
The Parish Echo

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

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

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WORSHIP AT 10:15 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.

PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following **MLC members** in your prayers: Peg Auman, Bryan Breidigam, Debbie Hartman, Violet Hepler, Frank Hoffman, Debbie Hogeland, Abbie Keath, The Leibig Family, Barbara Potteiger, Brian Ream, Norm Sharp, Steward Wolf, Aaron Yiengst, Devon Yiengst, Michael Yiengst Jr., and Greer Zellers.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

- Sept. 7th- 9:30am abbreviated service with Cell tower presentation in multi-purpose room
- Sept. 14th- 9am Sunday School 10:15am outdoor service Pastor Terhune with picnic and slip n slide to follow
- Sept 21st- 9am Sunday School; 10:15am communion service with Pastor Joel Risser in the sanctuary
- Sept. 28th- 9 am Sunday School; 10:15 service with Pastor Joel Risser in the sanctuary

INTERIM PASTOR

Pastor Frank Terhune will now be joining us on October 1, 2025 as our interim pastor. He will serve as our emergency pastor on call beginning September 1, 2025 and will officially join us on as our intermip pastor on October 1st, he will join us on September 14th as we Slip n Slide into our new Sunday School year!

NURSERY



The nursery will be opening again on Sunday, September 21st (Sunday after Rally Day). Children ages 0-8 are welcome! – Stephanie Sheetz

HAPPENINGS IN SEPTEMBER:

Slip n Slide Your Way to Sunday School at Millcreek on Sunday Sept. 14th @ 9:00

9:00 Greeting

Kids stations including a craft
Bible Story The Lost Sheep and more

10:15 Outdoor Service on the hill with
Pastor Terhune

10:25 Blessing of the Backpacks
(kids bring your backpacks)

11:15 Family Picnic & Giant Slip n Slide
(bring your towel & swim suit)

RSVP to mickidsclub@gmail.com
or 717-228-8857
by September 10th



Future Events at Millcreek

Weekly Sunday School @ 9:00

Confirmation and Communion Classes

Trunk or Treat Sunday Oct. 26th 1-3

Sunday Fun Day/Community Service Project
Sunday Nov. 16th 1-3

Christmas Event Sunday December 7th 1-3

Church Breakfast

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



**Meet
for
Breakfast**

Evangelism Updates



The Evangelism Committee will be meeting Sept. 10th at 2:00 p.m. We will be focusing on completion of the personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Thanks again for your efforts in helping to make this a worthwhile project. Blessings - Dara

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The **deadline** for items for the **church newsletter for October 2025 is Monday, September 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.

Top of the hill Clean-up

Saturday, September 6, 2025
10:00- 12:00 noon

Most of the advertised tasks have been accounted for. Thank you to everyone who have already taken care of their obligation. I will be at the church on Saturday, September 6th from 10:00-12:00 noon for anyone wanting to join the small group who will be finishing up on the remaining jobs to be done. Thank you everyone, you never fail to come through! When a job needs to be done, you get it done! Nancy Deiter

Senior Choir

Interested in joining our senior choir?? Our first meeting will be Wednesday September 17 @ 630 in the choir room. No contracts or gimmicks....come once or often - All are welcome! Thanks! - Deb Tice



Cell Phone Tower Presentation

On Sunday September 7th, we will have an abbreviated service: in the multipurpose room, as Dennis Pyszka from TPG Telecom LLC will be joining us to share a presentation on the potential cell tower on our property.



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 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 shopping charges, it is \$10 per box, payable to Samaritan's Purse (put your check in the 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 9, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Martin (610-589-5505) or Pat Ontkos (610-589-4350). Thanks! – Lisa Martin

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Church Yearbook

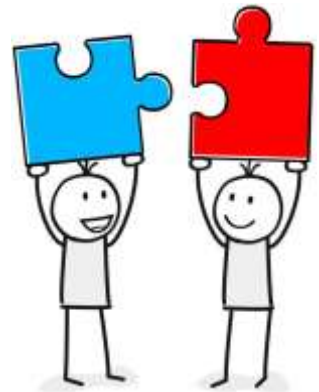
It is time to start working on the annual **MLC yearbook**. If you have photos from any church events and would like to submit them for the yearbook, please email them to Jen M, Secretary@millcreeklutheran.com. This is a standing request & photos can be submitted any time during the year. Including names of people, places, etc will also be helpful. Yearbook ideas are always welcome!

Sunday School Teachers Needed

We are looking for one more member of our congregation to share the role of Sunday School teacher for our pre-K/kindergarten class for the upcoming year. If you are interested, please see Nikki Johnson for details.

Puzzle Room

Are you a puzzler? We now have a puzzle room! All the puzzles that were being housed in our church library have been moved next door to room #7. A lot of nice puzzles have been accumulated since establishing a "bring or take a puzzle" policy a few years ago. These puzzles are there for you to take home to work on & bring back when you are finished. There is a nice big table in that room as well, should a few people decide they'd like to come in & work on a puzzle together. Whether you prefer to work alone or as a group, feel free to enjoy the puzzles. If, upon working on a puzzle, you find pieces are missing, please do not return that puzzle to inventory. If you have a few nice puzzles at home which are not being used, you may add them to the collection. ~Nancy Deiter



JUKEBOX JAMBOREE



The Lebanon Singing Cedars will present "Jukebox Jamboree - A Barbershop Show" on Saturday, September 13 at 3:00 P.M. at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 1500 Quentin Road, Lebanon. The show will feature music from the 50s and 60s, with special guest Laura Lebeau and guest quartet, Legacy. Tickets are \$15 and are available from any chorus member or by calling 717-821-5298. (see flyer on bulletin board)

Fitness Program

The LIFT Program (Lifelong Improvements thru Fitness Together) is a group strength-training program for adults aged 40+. Participation in LIFT may result in improvements in functional

fitness, or the ability to perform activities of daily living with ease. Participants are encouraged to work towards achieving their own personal goals in a group setting.

LIFT sessions will be held at the Stone Ridge Yoga Studio twice a week for 1 hour over the course of 8 weeks and include an active warm-up, eight core strength-training exercises, and a cool-down. The program also includes basic nutrition information with an emphasis on increased fruit and vegetable intake.

For info see Deb Tice or the flyers in the Narthexx

THANK YOU NOTES

Millcreek Lutheran Congregation, I so appreciated your willingness to host a Backyard Bible Club this summer. When our prayer location became unavailable, I wasn't sure what to do: Do I divide the group & have two different BBCs? Do I limit how many kids can attend? Do I try to find another large location? You offering your facilities was the best option. Not only do you have a huge yard with shade, but you gave me a great inside location (if I needed it) and I had easier access to water than before. So, I and the 75 different children that attended BBC: Newmanstown, thank you for allowing us to use your property. ~ Becky Barnhart

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Stephanie Seldomridge
- 4 Judy Engle Seely
- 5 Carol Merkel
- 11 Anderson Stoudt
- 15 Dale Bentz



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.



September						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6 -Top of Hill Cleanup 10AM
7	8	9	10 -Evangelism 2PM	11	12	13 - Church Breakfast 8AM
14 - Rally Day - 3PM Girl Scouts	15 - Echo Deadline	16	17 -Choir 630PM	18	19	20
21 -Nursery Resumes	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				