



Day of Pentecost 🕯 June 8, 2025

Let's Dance!

What on earth actually happened on this day of Pentecost? What was the miracle that revealed the presence of God? What was the Holy Spirit up to?

In the Acts of the Apostles we hear that the disciples spoke in various languages (2:4). Are we hearing about a miracle of the tongue, an ability to speak so that others might understand? The scripture also says each person in the crowd heard the disciples "speaking in the native language of each" (v. 6). Did we just hear that it was in fact a miracle of the ear? Is this story about people being able to comprehend the power of God's presence?

In a broken world, in a world of "me, me, me first," our impulse is often to choose one interpretation or the other—and to make sure we end up on the "correct," winning side of the discussion. But when we return to the death of Jesus on the cross, observed some fifty days ago, we see that he offers us a third and holy option. Rather than taking sides in our walk with Jesus, we align with his heart, capable of embracing all.

To consider that the Pentecost story is a miracle of *both* the tongue and the ear is to accept a beautiful invitation—an invitation, at the birth of the church, to enter into a sacred dance of both speaking and listening. To consider it a dance would be to acknowledge a natural flow of the Spirit drawing us to not one or the other but to both in loving turn.

In John's gospel reading for the day, Jesus says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (14:15). The commandment Jesus speaks of is "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (13:34).

Speak, listen, and love: this is how we dance together.

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Welcome Richland Express

Richland Express is comprised of the Moehlmann siblings Heather, Bronwyn and Arn to include Brenda Crouse and Keith Kupp. The band was formed in the summer of 2021 and has since performed many different venues. The group's tight harmonies and instrumental accompaniment provide a worshipful and pleasurable experience for all.

The sound mixing for the group is provided by Heather's husband Bob Karnes.

Our group's mission is to
“Glorify Christ and Encourage People!”



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Our Mission

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

Sunday, June 8, 2025

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

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AT MILLCREEK

Summer Tutoring

We are happy to announce that we are offering summer tutoring here at the church for ELCO students grades K-5. The sessions are on Tuesday and Thursday June 17th through July 17th. We coordinated the effort with our neighbor Fort Zeller after ELCO eliminated the program from their budget for the summer of 2025. We have local teachers/college students and ELCO high school students volunteering their time. This is a great way to provide a service to our local community! Fliers are in the Narthex.

Backyard Bible

We are happy to share that Millcreek Lutheran is hosting the local Backyard Bible program on Wednesday mornings outside under our big shade trees. Becky Barnhart is the coordinator and has been providing this program at 4 locations within Lebanon County for the past 5 years. We are happy to share that there are 66 kids registered at our location! Millcreek Lutheran will be providing our outside yard, water and snacks (already donated by a few of our members), bathrooms for the program, and the multipurpose room in the event of heavy rain.

Our goal is to become a space where community can come together and introduce youth and families to our church on the hill. We will be sharing information about Millcreek Lutheran with all children and families that participate in these events during the months of June and July.

SUMMER CAMP We are happy to share that we do have a few of our kids registered for summer camp. There is still time to register! We have funds available to cover the cost of camp for your kids or grandkids! Simply complete the registration form and give to Jen Rosengrant. We will mail the check and registration in for you!

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF ORDINATION

Friedens will be honoring Rev. Paris Beckhardt for his 50 years of Ordination during their church service on June 29, 2025. 23 members of our church will be attending the luncheon following the service. The deadline has passed for anyone else to sign up for the luncheon but anyone who is interested may attend the 10:30am church service. Cards of congratulations may be mailed to the church office. Please write in the lower left corner of the envelope "Ordination Anniversary."

~Nancy Deiter

IT'S LEBANON AREA FAIR TIME!- If you are in need of information or BBQ tickets, please contact Deb Tice of Morgan or Frank Hoffman. There will be coloring sheets available for the kids, brochures and catalogs for all. Entry due date is July 4. The fair runs July 19 - 26. Great food, entertainment and much more!

