

# July/August 2025 Newsletter



**Faith United**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church

"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit."  
*Jeremiah 17:7-8*

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**Denver Day Worship:** Join Faith United Lutheran, St. John's United Church Of Christ, and Trinity United Methodist in our Annual Denver Day Worship Service on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

We will pray together for the whole community, and be joined by special guest speaker Dr. Ella Musser from the Cocalico School District, and our time will be followed by fellowship.

Note: No indoor or online Worship on this day.



Students, teachers, and all those embarking on learning this year are invited to bring their backpacks to Worship on Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> as we pray God's blessing on them for this new school year.



**Stained Glass Window Fundraiser: Help Us Maintain The Beauty Of Our Sanctuary**

We're excited to finally announce a fundraiser in support of preserving the stained glass windows in our

Sanctuary. This project was discussed at the 2024 Annual Meeting. After much thoughtful research and dedication, the Property Committee has successfully located skilled artisans who will be completing the work. Their commitment and persistence have brought us one step closer to this long-awaited project.

Work is set to begin as soon as financially possible, and your support is crucial to making it happen. We are looking to raise around \$20,000.00. Every gift, large or small, will help us preserve the beauty and heritage of our Worship space for generations to come. **You can give by using the special offering envelopes in the back of the Sanctuary, or by putting a special line on your regular offering envelope. All gifts will be matched dollar for dollar by our Endowment Fund until our funds are raised.**

Stay tuned for updates—and **Thank You** for being part of this meaningful effort!



**Deadline For September 2025 Newsletter Is Sunday, August 24, 2025.**

## Church Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:00am to 12:00 Noon.

To submit information for the bulletin or newsletter, please email Shirley Sweigart at:

[grammyss46@gmail.com](mailto:grammyss46@gmail.com) or  
[grammyss@ptd.net](mailto:grammyss@ptd.net) or call 717-538-1946



**Friday, July 4, 2025**

**Monday, September 1, 2025**

## Newsletters

Newsletters are published following Church Council meetings which are held the first Wednesday of each month.

**Please continue to provide the Church Office with your email addresses (changes also) to be used for Newsletters, Schedules, etc.**

**Email your changes to:**  
[faithunited@ptd.net](mailto:faithunited@ptd.net). **Thank You!**

## WANTED

**Recipes, inspirational articles, poetry, gardening tips, household tips, etc. to be used in Monthly Newsletters.**

**Please put your items in the Secretary's mailbox marked "Shirley Sweigart" in the Hallway. Thank You for sharing your useful items with your Church Family.**

## Church Office Requests

Please call the Church Office at 717-336-2141 when:

- **You are in the hospital or prior to going to the hospital** (or have a relative call for you). In order for the pastor to visit, someone needs to inform the Church.
- **You are confined to your home for an extended period of time** because of illness or accident;
- **You are going to a rehab center or a nursing home;**
- **There is a change in your family status** (birth, death, marriage, or divorce);
- **You move to a new home, move out of the area, or go away to college or graduate school;**
- **You schedule a meeting or an event of a group or committee.** In an effort to be open and communicative with everyone, we would like to include all scheduling on the Church Calendar and in the Weekly Bulletin.

## Financial Stewardship

*There are many ways you can choose to support our ministry:*

1. *A physical offering will be collected in the plate next to the bulletins prior to and following Worship.*
2. *To set up a recurring automatic offering straight from your bank account for the sake of regular stewardship, contact our office at (717) 336- 2141.*
3. *To make a one time or to set up a recurring gift online today, visit this link [Give to Faith United](#).*
4. *you may also mail offerings to the church in lieu of the options listed above.*



We invite you to consider setting up a recurring, automatic offering for the sake of regular stewardship.

To do so, or to ask questions about this process, contact the Church Office, 717-336-2141, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00am—12:00pm for more details.

## Photo Use Practice

In attending church events, photos may be taken to help keep shut-ins and friends of the church aware of the life and activities of Faith United. If you do not wish to be photographed, please let us know so we may honor your wishes. As a practice, we consider the privacy appropriate to people with special circumstances, but may not know of all sensitive situations. Your help is required or we anticipate permission is given.



## Staff

**Pastor** — Pastor Marissa Becklin

**Organists** — Cynthia Kauffman

Sharon Levering Lisa Beard

Grady Daub

**Festival Choir Director** — Ellen Houser

**Office Administrator and**

**Newsletter Editor** — Shirley Sweigart

**Custodian** — Elizabeth Roman-Reich

# From Pastor Marissa Becklin

## Preparing For Baby Becklin

As I prepare to take my 12 week family leave at the end of August through the end of November (if timing goes to plan, of course), my heart is full of gratitude, hope, and prayer for each of you. Faith United is not only a spiritual home, but a true family to me—and it is from that deep place of care that I thank you for your support, compassion, prayer, and care throughout this pregnancy.

As you may have heard at the forum on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, our congregation has a Family Leave Policy of 12 weeks. My intent is to begin my leave as soon as our son is born (and I hope to continue working until that point). He is due the last week of August, but Council and I have procured supply for you “just in case” starting as early as August 10<sup>th</sup>. I will be away for 12 Sundays after the beginning of my leave, so my return will likely not be later than the end of November. I fully anticipate being back in the congregation for the full duration of Advent, Annual Meeting season, and Christmas.

You are in good care while I am on this leave—you’ll see included in this newsletter (and all newsletters moving forward, in addition to the bulletin and posted in the back of the Sanctuary) a schedule of who is supplying on Sunday mornings throughout this leave. These are people you know, who know and love you, and who look forward to sharing the Sacrament with you. If you are in a state of emergency, please consult the schedule for information about who is covering for emergencies that month. Laypeople are visiting our homebound folks during this time with Holy Communion; if you become homebound during this time and would like to be added to the rotation of visits, please call our office.

Weekly Sunday Bible Study and monthly Bible and Breakfast will be led by Scott Gola during this time of leave. Confirmation will be taught by laypeople in our congregation as well.

The Council and I have prepared and pre-approved the agendas for their gatherings during this leave (allowing them to meet and self-lead), and have also prepared Annual Meeting supplies so that everything will be ready when I return from leave.

This time of leave is a sacred one for my family, a season to rest, to grow together, and to cherish the gift of presence. I will not be answering work messages, emails, and texts during this time. However! If you would like to send a card or make a meal, our address is on the front of the newsletter and you are welcome to message us to schedule a drop-off. I will also be sending Shirley a picture of our little guy each month for the newsletter.

