
The Parish Echo

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July 2024

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

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WORSHIP AT 9:30 AM

You can **listen to the worship service** over the phone patch at 9:30 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.



PARADISE CORNER

The word “saving” describes something we do in order to enjoy the benefit later. For example, we are deep into the time of year known as “Daylight Saving Time” (DST). At the beginning of DST time in the spring, most of the United States moves clocks forward by one hour. When DST ends in fall, we turn clocks back again by one hour. DST “saves” daylight in order to “give” daylight back in the fall. The name of the scheme does not have an “s” at the end, but people commonly use the terms “Daylight Savings Time” and “Daylight Savings.” This is likely because people use the word “savings” so regularly in everyday contexts, like “savings account.” Savings matter to our church family as well. This summer, our Congregation Council initiated two short-term

strategies to help us save resources generously donated by members, friends, and former members.

The first saving will help our building. Our cleaning person moved on to other things. The Council decided that, since the whole west wing of our building is not used in the summer, that season would give us a chance to save by using volunteers for the reduced cleaning schedule that will be needed. The benefit we will enjoy later is being able to offer more hours to the cleaning person planned for the fall. That leads to the added benefit of a building with a cleaner, fresher feel and more generous compensation to the person doing the work.

The second savings strategy is weekday workdays ending at 1:00 PM in July and August. This came about because the Council realized that our staff simply needs to be paid better. The Council also realized this is a challenge because non-staff operating costs continually rise. The Council realized simply giving extra vacation time would be well-deserved, but would also increase expenses for substitutes, mileage for coverage pastors, etc. The Council felt that, in the end, that does not really help. The Council felt shorter workdays for July and August, when things are slower overall, would be a helpful step and at least save us the added expenses of substitutes, mileage for coverage pastors, etc.

There are two important things to know. 1) As the full-time pastor, I remain available for emergencies at any day and time. The easiest way to reach me is on my cell phone at 540.335.1693. 2) This won't affect hospital visits since they fall under the category of emergency availability. (Afternoon visits to those not attending church regularly will resume in September.)

None of these savings are huge, but the bottom line is that we are all blessed by a Congregation Council that works hard to keep this congregation's financial position as viable as possible while also providing ministry as faithfully as possible. Saving is one side of that coin and our Council does that regularly. Advocating generosity is the other side of that same coin and our Council plans to do that as well. Saving in the summer—when Daylight Saving Time is underway—will help us have more resources to share in the fall. It is very much like the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 men besides women and children. A boy saved his lunch (five barley loaves and two fish) so that he could share it (with Jesus) with the result that many people (5,000 men besides women and children) had more than they needed (there were twelve baskets of leftovers). Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity that helps us celebrate the benefits of God's faithfulness together no matter what the season!

Live as children of light!
Pastor Scott Paradise

PRAYER LIST

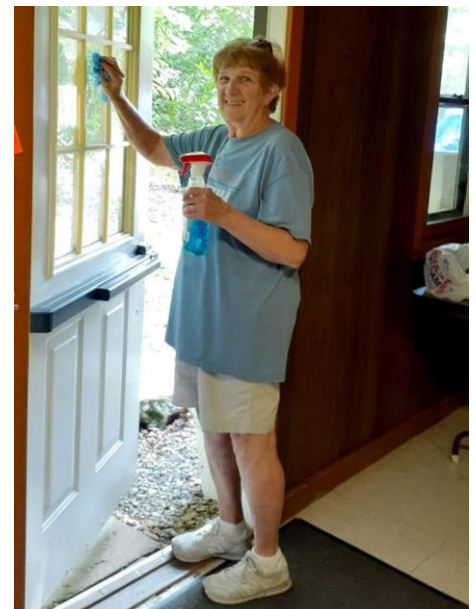
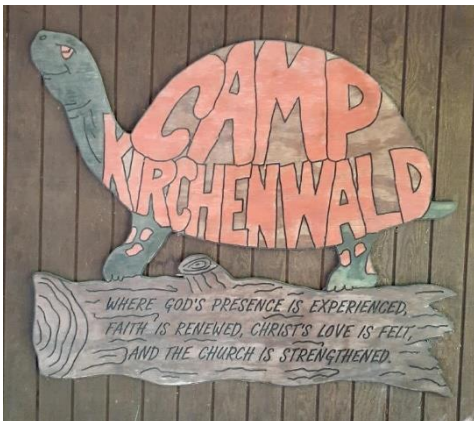
Please remember the following **MLC members** in your prayers: R. Hart Beaver, Debbie Hartman, Violet Hepler, Abbie Keath, Shad Kreitz, the Leibig Family, Ronald Merkel, Barbara Potteiger, Norm Sharp, Thomas Tice, Debra Webber, Stewart Wolf, Aaron Yiengst, Devon Yiengst, and Michael Yiengst Jr., Greer Zellers

