November 2026



The Parish Echo

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

"Motivating Lives Through Christ."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9 AM WORSHIP AT 10:15 AM

You can **listen to the worship service** over the phone patch at 10:15am. 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**.**

From the Pastor:

As I write this, I am aware that this will be my last epistle to you the faithful Christians gathered together at Millcreek Lutheran. My time among as your Interim Pastor is coming to an end. My last Sunday will be on November 8. My role as Interim Pastor is to guide you through the Pastoral vacancy process, lead worship, and provide pastoral care. As you begin the next chapter of Pastoral leadership, my time has come to an end. It has been my honor and privilege to be among you.

Much has been accomplished during our time together. The Call Committee has led you in a study of the congregation, completed a Mission Site Profile, and secured a candidate for the call to be your pastor. On December 6, you will vote on the candidate, and your next chapter will begin.

The Strategic Planning Committee/Culture of Generosity has been active in looking at future options for Millcreek. They have proposed a Cell Tower to provide some monthly income and increase the availability of cell phone and online digital service to the area. They have researched bringing solar panels to provide electric for the building. They have worked hard to provide funding for the project and construction will begin soon. These solar panels will provide electricity for the increasing demand for power in the area. They will also provide a way for Millcreek to upgrade the systems in the building by converting the heating system from oil to electric and provide air conditioning for the sanctuary. The Committee has put in many hours of excitement and anxiety, but the projects will soon begin.

I have been doing Interims for 10 years. I have encountered issues of grieving for the pastor who has left them. Some of those transitions were due to the pastor moving to a new site, others for pastors who have retired. Usually when I arrive, the congregations are overcome by the concern of what next. When I arrived at Millcreek, I was impressed with the spirit of positivity for the future. There is a feeling of moving forward to new ministry opportunities and renewing the congregation. There is, of course, a sense of grief for what was, but more so there is a sense of what you can become. I think many good things can happen for you as you move into this new future. You have wonderful leadership, willing hearts, and a vision for what can be.

I need to give special thanks to the Congregation Council. They have led this vision and created a climate of hope. The Council has grown in size, due to the excitement for new opportunities in ministry. Special thanks go to Jen Rosengrant who has provided outstanding leadership and vision. She has spent many hours serving beyond the usual duties of President.

I have been blessed to be a part of your congregation this past year. It has been a joy meeting you and serving you. It has been an interesting year for me, between my study trip to Israel being shortened by

a blizzard and a new war and my diagnosis and surgery for cancer. I thank you for your support and prayers that saw me through those traumas.

As for me, my future is open. I will be journeying to North Carolina for a week of construction projects for disaster recovery projects. When I return, I will enjoy some down time and provide Sunday worship as a fill in where needed.

I wish you peace and joy as you begin your new chapter of ministry together.

Peace,
Pastor Frank Terhune

PRAYER LIST

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

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

Evangelism Updates

The next Evangelism committee will meet on November 11th @ 2:00 P.M.
Blessings! The Evangelism Committee



PARISH ECHO: The **deadline** for items for the **December church newsletter is November 18.** 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

- Sunday November 1- 9am Sunday School, 10:15am All Saints communion service*
- Sunday November 8- 9am Sunday School, 10:15am Veterans' Day service*. November 8th will be Pastor Terhune's last service with MLC, followed by reception in the multi-purpose room
- Sunday November 15- 9am Sunday School, 10:15am regular service with Pastor Joel Risser, followed by meet & greet in multi-purpose room.
- Sunday November 22- 9am Sunday School, 10:15am communion service with guest Pastor Thom Keller
- Sunday November 29- 9am Sunday School, 10:15am communion service, guest Rev. Barry Heckman
- Sunday December 6- 9am Sunday School, 10:15am communion service with Pastor Joel Risser, followed by a **Call Vote**** in the multi-purpose room.

(*You may bring photos & memorabilia for a display honoring your loved ones during these services.)

**Call Vote Requirements

1. Individual must have taken communion one time during past year. Please complete a communion form in the Narthex by November 30th if you have not done so within the past year.
2. Contribution on record within the past year. If you have only contributed cash during the past year, we ask that you make one contribution via check or electronically before November 30th. Capital campaign contributions can count toward this requirement.

Note: Individuals must be physically present on December 6th for the Call Vote.
(CALL INS ARE NOT PERMITTED)



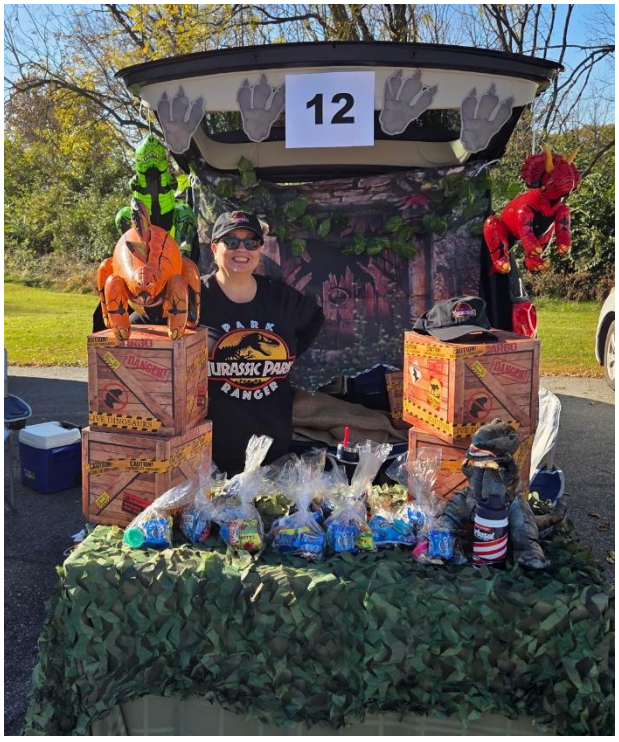
“THANKS for all the prayers and concerns, to everyone who remembered me when I had knee surgery. I am doing somewhat better. A special thanks to Pastor Terhune for his visit.” ~Pat Ontkos