Even as I step back for a time, I carry each of you in my heart and in my daily prayers. I trust that the Spirit will continue to guide, nourish, and strengthen you in ways both seen and unseen.

My hopes and prayers for our congregation during my leave are these:

- That you continue to gather faithfully around Word and Sacrament, remembering the promises of God that never fail.
- That your care for one another deepens, bearing one another’s burdens with gentleness and joy.
- That new leaders feel called and empowered to step forward in service and that each member recognizes their role in the body of Christ.
- That our congregation remains rooted in Scripture and bold in love—welcoming the stranger, feeding the hungry, and proclaiming the gospel with clarity and compassion.
- That laughter, music, prayer, and holy curiosity continue to fill our spaces—reminding us that even now, God is doing a new thing in our midst.

Transitions are never without a little uncertainty, but I have every confidence in the Spirit’s faithfulness and in the love that binds this community together. I also know that you will hold me and my family in prayer, just as I will hold all of you.

Thank you for your support, your understanding, and the grace you extend every day as disciples of Jesus. I look forward to returning to you with a new little one to introduce—and ready to step back into the rhythm of life together.

Until then, may the peace of Christ dwell richly among you.

*In Christ’s Love, Pastor Marissa*



## Supply Schedule For Pastor Marissa's Family Leave

### Regular Sunday Supply:

Baby Becklin is due August 27<sup>th</sup>, but the time of his arrival (and the time of Pastor Marissa's leave beginning) is in God's hands. This Supply Schedule accounts for the possibility of leave starting as early as August 10<sup>th</sup> and going as late as November 23<sup>rd</sup>, but she will only be out for 12 Sundays total. You are in safe and capable hands with these pastors who are supplying in her absence—they will care for you and administer the Sacraments on Sundays, and look forward to Sorshipping with you.

**August 10:** Rev. Karen Larson

**August 17:** Rev. Karen Larson

**August 24:** Denver Day (in park)

**August 31:** Rev. Henry Herbener

**September 7 and 14:** Rev. Peter Rustico

**September 21 and 28:** Rev. Newell Embley

**October 5 and 12:** Rev. Peter Rustico

**October 19 and 26:** Rev. Glenn Beard

**November 2 and 9:** Rev. Peter Rustico

**November 16 and 23:** Rev. Newell Embley

### In Case of Emergency or Funeral:

While Pastor Marissa is on leave, she is not available to provide pastoral care. There is a schedule of laypeople visiting our homebound members with Holy Communion regularly from August through December; if you become homebound and would like to be added to that list, please contact our office.

In case of an emergency, hospitalization, or death, please use the information below to contact the local pastor who has committed to caring for you during that month:

**Whole Time:** If at LGH, call Rev. Peter Rustico: (845) 239-9207

**End of August:** Rev. Jim Goodyear: (717) 676-3954

**September:** Rev. Tim Craven: (717) 468-9049

**October:** Rev. Scott Brubaker: (717) 598-4663

**November:** Rev. Jim Goodyear: (717) 676-3954

## SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025



After Church we will be having a Congregational Brunch to Welcome a "Future Member" of our Church. More to come in the next few weeks.

If you are interested in helping with this event, please see either

Carol Wallace or Terri Kilrain.

### The Upper Room Daily Devotional

July - August, 2025

### Christ In Our Home Daily Devotional

July, August, September, 2025

Also, A Large Print Version is Available

Please call Shirley Sweigart, 717-538-1946 to set up an appointment to pick one up.



The Cozy Comforters need gently used sheets (no flannel please) or fabric to use for their comforters.

Please put your donations at the back of the Sanctuary or in the Cozy Comforters Sewing Room.

**When Writing Out Checks Please Remember To Use Blue Or Black Ink ONLY. The Bank Will Reject Any Other Color Ink.**

### July/August/September Food Collection



Food, household, and personal items will be collected for Ephrata Area Social Services in July and August and Peter's Porch in September.

Please deposit the items in the grocery cart.



### Connect With Us On Facebook!

For regular invitation to prayer, devotional reflections, and updates, follow us on Facebook:

@faithunitedelca.

Also, consider joining our Private group: Faith United Lutheran Church Community Building, where we are spending time getting to know one another and check in with each other.

**We'd love to have you join us!**



## **Faith United Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Minutes Wednesday, May 7, 6:30 PM**

**FUEL Council Members Present:** Tim Wise, Terry Burkholder, Scott Gola, Bob Gates, Kelly Leshner, Adrienne Arment, Rich Billings, Carol Wallace and Pastor Marissa Becklin.

**Devotions:** Bob Gates read a passage from James 1:5. This passage emphasizes seeking wisdom from God. The idea of starting each meeting with humility and asking for guidance was emphasized.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Scott Gola reported on the Account Balances: Main Checking Account, \$121,536.18; Money Market Account, \$48,580.47; Endowment: \$72,455.00.

The offerings have been consistent this year and more online giving is occurring. Scott is checking into the possibility of rolling some of the money in the main accounts into a CD to get a higher return of interest. He will get more information about this and report back.

### **Endowment Information:**

Information from the most recent Endowment Fund Committee meeting was presented to Council members. In addition, Tim Hegeman, one of the members of the Committee spoke with the Council members regarding a grant request. This request was for \$10,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a playground to be used by Luthercare and other children in the Cocalico area. This playground would be at the current site of the existing playground at the Reamstown Park. The Endowment Fund Committee had unanimously agreed to granting \$5,000.00 for this project. The Council members discussed this grant proposal. A motion to grant the \$5,000.00 to the project and to support two (2) other \$1,000.00 projects was approved. The other grants were for \$1,000.00 to Disciple Makers to support a Mission Trip for a Peter's Porch volunteer (Manuel Rosario Martinez) and \$1,000.00 for the Jan's Circle of Friends Organization.

### **Pastor's Report:**

#### **Mission and Ministries Highlights -**

Pastor will be out of town May 12-18. The Service on May 18 will be Lay led and will not include Holy Communion.

Women's Tea was held last Sunday and was enjoyed by many and well received.

The Picnic with Mellinger's Church is June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Aaron Wolf's Confirmation will be held June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Prayer request for Synod Assembly Representatives Scott Gola and Lori Wise, June 5-7.

**Prayer Priorities** - Phyllis Dellinger Family; Joanne Phillips; Bill Ludwig.

#### **Council Action/Discussion -**

June 22<sup>nd</sup> - A discussion forum will be held after church to discuss Pastor Marissa's family leave.

