



September 2026

The Parish Echo

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“Motivating Lives Through Christ.”

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9 AM WORSHIP AT 10:15 AM

You can **listen to the worship service** over the phone patch at 10:15am. 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.



PRAYER LIST

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

Violet Hepler	Liz Leibig	Portia Lindermuth	Stewart Wolf
Brian Ream	Norm Sharp	Gerry Strickler	Julie Strickler
Aaron Yiengst	Devon Yiengst	Greer Zellers	Michael Yiengst, Jr.

Evangelism Update

IN-GATHERING update: Don't forget to bring ingathering items to church by Sept. 6th. The evangelism committee will pack and deliver to the collection point. Thanks again for your generosity in this project!

Evangelism committee will meet on September 9th @ 2:00 P.M.

Blessings! Dara Wolfe

PARISH ECHO: The **deadline** for items for the **October church newsletter** is **September 18th**. 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 SERVICE SCHEDULE

- Sunday, September 6- 9:30am communion service
- Sunday September 13- Rally Day- 9am Sunday School, 10:15am communion service, potluck picnic after service
- Sunday September 20- 9am Sunday School, 10:15am regular service. Harvest Home
- Sunday September 27- 9am Sunday School, 10:15am regular service

CHURCH BREAKFAST

The next church breakfast will be held at Country Fare Restaurant on **Saturday, September 12th 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



TOP OF THE HILL CLEAN-UP Saturday, September 12, 2026 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Please note the time change. The yearbook lists the time as 10am; the time has been moved up an hour. Additional jobs may be added to the list but this is the current list from which you can select a task. Please contact Nancy Deiter with your selection.

email: Indeiter@comcast.net Phone: 717-866-4665 or 717-383-0899

- ~~1. Enlarge cut out circle around evergreen tree to the left of Sunday School entrance & lay mulch.~~
- ~~2. Enlarge cut out circle around little evergreen tree known as "David" that is off the area to the tractor room & lay mulch.~~
3. Clean & weed the bell/cross outdoor area.
4. Sweep furnace room.
- ~~5. Sweep & tidy garbage area outside the kitchen.~~
6. Clean & "spruce up" the council room.
- ~~7. Cut off low & dead branches of maple trees off patio area & pick up branches~~
8. Pull out half dead rosebush in front corner of main entrance & plant a new appropriate bush.
9. Pull out & replace low bushes on either side of front walkway at main entrance.
- ~~10. Weed stone beds around all sides of building.~~
11. Spray stone beds with weed killer once they have been weeded.
- ~~12. Clean & organize janitor's closet.~~
13. Take Christmas lights off evergreen tree to left of the building & restring so it's ready for Christmas. The lights are available.
14. Clean the brass standing candelabras so they are wax-free & ready for Christmas season.
15. Move outdoor patio furniture back against the wall in preparation for winter.
- ~~16. Give the kitchen & side room floors a good cleaning.~~

RALLY DAY: Mark your calendars for our annual Rally Day, Sunday September 13th - Connecting and Reconnecting with God's Family. All children are invited for 9am story, games & snack. 10:15am Communion Service will be outdoors, weather permitting. Please bring a lawn chair and a covered dish for lunch after service (MLC will provide the hot dogs & drinks). Lots of fun to be had: The Giant Slip N Slide. Trivia. Giant Connect Four. Giant Jenga. And a Foam Blaster on the slip n slide! We hope you and your family can join us! You are encouraged to bring along a board game as well!

THE LEBANON SINGING CEDARS will present their annual barbershop style show, "The Magic of Broadway" on Saturday, September 19 at 3:00 PM at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 1500 Quentin Road, Lebanon. The show will be hosted by local radio personality Laura Lebeau and will feature guest quartet 2026 International Champions "GQ". Admission is \$15. Contact 717-821-5298 or Roy Hoglund 717-228-8175 for tickets.



CHOIR: As the summer draws to a close, it's time to think about fresh starts. The choir will begin on Thursday nights at 630 beginning September 17. Even if you just want to check it out, this is a great time to join us. We have room and welcome all who would like to sing. We sing most Sundays, but again no commitment is needed. We are here to enhance the service with appropriate music. Come and join us!

