
The Parish Echo

Millcreek Lutheran Church, 221 N. Sheridan Rd., Newmanstown, PA 17073

January 2020

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SUNDAY SCHOOL
BEGINS @ 9 AM.

WORSHIP SERVICE
BEGINS @ 10:15 AM.



Members of Millcreek Church,

I had a small list of subjects I wanted to inquire about at the Council meeting on December 1, one of which was the procedure for responding to bad weather and possibly cancelling Sunday School and worship on a given Sunday. As it turned out, Karl and I spoke on Saturday evening, November 30, and Sunday morning, December 1, when the weather was looking threatening, on that very subject. I thereby learned the procedure, and crossed it off my list.

But it did bring to mind a subject very near and dear to me that is related to possible cancellations. The subject is stewardship. Many people react to that word thinking that it's only asking for money. But that's not my take on it.

What you determine you give to the Church is a personal matter, but not an entirely private one. It involves, or should involve, an honest assessment of your financial situation, and a prayerful discernment of how much you will give to God through Millcreek Church. It is a commitment, an understanding between you and God of what will be your part in any given year in supporting both Millcreek Church, and the wider Church, including the Lower Susquehanna Synod (LSS) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). We are all members of all three of those expressions of the Church, and responsible for giving back to God a portion of what he has given and is giving to you. So what you place in the offering plate each Sunday is a tangible expression of a spiritual reality: your relationship with God.

People sometimes forget this truth when they miss a Sunday and don't get to put anything in the offering plate. But the needs of the local, regional and national Church go on, just as God continues to shower us with His blessings and grace. Falling behind

can make it very difficult to catch up. So if you miss a Sunday, for whatever reason, make it up as quickly as you can. Everyone, including you, is better off if you do.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Jetto+

TREASURER'S REPORT—Steph Seldomridge

CHECKBOOK BALANCE-NORTHWEST

BALANCE @ 10/31/2019	\$558.15
NOV Deposits	\$10,828.70
NOV Expenses	- \$8,274.63
BALANCE @ 11/30/2019	\$3,112.22
Thrivent monies held in checking acct.	\$5,000.00

MISSION PLUS-SPEC. PROJECTS

BALANCE @ 10/31/2019	\$470.44
NOV Deposits	\$566.00
Interest	\$0.93
BALANCE @11/30/2019	\$1,037.3



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family and friends of Eva Bennetch, who passed away on December 1. Services were held at Millcreek Lutheran Church on December 5.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family and friends of Larry Foulk who passed away on December 7, losing his battle with cancer. A private service honoring both Larry and late wife Sandy will be held on January 4, 2020.

PRAYER LIST: Kathryn Allwein, Mary Andrews, Mary Artz, **Linda Bentz**, Pastors Bob & Sharon Blezard, Sandra Brown, **Donna Collins**, Megan Conlon and family, **Alex Sova Cottle**, Alyssa Ehrhart, Eisenhauer family, Mary Esher, Peggy Evanson, Yvette (Eberly) Faiola, Barbara Faust & Family, Cathy Friede, Julie Gemmel, Brenda Wolfe Gettle, Brandon Grabe, Brook Grabe, Julie Grabe, Robert Hefner, Brian Hendricks, **Violet Hepler**, Neil Hickernell, Beryl Hoffman, Bill Hoffman, Alyssa Jackson, Steve Kahl, Linda Kellenberger, Donald Keppley, Charlie Kirkpatrick, **Liz Leibig**, Elaine Lengel, Gordon Link, Erin Little, Ed Marinak, Andrew Marshall, Jessica & Brandon Marshall, Dean Martin, Doris Matthew, Michael May, Dana McNally, Edna Meyer, Roger Meyer, Victor Meyer, Jr., Gordie Meyers, Emily Miller, Frank Miller, Josh Miller, Richie Miller, Terry Miller, Bob Mills, **David Mock**, Judy Montgomery, Becky O'Dell, Mary Ellen O'Donnel, Gladys Ohlinger, Linda Petrys, **Audrey Putt**, Harold Romberger, **Betty Schaeffer**, Kathleen Scott, Kevin Shallcross, **Diane Sites**, Spang Crest Residents, Joe Stevens, Glenn Stoudt, Don Sweigart, **Betty Templin**, Chelsea Ulrich, Tristan Valentine, Ken Wagner, Michael Walsh, Bobby Wasko, Daniel Weaver, **Sarah Webber**, Mary Wentzel, Shirley Whitehead, Paul Wike, **Stewart Wolf**, **Eddie Wolfe**, **Devon Yiengst**. (Note: Members are printed in bold and underlined.)

