

Christ's Corner on the News

MAY
2025

MAY EVENTS

Sun., May 4

- ♦ Brunch & Silent Auction @ CELC
- ♦ UYG REMIX Lesson @ CELC
5:30 -7:30 pm

Fri., May 9-10

CML Youth Retreat

Sun. May 11

Mother's Day

- ♦ Mother's Day Coffee Hour
- ♦ Faith Lab – UIC from 4-6pm

Mon., May 12

Bishop's Open Golf Classic
@ Susqu. Valley Country Club

Tues., May 13

Luther Day at the Capitol

Wed. May 14 & 28

Theology on Tap – 6-8pm
@ Rusty Rail, Mifflinburg

Sun., May 18

UYG Year End Meal Celebration
5:30 -7:30 pm @ CELC

Mon., May 26

- Memorial Day
- ♦ Church Office closed

We'll be honoring our talented students from this congregation on **Graduate Recognition Sunday, June 1st**. If anyone from your family is graduating this year, please contact the Church Office and let us know their name, school, degree and future plans for inclusion in the June newsletter.

KUNKEL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS for 2025-2026 will be mailed to returning college students and graduating high school students later this month. The Kunkel Committee will meet in June to review the applications. Applications will be available on the Welcome Desk in the Atrium, on the church website and in the Church Office.

GERANIUM orders are being taken for anyone wishing to place a red bloom in the Sanctuary in honor of or in memory of a loved one on Pentecost Sunday. Geraniums cost \$8.00 for each plant and order forms may be found in this newsletter, on the Welcome Desk in the Atrium or on the church webpage. The deadline for orders is **Mon., May 12, 2025**. Plants may be taken home at the conclusion of the worship service on Pentecost or left to be planted around the church building for the summer season.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Memorial Day, **May 26, 2025**.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism...By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Thanksgiving for Baptism, ELW p.97

Dear Christ's Lutheran,

One of the things I love in the season of Easter is our celebration of baptism and the Thanksgiving for Baptism we use. Baptism is one of two sacraments that we hold in the Lutheran church, the other being the Eucharist. Sacraments have three key elements that define them as such: 1) a sacrament is something that Jesus commanded us to do; 2) uses a physical element that comes from the earth; and 3) is connected to God's promise of faith. Both Holy Communion and Baptism are foundational to our faith as expressions of relationship with God and with one another. Baptism is not merely a symbolic act or a rite of passage but is a means of grace through which God forgives our sins, grants us new life, and brings us into the community of faith!

In Baptism, by water and Word, we are freed from sin and death and made anew as children of God. In Romans, Paul emphasizes the death of the old and the making of the new: "³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through Baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life" (Romans 6:3-4). To Paul, Baptism is the breathing (or washing) of new life and that in order for this new life to be had, we must also die. While Paul makes the connection to death, Luke calls it forgiveness of sins and 1 Peter views it as new birth: "For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God" (1 Peter 1:23). These words from scripture direct us to understand that we are fundamentally changed and reformed by God and through God! Baptism is dying and rising again to new life every single day.

Martin Luther once said that Baptism is something we "return to daily". Every day we remember that we are baptized children of God and regardless of what we face in life, we are assured of God's unshakeable promise and gift of grace. Throughout this Easter season, take time to reflect on your own baptism. Recall the words that were spoken over you, words that tell us *who* we are and *whose* we are—"Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever!" Whether you were baptized many years ago or recently, Easter reminds us that God's grace is always alive and always at work within us. Alleluia! Christ is risen—and in Him, we rise too. Thanks be to God for the gift of baptism and the new life it brings!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Katy

MAY 80+ BIRTHDAYS

3 Robert Meckley, Jr.
8 Connie May
17 Roland Bostian
19 Dave Heberlig
20 Helen Clever
24 Raymond Davenport
25 Wilmer Leinbach
31 Paules Gibson

MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1 Rick & Laurie Slear
15 Willam & Janet Ehmann Jr.
18 Kyle & Sarah Mumper
22 Don & Vickie Reichenbach
23 Rich & Donna Kuczawa
24 Tom & Beckie Stahlnecker
24 Joanne & Brian Vasey
30 Kyle & Kristin Herb

