

# Christ's Corner on the News



## IMPORTANT JUNE EVENTS

<b>6</b>	Synod Assembly @ Camp Mt. Luther
<b>10 &amp; 24</b>	Theology on Tap - 6 pm @ Rusty Rail, Mifflinburg
<b>7</b>	Graduate Recognition Sunday Strawberry Festival from 2-4 pm on Christ's Lutherans' front lawn
<b>21</b>	Father's Day – Pies for Guys Celebration of 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pastor Dale Biesecker's ordination (12pm-3pm)
<b>28</b>	Knoebel's Lutheran Picnic - When: 1:00pm Where: Pavilion U
<b>27</b>	Lewisburg's Veterans' 4 <sup>TH</sup> of July Parade & CELC Lemonade Stand <i>*More information about this event in upcoming Good News for Pews</i>

## June Wedding Anniversaries

6/1/63 - LeRoy & Maxine Gilbert	6/21/69 - Dave & Vicki Heberlig
6/6/92 - Gerald & Julie Albright	6/21/80 - Gregg & Debra Wetzel
6/8/13 - Adam & Amanda Geer	6/22/96 - Brian & Diane Miller
6/10/72 - Dale & Peggy Biesecker, Jr.	6/24/05 - Bill & DeDee Wagner
6/14/69 - Gary & Barbara Baylor	6/25/11 - Dan & Kailyn White
6/14/86 - Tim & Jackie Goff	6/26/65 - Bruce & Ruth Ann Wallis
6/18/78 - Mark & Adelyn Elliott	6/30/90 - Todd & Julie Stefan
6/19/93 - Tim & Carol Apple	

## JUNE 80+ BIRTHDAYS

5	Leola Dornsife	24	Patricia Pritchett
6	Marian Thomas	30	Judy Bechtel

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<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Colossians 2: 6-7

Dear Christ's Lutheran,

As summer begins to take shape around us, I often find myself reflecting on seasons of growth. As the church, we're entering into the time after Pentecost/Ordinary Time, where we focus on Jesus' ministry and growing in our faith. This is a season for spiritual reflection—a time for us to consider what roots us and what nourishes our relationship with God.

I have always loved the language in this passage from Colossians. Paul speaks of faith as something alive and growing. We are rooted in Christ like trees planted deeply into the earth. We are built up like a house strengthened by a solid foundation. Faith is not stagnant or motionless; it is something that continues to grow over time, shaped by experience, community, worship, prayer, and the presence of God moving through our lives.

When working at camp, we were expected to lead vespers (evening prayer) for our cabins each week. To help us learn how to do this, throughout our staff orientation we would model cabin vespers each night. One of my favorite parts of vespers at camp was the casual but intimate style of worship, how we could quietly but with intention open up in these incredibly vulnerable ways as we worshipped together. There was something profoundly sacred about gathering at the close of the day—sometimes sitting on cabin floors, sometimes outdoors under the trees or stars, often surrounded by the sounds of summer insects and crackling campfires. It was simple worship, but always deeply meaningful.

What made those moments so powerful was not elaborate planning or polished words. It was honesty. Camp had a way of helping people lower their guard. In those moments of prayer and reflection, people often shared things they had been carrying quietly for a long time: fears, doubts, hopes, grief, uncertainty, gratitude. Even in the stillness, God felt present.

My last year on staff, during orientation my co-cabin leader and I developed a vespers that we hoped would offer focus and centering for the staff we were leading it for. For this vespers, everyone was given an index card and were invited to write in pencil a word or two that they felt were holding them back from a relationship with God. They each had the opportunity to share if they wanted, and then they were encouraged to color over that word with colored pencils that represented different gifts and skills that we felt we offered to God and to God's ministry—especially there at camp. On the other side of the card, we then wrote in sharpie a word that represented what we felt helped connect us to a relationship with God. After this

vespers, the index cards were collected and each person was given a Bible verse that corresponded with their word in sharpie; the cards were then laminated and returned to them.

Seven years later, my index card still sits tucked into my Bible. I can no longer make out the word I wrote in pencil—I don't even remember what it might have been. Time and colored pencil has faded it completely away. But the word I wrote in sharpie was "rooted". God makes me feel rooted, grounded, and centered.