IF YOU ASKED FOR SOMEONE TO BE PUT ON THE PRAYER LIST, PLEASE TELL THE CHURCH SECRETARY WHEN OUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED SO SHE CAN KEEP THIS LIST CURRENT. THANK YOU.

FROM OUR SECRETARY

If you haven't handed in your reports yet for the **2019-2020 yearbook, please do so ASAP.** Again the information may be put in the mail slot in the office, on my desk, or emailed to me at secretary@millcreeklutheran.com. Thank you, Linda

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE IN NOVEMBER: Laura Long, Anderson Stoudt, Maddie Johnson, Ariana Warnick, Matthew Long, Lexus, Charlie, and Sebastian Lindermuth, Morgan Hoffman, Baylee Marderness, Brady Keath, Davin Hess.

January AT MILLCREEK

GREETERS-(To volunteer to be greeters, please speak with Nancy Deiter.)

January 5 LINDA & HARRY BUMP
January 12 LINDA & HARRY BUMP
January 19 STEPH SELDOMRIDGE & NANCY DEITER
January 26 STEPH SELDOMRIDGE & NANCY DEITER

LAY READERS-(If you would like to volunteer to be a reader, please talk to the church secretary to put your name on her list.)

January 5 DEBRA BUFFINGTON
January 12 GENE FLORY
January 19 CHERYL BATDORF
January 26 ROY HOGLUND

PLEASE REMEMBER IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO READ ON YOUR SCHEDULED DAY, IT IS UP TO YOU TO FIND A REPLACEMENT.

THANK YOU!! ☺

LIST OF AVAILABLE READERS:

DEBRA BUFFINGTON	EDDIE WOLFE	DARA WOLFE
RACHEL MOCK	GENE FLORY	
CHERYL BATDORF	ROY HOGLUND	

*I am not on the list of readers at this time, but if you cannot read on your particular Sunday, you may check with me, and I might be available to fill in for you.

Linda Sheetz 717-866-4273

ACOLYTES

January 5 DAVIN HESS
January 12 BRADY KEATH
January 19 MORGAN HOFFMAN
January 26 BAYLEE MARDERNESS

Parent or Acolyte:

If you cannot acolyte on the Sunday you have been scheduled, PLEASE call or ask someone from the list below to replace you. When getting the replacement, make sure that the acolyte can definitely replace you, confirm the change with their parents and be sure to let me know of the schedule change. If you cannot find a replacement, please call me at 717-866-4273 or call the church at 610-589-2570 as soon as possible. We all appreciate your serving the church. Thank you, Linda Sheetz

Brady Keath
717-866-2694
Baylee Marderness
610-589-1308

Morgan Hoffman
610-589-4301
Davin Hess
717-883-8180

*The Christmas Decorating Committee would like to thank everyone who helped us prepare Millcreek for our Christmas celebrations. We plan to **take the decorations down Sunday, January 5 after Sunday service.** If anyone wishes to help us, we would appreciate it. Thank you and a Blessed New Year to all.*

Stephanie Gahres & Dara Wolfe

Millcreek Music

Thanks to all who provided special music with voices and instruments during the Advent/Christmas season. We appreciate each of you sharing your gifts with all of us!



The Sunday School children gave us an awesome gift with their musical on Sunday, December 15 entitled “Chris-myth Busters”. Participating were the following: Laura Long, Matthew Long, Jude Emerich, Ariana Warnick, Maddie Johnson, Aubree Evans, Ophelia Emerich, Lexus Lindermuth, Arianna Robertson, Sierra Tschudy, Charlie Lindermuth, Sebastian Lindermuth, Baylee Marderness, Morgan Hoffman, and Stephanie Sheetz. Cameo appearances by Devon Rosengrant, Bridgette Heck, Jordan Rosengrant, and Brady Keath.