TRUNK OR TREAT WINNING TRUNK: THE ENGLE’S JURASSIC PARK!!

We had a great turn out of 20 decorated trunks full of candy for 150 children from the community. Special thanks to everyone that volunteered, decorated, or donated!

2nd place: Rosengrant’s Toy Story
3rd place: Hoffman’s goats







CHURCH BREAKFAST



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



SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers continue working with children on the Christmas program songs during Sunday school.
The Children's Christmas program will be Dec. 13th at 10:15am.

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 pre-printed 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 shipping charges, it is $10 per box, payable to Samaritan's Purse (put your check in an 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 8, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Martin (610) 589-5501.

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Thanks, Lisa Martin

60th ANNIVERSARY OF MILLCREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH:

We will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of Millcreek Lutheran Church next year. The custom pipe organ inside our new church was officially dedicated on May 21, 1967. The church was officially dedicated and open for worship.
We have decided to use the date of Sunday, May23, 2027 for our celebration. We're planning on special music, a covered dish luncheon, followed by a video entitled" Millcreek Lutheran Church- Who Are We?" There will be a table set up for memories & memorabilia.
I'm alerting you early for 2 reasons. The first reason is so you can get it on your calendar and plan to be a part of this special day. The second reason is so you can start looking through your scrapbooks and albums for pictures and items for the table of "memories & memorabilia."
The church has always been here for us. Some of us have a long history, going back through the generations while others are relatively new. Regardless of the time you have been a part of the Millcreek family, the church may have played a part in a family baptism, confirmation, wedding, or even a funeral. The church and this family have always been there for us in the good times as well as the difficult times. Rather than simply looking at photos of people, wouldn't it be fun to look at photos of some of our loved ones celebrating important times of their lives?
Start looking for those special photos to share and put May 23,2027 on your calendar.

Nancy Deiter



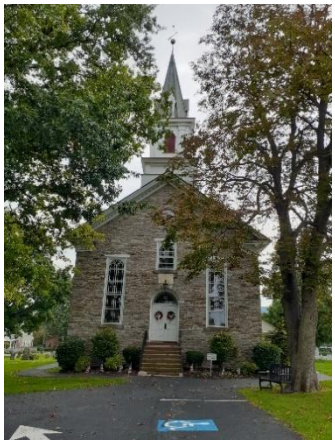
Millcreek Lutheran Church- Who we are today



St. Paul's Lutheran Church
(Richland Library)



Elias U.C.C.



Millbach U.C.C.

From whence we came

November Birthdays

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



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.

NOVEMBER 2026						
SUNDAY	**MONDAY**	**TUESDAY**	**WEDNESDAY**	**THURSDAY**	**FRIDAY**	**SATURDAY**
1 **9am Sunday School,** **10:15am All Saints communion service**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**
8 **9am Sunday School,** **10:15am Veteran's Day regular service**	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14** **8AM CHURCH BREAKFAST**
15 **9am Sunday School,** **10:15am regular service**	**16**	**17**	**18**	**19** **BLOOD DRIVE**	**20**	**21**
22 **9am Sunday School,** **10:15am Christ the King communion service**	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26** 	**27**	**28**
29 **9am Sunday School,** **10:15am First Sunday of Advent communion service**	**30**	**31**				

BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, November 19th • 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 Coupon at any Good's Store
- $5 Rutter's gift card

Rutter's

Good's Store

Traditional Values. Family Shopping.

A form of ID is REQUIRED to donate

PAPA JOHNS

3 ways to schedule your donation appointment:

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

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Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank

Your Community Blood Bank

- 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.

Who Depends on Blood You Donate

Liver transplant	6-10 units of Red Blood Cells 20 units of plasma 10 units of platelets
Kidney transplant	1-2 units of red blood cells
Heart transplant	2-6 units of red blood cells
Adult open-heart surgery	2-6 units of red blood cells 2-4 units of plasma 1-10 units of platelets
Newborn open-heart surgery	1-4 units of red blood cells 1-2 units of plasma 1-4 units of platelets
Prostate cancer surgery	2-4 units of red blood cells
Abdominal aortic aneurysm	4-6 units of red blood cells
Bone marrow transplant	1-2 units of red blood cells every other day for 2-4 weeks 6-8 units of platelets daily for 4-6 weeks
Automobile accident	4-40 units of red blood cells
Leukemia	2-6 units of red blood cells 6-8 units of platelets daily for 2-4 weeks
Sickle cell disease	10-15 units of red blood cells to treat severe complications
Premature newborn	1-4 units of red blood cells while in intensive care