I find myself returning to this word over and over again. There have been seasons of my life when I have felt uncertain, overwhelmed, or pulled in too many directions. Seasons when faith felt easy and close, and times when it required more patience and trust and a little more work. Through all of it, that word has continued to remind me of what my relationship with God offers me: steadiness. Not a promise that life will always be easy or clear, but the reassurance that I do not walk through life alone.

I think that is part of what Paul is speaking to in Colossians. Faith is not only about what we believe intellectually; it is also about what sustains us, steadies us, and helps us continue walking forward. Our relationship with God offers many things: comfort, challenge, grace, purpose, belonging, peace, hope, accountability, and love. Yet each of us may find ourselves especially drawn to one aspect of that relationship in different seasons of life. For some, God may feel like a source of peace during anxious times. For others, God may offer direction when life feels uncertain. Some may experience God most strongly through community and belonging, while others may encounter God in solitude, prayer, music, service, or creation. Some seasons of faith are marked by growth and confidence; others are marked by questioning and searching. All of these experiences are still part of a faithful life.

What I appreciate about Paul's words is that he doesn't tell us to develop faith from scratch. He reminds us that we are already rooted in Christ. Roots are often invisible, hidden beneath the surface, quietly doing their work long before visible growth appears. Roots anchor us during storms. They draw nourishment when conditions are dry. Strong roots allow growth to continue even when circumstances are difficult. I think many of us spend time focusing on what is visible in our lives: accomplishments, responsibilities, schedules, expectations, productivity. But summer can offer an opportunity to pay attention to the roots instead. It can become a season to ask deeper spiritual questions.

Perhaps this summer is a season for rest. Perhaps it is a season for reconnection—with family, with church, with scripture, with prayer, or simply with yourself. Perhaps it is a season for healing. Perhaps it is a season for growth that is happening quietly beneath the surface, even if you cannot yet see the results.

And perhaps this summer is also a time to reflect on what we offer within our relationship with God. In that camp vespers, we did not only name the things holding us back; we also named the gifts and skills we brought to ministry and community. Sometimes we forget that relationships are not one-sided. God invites us not only to receive grace, but also to participate in God's work in the world through compassion, service, generosity, creativity, and love. Paul's image of being "built up" in faith reminds us that spiritual growth does not happen in isolation. We grow together. We strengthen one another. We become part of the foundation that helps others remain rooted too.

As we move through these summer months, I hope that we each make space to notice how God is nurturing growth within us already. That we allow ourselves time for reflection, renewal, and gratitude. That we tend carefully to the roots of our faith. And that we remember that even when growth feels slow or unseen, God is still at work beneath the surface.

Whatever this season holds for you—rest, travel, celebration, uncertainty, joy, grief, or transition—may you know that you are rooted in Christ. May you continue to be built up in faith and may you discover anew what it is that draws you closer to God and sustains you along the journey. May our hearts, as Paul writes, continue "abounding in thanksgiving."

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Katy

#### **MEMORIALS:**

A memorial has been received in memory of **Marian Jarrett** from Bill & Julie Borys of Lewisburg. A memorial has been received in memory of **Nelson Yost** from Bill & Julie Borys of Lewisburg. A memorial has been received in memory of **Ernie Gromlich** from Gary & Barbara Baylor of Lewisburg.

Please pray for the success of the **Annual Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly** at Camp Mount Luther on **June 6**. This year CELC will be sending Rick Slear, Trace Nevil, and Colleen Nevil as our representatives.

**AS IN YEARS PAST** we will combine the July and August church newsletters into one summer newsletter. The deadline for getting articles to be included is Monday, June 15. The July/August newsletter will be assembled and mailed out on Tuesday, June 23.

**CHRIST'S LUTHERAN CHURCH** will be participating the **Lewisburg Veteran's Parade, Saturday, June 27**. If you would like to help with the float or walk in the parade, please watch for details in the upcoming bulletins.

## Spiritual Growth Information

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CAMP

**Day Camp Week** – Milton Lutheran, United in Christ Lutheran, and Christ's Lutheran have joined forces with Camp Mount Luther to offer a Day Camp Program at Milton Lutheran Church. It will take place from July 27 through the 31 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Lunch is provided. It is for 1st through 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Older youth may volunteer to help! The theme for the week is **Wear Love**. There will be times for crafts, songs, games, and Bible study. We even take a field trip to Camp Mount Luther for a day. Registration is at [www.MYVBS.ORG/MILTONLUTHERANCHURCHES](http://www.MYVBS.ORG/MILTONLUTHERANCHURCHES).