It took many hours of preparation by our music director, Deb Tice, and all our Sunday School staff: Cheryl Batdorf, Cheryl Stoudt, Tammy Hepler, Linda Bentz, Sharon Evans, Mary Ream, Deb Buffington, Jen Rosengrant. Thank you, thank you!!

A note from Deb Tice: Many thanks to all who made the Christmas program come together - each teacher did a great job and we are a wonderful team. As they say, Teamwork makes the dream work. Our children are young and few (ages 3-13), but they sang, did the sign language and we are so proud of them. Hopefully all will remember the message that it doesn't matter how many wise men, or when Jesus was actually born, or if there was an innkeeper or not, but that God sent his Son to save us. Such a powerful message from these young voices.

After an extra-long break due to Wednesday holidays, the choir will resume practice on Wednesday **January 8 at 7 pm** - plenty of seats for anyone new!!

The children will sing again on Sunday, **January 12, 2020.**

Any questions--**Contact Deb Tice via phone at 717-926-4273 or email at MusicDirector@millcreeklutheran.com**



The church council will meet **Sunday, January 5, 2019 after the worship service. They are looking for 1 volunteer to serve on council beginning in 2020.**

The annual Congregational Meeting and Luncheon will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2020. The congregation is asked to bring a covered dish for a pot luck buffet.

SWEET SECOND SUNDAY

THERE WILL BE NO SWEET SECOND SUNDAY IN JANUARY.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The committee will meet **Wednesday, January 8 at 2:00 PM** at the church. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIME.**

“GOODY” BOXES

We will be collecting items for the **college “goody” boxes** throughout the month of January. A **sign-up sheet will be provided January 5th and items will need to be brought to the church by January 26th.** The committee will prepare and send to our college students A.S.A.P.

Other Evangelism Activities: **1)** Providing drivers to transport members to medical appointments. Dotti Hogleund is the contact person. She can be reached at 717-228-8177 (cell) or 610-655-7692 (home). We'd like to re-build our list of volunteer drivers for this program and we need your help! **2)** Collecting used ink and toner cartridges and old cell phones to be recycled after taking to Jubilee Ministries. Place in bin in hall leading to multi-purpose room. **3)** Collecting new and lightly used small tools and building supplies (nails, tiles, electrical outlets, etc.) for Habitat for Humanity. Place smaller items in the bins in the hall leading to the multi-purpose room. To arrange for pick-up of large items (cabinets, furniture, light fixtures, sinks, etc.), contact the Lancaster Lebanon Habitat ReStore at 717-293-0250 ext.4.

SPANG CREST

Ongoing need for volunteers at Spang Crest: chapel pianist one Sunday a month for an hour; gift shop workers Monday-Friday from 9:30AM-1PM or 1-4 PM; mending hems, seams, holes, etc.; transport people to and from the hairdresser Monday or Wednesday from 9AM-NOON. If you want to help, please contact Karen Kreiser at Spang Crest—717-274-1495.

CHURCH BREAKFAST

The monthly church breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 11 beginning at 8 AM at Country Fare Restaurant in Myerstown. All are welcome!

Parish Echo

Deadline for items you want in the **February 2020** Parish Echo newsletter is **Wednesday, January 15**. Items may be submitted via email, phone, or placing a written note in our mailbox in the church office. (Contact information is at the top of this newsletter.)

MLC RELAY FOR LIFE UPDATE



Thanks to all who supported us by purchasing pumpkin rolls, wreaths or poinsettias. We hope they made your holiday brighter!

Coming up in January, we will be highlighting our awesome soups for the **Bologna Fest, Saturday January 25** at the **Lebanon Expo Center**. **Watch for order forms in the bulletin or narthex. Soups will include chicken corn noodle, ham & bean, Maryland crab and Stromboli soup!!**

Anyone interested in joining the team can pick up a form on the table or speak to any member.

We continue to collect aluminum cans and coins in a bottle.

Collect pull tabs from soda cans, etc. for the dialysis machine at the Ronald McDonald House. A container is on the table in the narthex.

LEBANON COUNTY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

The **LCCM Food and Clothing Banks** have a **wish list** online. For an up-to-date list of things needed, you can visit www.lccm.us and click on Get Involved, then click on Food and Clothing Bank Wish List.