June - Discussions regarding homebound visits and Altar Guild prep coverage will be held.

June - A plan for planning the Service for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday will take place. This Service is in September and will include some type of community service project.

The Sara Winter's Scholarship is open until July. Council members will review the applicants in August.

## **Committee Highlights:**

### **Property**

Tim Wise proposed the idea of getting a Service/Maintenance Contract for the church's HVAC system. He presented the Contract information from Rodney Good Mechanical. A discussion was held and it was suggested that the Property Committee receive one more quote from another business for this type of Service/Maintenance Contract.

One of the hot water heaters was replaced.

Part of the heating system was recently repaired for \$1,200.00.

The roof was patched on the new part of the church and it was suggested that there may be a need for that part of the roof to be replaced in two (2) to five (5) years.

The Property Committee is getting quotes for a handicapped bathroom.

Window Project - One company (Castle) is willing to do the glass work and is the most experienced. They do not do the painting but give advice regarding the painting process.

### **Music and Worship**

Looking into a new wine vendor for Communion.

Looking into new cushions be used for Worship.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business:**

None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm following the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, June 4, 2025.

## **Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday June 4, 2025, 6:30pm**

**FUEL Council Members Present:** Tim Wise, Terry Burkholder, Bob Gates, Kelly Leshner, Adrienne Arment, Rich Billings, Carol Wallace and Pastor Marissa Becklin.

**Devotions:** Terry Burkholder read a passage from Luke 9:18-27. In this passage, Jesus is calling us to himself and there we will find true life. The reading of this passage was followed by prayer.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The recent expenditures were reviewed. The Account Balances are as follows: Main Checking Account, \$117,968.71; Money Market Account, \$48,603.16; Endowment, \$65,454.49.

### **Pastor's Report:**

#### **Mission and Ministries Highlights**

Prayers for Synod Assembly representatives Scott Gola and Lori Wise: June 5-7.

Aaron Wolf's Confirmation will be Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Acts of Love - FUEL will be assisting with distribution on Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

A new member will be received on Sunday, June 22. Council accepted Dennis Hill as a new member.

Picnic with Mellinger's Church will be held on June 29. Service begins at 10:00am at the Denver Park.

#### **Congregational Challenges**

Continued preparation for Family Leave.

**Prayer Priorities** - Dennis Hill upon joining the church; Aaron Wolf on Confirmation; Kyra Arment on Graduation.

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## Council Action/Discussion

### Family Leave Planning

- June 22<sup>nd</sup> Forum after Worship.
- June Meeting: discuss agenda for when Pastor Marissa is out/create drafts.
- June Meeting to discuss God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. Pastor Marissa proposed that the congregation prepare baskets/cards for the school personnel in Denver for the God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. Council members liked this idea.

The December Council Meeting will be moved to 7:30pm due to the Advent Midweek Service at 7:00pm.

### Planning For Annual Meeting Ahead Of Time

Information about Committee Budgets needs to be to Scott by July 9<sup>th</sup> so that he has time to work on Budget before August Council Meeting.

Kelly Leshner will have a term ending at the end of 2025. Council members will begin to come up with suggestions for members to nominate for this position.

Committee reports will be worked on for the fall bulletin. (they will be finished by the December meeting).

### Committee Highlights:

#### Property Committee - Tim Wise

A quote for the stained glass window repair was presented. The Property Committee is recommending Castle Studio Inc to do the work of repairing the windows. This could be started possibly in July. The quote was for \$32,175.00. The Property Committee is currently waiting on a quote for the painting. Council members were in agreement to move forward with the project. Special envelopes will be put out on Sunday for funds to be raised for the stained glass window project.

#### Heating Systems Maintenance Contract Discussion

The Property Committee received two quotes for maintenance contracts for the church's heating and cooling systems. One quote was from Rodney Good and the other quote was from CPH. The Committee would like to use Rodney Good due to the fact that they are familiar with the church's heating and cooling system and because they provided a more thorough contract and recommendations. All Council members agreed to moving forward with the contract with Rodney Good.

**Roof** - The roof over the new part of the church will most likely need replaced in two (2) to five (5) years. The Committee will get a quote for this replacement in the fall.

**Bathroom Update** - The Property Committee will be getting a quote for upgrading the bathroom in the current nursery area to make it handicap accessible.

#### Peter's Porch

Passed the recent audit. Physical audit will take place in the future.

Working towards a paperless option for registration and other information in the future.

Working on coordinating drop-off for food donations.

### Old Business

None

### New Business:

None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm following the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 6:30pm.

**Respectfully Submitted by Carol Wallace**  
**FUEL Council Secretary**

## Congregation Council Meetings

**Wednesday, July 9, 2025**

**Wednesday, August 6, 2025**

**Wednesday, September 3, 2025**

**6:30 PM**

## CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Terry Burkholder - President

Tim Wise - Vice President

Carol Wallace - Secretary

Scott Gola - Treasurer

Adrienne Arment

Rich Billings

Bob Gates

Kelly Leshner

## Christian Symbols

**PELICAN:** In the Middle Ages, the pelican came to represent Jesus' sacrifice of his blood for the world. According to legend, a mother pelican, in times of famine, would pluck open her chest and feed her young with her own blood. An alternate myth was that she fed her dying young with her blood to revive them, losing her own life in the process. The depiction of a pelican with a drop of blood on her chest is called "the pelican in her piety."



**ALTAR:** This central furnishing in a Christian worship space is usually large, with a solid front that may be decorated with symbols or words. The flat surface, often covered with a cloth, is where the Communion elements are prepared and placed, reminding us of Jesus' sacrifice as the Lamb of God. In some churches, the altar looks more like a table, with open legwork. We remember that Jesus invites us into fellowship with God now and to the heavenly banquet for eternity. We place offerings on the altar to symbolize our sacrificial response to God's redeeming love.



## Generic Offering Envelopes

Generic Offering Envelopes are available for use on the table with the bulletins.



