

Savior from Scratch

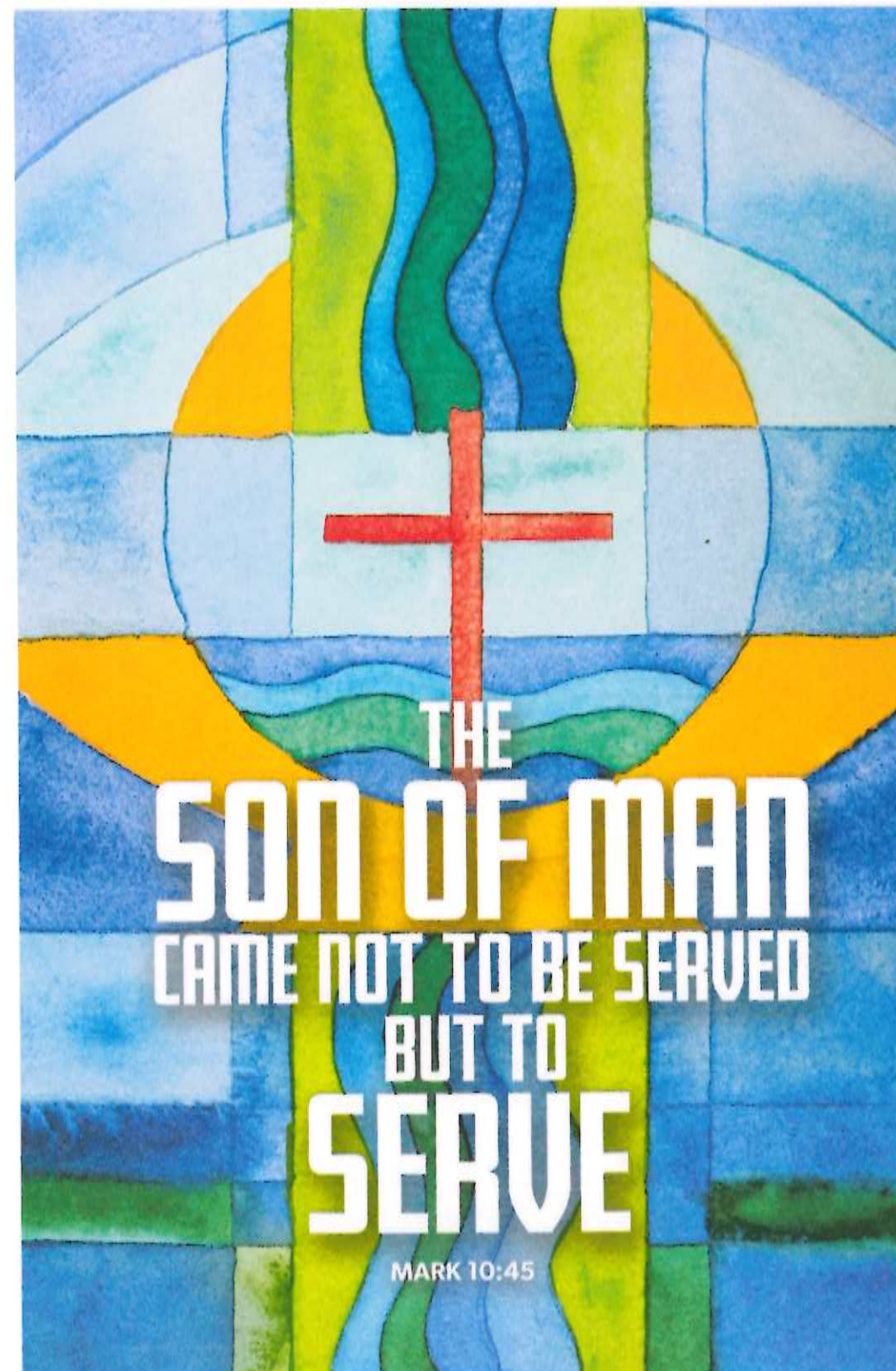
Have you ever made something from scratch—a cake, a meal, a table? There is something special about the words “I baked this cake from scratch” or “It’s a family recipe” or “This is a hand-crafted solid-oak table.” You could have bought the cake from the store, ordered the same meal for delivery, or bought a table from a manufacturer, but you chose to give of your time and effort to make it yourself.