PREVIOUS MONTH'S HAPPENINGS (JUNE):

Camp Kirchenwald Mission Trip (June 24-28, 2024)

Our Lutheran Church camp, Camp Kirchenwald, is located on 340 acres of forest in Colebrook, PA. There was an organized Mission Trip the week of June 24th-28th to help clean and make repairs within the camp. The work day was from 9:00-4:00 pm beginning with a period of devotions at 8:45 am. Nancy Deiter and Rachel Mock volunteered on Tuesday of that week. It was a very productive day working side by side with volunteers from many other churches.

Nancy Deiter



HAPPENINGS IN July:

Church Council

The next church council is scheduled to meet on **Sunday, August 25** following worship.

Church Breakfast

The next church breakfast will be held at Country Fare Restaurant on **Saturday, July 13th** at **8:00 a.m.** Everyone is welcome & 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 Second Sunday

Sweet Second Sunday will be held in the multi-purpose room after worship on **July 14, 2024**. All proceeds go to the church. Thank you, Charmayne!

Evangelism

Evangelism will not meet in July. The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.**

Spang Crest Events and Updates

The summer free band concerts sponsored by The Friends of Spang Crest will be held at 7 pm at the outdoor pavilion at Spang Crest. All folks are invited!

July 16: Perseverance Band

August 6: Lebanon Big Swing Band



Summer Pool Party

Barb Heckendorn is hosting our annual Sunday School Family pool party again this summer! The date is scheduled for Saturday July 20th from 1pm-4pm at her home. We hope to see you all there to swim and splash around!

- Pizza, chips and drinks will also be provided for the families!
- A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.

****Address: 1687 North 8th Avenue Lebanon PA 17046****

Sunday school staff

Thyme with Debbie



Thyme with Debbie is back with instructional classes about seasonal ingredients and flavors in the kitchen. All classes are held at Millcreek Lutheran Church from 10 AM to 12 PM with a cost of \$23.00. The next class is listed below. To register for a class or for any questions, please contact Debbie at 484-577-6695 or at thymewithdebbie@gmail.com.

July 16, 2024

Topic: How to Snack Your Meals

Description: True confession...I am a snacker. There is something about the ease of snacking our summer meals that appeals to me. We will look at the ease of creating well rounded meals with the casual air of snacks. And doesn't that speak summer ease?

Lebanon County Fair and National Ice Cream Day

Lebanon Area Fair is coming up quickly - July 20 - 27. Brochures, coloring pages and catalogs are available on the table in the narthex. Anyone interested in the BBQs, please check with Morgan, Frank Hoffman, or Debbie Tice. Something for everyone - and if you go before 3 pm, it is free!!

National Ice Cream Day is the 3rd Sunday in July, but this year, it is during the Lebanon area Fair. We will celebrate a week early on July 14, so bring your appetite for ice cream after church on July 14.

Deb Tice

Parish Echo

Deadline for items you want in the **church newsletter for August, 2024 is Monday, July 15.** Newsletter items sent via email should be addressed to mlc.parish.echo@gmail.com. Items may also be submitted by placing a written note in the newsletter mailbox in the church office or by phone.