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**July 2025**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> <b>Peter And Paul, Apostles</b> <b>10:00am Outdoor Worship And Picnic, Denver Park</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> <b>9:00am Cozy Comforters Sewing Group</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Pre-Order Free Community Meal; Call 717-336-6748 Or Email: swampcf@ptd.net Thomas, Apostle</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Church Office Closed Independence Day Pastor Marissa's Day Off 3:00pm REAL Life First Friday Food Drive, Warehouse 916, Main Street, Denver</b>	<b>5</b> <b>7:30am Peter's Porch - Faith United 3:30pm Brickerville United Lutheran Church Community Picnic, Picnic Grove Along Route 322</b>
<b>6</b> <b>Fourth Sunday After Pentecost Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Faith Fellowship Hall 1:30pm Swamp Lutheran Church Food Pantry 6:30pm Congregation Council Meeting</b>	<b>10</b> <b>5:30pm Free Community Meal; Trinity United Methodist Church, 420 Main Street, Denver (Rear Entrance)</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Pastor Marissa's Day Off</b>	<b>12</b> <b>8:00am Peter's Porch - Lititz Mennonite Church, 165 East Front Street, Lititz 10:30am Home Communion Training</b>
<b>13</b> <b>Fifth Sunday After Pentecost Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>9:00am Cozy Comforters Sewing Group</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Pastor Marissa At Candidacy Committee</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Pastor Marissa's Day Off Pre-Order Free Community Meal; Call 717-336-6748 Or Email: swampcf@ptd.net</b>	<b>19</b> <b>8:00am Peter's Porch - Zion Lutheran Church, 435 Main Street, Akron</b>
<b>20</b> <b>Sixth Sunday After Pentecost Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service</b>	<b>21</b> <b>7:00pm Endowment Committee Meeting</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Mary Magdalene, Apostle</b>	<b>23</b> <b>9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Faith Fellowship Hall</b>	<b>24</b> <b>12:00pm Conference Pastors' Lunch At Faith United 5:30pm Free Community Meal; Trinity United Methodist Church, 420 Main Street, Denver (Rear Entrance)</b>	<b>25</b> <b>James, Apostle Pastor Marissa's Day Off Winters Scholarship Application Deadline</b>	<b>26</b> <b>8:00am Peter's Porch - Landis Valley Christian Fellowship Church, 2420 Kissel Hill Road, Lancaster</b>
<b>27</b> <b>Seventh Sunday After Pentecost Welcome A "Future Member" Following Worship 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service 4:00pm AHAVA Benefit Concert, Mellingers Lutheran Church, 80 Gockley Road, Stevens; Picnic Supper Follows</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>Pastor Marissa's Day Off 3:00pm REAL Life First Friday Food Drive, Warehouse 916, Main Street, Denver</b>	<b>2</b> <b>7:30am Peter's Porch - Faith United</b>





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## August 2025

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<b>27</b> Seventh Sunday After Pentecost Welcome A "Future Member" Following Worship 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service 4:00pm AHAVA Benefit Concert, Mellingers Lutheran Church, 80 Gockley Road, Stevens; Picnic Supper Follows	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> Pastor Marissa's Day Off 3:00pm REAL Life First Friday Food Drive, Warehouse 916, Main Street, Denver	<b>2</b> 7:30am Peter's Porch - Faith United
<b>3</b> Eighth Sunday After Pentecost Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00am Cozy Comforters Sewing Group	<b>6</b> 6:30pm Congregation Council Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Pastor Marissa's Day Off	<b>9</b> 8:00am Peter's Porch - Lititz Mennonite Church, 165 East Front Street, Lititz
<b>10</b> Ninth Sunday After Pentecost Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Faith Fellowship Hall 1:30pm Swamp Lutheran Church Food Pantry	<b>14</b> Jack Dewald Birthday	<b>15</b> Mary, Mother Of Our Lord Pastor Marissa's Day Off	<b>16</b> 8:00am Peter's Porch - Zion Lutheran Church, 435 Main Street, Akron
<b>17</b> Tenth Sunday After Pentecost Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:00am Cozy Comforters Sewing Group	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Pastor Marissa's Day Off Pre-Order Free Community Meal; Call 717-336-6748 Or Email: <a href="mailto:swampcf@ptd.net">swampcf@ptd.net</a>	<b>23</b> 8:00am Peter's Porch - Landis Valley Christian Fellowship Church, 2420 Kissel Hill Road, Lancaster
<b>24</b> Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost No Indoor or Online Worship September Newsletter Article Deadline 10:00am Denver Day Worship, Denver Park	<b>25</b> Bartholomew, Apostle	<b>26</b> Luther Reinhoehl Birthday	<b>27</b> 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Faith Fellowship Hall	<b>28</b> 5:30pm Free Community Meal; Trinity United Methodist Church, 420 Main Street, Denver (Rear Entrance)	<b>29</b> Pastor Marissa's Day Off	<b>30</b>

## September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Backpack Blessing 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	<b>1</b> Church Office Closed Labor Day	<b>2</b> 9:00am Cozy Comforters Sewing Group	<b>3</b> 6:30pm Congregation Council Meeting 6:30pm Congregation Council Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Pastor Marissa's Day Off 3:00pm REAL Life First Friday Food Drive, Warehouse 916, Main Street, Denver	<b>6</b> 7:30am Peter's Porch - Faith United
<b>7</b> God's Work, Our Hands Day Grandparents' Day Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost Weekly Bible Study Following Worship 9:00am Kid's Church 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Faith Fellowship Hall 1:30pm Swamp Lutheran Church Food Pantry	<b>11</b> Ellen Houser Birthday Patriot Day	<b>12</b> Pastor Marissa's Day Off	<b>13</b> 7:30am Bible & Breakfast 8:00am Peter's Porch - Lititz Mennonite Church, 165 East Front Street, Lititz

## *What's Happening at Faith United?*

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**Aaron Wolf's Confirmation**