God made a savior from scratch. God could have popped into Jerusalem and declared, “Everyone is saved!” Or even had a full-grown man formed out of the dust ride into Jerusalem and get crucified. The gospels would be a lot shorter if this were how God worked. All those chapters and details about God’s Son that come before the Holy Week accounts are there to tell us something important about God and what God wants us to learn from Jesus: relationships.

In today’s gospel reading, you can almost see Jesus rolling his eyes over the disciples’ lack of understanding. James and John are acting like teenagers in a school cafeteria, trying to reserve themselves the best seats next to the coolest kid.

But Jesus says to them, “You do not know what you are asking.” Jesus shares with them the key to being his followers: it’s not about being first, coolest, or at the top of the hierarchy; it’s about serving. Once again, Jesus points us to relationships.

The cake is special because it was crafted carefully with love for someone special. The meal is so delicious because it was cooked with a family recipe passed down from generation to generation through relationships. Jesus is who he is because he built relationships with the disciples and those he met along the way. He sat with the woman at the well, held little children, and went fishing with his friends. Loving relationships that led him to the cross to make salvation from scratch.



Millcreek Lutheran Church
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
October 20, 2024

Welcome, friends in Christ! We appreciate your presence here today. If you are a visitor, we hope you will consider joining us – knowing that you can expect to find people who love God and who want to know and love you. Visitors, please sign our guest book, fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack and introduce yourself to Pastor Scott as you leave. We're glad you are here!

Prayer: Heavenly Father, whose Son demonstrated greatness as the surrendering of self in service to others: Humble our feelings of self-exaltation; that we may become effective servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The Service

Prelude of Entrance

Announcements

Prelude of Preparation:

*Jesus Christ, bread of life,
those who come to you will not hunger.
Jesus Christ, risen Lord,
Those who trust in you will not thirst.*

*Confessions & Forgiveness: Page 56

*Opening Hymn: **No. 252 LBW (green),**
You Servants of God

*Greetings: Page 57, line 5

*Hymn of Praise: *Glory to God*, Pages 58 & 59, line 7

*Prayer of the Day: On the lesson insert (read in unison)
Children's Sermon

The First Reading

The Psalmody: On the lesson insert (read responsively)

The Second Reading: On lesson insert

*The Alleluia Verse: Page 62, line 14

*The Gospel

*Responses: Page 63, lines 15 & 16

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **No. 433 LBW (green),**

The Church of Christ in Every Age

*The Apostles' Creed: Page 65

Choir Anthem: *How Long Has it Been*

*The Prayer: Page 76

*The Lord's Prayer: Page 76

*Benediction

Dismissal: Page 74, lines 42 & 43

*Departing Hymn: **No. 492 LBW (green),**

O Master Let Me Walk with You

Moments of Meditation: Congregation seated

Postlude

***Please stand**

Serving You This Morning:

Pastor, The Rev. Scott J. Paradise

Lay Leader, Susan Long

Organist/Pianist, Debra Tice

Lay Reader, Roy Hoglund

Ushers, Audio, Frank Hoffman and Scott Johnson

The altar flowers and bulletins are given to the honor and glory of God and in memory of Daryl Strickler's 50th birthday.



Today's Readings

Sunday, October 20, 2024
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 53:4-12

Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our
transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made
us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers
is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
By a perversion of justice he was taken
away
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the
living,
stricken for the transgression of my
people.

They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.
Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush
him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall
prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall
prosper.
Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his
knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall
make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
Therefore I will allot him a portion with
the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the
strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the
transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the
transgressors.

Psalm

Psalm 91:9-16; tone 1



Because you have made the LORD
your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,
no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction
come near your dwelling.

For God will give the angels
charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.
Upon their hands
they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot
a- gainst a stone.

continued

Psalm, continued

You will tread
upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down
the lion and the serpent.
I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them,
because they know my name.