**CAMP MOUNT LUTHER** – The theme for this summer is *Wear Love*. Early Registration deadline has passed, but you can still register to go. New this year are Tuesday Bible Studies for Adult. You come to camp in the morning for a Bible Study, stay for lunch, and then you can spend the afternoon exploring camp. Also, camp is holding a day camp at Faith Lutheran Church in June. This is especially nice for those who cannot come to the one we are holding at Milton. You simply go on-line at [www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org) to register. The church will offer financial assistance to offset the camp fees. See Tom Stahlnecker or Charlene if you have any questions.

**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES** – Recognition for them is during worship on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be a little reception afterwards.



### High Schoolers

- ❖ **Olivia Koontz** – Graduated from Lewisburg Area High School. Olivia will be attending Susquehanna University. She will be majoring in Elementary Education.
- ❖ **Oliver Patte** – Graduating from Mifflinburg Area High School.
- ❖ **Ellis Reed** – Graduated from Lewisburg Area High School. Will be attending Millersville University to study Early Childhood Education - pre-k - fourth grade.
- ❖ **Landon Tillson** – Graduating from Meadowbrook Christian School. He will be attending Bucknell University and pursue a degree in biomedical engineering. He will also be playing on their baseball team.

### College Graduates

- ❖ **Anna Baker** – Graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Science in Management. For the summer she will be in Indiana doing an internship with a restaurant.
- ❖ **Alex Koontz** – Graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in Finance and plans on becoming a financial planner.
- ❖ **Kennedie Lauver** - Graduated from Penn State University at Altoona with a Bachelor's Degree of Science in Business with a concentration in management and marketing and a minor in entrepreneurship. She plans to work in social media marketing and eventually teach business in high school.

## **From the Music Team - Joanne & Brandy**

### *Proposed Worship Schedule for June 2026*

**Sunday, June 7** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - WOV Setting # 5; Color - Green  
9:30 am worship - Anthems TBA

**Sunday, June 14** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - WOV Setting # 5; Color - Green  
9:30 am worship - Organ anthems by Barbara Hoffman

**Sunday, June 21** - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - WOV Setting # 5; Color - Green  
9:30 am worship - Anthems TBA

**Sunday, June 28** - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - WOV Setting # 5; Color - Green  
9:30 am worship - Communion Anthem by Pop-Up Choir –  
"Just As I Am, Without One Plea" - ELW # 592 (Tentative)

## **Choir/Ensemble Season Wrap-Up**

**Thanks** to choir and ensemble members of all ages for their participation in worship this past choir season. Choirs and ensembles included:

Children & Family Choir; Youth Drumming/Orff Ensemble; Parish Peal Handbell Choir/Handbell Ensemble; Parish Choir; Pop-Up Choir and Pop-Up Orchestra.

Your willingness to share your talents to enhance the worship service is appreciated! Most of our choirs/ensemble will be taking a break for the summer. There will be Pop-Up Choir at announced times and perhaps some smaller ensembles.

**Special thanks** to all instrumentalists who shared their talents with the Pop-Up Orchestra on May 31 as part of our Mini-Music Sunday. Great representation of all ages and instruments! Instruments included violins, viola, flutes, clarinets, trumpet, trombones, bassoon, piano, and organ. We hope to have this group involved in worship in the fall. Plan now to participate! Special thanks to Bob Lamparter for his work with the transpositions.

**Special Music for the Summer** - Musicians of all ages and experience levels are welcome and invited to provide special music during the summer months. Anthems may be vocal and/or instrumental. There are lots of options within the service where special music can be inserted. Sign the sheet on the W & M Bulletin Board and contact Joanne. Be creative with solos, duets, etc.

**Thanks** to Barbara Hoffman for her willingness to serve as substitute organist on June 14.

**Beacon Free Shop** - Beaver Memorial United Methodist church runs the Beacon Free Shop on the third Saturday of the month. They give away personal care items, and cleaning products to families in need. They serve approximately 85 families a month. They are always in search of donations. We at Christ's are going to select an item or two per month to help fill their shelves. For the month of June, we are asking for donations of **soap and shampoo**. There is a basket in in the atrium for you to put your donations in. Thank you very much.



**Strawberry Festival**  
**Sunday, June 7th**  
**2:00 PM - 4:00 pm**  
**at Christ's Lutheran, Lewisburg**  
**on the Church Lawn**

If it rains we will gather in the church in the Atrium and parlor.