**Pastor Tim Craven Sings  
During Synod Assembly  
Worship**



**Mother's Day Tea**



**Lori Wise, Pastor Marissa,  
and Scott  
Gola at Synod  
Assembly**





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## Acts Of Love Bag Packing



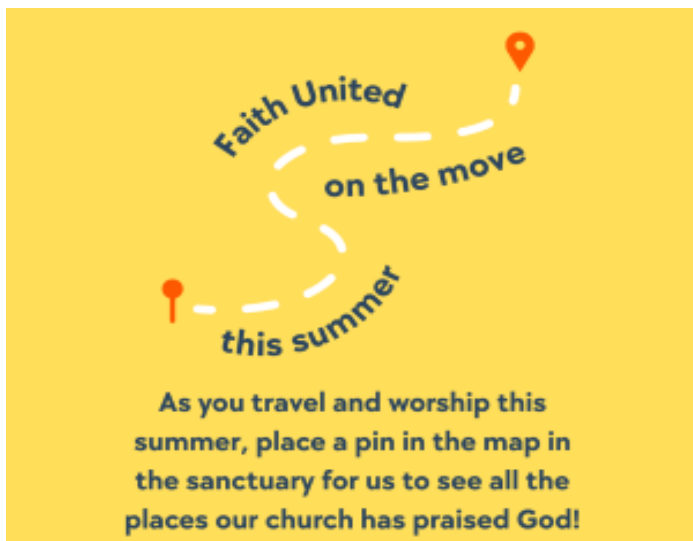
**ACTS OF LOVE UPDATE:** Twenty plus Faith members, including a few relatives of Faith members packed 195 lunch bags for distribution to Cocalico school students. On June 18<sup>th</sup> we delivered the lunches to four parks where representatives of social services would handle the process. The lunches consisted of Uncrustables (peanut and jelly), a cheese stick, a snack bag, baby carrots, grapes, chips, and a drink. We got a \$250.00 gift card from Thrivent, a lot of grapes donated, some other donations, and the remaining cost will come from the Social Ministry budget. A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped with the project.

Dawn Frees and Lisa Gable, Co-Chairs

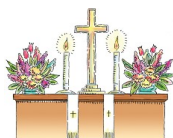


**Pastor Marissa leads Confirmation Camp at Kirchenwald. Students dip their head in the pool as a Thanksgiving for Baptism.**





## 2025 Altar Flower/Bulletin Sponsor Sign-Up



Altar Flowers

The Altar Flower Chart for 2025 is on the board by the Walnut Street entrance.

**Format:** To sponsor flowers, sign your name on the chart; order the flowers from the florist of your choice, pay them and call the church office, 717-336-2141, to arrange to bring them to the Church. Shirley will call you to find out the wording you want in the Church Bulletin.

The Bulletin Sponsor Chart for 2025 is on the board by the Walnut Street entrance. **Cost is \$25.00 per Sunday.**



Bulletins

**You may call Shirley Sweigart, 717-538-1946 to get your name on either Chart.**



## Peter's Porch

Faith United Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
357 Walnut Street, Denver, PA 17517  
Phone: 717-336-2141

**The First Saturday of Each  
Month**

**July 5, 2025  
August 2, 2025  
September 6, 2025  
7:30-10:00am**

if you are interested in helping on the first Saturday of the month just show up!.  
Bags for Peter's Porch are packed on the last Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm.



To My FUEL Family,  
Your wonderful cards, messages, and phone calls have made my Birthday another GREAT one. **Thanks** for being so kind and thoughtful. I appreciate your love and friendship.

Blessings to all.

Gloria Shober



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May 30, 2025

Faith United Evangelical Lutheran Church  
357 Walnut Street  
PO Box 157  
Denver, PA 17517

Dear Friends at Faith United Evangelical Lutheran Church,

On behalf of Jan's Circle of Friends, we would like to thank you for your very generous donation of \$1000.00! Jan's Circle of Friends is an organization with the purpose of creating a substantial pool those struggling with the loss of a parent. With every dollar making a difference, your contribution is making a transformation in the lives of children in our local community.

Thank you again for your donation, our work would not be possible without you.

Sincerely,

Laurie J. Sauder  
Treasurer

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# June Worship

**Worship In The Park And Church Picnic**  
**Third Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Sunday, June 29, 2025, 10:00 AM**

Acts 12:1-11; Psalm 87:1-3, 5-7; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; John 21:15-19. Today we celebrate two great figures of the early church, Peter and Paul, who represent the spread of the gospel to both Jews and Gentiles and, according to tradition, were martyred on this date. The witness of Peter and Paul inspires us as we seek ways to faithfully proclaim the gospel in our contemporary context.

Join us in Worship alongside Mellingers Lutheran Church in the Denver Park on Sunday, June 29 at 10:00 AM. (No indoor or live streamed Worship on this day.) Worship will be followed by the Church Picnic. In case of rain, we will gather at Faith United at 10:00 AM.

# July Worship

**Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Sunday, July 6, 2025**

Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-9; Galatians 6:1-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20. God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

**Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Sunday, July 13, 2025**

Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm 25:1-10; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37. To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

**Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Sunday, July 20, 2025**

Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15:1-5; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42. Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

**Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Sunday, July 27, 2025**

Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138:1-8; Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13. Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

# August Worship

**Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Sunday, August 3, 2025**

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23; Psalm 49:1-12; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21. Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

**Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Sunday, August 10, 2025**

Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40. Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

**Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Sunday, August 17, 2025**

Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82:1-8; Hebrews 11:29—12:2; Luke 12:49-56. The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

**Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Sunday, August 24, 2025**

**Denver Day - Denver Park - 10:00am**

Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17. Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

**Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Sunday, August 31, 2025**

Proverbs 25:6-7a; Psalm 112:1-10; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14. Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

# September Worship

**Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Sunday, September 7, 2025**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1:1-6; Philemon 1:21; Luke 14:25-33. Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

## SERVING JUNE - SEPTEMBER

Date	Lector	Technology	Ushers	Offering Counters
<b>Worship In The Park and Church Picnic, Sunday, June 29, 2025 - 10:00 AM</b>				
<b>June 29, 2025</b>	<b>Cindy Kauffman</b>	<b>XXXXXX</b>	<b>Carol Wallace Mike Wallace</b>	<b>Tim Hegeman Cynthia Hegeman Ann Roseboro</b>
<b>July 6, 2025</b>	<b>Ann Roseboro</b>	<b>Scott Gola</b>	<b>Mary Stewart Jim Stewart</b>	<b>Terri Kilrain Rich Billings Chris Billings</b>
<b>July 13, 2025</b>	<b>Todd Stewart</b>	<b>Deb Demler</b>	<b>Angela Stewart Todd Stewart</b>	<b>Dawn Frees Craig Stover Lori Stover</b>
<b>July 20, 2025</b>	<b>Dawn Frees</b>	<b>Tim Wise</b>	<b>Jamie Carpenter Bruce Carpenter</b>	<b>Bruce Carpenter Jamie Carpenter Linda Riddell</b>
<b>July 27, 2025</b>	<b>Angela Stewart</b>	<b>Lori Stover</b>	<b>Teri Arment Harold Martzall</b>	<b>Tim Hegeman Robert Gates Gloria Gates</b>
<b>August 3, 2025</b>	<b>Lori Stover</b>	<b>Scott Gola</b>	<b>Cynthia Hegeman Tim Hegeman</b>	<b>Terri Kilrain Rich Billings Chris Billings</b>
<b>August 10, 2025</b>	<b>Harold Martzall</b>	<b>Deb Demler</b>	<b>Jennis Weinhold Chris Weinhold</b>	<b>Dawn Frees Craig Stover Lori Stover</b>
<b>August 17, 2025</b>	<b>Gloria Shober</b>	<b>Tim Wise</b>	<b>Linda Riddell Jeff Hartman</b>	<b>Bruce Carpenter Jamie Carpenter Linda Riddell</b>