They will call me,
and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble;
I will rescue and honor them.
With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,
"You are my Son,
today I have begotten you";

as he says also in another place,
"You are a priest forever,
according to the order of
Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to [Jesus] and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine

to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

TODAY'S READINGS October 20, 2024 (Lectionary 29)

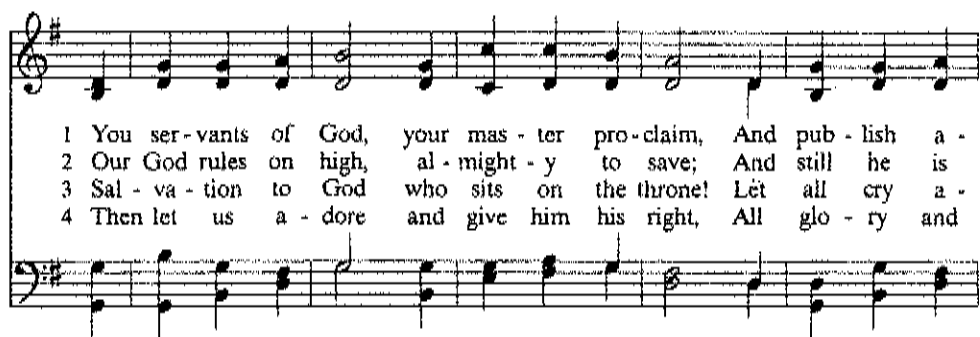
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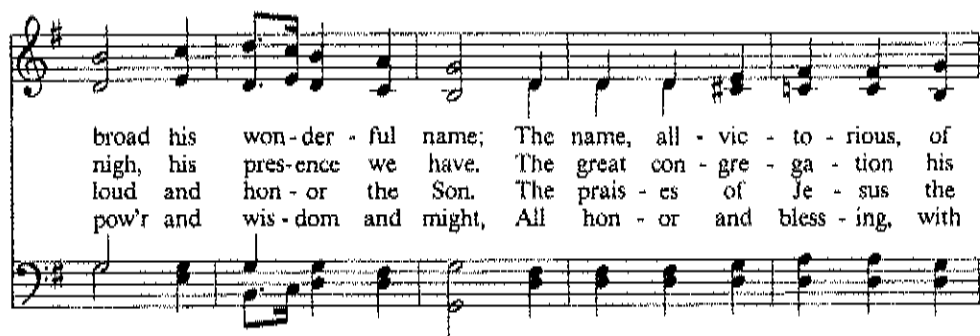
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You Servants of God



1 You ser-vants of God, your mas-ter pro-claim, And pub-lish a-
2 Our God rules on high, al-might-y to save; And still he is
3 Sal-va-tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a-
4 Then let us a-dore and give him his right, All glo-ry and



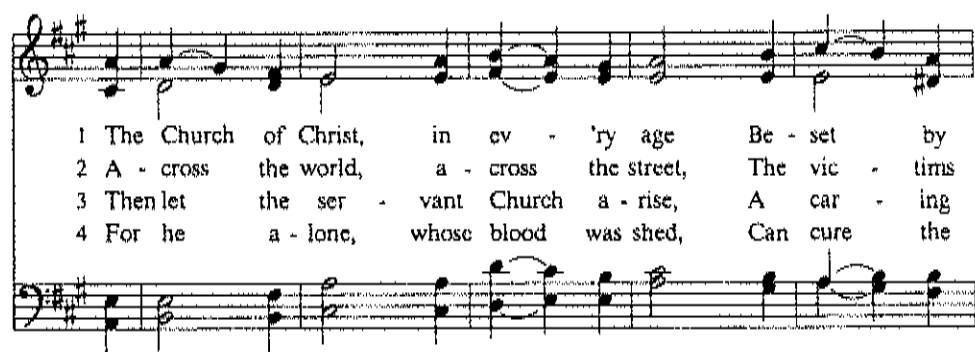
broad his won-der-ful name; The name, all-vic-to-ri-ous, of
nigh, his pres-ence we have. The great con-gre-ga-tion his
loud and hon-or the Son. The prais-es of Je-sus the
pow'r and wis-dom and might, All hon-or and bless-ing, with



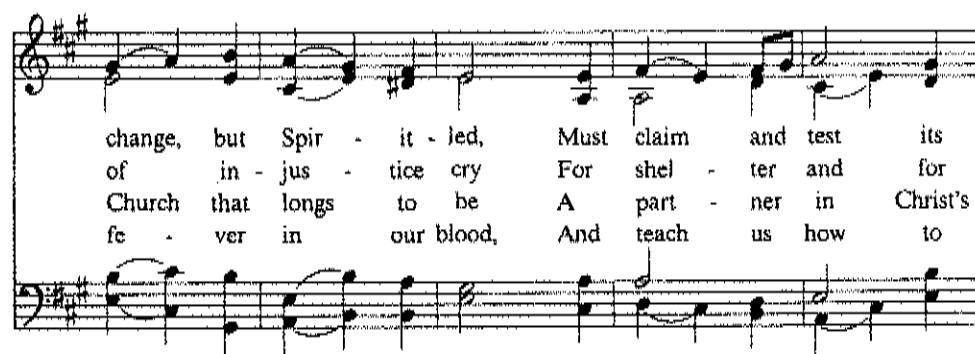
Je-sus ex-tol; His king-dom is glo-ri-ous and rules o-ver all!
tri-umph shall sing, As-crib-ing sal-va-tion to Je-sus, our king!
an-gels pro-claim, Fall down on their fac-es, and wor-ship the Lamb.
an-gels a-bove, And thanks nev-er ceas-ing, and in-fi-nite love!

