



November 2025

The Parish Echo

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

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

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9AM WORSHIP AT 10:15 AM

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.



Thank you for the warm welcome to Millcreek. I am privileged to serve as your Interim Pastor. My tasks during this time are threefold: 1) Prepare meaningful worship; 2) Provide pastoral care when necessary; 3) Guide the Council and Call Committee through the maze of the Call Process. I will be responsible for twenty hours a week. Most weeks I will be in the church office from 9:00-12:00 on Tuesdays and Fridays and available at other times as necessary.

Let me share with you a little bit about myself. I was born in Berlin, Germany in 1949. I came to the United States at the ripe old age of four months old. I grew up in northern New Jersey, a blink of an eye from New York City. I graduated from Newark College of Engineering in 1971 with a degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering. Upon graduation, I entered seminary. I studied for two years at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg and one year at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. As Part of my seminary education, I served as a chaplain at the Bergen County Correctional Institute, Georgia Mental Health Institute Drug and Alcohol Unit, Great Smoky Mountains National Park as Summer Chaplain, and the Lutheran Home in Philadelphia. Later I attended Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and received a degree in Pastoral Care.

My first parish was in Clairton, PA, outside of Pittsburgh. I served parishes in Willingboro, NJ, Blakeslee, PA, Wilkes-Barre, PA, Old Zionsville, PA, and Plainfield Twp, PA. I also served on synod staff in West Virginia. Since retirement in 2016 and moving to Palmyra, I have served as an interim pastor for seven congregations in Lebanon and Dauphin Counties. Last year I celebrated my 50th year of ordination.

I look forward to my time here at Millcreek and pray that together we can build a new future as God's people in this place.

Peace to you,
Pastor Frank Terhune

PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following **MLC members** in your prayers: Peg Auman, Bryan Breidigam, Joe Buffington, Debbie Hartman, Violet Hepler, Frank Hoffman, Liz Leibig, Barbara Potteiger, Brian Ream, Norm Sharp, Gerry Strickler, Stewart Wolf, Aaron Yiengst, Devon Yiengst, Michael Yiengst Jr., and Greer Zellers.

PREVIOUS MONTH'S HAPPENINGS:

Blessing of the Pets



Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat was another huge success! We had close to 200 children this year! We wouldn't be able to do this event without all of you! Thank you so much to all of those who helped this year! The top 3 winners for the decorated vehicles were Lilo & Stitch (Johnson family), Super Mario (Miller Family), and Monsters Inc. (Rosengrant family).



1st Place



2nd Place



3rd Place

NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

Church Breakfast

The next church breakfast will be held at Country Fare Restaurant on **Saturday, November 8th 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



Evangelism Updates

The Evangelism Committee will be meeting **Nov. 12th at 2:00 p.m.** Our committee would like to thank all friends and members of Millcreek who have served in the military. May God be with you always; all ways! – Dara



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The **deadline** for items for the **church newsletter for December 2025 is Wednesday, November 19.** 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.

Sweet Sunday

November 16th will be Sweet Sunday -



look for treats from Charmayne after service!



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

POINSETTIAS: We invite members to purchase poinsettias in memory of or in honor of loved ones, or simply in their own names. The poinsettias will be used to decorate the Sanctuary for the holidays. Please order early. Deadline is Sunday November 16th. They are \$12 per plant. Sign up form is in the Narthex. Make checks payable to Millcreek Lutheran Church. Please designate poinsettias.

HOLIDAY BOXES:

We will be having our next kids' event on Sunday, Nov. 16th from 1-3pm. This event is a community service project. We will be assembling holiday food boxes & we are in need of the following items:

boxed mashed potatoes
gravy
canned green beans
canned cranberry sauce

boxed stuffing
canned yams
canned corn

A box will be in the Narthex for donations. Your generosity is appreciated!



Christmas Cards & Gift Bags for Shut-In's

Starting Sunday November 16th, the table will be set up in the narthex with the gift bags. There are 10 shut-ins currently on our list. Please have all cards and items in the bags by Sunday December 14th that will allow us time to get the bags delivered by Christmas. Any questions or if someone needs added to the list, please let Nikki Johnson know. Thank you!

Cell Tower Presentation

The cell tower presentation is confirmed for Sunday November 9th immediately following the service. All questions from the congregation have been forwarded to TPG. This will also be available via the phone patch. Please plan to attend.

UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE & EVENTS:

- Sunday Nov. 9- Veteran's Celebration. Abbreviated service with cell tower presentation and Questions & Answers from the congregation 11am-12pm.
- Sunday Nov. 16- Sunday Fun Day 1-3pm and Service Project for community youth.
- Sunday November 23 is Christ the King Sunday, signifying the end of the church year, followed by November 30, the 1st Sunday in Advent! Stay tuned for the rest of the Advent & Christmas schedule!! Children have begun working on their Christmas program. *It is very important to have them at Sunday School as often as possible since we do most learning of songs there.*

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bible Study

Pastor Terhune will begin a weekly adult Bible study for Advent this year and will continue Bible study into 2026. There is a sheet in the Narthex to sign up. We are asking for your preferred time in addition to topics you have an interest in. We may have multiple days and times based upon schedules.

2026 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2026 are being prepared with a tentative date for distribution on Sunday November 30.

THE COFFEE BAR in the Narthex is now up and running! It will be open 9 am to 10:05 am and then closed during service. Be sure to come early to get your coffee, tea, or hot chocolate!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3	Barbara Heckendorn	19	Nathan Tice
14	Renee Strickler	25	Tom Tice
	Carol Sova		Paul Zimmerman
16	David Engle	29	Matthew Engle
17	Jullianne Strickler	30	Terry Griffe



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.

Pennsylvania Dutch

(Also known as Pennsylvania German)

Christmas Service

Gottesdienscht

Zoar Lutheran Church

Zoar (Ziegel) Ludderisch Karrich

560 Freeport Road.(Mt. Zion)Lebanon, PA 17046

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Sunndaag, der dreiuunzwansichst November 2025

2:30 P.M.

Am halwer drei nummidaag

The Christmas Story from Luke Chapter 2 will be read in PA Dutch and in English.

Christmas carols, religious and secular, will be sung in PA Dutch and English.

A PA Dutch Christmas tradition will be told in English.

The sermon will be in PA Dutch.

PA Dutch Sermon by: David Adam

Der Breddicher: der David Adam

Light refreshments following Service

Questions: call 717-933-5511, or email pgalico2@gmail.com

BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, November 20th • 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 gift card at any Good's Store
- \$5 Rutter's gift card



3 ways to schedule your donation appointment:

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



**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.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 ALL SAINTS DAY Communion	3	4 	5	6	7	8 8am Country Fare Breakfast MLC Ensemble Rehearsal
9 VETERANS DAY SERVICE CELL TOWER PRESENTATION 3PM GIRL SCOUTS	10	11 	12 -Evangelism 2PM	13	14	15 - Echo Deadline
16 SWEET SUNDAY SUNDAY FUN DAY & YOUTH PROJECT	17	18	19	20 BLOOD DRIVE	21	22
23 CHRIST THE KING Communion	24	25	26	27 	28	29
30 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Communion						