ACOLYTES: It is time to recruit acolytes! We are looking for young folks, 5th grade and up (or younger by approval). Acolytes not only light the candles, but they assist with communion, baptism, and other things as assigned by the pastor. We will have a short training session, most likely after church, and then assign an experienced one with a new one. We especially need some older kids when it comes to Christmas Eve and Easter. We are hoping to have enough that no one has to serve more than once a month. Look for the sign up sheet in the narthex or contact Deb Tice at debtime53@gmail.com or 717-926-4273.

RELAY FOR LIFE: The new year has begun for Relay for Life of Lebanon County. Check out the website to join as a member or follow us at Cancer Crusaders to get fundraising information. The first fundraiser of the year is mums. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex or contact Deb Buffington.

IT'S TIME FOR THE MUM SALE!



Order Options:

- 6.5" Mum \$7 each (no color choice)
- 9" Mum \$12 each
 - White
 - Yellow
 - Red
 - Purple
 - Bronze
- 10" Hanging Basket (Tricolor) \$17 each
- 10" Hanging Basket (monochromatic) \$17 each

Orders Due: 9/16/26
Order Pickup: 9/24/26
Pickup Location: TBD
Pickup Time: 5-6pm



Visit the Relay-Wide Fundraising Page to download an order form for your records and link to place your order

[Visit Relay-Wide Fundraising Page](#)

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: We will be participating in Samaritan's Purse- Operation Christmas Child this year by filling shoe boxes for children who would otherwise not receive any gifts at Christmas. There are brochures and labels in the narthex with instructions. (Please read them carefully as there are restrictions as to what can be included in the shoe boxes.) There are also pre-printed shoe boxes that can be assembled, or you can wrap a shoe box of your own, just make sure the lid can be opened. Finished shoe boxes should be placed on the table in the multi-purpose room. If you are including the shipping charges, it is \$10 per box, payable to Samaritan's Purse (put your check in an envelope inside your box) or you can refer to the instructions in the brochure to donate online. The deadline for completed boxes is Sunday, November 8, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Martin 610-589-5505.



Thanks, Lisa Martin

BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, September 17th • 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

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In the Multipurpose Room

Everyone will receive:

- Papa John's buy one Large Pizza get one FREE certificate
- Certificate for a \$10 Coupon at any Good's Store
- Blood Donor Travel Mug
- Blood Donor T-Shirt



PAPA JOHNS



3 ways to schedule your donation appointment:

- go to 717GiveBlood.org & click on **DONATE NOW**
- call 1-800-771-0059
- scan the QR Code



FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



A form of ID is
REQUIRED to donate

- We kindly 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.



Your Community Blood Bank



Grace UCC is Sponsoring

TASTE & SEE

Community Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, September 19, '26
@ 12-Noon

Find out who is Richland's 2026
CHILI COOKING CHAMPION!

Come Taste & Vote & See
Who Wins!

Taste & Vote

NO CHARGE to participate!

COMPETE:

Register by **September 15** by calling
717-866-5946 or sign-up on the church
bulletin board. Then prepare a large pot
of your best chili for the event.

A **Top Prize** of **\$50**
will be **Awarded!**

Don't have a champion chili recipe?

Join us on **Sept. 19th**

Taste & Vote for your favorite Chili,
then **See** who takes home the prize.

Invite your friends and neighbors.

Mark Your Calendar Now!



TRUNK OR TREAT: OCTOBER 25TH, 1-4PM

September Birthdays

1 Stephanie Seldomridge
 4 Judy Engle Seely
 5 Carol Merkel
 11. Anderson Stoudt
 15 Dale Bentz
 26 Aislinn Staaby



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.

SEPTEMBER 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:30 am communion service	7	8	9	10	11	12 8AM Church Breakfast 9AM Top of the Hill Cleanup
13 RALLY DAY 9am Sunday School 10:15am communion service	14	15	16	17 BLOOD DRIVE	18	19
20 9am Sunday School 10:15am regular service HARVEST HOME	21	22	23	24	25	26
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