UNITED IN CHRIST  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
INVITES YOU TO

*Theology  
on Tap*

JOIN US AT RUSTY RAIL  
6:00 PM ON  
June 10<sup>th</sup> and June 24<sup>th</sup>



# Women's Outreach Works

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."  
Henry Ford

## Together with Tea



An afternoon to Connect,  
Refresh, and Be Inspired

RSVP

Miriam Milbrand  
570-490-3403

Wednesday  
June 10, 2026

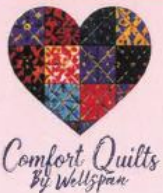
Doors open @ 1:00 PM

Event: 1:30-3:30 PM

At the

New Berlin Fireman's Social Hall  
416 Liberty Street,  
New Berlin

FEATURING SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS BY:



**FIERCE  
LOVE  
4 GOOD**

Project ♥ Linus



We'd love to have you join us on **Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>** at **1:30** for Please mark your calendars to join us for an "afternoon tea" (or coffee) and scones, goodies, little sandwiches, and other treats.

Three presenters will be sharing their ministries and how we can support them. There's no fee to attend, but there are opportunities to donate to these three amazing organizations:

- **Fierce Love 4 Good** – They fill Angel Packs for individuals being freed from sex trafficking. Items needed include: manicure sets, combs & brushes, travel-size shampoo and conditioners, this 5x7 journals (Dollar Tree), plain sweatshirts, sports bras (extra small to 2X)

- **Project Linus** – This ministry supplies handmade coverings to seriously ill or traumatized children birth to 18. Items needed are good cotton material, and any color yarn (not wool).

- **Comfort Quilts** – These caring volunteers create handmade quilts and pillow cases for terminally ill patients at Well Span Hospital. You can support this ministry by helping to tie the quilt at the back of the social hall on June 10th, or make your own quilt at home with the info they provide.

Any church organization is once again encouraged to bring information or samples of your ministries to display on the tables provided.

**RSVP** Miriam Milbrand at [psteacher21@yahoo.com](mailto:psteacher21@yahoo.com) or call 570-490-3403 **before May 31<sup>st</sup>** to reserve a spot of tea for you and your friends.

Christ's, Lewisburg will be hosting a celebration for **Pr. Dale Biesecker's 50<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary**. It will be an open house event on **Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>** from **noon to 3:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate!

**JOIN US AT**



# **Knoebels**

**A MUSEMENT RESORT**

CELC sign-up sheet will be available at the Welcome Desk

**BRING A POTLUCK      SUNDAY, JUNE 28**  
**DISH TO SHARE!      1:00PM, PAVILION U**






# **LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE PARK**





**VS**



**SUNDAY, JULY 12 @ 4:05PM**

Signup Deadline: Sunday, June 28th

Ticket Price: \$6/Person

## Worship Assistants for June 2026

	<i>June 7</i>	<i>June 14</i>	<i>June 21</i>	<i>June 28</i>
Worship Asst.	Dale Beisecker	Sarah Patte	Joseph Martin	Heather Miller
Lector	Miriam Milbrand	Carole Bollinger	Beckie Stahlnecker	Bev Harvey
Acolytes	Olivia Koontz Ellis Reed	Lilly Patte Claire Hershberger	Devlynn Williams Maddie Hauck	Violet Hauck Lilley Tillson
Communion Ushers	Beckie Stahlnecker Rick Faux	Jackie Cvik Tim Apple	Mel Wunder Bill Borys	Sarah Patte Miriam Milbrand
Communion Assistant	Adelyn Elliot	Tim Goff	Mark Elliot	Darlene Rowe
Communion Pourers	Rick Slear Mark Elliot	Carole & Bill Bollinger	Adelyn Elliott Colleen Nevil	Laura Faux Rick Faux
Usher Team	Laura Adams Colleen Nevil	Julie & Jerry Albright	Rick Slear Tess Trowbridge	Tim & Carol Apple
Welcome Desk	Rick & Laurie Slear	Janie Keiser	Pam Baker	Jackie Goff
Grocery Cards	Beckie Stahlnecker	Beckie Stahlnecker	Patti Faux	Pam Baker
Altar Guild	Diane Miller's Team			
Council Person in Charge	Rick Slear			

**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](mailto:christchurch@dejazzd.com). Thank you-God bless you abundantly for your service to Christ and His Church!