcreek Rod and Gun
Breakfast**

**This Saturday
May 2nd
7am - 10:30am**

401 Rod and Gun Rd, Newmanstown.

*--This Month is Hosted by--
The Millcreek Youth BB Gun Program
All proceeds support the youth program.*

Dear Church Family- Thank you for the meaningful gifts you provide to the shut-ins on the holiday. Frank always likes the treats!

Sincerely,

The Bergman Family- Doris, Brigitta, and Pete

Thank
You

On behalf of the Sharing Cupboard at the Myerstown Church of the Brethren, we thank you kindly for the generous amount of groceries donated to our Sharing Cupboard. your donation is so greatly appreciated.

Thank you for thinking of the less fortunate in our ELCO community.

The food does stay within the ELCO District.

God Bless Each and everyone of you!

The Volunteers at the Sharing Cupboard.



Millersburg Lutheran Church!
Thank you so much for the cards, gifts and candy for our Gift Bag!
Your thoughtfulness means a lot. Also "thank" to Mrs Keith for her delivery service and conversation.
Thanks to Pastor Terhune for his visit and the prayers giving communion!

Thank You,
Dale & Sandra Barber

...and ask the Lord to shower you with His blessings!



Dale & Sandy



Motivating Lives through Christ

March 23, 2026

Subject: Empowering the Future Capital Campaign

Dear Millcreek Family,

For over 50 years, Millcreek Lutheran Church has been a beacon of faith, community, and service in Newmanstown. Together, we have worshipped, served our community, and grown in faith. Now, we stand at a pivotal moment to secure the future of our ministry.

The Vision: Renewable Energy...A future without Utility Costs

We are thrilled to launch our Empowering the Future capital campaign to install solar panels and heat pumps, upgrade the current electrical panel, install an outside security system, upgrade to an electronic sign and complete general repairs on our 60 year old building. This project will allow us to eliminate our future utility bills and free up operating income to invest in our mission and better serve our community.

The Goal is \$200,000 above our normal annual giving. Thanks to the incredible early support of a few individuals, we have already secured \$10,000 in early pledges!

Your Opportunity to Make a Difference

To make this vision a reality, we invite you to participate in this journey through a sacrificial pledge over the next 4 years. While we ask you to pray about a significant gift, we ask you to consider an impactful gift to help us reach our goal.

How to Participate

1. **Pray** about your participation.
2. **Fill out the enclosed pledge form** and return it by April 12, 2026.

Thank you for your continued stewardship and for your investment in the future of Millcreek Lutheran Church. We are grateful for any help you can provide and thank you for considering our support request.

In Faith,

Culture of Generosity Committee

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Empowering the Future Pledge Form

Motivating Lives through Christ

We are kicking off our Empowering the Future Capital Campaign with a goal of raising \$200,000 by June 30, 2030.

Funds will be used as we move forward with our:

Solar Installation, Heat Pumps, Upgraded Electrical Panel, New Thermostats, Security System/Cameras for the exterior of the church, Electronic Sign and General Repairs and Maintenance costs to our building and property.

DONOR INFORMATION

| | | | |
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| FULL NAME: | | | |
| PHONE NUMBER: | | EMAIL: | |
| MAILING ADDRESS: | | | |
| CITY, STATE, ZIP: | | | |

PLEDGE DETAILS (CONFIDENTIAL)

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|----------------------|--|
| TOTAL PLEDGE AMOUNT: | \$ _____ |
| PLEDGE TYPE: | <input type="checkbox"/> One-Time <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Annually |
| NUMBER OF PAYMENTS: | (if recurring) _____ payments |
| FIRST PAYMENT DATE: | __ / __ / ____ |
| FINAL PAYMENT DATE: | __ / __ / ____ |
| PAYMENT METHOD: | <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Venmo <input type="checkbox"/> ACH/Bank Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Stock <input type="checkbox"/> RMD/QCD <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

DESIGNATED PREFERENCE (OPTIONAL)

I would like to sponsor a specific item from above:

Please describe: _____

PAYMENT DETAILS

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|------------------------|--|
| Total Amount Committed | \$ _____ |
| Payment Method | <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Venmo <input type="checkbox"/> ACH/Bank Transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Stock <input type="checkbox"/> RMD/QCD <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| Payment Due Date | _____ |



Empowering the Future Pledge Form

Motivating Lives through Christ

AUTHORIZATION

By signing below, I affirm my intention to fulfill this pledge as outlined above. (This form is not legally binding, but serves as a statement of intent.)

| Role / Title | Print Name | Signature | Date |
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RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

Organization Name: Millcreek Lutheran Church
Contact Person: David Engle
Email: dgengle@yahoo.com
Mailing Address: 221 North Sheridan Road, Box 399, Newmanstown, PA 17073
Phone: 610-589-2570

FINANCIAL/TREASURER USE ONLY

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| PLEDGE RECEIVED BY | |
| DATE RECEIVED | __ / __ / ____ |
| DONOR ID (IF APPLICABLE) | |
| NOTES | |