



The Parish Echo

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**“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.



I'm not ready for it, but it's almost time for Lent. Didn't we just celebrate Christmas? Didn't the magi just arrive to give praise to the toddler Jesus? I could use a few more weeks of celebration before we enter the season of repentance, prayer, and preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus.

But the season of Lent is upon us. Ash Wednesday is February 18. We will gather for worship that night at 7:00 pm. Worship will begin with a time of confession and the Imposition of Ashes as a symbol of our mortality. "Remember you are dust and to dust you will return." Ashes also suggest cleansing and renewal. They were once used as a cleansing agent when soap was not available. They remind us that we begin this holy season of reflection on the meaning of life and how our sinfulness interrupts the beauty of God's creation. The liturgy concludes with the celebration of Holy Communion which reminds us that God does not leave us to drown in our sin, but brings us a way to a new life. During this somber season, the word Alleluia is not used. In many congregations, this is symbolically presented by literally burying it, only to resurrect it with shouts of joy on Easter morning.

Christian author Henri Nouwen once described Lent as the season during which winter and spring struggle with each other for dominance. This is the season of the Church Year that reminds us the darkness and light within us become locked in conflict as we examine our lives and work to align ourselves with God's vision for ourselves and our world.

Lent is the season when we confront our demons and expel them. That is the meaning of penitence. Lent calls us to respond to God's call of repentance. Repentance is the call to change. The Greek word metanoia literally means to turn around and walk the other way. So, our Lenten season begins. It is the time when we remember how far God goes to bring us love. Since the dawn of creation God has sought to reconcile us and call us to a new and better way of life.

Peace, Pastor Frank Terhune

PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following **MLC members** in your prayers:

Bryan Breidigam
Liz Leibig
Stewart Wolf
Greer Zellers

Joe Buffington
Brian Ream
Aaron Yiengst

Debbie Hartman
Norm Sharp
Devon Yiengst

Violet Hepler
Gerry Strickler
Michael Yiengst, Jr.

We also pray for those who recently passed and their families:

Funeral service for Peg Auman will be Feb. 3rd at 11am at MLC.
Martene Goshert, sister of Linda Bump, also passed away.

JANUARY HAPPENINGS:

BE A HERO

DONATE BLOOD



MLC hosted a Blood Drive on January 15th.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: FEBRUARY 1ST:

Our congregational meeting will be on Sunday February 1st immediately following the service in the multi-purpose room. Light refreshments will be available. We will be presenting the following information:

2025 Financial Results
2026 Financial Budget
Cell Tower Vote
Solar Panel Vote

We encourage everyone to attend in person. Those in attendance will be given a confidential paper ballot. If you are unable to be in person we are offering two additional options:

1. Zoom (link/meeting code and passcode below) with call in numbers for casting votes.
2. Phone Patch will stay live after church with call in numbers for casting votes.

Individuals that participate via phone patch or Zoom will call one of the numbers listed below during the voting time. When you call in, you will be asked Cell Tower Vote then Solar Vote. You simply respond Yes or No. You do not need to provide your name.

Phone Numbers to Call in for Voting:

717-304-5949
717-376-5776
717-903-2076
717-228-8175
717-228-8857

Link and meeting and passcodes for Zoom below.

Topic: Millcreek Lutheran Church Congregational Meeting
Time: Jan 25, 2026 11:15 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89044671482?pwd=Uov7jJgCW57dsOaaC60FjdigTIKng7.1>

Meeting ID: 890 4467 1482

Passcode: 679767

One tap mobile

+16465588656, 89044671482# *679767# US (New York)

+16469313860, 89044671482# *679767# US

Join by SIP

• 89044671482@zoomcrc.com

Join instructions

https://us06web.zoom.us/join/89044671482/invitations?signature=-zM3AiMB_-gbeOydhBZn8b64BE5vLnfWjZARoSQuLxo

Church Breakfast

The next church breakfast will be held at Country Fare Restaurant on **Saturday, February 14th 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



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: On February 8, we will have a luncheon to celebrate Souper Bowl Sunday and our terrific soup-makers. Bring in your canned or boxed soups to add to the display and we will have soups to share. Bring your favorite sides - sandwiches, veggies, desserts for one of our favorite luncheons. Our goal is to donate at least 420 cans of soup!

Evangelism Updates



The next evangelism committee will be meeting on February 11th @ 2:00 p.m. (weather permitting), focusing on the March food collection for the Sharing Cupboard to help those in need in our ELCO communities. We will have an "idea" list of items available from which you can choose for donations. Blessings to all!



Happy New Year! Our Relay for Life team, the Cancer Crusaders, are participating in multiple fundraising opportunities currently. If you have any questions, see team members, Deb Buffington, Deb Tice or Mary Ream.

Thank you for your support!

- Mr. Sticky's sticky buns- Orders will be taken until Sunday February 15th. Delivery date is February 27th. Individual buns are \$4 and a 6-pack is \$21. Look for the order form in the Narthex.
- Daffodil Days- Orders will be taken until Sunday February 15th. Flowers will arrive March 25th. Look for the order form in the Narthex.
- Cash and Gift Card Bingo- Saturday February 21, 2026 at the Neptune Fire Company in Richland. Doors open at noon, games start at 1pm. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, if not sold out. Limited seats available & each seat needs a ticket. Additional games/cards available at the door! Door prizes, raffle baskets, 50/50 drawing, Survivor game, food for purchase and Fun! Purchase your tickets from any team member.

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The **deadline** for items for the **church newsletter for March 2026 is February 13.** 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.



Paster Terhune will be traveling to Israel Feb. 23 through March 5.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3	Ryan Gahres	6	Portia Lindermuth
8	Theresa Sites	9	Michael Yiengst, Jr Aaron Yiengst
11	Sheldon Frederick	12	Brandy Gahres
23	David Staaby II	24	Cheryl Stoudt
28	Joseph Tice Jr. Laura Long		



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

FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Communion	2	3	4	5	6	7
Annual Congregational Meeting						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Souper Sunday soup collection & luncheon						
15 Communion	16	17	18 7pm Ash Wednesday service	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28