Current Wish List

TOILET PAPER, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, TISSUES, MEN'S DEODORANT, SHAMPOO, BODY WASH, HAND SOAP.

CANNED PASTA, CANNED HAMS, RICE, BEEF BROTH, CHICKEN BROTH, ALL KINDS OF BABY FORMULA.

WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF COATS - MEN'S, WOMEN'S, BOY'S AND GIRL'S - ALL SIZES

AND BLANKETS - TWIN, FULL, QUEEN AND KING

(WE HAVE A LARGE SUPPLY OF THROWS, SO THEY ARE NOT NEEDED)

WINTER BOOTS-ALL SIZES

MEN'S BOXERS - ALL SIZES

SPORTS BRAS - ALL SIZES

BOY'S BOXERS - ALL SIZES

MEN'S AND BOY'S SWEATPANTS AND SWEATSHIRTS - ALL SIZES

WOMEN'S AND GIRL'S SWEATPANTS AND SWEATSHIRTS - ALL SIZES

GIRL'S LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS - SIZE 6 AND 7

BOY'S JEANS - ALL SIZES

TWIN SHEET SETS



Non-Perishable Food Items are always welcome. Please no expired items.

MILLCREEK'S DONATION BINS ARE LOCATED IN THE HALL LEADING TO THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM.

MEMBER CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE MILITARY—please support with your prayers, cards, etc.

--Lt **JOSH WEIDMAN**

5507 Jadwin Loop

Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-1913

WEATHER ALERT

In case of bad weather, please listen to WLBR 1270AM for a notice of cancellation of church services. Also, you can check online at WGAL.com which has a less restrictive posting for church services than the on-air part of their operation.



Birthdays



- 1 Amy Moyer
- 3 LeAnna Capretti
- 4 Pat Sharp
- 5 Seth Kapp
- Shaun Kapp
- Ryan Risser
- Bambi Griffe
- 8 Layne Strickler
- Scott Johnson
- 10 Brett Flory
- 11 Dotti Hoglund
- 12 Nicholas Kitsch
- 15 Scott Wartluft
- Bob Scipioni
- 16 Joseph Tice
- 18 Mark Sova
- 19 Nathan Tracy
- Kathy Madara

- Joan Zerby
- 21 Brigitta Scheib
- 22 Matthew Kapp
- Kathy Custer
- 23 Lois Garloff
- Kiya Kahl
- Angie Bentz
- 24 Rachelle Keath
- 25 Stephanie Sheetz
- Donna Collins
- 29 Michele Angstadt
- 30 Frank Wolfskill
- 31 Alissa Griffe

To be included on the birthday list, please submit your name by placing a note in the Newsletter mailbox in the church office, calling 610-655-7692, or emailing us at:

Newsletter@millcreeklutheran.com.

Also, if a name should be removed from the list, or a correction made, please use one of the above ways to notify us. Thank you

CONGRATULATIONS

Nathan Hepler received his Ph.D. in Biology from Pennsylvania State University on Sunday, December 21, 2019. Congratulations!! His parents are **Kent and Tammy Hepler** and grandmother **Violet Hepler**.

YOU'RE INVITED

St. Luke Lutheran Church, Schaefferstown invites you to join them in **Taize' Worship at 7 PM** (meditative reading, singing, prayer, and quiet time with God) on the following Sunday dates:

January 5, February 9, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, 2020

Musicians

The **Zion Methodist Concert Band /Brass Ensemble** 2020 schedule for rehearsals and performances is as follows:

-Rehearsals (9:00 AM) – February 1, 8, 15, 22

Concert Band Service at Zion Methodist, Myerstown – Sunday, February 23

-Rehearsals for Brass Ensemble (9:00 AM) – March 23, April 4, 11

Brass Ensemble Service – Easter Sunday, April 12

-Rehearsals (9:00 AM) – April 25, May 2, 9, 16

Concert Band Service at Stoneridge – Sunday, May 17 at 1:00 PM

If you play an instrument and would like to participate in this ministry, contact Brian Klinger at 717-926-1352 for more information.