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The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The Church of Christ, in ev-'ry age Be-set by
2 A-cross the world, a-cross the street, The vic-tims
3 Then let the ser-vant Church a-rise, A car-ing
4 For he a-lone, whose blood was shed, Can cure the



change, but Spir-it-led, Must claim and test its
of in-jus-tice cry For shel-ter and for
Church that longs to be A part-ner in Christ's
fe-ver in our blood, And teach us how to



her-i-tage And keep on ris-ing from the dead.
bread to eat, And nev-er live be-fore they die.
sac-ri-fice, And clothed in Christ's hu-man-i-ty.
share our bread And feed the starv-ing mul-ti-tude.


5 We have no mission but to serve
In full obedience to our Lord;
To care for all, without reserve,
And spread his liberating Word.

O Master, Let Me Walk with You


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1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you In low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me A clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray Far down the



paths of ser - vice true; Tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; Teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, In peace that on - ly



help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.
feel to stay, And guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, In trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; With you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1856-1918
Tune: H. Percy Smith, 1825-1898

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Our Mission

Helping God restore and renew our community, our congregation, and our selves.

Sunday October 20, 2024

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. You may also watch the service later on You Tube.

Helping God Restore and Renew our Community

SHOE BOX PROJECT: 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 preprinted 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 the completed boxes is Sunday, November 3, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Martin (610-589-5505) or Pat Ontkos (610-589-4350). Thank you, Lisa & Pat



TRUNK OR TREAT: Trunk or treat will be held on Sunday 10/27 from 1-3 pm. Please come and decorate your vehicle and hand candy out to the trick or treaters. Also, you can help by making donations. The sign-up sheets are in the Narthex on the table. We are in need of hot dogs, hot dog buns and candy. Contact Nikki Johnson for more information at blouch1968@hotmail.com Thank you.



We are so grateful to everyone who gave toys for Toys for Tots in memory of Stacey Pennington, our daughter, Mother and Sister. The generosity from family, friends and especially our Millcreek family is overwhelming. We have received 173 toys to take to Maryland. Thank you everyone from All of Us. Stephanie, Conner, Cole and Lindsay

RICHLAND T N R (trap, neuter, release) needs help to humanely reduce the feral cat population in Richland. Dana Moyer, Mary Moyer's granddaughter volunteers/runs this all-volunteer fundraiser to cover the \$30 cost of spaying/neutering a cat. You can help by donating gently worn, used or new shoes. The shoes are collected, weighed and for each pound, 40 cents is raised & will be put towards the cost of fixing the cats in the TNR program. The shoes collected are then donated to Haiti, Cambodia, Ghana, & Guatemala, sparking economic growth in developing countries. The collection runs through the end of October. Bins and information are located in the narthex. You may contact Dana Moyer at 717-675-0335 or moyerdana824@yahoo.com.

Please see the blue insert concerning a collection for hurricane victims in North Carolina. Thanks, Scott Johnson

Helping God Restore and Renew our Congregation

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS to play for Veteran's Sunday on November 10th. **Rehearsals will be:** Saturday, October 26, Saturday, November 2 and Saturday, November 9, all at 9:30 AM at the church. Please contact Julie Strickler at juliestrickler66@gmail.com for music or any questions. Thank you for your consideration. Julie



CHRISTMAS DANCERS: Any girls, age 7-107 who would like to participate in a dance at Christmastime can contact Jamie Keener at 717-376-7027. No dance experience is necessary. Please let her know by October 20th if you would be interested.