### Worship In The Park, Denver Day, Sunday, August 24, 2025 - 10:00 AM

<b>August 24, 2025</b>	<b>David Harnish</b>	<b>Lori Stover</b>	<b>June Wolf Don Wolf</b>	<b>Tim Hegeman Robert Gates Gloria Gates</b>
<b>August 31, 2025</b>	<b>Scott Gola</b>	<b>Scott Gola</b>	<b>Carol Wallace Mike Wallace</b>	<b>Tim Hegeman Cynthia Hegeman Ann Roseboro</b>
<b>September 7, 2025</b>	<b>Deb Demler</b>	<b>Deb Demler</b>	<b>Jamie Carpenter Bruce Carpenter</b>	<b>Terri Kilrain Rich Billings Chris Billings</b>
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<b>September 28, 2025</b>	<b>Todd Stewart</b>	<b>Scott Gola</b>	<b>Angela Stewart Todd Stewart</b>	<b>Tim Hegeman Robert Gates Gloria Gates</b>

**Substitute: Melvin Schmeck, 717-336-5792**

**If you are unable to be present to count the offering, please call Melvin.**



## SERVING JUNE - SEPTEMBER

Date	Acolyte	Communion Bread	Altar Committee	Altar Flowers, Bulletins
<b>Worship In The Park and Church Picnic, Sunday, June 29, 2025 - 10:00 AM</b>				
<b>June 29, 2025</b>	<b>XXXXXX</b>	<b>Pastor Marissa</b>	<b>Teri Arment Joyce Fischer</b>	
<b>July 6, 2025</b>	<b>Kellen Strohl</b>	<b>Doris Reinoehl</b>	<b>Karlene Cook Doris Reinoehl</b>	
<b>July 13, 2025</b>	<b>Aaron Wolf</b>	<b>Doris Reinoehl</b>	<b>Karlene Cook Doris Reinoehl</b>	
<b>July 20, 2025</b>	<b>Jackson Leshner</b>	<b>Mary Stewart</b>	<b>Jamie Carpenter Bruce Carpenter</b>	<b>Teri Arment</b>
<b>July 27, 2025</b>	<b>Josh Gola</b>		<b>Jamie Carpenter Bruce Carpenter</b>	
<b>August 3, 2025</b>	<b>Kellen Strohl</b>		<b>Lori Stover Ann Roseboro</b>	
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### Worship In The Park, Denver Day, Sunday, August 24, 2025 - 10:00 AM

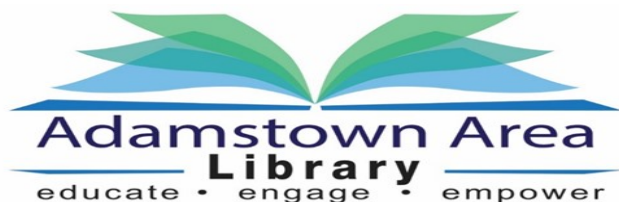
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**Sunday,  
September 7,  
2025**

**Monday,  
September 1,  
2025**





## Adamstown Area Library Events

The Adamstown Area Library is a passport office for the United States Department of State. Passports are done by appointment only. Please call 717-484-4200 to make an appointment.

The Library is free for PA residents. Your Lancaster County Library Card allows you to borrow books, movies, online resources and items from our Community Lending Library like games, baking pans, a telescope, a sewing machine and more! Bring ID or other proof of address to Adamstown Area Library to get your Library Card.

Adamstown Area Library is located at 110 West Main Street in Adamstown, next to the Post Office. Regular Library hours are Monday through Thursday 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM, Friday 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM and Saturday 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Learn more and register for events at:

[AdamstownAreaLibrary.org](http://AdamstownAreaLibrary.org) or 717-484-4200

**STEAM Saturday** - No STEAM in July, August. Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math through games, activities, and projects with Miss Maribeth.

**Friends Book Sale** - Tuesdays in the Library Community Room. Whatever your favorite genre, you'll find something to love at the Friends Book Sale! Book Sale hours are Tuesdays from 9:30am to 7:00pm, except for the second Tuesday of each month when the sale will end at 5:30pm for a Library program.

**Connect With A Social Worker At The Library** - Regular hours are every other Wednesday from 11:30am-2:00pm in the Library's Community Room. Are you facing challenges or seeking support in your life? To make an appointment, call Becca at 717-336-7797 or email her at [becca@realcs.org](mailto:becca@realcs.org). REAL Life Community Services serves residents of Cocalico School District.

**Technology Help** - Fridays by appointment from 1:00-3:00 PM. Could you use some help with your mobile devices? Or maybe you want to learn Word or apply for a job online? Come to the Library! Library staff will provide free one-on-one technology training, assistance with online job applications, or help with your electronic device. Reserve your appointment online or contact the Library at 717-484-4200 to schedule. <https://calendly.com/adm-tech/tech-help>.

**Tuesday Turtles, Toads And Snakes!** - July 1 and July 8 at 10:00am. Wildlife Show at Refreshing Mountain. Come and hear all about native and exotic creatures from around the world - different critters every week! 455 Camp Road, Stevens, PA 17578. Park in Lot B and meet at Pavilion C. All ages.

**Young At Heart** - Wednesdays, July 2 and 16, August 6 and 20 from 9:00-11:00am. REAL Life Community Services invites you to Young at Heart, with free events for anyone age 60 and up. Join us at the Library for coffee, chatting, games, crafts, and more on the first and third Wednesday of each month. For more information, call 717-336-7797 or visit [REALCS.org](http://REALCS.org).

**Doggie Downtime** - Wednesday, July 2, August 6 at 10:45 AM. Do you need some tail-wagging tranquility in your life? Gaze into "Twinkle's" big, beautiful, calming eyes to help wash your troubles away! (Therapy Dogs International). For all ages.

**The Colorful World Of Insects** - Thursday, July 3 at 10:00am at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Adamstown. Nature is all about colors, and not biting or stinging humans. Bugs and insects have almost unlimited colors. But what are these colors used for? Ryan Bridge "The Bug Man" will focus on how bugs and insects use color to survive one more day. As always, everyone will have the chance to pet and hold the live bugs! All Ages.