THYME WITH DEBBIE

Instructional classes about seasonal ingredients and flavors in the kitchen

January to June 2020 Schedule

This year, we will be exploring the world of Mediterranean foods. Foods that are healthy and satisfying, filled with the flavors of the region 's bountiful herbs, spices, and fresh produce will all be explored. Come and join us on our edible journey to the Mediterranean.

January 14: Meze — Tapas — Snacks

Whether you are a Super Bowl fan looking for some tasty Sunday night options or a fan of snacks (who isn't?), this class has a lot to offer you. We will tackle the Mediterranean's approach to small plates, or tapas or meze, which will leave you feeling satisfied and rethinking your favorite football snacks. Snow date is January 16.

February 11: Zuppa! Soups to Warm You on Chilly Nights

Mediterranean soups range from the lighter soups of Europe to the heartier soups of the Middle East and Northern Africa. Join us as we travel the many byways of the Mediterranean to explore the world of regional soups. Snow date is February 13.

March 17: Flatbreads and Spreads

Flatbreads are a major part of the Mediterranean diet. They don't get soggy, and they make great sandwiches or a conduit for dips. We will create assorted flatbreads from the Middle East. Of course, we "knead" something to put on our flatbread, so we will highlight assorted Middle Eastern spreads. Snow date is March 19.

April 21: Eggs by Many Other Names

You might say frittata, or tortilla Espanola, or maybe omelet. The names may change, but the versatile use of eggs stays the same. Join us as we explore how eggs are used in the regions of the Mediterranean.

May 19: Grain Bowls

Bowl food may be at peak popularity, but they are a useful and delicious change for how we introduce whole grains and veggies into our diet. Come learn how to create grain bowls using whole grains, vegetables and fruits. With a few simple techniques, you will be creating your own bowls using the best produce the growing season provides.

June 9: The Boon of June:

Fruit Refreshers Abundant throughout the Mediterranean, we will look at serving the ever-changing fruits of the season in a variety of ways, like sorbets, salads, and more, to beat the approaching summer heat. Come and savor the summer's sweetest refreshment — fruit — with us.

Register at www.THYMEWITHDEBBIE.com/schedule.

Class cost: \$22.00, Class package (register for all six classes): \$120.00

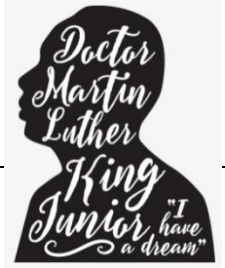
All classes are held at Millcreek Lutheran Church located at 221 North Sheridan Road, Newmanstown, PA 17073.

www.THYMEWITHDEBBIE.com

Contact Debbie Hartman at thymewithdebbie@gmail.com | 484-577-6695

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

MILLCREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH



January 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3 11:30-12:30 Community Meal LCCM-ELCO	4
5 -Council -Undecorate 7:00 Taize' @ St. Luke's, Sch'town	6	7	8 2:00 Evangelism Meeting 7:00 Choir	9	10 11:30-12:30 Community Meal LCCM-ELCO	11 8:00 Breakfast at Country Fare
12 Children Sing	13	14 Cooking Classes AM & PM	15 Deadline for February Parish Echo 7:00 Choir	16	17 11:30-12:30 Community Meal LCCM-ELCO	18
19	20 MARTIN LUTHERAN KING JR. DAY	21	22 7:00 Choir	23	24 11:30-12:30 Community Meal LCCM-ELCO	25 Lebanon Bologna Fest & Winter Carnival
26 -Communion -Congregation Lunch & Meeting	27	28	29 7:00 Choir	30	31 11:30-12:30 Community Meal LCCM-ELCO	

FLOWERS & BULLETINS

2020 sign-up sheets are available in the narthex. Suggested donation for flowers is \$25 and donation for bulletins is \$10.

LISTEN TO MILLCREEK'S SERVICES WHEN YOU CANNOT ATTEND IN PERSON.

Listen to our worship service Sunday mornings at 10:15 AM. Just dial 717-628-0125. The number is a local call for the ELCO School District, plus Womelsdorf, Frystown, and Lebanon. It is a long distance call for all other areas. You will hear a message welcoming you to Millcreek. At that point you are connected to our church sound system, and as long as you stay on the line, you will hear everything coming through the sound system in the church sanctuary.