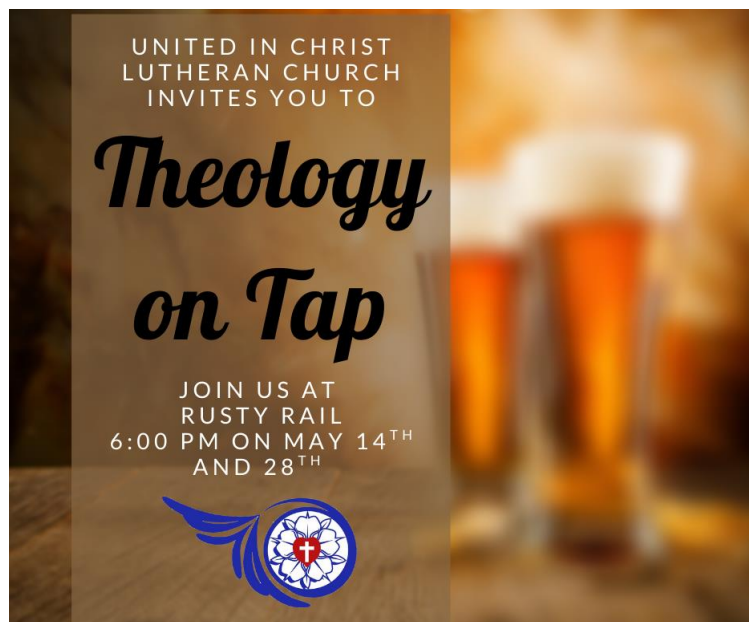
We celebrated the baptism of **Adeline Corinne Edwards** on Sunday, April 27th. Her parents are Richard & Gwen Edwards.



Memorials have been received in memory of **Ethel Snook** from Bill & Carle Bollinger and Jen and Jackie Goff all of Lewisburg.

Memorials have been received in memory of **Joe Keller** from Helen Clever, Bill & Carole Bollinger, Kimber & Lori Benshoff and Jen & Jackie Goff all of Lewisburg; Tom, Bonnie & Cori Hetherington of Watsontown; Blair Bice of Alexandria, LA.

A memorial was received from John Stockdale, Sr. of Lewisburg in loving memory of his wife, **Peggy Stockdale** and son, **Tim Stockdale**.



MAY NEWSLETTER INFORMATION FOR FAITH FORMATION

Brunch/Silent Auction for the Summer Mission Trip – **Sunday, May 4 - 10:30 am to noon** this festive fund-raiser will take place in the lower church hall. Doors open right after the worship service, and you can start bidding on the silent auction items at that time. The meal will be various egg casseroles, fruits, tossed salad, muffins, various other pastries, and assorted beverages.

Bidding on the silent auction items ends at 11:45 am. The tickets have a suggested donation of \$10.00 for adults, and \$5.00 for children aged 3 to 10. We are also looking for donated items for the silent auction. The auction items can be a service you are willing to provide, an item that you made, or something that you bought and want to give. All mission trip participants are asked to help by bringing muffins or pastries, supplying an item or two for the silent auction, and setting up, serving, and cleaning up. Other youth are welcome to come and help also. For the confirmation students this can count as service hours! We will begin setting up and make some of the food items on Saturday, May 3 at 5:00 pm. If you have any questions - please see Charlene.



UNITED YOUTH GROUP – In the month of May, we will be meeting at Christ's Lutheran. On the 4th, we will be doing the last remix lesson about being created to be disciples. Bring your own dinner/snack and beverage, and Bible. On the 18th, we will have a dinner celebration to finish out the school year. Everyone should bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. These gatherings are for youth in 6th through 12th grade, and they run from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.



YOUTH OVERNIGHT RETREAT – The United Youth Group will join with youth from Christ's for an overnight retreat at Camp Mount Luther on Friday, May 9th. We will play games, have a campfire, and clean our sponsored cabin. We will meet in Pine Village at 6:30 pm. The cost per youth is \$40.00. Sign up for this retreat on the bulletin board by May 1st. The retreat ends with a nerf war with the Christ Community United Methodist Church youth in Selinsgrove. Pick up from CCUMC at 8 pm on Saturday. If youth can only come for part of it that is fine, just talk to Charlene!