**Speed Art** - Monday, July 7 at the Library. Time depends on age group: Age 5-9 at 10:00am, age 10-15 at 10:30am, and age 16+ at 11:00am. Paint as fast as possible, pass it to the left, and create again! Every five (5) minutes we pass to our neighbor until our original piece is returned. End the program by sharing a story about the artwork! All ages.

**Mah-Jongg Group** - First Monday, July 7, August 4 from 6:00-8:30pm. Experienced players as well as people wanting to learn are invited to drop in to play Mah-Jongg. For adults and teens.

**Genealogy Group** - Tuesday, July 8, August 12 from 6:30-7:45pm. This group meets at the Library on the second Tuesday of each month for short talks from genealogy researcher Ken McCrea, along with lively discussions and research help. For older students and adults. Beginners and walk-ins welcome.

**Toddler Colored Pom-Poms Sorting** - Thursday, July 10. Drop-in 10:00-11:30am at the Library. This activity with tongs develops memory skills, hand strength, coordination, and concentration.

**A Brush With Birds** - Friday, July 11 at 10:00am at Brubaker Park. Birds come in every color of the rainbow, which helps them complete many tasks like finding their friends, hiding from predators and more! We'll enjoy storytime with "Birds From Head To Tail" and make our own colorful birds to take home. Lancaster County Department of Parks and Recreation. All Ages.

**Christmas In July Cookie Decorating** - Monday, July 14. Drop in 10:00-11:30am at the Library. All ages. Registration is required.

**Almost Perfect Crimes** - Tuesday, July 15, August 19 at 6:30pm on Zoom. Discover "Whodunit!" Upon registration, you will receive the Zoom link and the Mini Murder Mystery Story. Additional clues and evidence will be revealed during our meeting to solve the crime together. For teens and adults due to some graphic content.

**Master Gardener Pollinator Storytime** - Wednesday, July 16 at 10:00 and 11:00am at the Library. A guest reader from Penn State Extension Master Gardener organization will entertain with puppets, bee and butterfly stories, and hand out seed packets. All Ages.

**Toddler Painting With Cars And Trucks** - Thursday, July 17. Drop in 10:00-11:30am at the Library. Run different size vehicles through paint and then "drive" them on your paper. Process art is beneficial for building confidence and fostering creativity. For ages 1-3.

**Colorful Scavenger Hunt** - Friday, July 18 at 10:00am at Denver Community Park. Discover how an animal's color helps them survive, go on a scavenger hunt to explore the colors of nature first-hand and listen to the story "Crayola Wild World of Animal Colors." Lancaster County Department of Parks And Recreation. All ages.

**Stained Glass Glue Craft** - Monday, July 21. Drop-in 10:00-11:30am at the Library. This STEAM activity will make a colorful art material that looks bright in the light! All ages.

**Book Club** - Monday, July 21 and August 18 from 6:00-7:00pm. Join us at Adamstown Area Library for our new monthly Book Club! Share your thoughts on that month's book and get to know other readers in your community. All are welcome, regardless of whether you've finished the book. Copies of the book are available by calling or visiting a branch. Please register.

**Faux Stained Glass** - Wednesday, July 23 at 6:00pm. Make an easy faux stained-glass image in a recycled picture frame with your choice of templates. For adults and teens. Registration is required.

**Toddler Pretty Pom Pom Wall** - Thursday, July 24. Drop-in 10:00-11:30am at the Library. This vertical tube and tunnel activity will have little ones experimenting while using their problem-solving skills. For ages 1-3.

**Glitter Critters** - Friday, July 25 at 10:00am at Adamstown Grove. Learn about all that shimmers and sparkles in the animal world while looking at pictures and preserved specimens and paint a beetle picture using natural mica glitter. Lancaster County Department of Parks And Recreation. All ages.

**Stained Glass Sidewalk Chalk Art** - Monday, July 28. Drop-in 10:00-11:30am at the Library. Help us decorate the front doorsteps and ramp for our upcoming "End of Summer" Party. All ages.

**Toddler Magnet Painting** - Thursday, July 31. Drop-in 10:00-11:30am at the Library. Enjoy making a masterpiece as you discover what magically happens when science and art are wrapped up in one. For ages 1-3.

**Castaneda's Library Fundraiser** - Wednesday, July 30, August 27 from 11:00am to 8:00pm. On the last Wednesday of each month, 10% of all proceeds at Castañeda's Mexican Restaurant in Denver will go to the Adamstown Area Library! (excludes alcohol). Dine in or take-out that day to enjoy great food while supporting the Library! 323 Main Street, Denver.

**End of Summer Party** - Saturday, August 2. Drop-in 9:30-11:00am at the Library. Let's celebrate all you have accomplished this summer! Entertainment by Sneakers the Clown, painted handprints on the Borough's Snowplow, delicious Cookies, and Raffle Prizes (six (6) month Family Membership to Reading Public Museum). Also, be sure to return your Summer Reading Log to receive prizes! All ages.

**"Art, Interrupted" Program** - Monday, August 4. Drop-in 10:00-11:30am at the Library. Did you know that many famous artists left behind unfinished works? You get to "finish" them in a fun and creative way! All ages.

**Seed Saving Basics** - Wednesday, August 6 at 6:00pm. Discover the reasons to save your own seeds, methods for collecting and preserving the seeds, and the best plants to use to get started with seed saving. For adults and teens. Please register.

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## JULY Birthdays & Anniversaries

### **BIRTHDAYS**

**July 1:** Chad Reinoehl  
**July 3:** Michele Lacy  
**July 6:** Terri Kilrain, Sarah Cline, Nicholas Gable  
**July 8:** Jackson Leshner, James Redcay  
**July 15:** Debra Martzall  
**July 16:** Lisa Gable, Bret Hartman  
**July 19:** Cynthia Hegeman  
**July 25:** Susan Hartman  
**July 26:** Traci Krick  
**July 28:** Kim Brugger

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

**July 11:** Todd and Angela Stewart  
**July 16:** John and Melissa Voler

## AUGUST Birthdays & Anniversaries

### **BIRTHDAYS**

**August 1:** Barry Martzall  
**August 2:** Jo Dienst  
**August 3:** Debra Demler  
**August 6:** Christa Deibler-McAllister  
**August 8:** Rebecca Reed  
**August 14:** Grace Stewart  
**August 15:** Barney Tan, Ryan Gola  
**August 16:** Dustin Burkholder  
**August 22:** Kathleen Burkhardt

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

**August 4:** James and Heather Kreider  
**August 29:** Gerry and Joanne Phillips

## SEPTEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

### **BIRTHDAYS**

**September 5:** Ethan Gola  
**September 6:** Emily Rabe  
**September 10:** Kyra Arment  
**September 17:** Brad Fichthorn, Justin Carpenter, Emily Fichthorn, JJ Hertzog Jr.