ONGOING & FUTURE HAPPENINGS:

Ingathering Project

The Ingathering Project for this year will consist of Personal Care Kits. Collection will be from **July 7th thru August 25th. School kits have been omitted.** Kit lists will be available for those who would like to complete a kit and donate it. You can also donate several items for several kits (ex; 5 toothbrushes) which will be assembled by the committee. This will be accomplished through the use of "sticky" notes, with the various items listed, attached to a foam board from which you can choose what you'd like to purchase. Sound complicated? We will explain again at the start of the campaign. Stay tuned! – Dara Wolf

MLC Summer Music Schedule

July 7- Carolyn Harner, piano
July 14 - Cindy Wittenberg, piano
*July 28 – Keith Frantz, baritone
Aug 4 – Barry Wenrich, vocalist
Aug 11 – Woodwinds at Millcreek
*August 25 – Megan Field, flute
*September 8 – Picnic

* Denotes Outdoor Service

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Celebrating the Life of Daryl Strickler

The Strickler family invites you to join them to celebrate Daryl's life on Saturday, July 6 from 2-5 at the Alden Club: 1020 Alden Way, Lebanon PA 17042. Daryl's pride & joy, Copper Sun, will be playing his favorite tunes & light refreshments will be available. All stories & memories are welcomed.

Address Change

Elaine Hemperly, who is physically unable to attend church, has had an address change. Elaine's new address is *Linden Village, Stoy Cottage, 100 Tuck Street, Lebanon, PA 17042*.



“High School Graduates”

Joe “Buddy” Tice, Jr. son of Joseph and Ashley Tice and grandson of Tom and Debbie Tice, graduates from both Northern Lebanon High School and Lebanon County CTC with a certification in Diesel Mechanics. While he will be joining the work force as a mechanic/equipment operator, he hopes to eventually own his own truck and transport goods across the country.

Brie Smith graduated from Cedar Crest High School. She is the granddaughter of Margie Kriss and daughter of Dawn and Matt Smith. Brie will be attending Clarion University in the fall.

“College Graduates”

Alyssa Ehrhart granddaughter of Rachel and the late David Mock graduated from Millersville University with Bachelor of Science Degrees in both Elementary and Special Education.

Abbie Keath daughter of Karl and Rachelle Keath graduated from Lebanon Valley College with a Bachelor of Science in biology. She plans to pursue a Master of Science in nursing to become a nurse practitioner.

Jocelynn Phillips, granddaughter of Nancy and the late Larry Deiter graduated from Slippery Rock University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Communications on May 4, 2024.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Linda Sheetz	23	Derek Strickler
3	Lexus Lindermuth	26	Karl Keath
6	Oscar Sebastian Lindermuth	28	Gerald Strickler Oscar Lindermuth
12	Nathaniel Flory	29	Dara Wolfe
12	Nathaniel Flory	30	Christine Paradise
16	Carter Strickler	31	Virginia Wolfe
17	Pastor Scott Paradise		
21	Bruce Steiner		



If you would like to be included on the birthday list, please contact David and Aislinn Staaby by email at mlc.parish.echo@gmail.com, or place a slip of paper in the Newsletter mail slot in the church office.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND THANK YOU LETTERS:

The teachers want to thank all the families for bringing their children to Sunday school each week. We all have enjoyed teaching the children every week and we are all looking forward to September when classes resume on Rally Day (September 8th). Hope all of you have an awesome summer and looking forward to seeing all of you at the pool party on July 20th !

Nikki Johnson
Sunday school superintendent

Photos from the last day of Sunday School which included relay races and a candy scramble!



A Patriotic Appeal

A minister was pre-occupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church. Furthermore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick, and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service", he said impatiently, "But you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up." At that moment, the substitute organist began playing "The Star-Spangled Banner".



“The Church on the Hill”

July 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day Holiday	5	6
7 Communion	8	9	10	11	12	13 Church Breakfast @ 8am
14 - Council - Sweet Sunday - 3PM Girl Scouts	15 August Parish Echo Deadline	16 Spang Crest Concert @ 7pm	17	18	19	20 Summer Pool Party
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Outdoor Service	29	30	31			