BUFFALO VALLEY FAITH LAB

Date:		Location:
September 8	FLC	
October 13	CELC	
November 10	UIC	
December 8	MLC	
January 12	CELC	
February 9	UIC	
March 9	MLC	
April 13	CELC	
May 11	UIC	
June 8	MLC	

Milton Lutheran Church (MLC) 1125 Mahoning Street Milton, PA 17847	Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) 100 N. Third Street Lewisburg, PA 17837	United In Christ Lutheran Church (UIC) 1875 Churches Road Lewisburg, PA 17837	Faith Lutheran Church (FLC) 2349 Old Turnpike Rd Lewisburg, PA 17837
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FAITH LAB – the combined educational program with Christ's, Milton, and UIC is continuing in May with the *Love that Never Ends*. They will meet on Sunday the 11th at United In Christ Lutheran from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Even if you have not joined us before all children in preschool through 6th grade are invited to join us. Parents also have their own bible study with the same stories that their children are learning. We end our time together with a meal.

LOOK AHEAD TO THE SUMMER - It is not too early to plan for the summer. Here is a week that families should put on your calendar – July 14-18 - **DAY CAMP WEEK**. It will be at



**SUMMER
DAY CAMP**

JULY 14-18 • 9AM-3PM
 1125 MAHONING STREET, MILTON, PA
FOR STUDENTS COMPLETING GRADES K-5
REGISTER TODAY!
WWW.MYVBS.ORG/MILTONLUTHERANCHURCHES

Milton Lutheran Church, and we are doing it in conjunction with Milton Lutheran and United In Christ Lutheran. We will have staff from Camp Mount Luther to lead us. It is for children who are currently in kindergarten through 5th grade. It runs from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm each day. The theme for the week is "Who are you Jesus?" It will be a fun week of bible stories, crafts, games, and special activities! Lunches will be provided, and registration is free! Registration forms are at www.myvbs.org/miltonlutheranchurches. Registration deadline is July 1st.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR CAMP YET? There are many different programs to choose from; traditional camps, specialty camps, and family camp. Camp Mount Luther's early registration deadline is April 15th. The church is providing members who are going half their cost up to \$250.00. Register at www.campmountluther.org/summer-camp/.

FROM THE MUSIC TEAM... BRANDY & JOANNE

Proposed Worship Schedule for May

(Subject to change based on availability of singers and instrumentalists)

Sunday, May 4 - *Third Sunday of Easter - ELW Setting 3*

9:30 am worship - Anthems - TBA

Sunday, May 11 - *Fourth Sunday of Easter - ELW Setting 3*

9:30 am worship - Communion anthem by Pop-Up Choir

"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead us" - ELW # 789

Additional anthems - TBA

Sunday, May 18 - *Fifth Sunday of Easter - ELW Setting 3*

9:30 am worship - Pre-Service Music by Parish Peal Handbell Choir

Offertory anthem by Youth Drumming Ensemble

Additional anthems - TBA

Sunday, May 25 - *Sixth Sunday of Easter - ELW Setting 3*

9:30 am worship - Communion Anthem by Pop-Up Choir

"Come, We That Love the Lord" (We're Marching To Zion) - ELW # 625

Additional anthems - TBA



Choir & Ensemble Info - Contact Brandy & Joanne

- 1) Pop-Up Choir** - All interested singers welcome! This is an unrehearsed choir, but we are always willing to rehearse with anyone interested. See Pop-Up Choir anthem selections listed with the proposed worship schedule for May. Please check weekly bulletins for updates.
- 2) Parish Peal Handbell Choir** - Tentative date to ring is Sunday, May 18. Ringers should watch for e-mail communication regarding rehearsals and updates.
- 3) Youth Drumming/Orff/Chime Ensemble** - Tentative date to share an offertory anthem in worship is Sunday, May 18. Rehearsals will continue during the Sunday school hour.
- 4) Parish Choir** - Pending interest and availability of singers, a tentative date for Parish Choir to share an anthem in worship is June 8 (The Day of Pentecost). Please stay tuned for more details.
- 5) Children & Family Choir** - All pre-school and early elementary children welcome! Next date to sing TBA. Families are asked to share their schedules with Brandy so a date to sing in worship can be determined.
- 6) Special Music** - Folks in the congregation are always welcome to provide anthems for worship. Anthems may be vocal and/or instrumental. All ages and experience levels welcome! Some advance notice is appreciated for planning purposes. There are several places in the worship service that special music can be placed even if a choir or ensemble is already scheduled.