Helping God Restore and Renew our Congregation

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sunday, June 1, 2025, Current Offerings- \$1,765 Plate-\$320, Flowers- \$90, Bulletins- \$10, Coffee- \$6 **Total-\$2,191** Attendance- 56 Sunday School- 16

FLOWER AND BULLETIN SIGNUP SHEETS FOR 2025 are available on the bulletin board in the narthex. Flowers-\$30, Bulletins- \$10

PASTORAL EMERGENCY CONTACT: If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Council President Jen Rosengrant (717-228-8857) and she will work with the pastor on call.

COUNCIL UPDATE: We want to thank the congregation for their timely submission of the church survey. We are happy to announce that we had a total of 81 returned to date. If you have not yet completed, it's not too late. We value your feedback! Council is in the process of summarizing the results and will be sharing with the congregation in the coming weeks. We again want to thank you for your patience during our transition time. We are continuing to work on finding supply pastors during the interim.

EVANGELISM: The Evangelism Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 11th at 2:00 p.m. The Evangelism committee would like to remind you that there are many opportunities for you to share the WORD with friends and family members.

CHURCH BREAKFAST, JUNE 14: The Church Breakfast is held on the 2nd Saturday of every month at the Country Fare Restaurant in Myerstown at 8:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome with no

reservations needed. Inform the hostess of the group you are looking for and she will direct you to our table. You can choose to come every month or only on an occasion. Either way, we'd love for you to be part of our group. Nancy Deiter

SUNDAY SCHOOL & MLC POOL & PIZZA PARTY: The pool & pizza party will be held Saturday, July 19 from 1-4pm at Barb Heckendorn's house, 1687 N. 8th Ave. Lebanon, 17046 Please **RSVP** on the paper located in the Narthex or text Nikki Johnson @ 717-639-1300

Helping God Restore and Renew Our Selves

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

Audrey Putt
1125 Birch Rd. Unit #112
Lebanon, PA 17042

PRAYER LIST: If you asked for someone to be put on the prayer list, please tell the church secretary when our prayers have been answered so this list can be kept current. For non-member requests, please contact Jen M. with your requests by noon Wednesday each week.
secretary@millcreeklutheran.com or call: 610-589-2570.

MILLCREEK MEMBERS: Chub & Peg Auman, Bryan Breidigam, Debbie Hartman, Violet Hepler, Frank Hoffman, Abbie Keath, The Leibig Family, Barbara Potteiger, Brian Ream, Norm Sharp, Stewart Wolf, Aaron Yiengst, Michael Yiengst, Jr., Greer Zellers

NON-MEMBERS: Mike Nelson (friend of Kristin Bender), Gary Beatty, (friend of Debbie Hartman), JoAnn Deahl (Brandy Gahres' mother), Linda McMullan (sister in law of Greta McMullan), Kathy Reigle (friend of Deb Buffington)

FLOWERS in the narthex are from the Celebration of Life for Ronnie Merkel.

TODAY'S FLOWERS & BULLETIN are given in memory of John Engle, by the family.



LUMINARIA ORDERS can be taken anytime. Check with Deb for details. There are times when they are on sale for \$5 each instead of the normal \$10. Lanterns are also available for \$30.

Thanks to all supporting Relay for Life as the American Cancer Society strives to find a cure. **See Debbie Buffington or Debbie Tice for more Relay details.**

SUMMER MUSIC AT MLC

June 15 – holy communion service begins at 930 AM. No Sunday School until Sept. 7

June 22 - TBD

June 29 - TBD

July 6 - Salute to America by Millcreek Ensemble

July 13 – TBD. Ice Cream Sunday for all!

July 20 - Cindy Wittenberg

July 27 – Jeremy Goodling

August 3 - Barry Wenrich

August 10 - Brothers in Grace

August 17 - TBD

August 24 – Favorite Hymns Program by Millcreek Ensemble

August 31(Labor Day Weekend) – Megan Fields, flute

September 7 - Sunday School resumes



SUMMER WORDSEARCH



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CAMP
COOKOUT

HEATWAVE
HIKING
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LEMONADE
OCEAN
PICNIC
POOL
SAILING

SAND
SUMMER
TENNIS
TRAVEL
WARM

Homemade
GIFTS MADE EASY