

CHRIST'S CORNER ON THE NEWS

July/August 2025



July Events

1	Deadline for CML Day Camp
4	Independence Day Church Office Closed
14-18	Summer Day Camp
20	Williamsport Crosscutters Game @ 4:05pm
20 - 26	Youth Mission Trip - Ohio

August Events

3 & 10	Kunkel Scholarships awarded @ 9:30am
17	Church Picnic 1pm – 4pm Kelly Crossroads Community Park
30	Dandelion Trail Run @ 9am

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July 80+ Birthdays

4 Kathy Gibson

August 80+ Birthdays

2 Shirley Wittes
3 Carole Bollinger

July Wedding Anniversaries

5 Laura & Jody Adams
29 Tim & Kim Eshelman
30 Dennis & Bonnie Meckley
30 Sam & Sharon Stroh

August Wedding Anniversaries

4	Greg & Elissa Koontz	17	Tom & Bonnie Hetherington
7	James & Judith Cotner	19	Carol & Paul Brann
7	John & Donna Hafer	19	David & Tara Michaels
11	Jim & Karen Snyder	23	Ben & Marian Thomas III
11	Richard & Gwen Edwards		

HOMEBOUND VISITS: If there is a member you know who is homebound and you think would like a visit please 1) confirm with the people that they actually want a home visit, 2) make sure you have a current address and phone number for that person and 3) contact the church office to have them put on the visitation list.

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¹³ And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

Genesis 28: 13-17

Dear Christ's Lutheran,

Often times, we expect to meet God only in the sanctuary—under stained glass, between the pews, among our hymns and candles. We might think that there are certain conditions that need to be met before we can encounter God fully. But this passage from Genesis reminds us that God will meet us even in the most unlikely of places. Here, Jacob is on the run and full of uncertainty—he stops for the night in the middle of nowhere, with nothing but a rock for his pillow. Far from home and comfort, he encounters the living God in a dream: a ladder reaching to heaven, angels ascending and descending, and the Lord speaking a promise of presence and protection.

When Jacob wakes up, he declares, ""Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" We all traverse through these wilderness moments. Perhaps you find yourselves in one now—navigating uncertainty, anxiety, or change. But like Jacob, we discover that God is not confined to temples, sanctuaries, or traditions. God is not limited or confined to the places that *we* label "holy". Our Lord is wherever we are, *especially* in those unexpected places—workplaces, kitchen tables, hospitals, meandering trails, and quiet moments in the dark. Scripture shows us again and again that God meets people in wildernesses, on mountainsides, by wells, on roads, and even in prison cells. **Every single place can be seen as holy when we recognize God's presence in it.**

This does not take away the beauty of the church building or our sacred practices. Instead, it invites us to expand our awareness—every encounter with grace, every act of love, every moment we notice God's hand at work becomes a "Bethel"—a house of God, a thin place where heaven and earth meet. As our summer takes us to new and different places—on vacation, to visit family, or even just going outside—take the time to look around and ask yourself, "Where is God meeting me here? How is God meeting me in this moment?" Perhaps, it's in a mountain view, a quiet morning, or a conversation with a stranger. Holy spaces aren't always built—they're revealed to us, as we open our hearts and our minds. I invite you to slow down and notice the sacred in your daily life. This summer, may you carry the awareness of God's presence with you. Whether you find yourself at a cabin, in a pew, or somewhere in between—know that God is already there and calls it holy because you are there, too.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Katy

A MEMORIAL GIFT has been received in memory Ed Nye from Chapter #394 Order of the Eastern Star of Milton, PA.

MEMORIAL GIFTS have been received in memory Theron (Tex) Winter from Jackie Cvik, Ben & Marian Thomas of Lewisburg; Tom & Beckie Stahlnecker, the Central Susquehanna Valley Dental Society both of Selinsgrove; John & Sharon Adami of Milton; Lisa & Dave Engle of Dushore and Connie Mildrew of Watsontown, PA.

July & August Faith Formation Information

DAY CAMP WEEK – July 14-18, (*runs from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm*)

This summer we'll be combining efforts with Camp Mount Luther, United in Christ Lutheran, and Milton Lutheran church for our Day Camp. It will be held at Milton Lutheran Church. It's for children who have finished Kindergarten through 5th grade. We'll be using the camp curriculum of Who are you Jesus?. There will be faith formation activities, crafts, games, music, and lunch. Registration information can be found at www.MYVBS.ORG/MILTONLUTHERANCHURCHES. Thanks to those who donated items and/or money for the crafts and bread making.



