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The Parish Echo

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WORSHIP AT 9:30 AM

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



This July brings the semiquincentennial celebration for the USA. It was on July 4, 1776 that the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence which announced to the world that the thirteen American colonies were now to be an independent nation. The American Experiment was begun. This is an event to be truly celebrated.

The competing powers of Europe were searching for ways of obtaining new wealth. England, Spain, France, Portugal, Holland and Russia were eagerly fighting for a strong presence in the New World. They were seeking gold, silver and new commodity sources (sugar, tobacco, cod) promised immediate wealth and long-term trade profits. They searched for new trade routes (northwest and northeast passages) to shorten Europe-Asia commerce. Georgia was created to be a prison colony. Some like the Pilgrims and Puritans sought religious freedom, but basically the reasons for colonization were economic power.

History tells us that this was a miraculous event. The original thirteen colonies did not agree on much. They united under the Articles of Confederation which soon proved inadequate for unifying the new country. Each state was its own boss. It took until 1789 for our present system under the Constitution to be formed in order to create a more perfect union to secure the blessings of liberty.

In 1791 the first ten amendments were added and are known as the Bill of Rights. The very first amendment proclaimed that there shall be freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom to peaceably assemble. The new government was also prohibited from establishing one religion as the official religion of the nation. Religion was seen as the moral conscience of the nation.

Christianity became the dominant religion in the US. The Bible has been used by many different political factions to justify many decisions. Politicians used the Bible to justify the exploitation of Native Americans, the slave trade of African people, the internment of Japanese people, and not allowing women to vote. It was also used to fight these very same issues. The Bible has been used for good and hate. The challenge comes down to whose interpretations speak for God.

Our challenge as 21st century Christians is still to be the conscience of the State. Jesus proclaimed, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and give to God what is God's." Jesus also guided us to "Love God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind" and also to "Love our neighbor as our self". Love, compassion, and mercy are the hallmarks of our faith.

As we move into the next 250 years of the American Experiment, we, as Christians, have a major responsibility to God and Country. We are to be active in addressing injustice and working for peace. In 1872, Senator Carl Schurz said, "Our country right or wrong." But his quote didn't end there. He continued, "when right, to be kept right; when wrong, to be put right." As Christians we bring our faith to our patriotism. We hold the nation and our selves accountable, correct our failings, and work to preserve the freedom of all God's people, whoever they might be with liberty and justice for all!

May God Bless America! Amen!

Pastor Frank Terhune

PRAYER LIST

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

Violet Hepler	Liz Leibig	Portia Lindermuth	Stewart Wolf
Brian Ream	Norm Sharp	Gerry Strickler	Dale Bentz
Aaron Yiengst	Devon Yiengst	Greer Zellers	Michael Yiengst, Jr.
Julie Strickler			

Evangelism Updates

This year's Ingathering Project will be active. The collection will start July 5th continuing through August 31st following the same format as the last few years:

In-gathering "Sticky Note" Project:

Devastating losses can occur in the blink of an eye! During the January 2025 California wildfires your PERSONAL CARE KITS helped many of those people affected. Lutheran World Relief was asked specifically for those kits which filled a critical need! Doesn't that make you feel good? Let's do what we canlike last year, grab a sticky note or two...purchase the item(s) listed and bring to church!

We thank you for your support!

PERSONAL CARE KIT "STICKY NOTE" ITEMS

1. One lightweight bath towel (dark color recommended) approx. --20" x 40" to 52" x 27". ***see note***
2. Three bath size bars of soap, any brand (4 to 5 oz.), in original wrapping
3. One adult size tooth brush (packaged) ***see note***
4. One sturdy comb (LARGE TEETH), ---remove packaging--- NO fine tooth combs.
5. One "ADULT SIZE" (No infant size) metal nail clippers, with or without file, -remove packaging

If using multi-pack tooth brushes, you may seal one in a business size envelope.

*** You can provide the towel if you'd like. Wrap items in the towel and tie securely with ribbon or yarn. If not, the church will be purchasing towels to complete the kits***. Otherwise grab a sticky note and "LET'S GO"!!!

Bins will be located in the narthex.

Evangelism committee will meet on July 8th @ 2:00 P.M.

Blessings! Dara Wolfe

PARISH ECHO: The **deadline** for items for the **July church newsletter is July 17th.** 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.



UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

July & August services will be in the multipurpose room.