TREASURER'S REPORT: October 13, 2024, Current Offerings-\$8,060.00, Plate-243.00, Flowers-60.00, Bulletins-40.00, Memorial-Ginny Wolfe-50.00, Restore & Renew-25.00, Coffee donation-\$6.50. Total-\$8,484.50.
Attendance-54, Sunday School -11

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES will be prepared for distribution in mid-November. PLEASE let me know if you DO NOT wish to remain on the envelope list to receive them. If you would like to be added to the list, I will need your name and your present address. If you are currently on the list, notify me of any address changes that need to be made to the financial statements. The information is needed no later than October 31. Contact information is by leaving a note in my mail slot in the office, seeing me personally, calling 610-589-2570 or emailing secretary@millcreeklutheran.com Thank you – Linda Sheetz

FLOWER & BULLETIN SIGNUP SHEETS are on the bulletin board in the narthex. Sponsorship of flowers is \$30 and bulletins are \$10. There are still dates available for 2024.

Helping God Restore and Renew Our Selves

Millcreek Lutheran Church congregation extends prayers and sympathy to the family of Teresa "Reece" Yeakley. Reece is the sister of Bobby Blumenshine and friend of member Rhonda Singer. Reece died tragically October 14th while helping her son with needed repairs from the hurricane in NC.

Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central PA has many activities taking place October through January. Includes Nawakwa, Kirchenwald and The Wittel Farm. You may find all the information at LutheranCamping.org. There is a Kirchenwald Winter Youth Retreat January 3-5, 2025. Information on all the upcoming events may be found in the wall rack in the narthex.

Nursing Home name change for Kathryn Zerbe is now Sinking Spring Skilled Nursing & Rehab Center, Room 134. 300 Windmill Rd., Sinking Spring, PA 19608

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) WITH CARDS & PRAYERS:

Paul Zimmerman, 139 Sweetwater Lane, Newmanstown, PA 17073

IF YOU ASKED FOR A MILLCREEK MEMBER TO BE PUT ON THE PRAYER LIST, PLEASE TELL THE CHURCH SECRETARY WHEN OUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED SO SHE CAN KEEP THIS LIST CURRENT.

MILLCREEK MEMBERS PRAYER LIST: Debbie Hartman, Violet Hepler, Abbie Keath, The Leibig Family, Ronald Merkel, Barbara Potteiger, Norm Sharp, Debra Webber, Stewart Wolf, Aaron Yiengst, Devon Yiengst, Michael Yiengst, Jr., Greer Zellers

NON-MEMBER REQUESTS ARE LISTED ON A WEEKLY BASIS. TO BE INCLUDED, YOU MAY CONTACT LINDA EACH WEEK WITH YOUR REQUESTS BY NOON ON THURSDAY. secretary@millcreeklutheran.com or
Call 610-589-2570

NON-MEMBER PRAYER LIST: Mike Nelson, (friend of Kristin Bender)

My work (Sherwin-Williams) is collecting supplies to help with the relief effort down in North Carolina. We have a plant down in Statesville, NC that will be shipping collected supplies to distribute in effected areas from Hurricane Helene. People may bring in supplies for next week Sunday 10/27. I can then collect the supplies and bring them into my work to ship down to NC on 10/29.

Thanks, Scott Johnson, Supply Chain Analyst, Sherwin-Williams Co. 3050 Hanford Drive, Lebanon PA. 17046
Phone # (717)306-5845, Cell# (717)753-0385



NC SUPPLY DRIVE - The Lebanon Plant is partnering with the Statesville, NC site to help those in need in Western NC recover from the hurricane destruction- Let's "Cover" them with supplies!

Recommended Supplies:

Cases of water
Sport drinks (Powered packets)/ Hydration Packs (Powder form)
Baby & Sanitizer Wipes
Diapers (Children & Adults)
Baby Formula (Ready to use)/Baby Bottles/ Baby Food/ Fruit Pouches
New or lightly used baby clothes
Bug Spray/Sunscreen
Disposable Paper Goods (Cups/Plates/Paper Towels/Toilet Paper)
Trash Bags (13 Gal./Contractor Bags)
Non-Perishable Food-Pop Top Cans Preferred
Cleaning Supplies
Yard Supplies/Tools
Plastic Sheeting/Tarps
Toiletries /Sanitation Items/ Feminine Hygiene Products
Pet Food (Dog & Cat)
First Aid Kits, Hand Sanitizer
Nitrile Gloves/ Heavy Duty Work Gloves
Socks- All Sizes (Unopened)/ New Towels/ New Blankets)
Matches