Stay Tuned for May - More info will be forthcoming regarding music ministries for May. At the time of the newsletter deadline, we were in the midst of preparations for Holy Week and Easter. Please watch upcoming announcements in weekly bulletins or feel free to contact us. Thanks, Joanne & Brandy

Thanks to all musicians who enhanced our Lenten and Easter season services by sharing your vocal and instrumental talents in worship. Your participation in the music ministry of CELC is appreciated.

Worship Assistants for May 2025

9:30 am	May 4 3 Easter	May 11 4 Easter	May 18 5 Easter	May 25 6 Easter
Worship Asst.	Joseph Martin	Sarah Patte	Heather Miller	Dale Biesecker
Lector	Carole Bollinger	Ken Stitley	Beverly Harvey	Tim Goff
Acolytes	Violet Hauck Aaron Hershberger	Lilly Patte Marie Winder	Ruth Miller Maddy Hauck	Olivia Koontz Ellis Reed
Communion Ushers	Tim Goff Cordell Dean	Mel Wunder Judy Cotner	Laura Faux Beckie Stahlnecker	Ken Stitley Jim Snyder
Communion Assistants	Patti Faux	Tess Trowbridge	Rick Faux	Laura Faux
Usher Team	Colleen Nevil Laura Adams	Rick Slear Tim Varney	Cherie Jarrett Mary Lou Shedden	Oliver Patte Rick Faux
Welcome Desk	Jackie Cvik	Robertta Winder	Laura Adams	Pam Baker
Communion Pourers	Darlene Rowe	Jackie Goff	Mark & Adelyn Elliott	Colleen Nevil Rick Slear
Altar Guild	Jackie Goff			
CPIC	Bill Borys			

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TAKE NOTE: Please check in with the Council person in charge (CPIC) when you arrive on Sunday morning to serve. If you are unable to be here, please try to switch with someone else ahead of time if possible. If changes have been made or assistance is needed, please call the Church Office at 570-524-0745 or email christchurch@dejazzd.com. Thank you-God bless you abundantly for your service to Christ and His Church!



DAY OF PENTECOST RED GERANIUM ORDER FORM 2025

The Day of Pentecost is Sunday, June 8, 2025. Our Church Sanctuary will be decorated with bright red geraniums to commemorate the day when the promised Holy Spirit came in power and with tongues of fire resting upon the gathered disciples of Jesus Christ. Please consider donating plants in memory of or in honor of your loved ones for that special festival Sunday. Each geranium plant costs \$8.00. When you order your geraniums, please indicate whether you will pick up the plant(s) or leave them to be planted around the church building. Plants will be available for pickup at the conclusion of the worship service that day or during office hours beginning Mon., June 9th through Thurs., June 12th.

All orders with payment must be received in the Church Office by Monday, May 12, 2025. Please mail your order to the church or place your order in the Church Secretary's mailbox. Thank you!



Name _____ Envelope # _____

Telephone # _____

I wish to order # _____ geraniums at \$8.00 each.

Total enclosed \$ _____ (Please make checks out to Christ's Lutheran Church)

I will pick up plants _____ **OR** I will leave them to be planted at the church _____

Plant(s) given in loving memory of _____

By _____

Thank you for your order and for supporting the ministries of Christ's Lutheran!



Join **Camp Mount Luther for the second alumni work weekend.** We invite alumni of all ages to bring their family and join us for a day or for the whole weekend. Our goal is to help prepare camp for the summer season, serving and worshipping together in (what once was) our summer home! This weekend will intersect with our traditional work-day on Saturday as well. Stay in a cabin for the weekend or come for the day Saturday, and help make this a new tradition. Together we'll help build the foundation for a strong future at CML! To register, go to: <https://campmountluther.campbrainregistration.com/>

If you would like to come up and clean a cabin or help out on Saturday, the alumni staff organizers invite you to join them on May 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There is no charge to be there during the day on Saturday from those hours. Please RSVP by May 12 if you plan to stay for lunch.

**BISHOP'S OPEN
GOLF CLASSIC**

to benefit

**CAMP MOUNT
LUTHER**

May 12, 2025
**Susquehanna Valley
Country Club**

This fundraiser benefits the camp's ministry in running a summer camp for children, youth, & families.

Shotgun start time is 12:30 p.m.

Registration with lunch begins at 11:30 a.m.

Sponsorships as well as individual registrations are currently being solicited.

To register online or for more information go to the camp's website or contact the camp office at (570) 922-1587.