- Sunday July 5- 9:30am communion service
- Sunday July 12- 9:30am regular service
- Sunday July 19- 9:30am regular service
- Sunday July 26- 9:30am regular service

COMING SOON- SUMMER MUSIC:

- Sunday June 28 - duets by Jamie Keener and Deb Tice
- July 5- open
- July 12- open
- July 19- Keith Frantz
- July 26- John Moyer
- August 2 - Barry Wenrich
- August 9 - Jamie Keener dance
- August 16- open
- August 23 - Brian Klinger
- August 30 – Brothers in Grace
- September 6- open

CHURCH BREAKFAST

The next church breakfast will be held at Country Fare Restaurant on **Saturday, July 11th** 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



**Blood
Drive**

Central PA Blood Bank will be on site July 23rd. Your donation can save lives!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU:

Gerry and I are so grateful for all the prayers & support during this difficult time. He loves shuffling through all the cards from the Easter bag and many other messages of support. He thoroughly enjoyed all the treats & special gifts. He also appreciates the visits from Pastor Terhune.

Thanks to all and God Bless. Gerry & Julie Strickler ♥



The MLC 2025-2026 Yearbook is available for pick up in the Narthex!



High School Graduates:

Brady Allen Bergman, son of Peter & Marnie Bergman and grandson of Doris & Frank Bergman, graduated from Manheim Central High School. He plans to study Marine Sciences at Coastal Carolina University.

Elly Margaret Scheib, daughter of Brigitta & Scott Scheib and granddaughter of Doris & Frank Bergman, graduated from Central Dauphin High School. She will attend Penn State University.

Evan Glucksnis, son of Marcia & Jared Glucksnis and grandson of Brian & Linda Ream, graduated from Governor Mifflin High School. He will be attending Gettysburg College, majoring in finance.

Morgan Lynn Margaret Hoffman, daughter of Frank and Jodi Hoffman, graduated from Eastern Lebanon County High School. She will be attending Lebanon Valley College studying Music Education.

Ashton Kriss, grandson of Margie Kriss, graduated from Eastern Lebanon County High School. He plans to attend Bloomsburg University.

Michael Yiengst, Jr. graduated from ELCO/IU13 school to work program. Mother Devon Yiengst, father Mike, and grandparents Dan and Deb Hogeland.

Aaron Yiengst graduated from ELCO/IU13 school to work program. Mother Devon Yiengst, father Mike, and grandparents Dan and Deb Hogeland.

College Graduates:

Samantha Ehrhart, daughter of Andrea & Matt and granddaughter of Rachel & the late David Mock, graduated from Arcadia University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. She will be continuing on for a Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

Skylar Kriss, granddaughter of Margie Kriss, graduated from Bloomsburg University with a Bachelor of Science degree in secondary English.

Cole Ashton Phillips, grandson of Nancy and the late Larry Deiter, received a bachelor's degree in education from Penn State Harrisburg campus on May 9, 2026, majoring in social science. His goal is to be a history teacher.

Carter Strickler graduated from Pennsylvania Institute of Science & Technology with an associate's degree in Specialized Technology. He has accepted a position with Home Depot. He is the son of Erica Davis & the late Daryl Strickler and grandson of Gerry & Julie Strickler.

IT'S LEBANON AREA FAIR TIME! The fair runs July 25th - August 1st. Great food, entertainment and much more! If you are in need of information or BBQ tickets, please contact Deb Tice, Morgan Hoffman, or Frank Hoffman. There are brochures and coloring sheets available in the narthex. Coloring entries are due by July 3rd.

MINISTERIUM TRAIN RIDE: Saturday Aug. 22 (rain date Saturday Aug. 29)
Picnic & train ride on the Allentown & Auburn Railroad located in Kutztown PA. Train leaves the station at 10:30am. Max 150 people. \$12 per adult, \$8 kids 4-10, 3 and under free to sit on parents lap. Includes: hot dogs, burgers, grilled chicken, and drinks. You are welcome to bring a covered dish to share. Enjoy cornhole & other games. Any money raised over the cost of expenses will go to the Ministerium. Pay cash for tickets the day of, at the train station
Call Tulpehocken Trinity (717) 866-5190 to add your name to the reservation list.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | Linda Sheetz |
| 3 | Lexus Lindermuth |
| 6 | Oscar Sebastian Lindermuth |
| 12 | Nathaniel Flory |
| 13 | Brenda Long |
| 16 | Carter Strickler |
| 21 | Bruce Steiner |
| 23 | Derek Strickler |
| 26 | Karl Keath |
| 28 | Gerald Strickler |
| | Oscar Lindermuth |
| 29 | Dara Wolfe |



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.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 930am Communion Service	6	7	8	9	10	11 8AM CHURCH BREAKFAST
12 930am Service	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 930am Service	20	21	22	23 BLOOD DRIVE	24	25
26 930am Service	27	28	29	30	31	