YOUTH MISSION TRIP –



Thanks for all your support in helping the United Youth Group go on this fantastic faith-forming trip where they can live out their faith in service to others. We ask for your continual prayers. We'll be going to Toledo, Ohio and working with the Service Learning Camps organization. The dates are Sun., July 20 through Sat., July 26. We'll leave from St. Paul's United Methodist Church on Sunday by noon, work hard all week, and return mid-afternoon on Saturday. Please keep the group in your prayers for a safe and productive week.

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER – It's not too late to register for camp this summer. The theme for this year is Who are you Jesus?. July 6 through 11 is the water adventure week where we'll do a lot of water activities. July 27 through August 1 is basic camp programming. To register go online at www.campmountluther.org. The church gives camperships to those members who attend. Talk to Tom Stahlnecker or Charlene for details.



From the Music Team - Joanne & Brandy

Invitation for Special Music this Summer

Folks in the congregation are encouraged to share their musical talents with the congregation this summer. All ages and experience levels welcome! Anthems may be vocal and/or instrumental. Anthems need not be fancy or complicated. There are several options for placement - Music for Gathering, Prelude, Offertory, and Communion. Musicians may fill one or more options as desired. Please sign the sheet on the Worship & Music Bulletin Board in the hallway and also contact Joanne. Advance notice is appreciated as bulletin info is sent to the church office by late Tuesday night. Grab your friends and family members!

Summer Pop-Up Choirs

There will be some Pop-Up Choirs this summer to provide the communion anthem. There is no definite schedule at this time. Anthems will be familiar hymns which reflect the readings and liturgical theme of the day. All interested singers are welcome! All ages and experience levels. Simply come forward when indicated in the bulletin and grab a binder. Folks not comfortable singing an alto, tenor or bass part may stay on the familiar melody.

Summer Handbell Ensemble

Hoping to organize a handbell ensemble to provide special music this summer. There is no definite date at this time. Ringers should watch for e-mail and reply as indicated. For more info, contact Joanne.

Thank You!

Thanks to our rehearsed choirs/ensembles for their participation in worship this past season. The following choirs/ensembles are currently on break for the summer - Parish Choir, Parish Peal Handbell Choir, Youth Drumming Ensemble and Children/Family Choir.



Grace Notes - Tidbits you may or may not know regarding elements of worship

We all know that hymns have titles. Just open any hymnal and you're sure to find a hymn with a title at the top. If you have an ELW hymnal close at hand, turn to ELW # 423. The title of this hymn is "Shall We Gather at the River", a well-known familiar hymn written by Robert Lowry. Robert Lowry was an American poet, gospel music composer and Baptist minister. (Yes, the same Robert Lowry with ties to Lewisburg!)

What you may not know is that hymn tunes have names. Keep your hymnal open to ELW # 423. Now glance down at the bottom right corner. You will see the name HANSON PLACE. This is actually the name of the hymn tune. Hymn tune names are written in capital letters. Composers of hymn tunes name their tunes based on an important place or event in their lives. Some hymn tunes bear the last name of the composers themselves. HANSON PLACE is named for the original Hanson Place Baptist Church in Brooklyn where Robert Lowry often served as a Baptist minister.

Special Music Thank You!

Thanks to the following choir and individuals who have provided special music so far this summer - Parish Choir, Pop-Up Choir, Brandy Aguirre and Barbara Hoffman.

Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry



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A message from the Stewardship Committee,

As we head into summer and we begin to enjoy the season and relax, the Stewardship Committee is asking that our members and friends take time to reflect on the ways that you are connected here at Christ's Lutheran Church. Is it through your time, talent, or offerings? Perhaps it's one or two ways, or maybe you're participating using all three. Generously giving of your time, talents, and other forms of service allow us to feel connected to our church and the body of Christ. Perhaps there is a committee you're interested in serving on. Maybe you're feeling led to participate in many opportunities there are during a Sunday service, such as usher, lector, communion, music, sound and video. These are just a few of the opportunities available for you to give of your time and talents. For more information about the ways to serve contact any of our council members, Brenda in the office, or Pastor Katy and they will be happy to assist you. We are in the planning stages for a ministry fair to be held in the fall where there will be a wide variety of information and opportunities for you to explore.

Perhaps you are looking for a way to be able to contribute financially to our church this summer anytime, anywhere – even on the road. For those times we offer an easy, convenient way through on-line giving. You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving. It's a great option and just one click away. Get started by visiting our church website at

www.christlutheranlewisburg.org or scan the QR code



Thank you for your continued support! Your donations of time, talents, and offerings help us serve our community, share the gospel and grow together in faith.

Worship Assistants for July 2025

9:30 am	<i>July 6 4 Pentecost</i>	<i>July 13 5 Pentecost</i>	<i>July 20 6 Pentecost</i>	<i>July 27 7 Pentecost</i>
Worship Asst.	Sarah Patte	Dale Biesecker	Heather Miller	Joseph Martin
Lector	Rick Faux	Beckie Stahlnecker	Carole Bollinger	Devlynn Williams
Acolytes	Lilly Patte Marie Winder	Violet Hauck Olivia Koontz	Ruth Miller Maddy Hauck	Aaron Hershberger Lilley Tillson
Communion Ushers	Colleen Nevil Tim Apple	Mel Wunder Judy Cotner	Diane Miller Beckie Stahlnecker	Jim Snyder Ken Stitley
Communion Assistants	Patti Faux	Tess Trowbridge	Laura Faux	Bill Borys
Usher Team	Tim Goff & Wayne Hook	Colleen Nevil Laura Adams	Rick Faux & Tim Varney	Cherie Jarrett Mary Lou Shedden
Welcome Desk	Roberta Winder	Pam Baker	Laura Adams	Jackie Cvik
Communion Pourers	Jackie Goff	Mark & Adelyn Elliott	Colleen Nevil	Darlene Rowe
Altar Guild	Diane Miller			
CPIC	Tim Apple			

A special thank you to all who serve as Worship Assistants:

Thanks to all of you for being so faithful and willing to serve! Your help in assisting with worship services is fundamental to our church community as we worship God through scripture, prayer, and the sacraments. Your support makes our church services possible every Sunday. Whether you are a worship assistant, one of the people who assist me with scheduling worship assistants or a member of the sound recording team...I am so thankful for your help.

Brenda Boyer, Church Secretary

Worship Assistants for August 2025

9:30 am	August 3 8 Pentecost	August 10 9 Pentecost	August 17 10 Pentecost	August 24 11 Pentecost	August 31 12 Pentecost
Worship Asst.	Sarah Patte	Dale Biesecker	Heather Miller	Joseph Martin	Sarah Patte
Lector	Beverly Harvey	Ken Stitley	Jim Snyder	Tim Goff	Beckie Stalnecker
Acolytes	Lilly Patte Olivia Koontz	Marie Winder Aaron Hersberger	Claire Hershberger Ruth Miller	Maddy Hauck Ellis Reed	Violet Hauck Devlynn Williams
Communion Ushers	Tim Goff Cordell Dean	Mel Wunder Diane Miller	Tim Apple Judy Cotner	Bill Borys Beckie Stahlnecker	Jim Snyder Ken Stitley
Communion Assistants	Patti Faux	Tess Trowbridge	Rick Faux	Laura Faux	Gregg Wetzel
Usher Team	Tim & Carol Apple	Jerry & Julie Albright	Tess Trowbridge Jackie Cvik	Bill & Deedee Wagner	Tim Goff Laura Faux
Welcome Desk	Bill & DeDee Wagner	Roberta Winder	Laura Adams	Pam Baker	Jackie Cvik
Communion Pourers	Jackie Goff	Mark & Adelyn Elliott	Colleen Nevil	Darlene Rowe	Jackie Goff
Altar Guild		Jackie Goff			
CPIC		Heather Miller/Joseph Martin			

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!



*You're
invited*

Church PICNIC

1pm – 4 pm

SUNDAY, 17TH AUGUST
FOOD | FUN | GAMES

Kelly Crossroads Community Park 1925 Fort Titzell Rd. Lewisburg

Meat and drinks will be supplied.

Bring a covered dish to share, your own place settings & chairs.
There's a ball field (so bring your glove & bat) & playground for all to enjoy.

Dandelion Trail Run

Camp Mount Luther is hosting a benefit 5K and 10K entry-level trail run race, "The Dandelion Run," on Saturday, August 30, 2025. The race starts at 9:00 a.m. with "day of" registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. Cost is \$35. To register, visit:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Mifflinburg/DandelionRun5k10kTrailRace>.

Register by midnight, August 10, to receive a T-shirt

Runners decide on race day if they want to do a 5K or 10K but cannot change once the race starts. Finisher awards for all finishers.

The event also features a one-mile fun walk on a dirt road with the same registration fees and amenities. Following the race, there will be a Kids Fun Run! The age groups are 6 and under and 7 – 10. Special awards will be presented to every participant in the fun run.

The Dandelion Run, begun in 2002, is organized by Joel and Shelley Heasley of Middleburg, assisted by Shirley Heasley of Mifflinburg. The family started the race in memory of Rev. Glenn E. Heasley, Jr., former Assistant to the Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Glenn's favorite "flower" was the dandelion, because no matter what you do with them, they always rise again!



LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE PARK



SUNDAY, JULY 20 @ 4:05PM

Signup Deadline: Sunday, July 6th

Ticket Price: \$6/Person