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

**September 5:** Arlene and David Brumbach  
**September 6:** Lori and Craig Stover  
**September 8:** Gloria and Robert Gates  
 Emily and Tyler Rabe  
**September 17:** Mary and Jim Stewart



## **80+ Birthdays**

Please remember our 80+ members with a card, visit, or phone call:

**Jack Dewald - August 14 -** 216 Harvest Way, 4 Conestoga Drive, Lititz PA 17543.

**Luther Reinoehl - August 26 -** 540 Wollups Hill Road, Stevens, PA 17578.

**Ellen Houser - September 11 -** 215 New Street, PO Box 679, Terre Hill, PA 17581.

**Karlene Cook - September 15 -** 7 St. John Circle, Lititz, PA 17543.

## **Winters Scholarship**

The Sara Stober Winters Scholarship is awarded annually by Faith United to students pursuing higher education in the fields of ordained ministry, medicine, teaching or other "helping and caring" fields deemed appropriate by the Church Council.

Applications are available in the Church Office by emailing the office at:

[faithunited@ptd.net](mailto:faithunited@ptd.net)

for anyone interested in applying, and are due in the Church Office by Friday, July 25, 2025.

**For questions or more information, please contact the Church Office at 717-336-2141, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00am - Noon.**

## **Favorite Hymns For The Summer**

During the Summer months, we would like to sing Favorite Hymns from the congregation.



Please sign the chart on the cabinet with your favorite hymn. If the hymn is already listed, just check the column behind it.

If worshipping online, you can request hymns by emailing: [pastormbecklin@gmail.com](mailto:pastormbecklin@gmail.com).

## **Children's Bulletins**

ARE AVAILABLE

**On Counter At The Back Of The Sanctuary.**



## **Adamstown Area Library** *Continued from Page 15*

**Toddler Musical Art** - Thursday, August 7. Drop-in 10:00-11:30am at the Library. How does the music move you? Little ones will respond to the sounds with colors to create a beautiful picture. For ages 1-3.

**DIY Marble Pencils** - Monday, August 11. Drop-in 10:00-11:30am at the Library. It's back to school time! This fun and easy project will get you excited for September! All ages.

**Q-Tip And Tummy Time Painting** - Thursday, August 14. Drop-in 10:00-11:30am at the Library. Squish, Draw, and Paint "cleanly" within a sealed baggie. For ages 1-3.

**Fingerpaint Fun** - Thursday, August 21. Drop-in 10:00-11:30am at the Library. What animals, insects, and birds can you create with a fingerprint? For ages 1-3.

**MJWK (Miss Jess wants to Know)** - All July, August. Teens, we want your opinion! Stop in the Young Adult and Teen Graphic Novel Book Section of the library for the question of the month! With this simple voting passive program, teens can vote with a sticker dot to select their favorite. Results will be posted on our Facebook page at the end of the month.

**"Color Our World"** Play & Learn Center - All Summer. This "primary and secondary hues" area is a great place to hang out for some educational fun with a tunnel, gross motor toys, puppets, vocab, figures, blocks, and more. All ages.

**Bluey Scavenger Hunt** - All Summer. Pick up a flyer at the Circulation Desk, search for all the characters from your favorite show in the Children's Room and return for a prize.

## **Swamp Lutheran Church**

### **Widows & Widowers Summer Activities**

**Tuesday, July 22, 2025, 11:00am**

**Lunch & Ice Cream, Fox Meadows Creamery**

Show up and enjoy the food and delicious ice cream concoctions.

**Friday, August 15, 2025**

**Dutch Apple Dinner Theater**

**Buddy Holly Story**

**6:00pm Dinner, 7:30pm Show**

There are still tables available for this evening showing. \$80.00 per person.

Please RSVP to [bmiz13@hotmail.com](mailto:bmiz13@hotmail.com) or call the Swamp Lutheran Church Office, 717-336-2849, to register for the events.

## **Salem Lutheran Church, Ephrata** **Four (4) Day Bus Trip**

You are invited on a Four (4) Day Bus Trip to Connecticut, October 20-23, 2025. This trip includes three (3) nights stay at a Residence Inn, three (3) breakfasts, one (1) lunch, and three (3) dinners. Some stops include: Mark Twain House and Museum, Thomas Hooker Brewery, cruise on the Connecticut River, Theatre Works (live theatre production), and Mystic Seaport, plus others. The price for double occupancy is \$1445.00/person, single occupancy, \$1,793.00.

Reservations are due by July 31<sup>st</sup>. For full itinerary and information, call or text Laural Kluck at 717-701-0266.

## **thrivent News**

Added to next year's Congregational Meeting will be a report of Thrivent projects and funds the congregation was involved with over the past year. In order for the report to be accurate I will need all "Action Team" project reports.

"Thrivent Choice Dollars" are reported to FUEL separately at the end of the year. If you are a Thrivent member you are able to do two "Action Team" projects a year. Please. Let me know of your projects to I can include them in my report.

If you have any questions or need help with your "Action Team" please feel free to reach out. Tim Hegeman, 717-475-3530; [HegTim55@gmail.com](mailto:HegTim55@gmail.com).

## **Disaster Trip Update**

Many of you know, I'm sure, that our spring 2025 Disaster Response Trip had to be postponed due to the wildfires in North Carolina. I am writing to let you know that we have finalized the new dates for the trip. It will take place November 9-15, 2025. Several of you have already let me know that you are planning on making the trip. There is still room for others to come along and so I wanted to share these dates with you so that you can decide if you'd like to take part in supporting our brothers and sisters in North Carolina.

A Planning Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00pm in the Community Room at Luther Acres, 250 St. Luke Drive, Lititz. We will finalize our group size and discuss details of the trip at that meeting. You do not need to wait until the 14<sup>th</sup> to let me know that you intend to come along. In fact, it would be helpful to know before that so that I can work with the folks in North Carolina on planning the details.

Thanks for your support of this important ministry!

*Peace, Glenn*

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**Luthercare**

600 East Main Street, Lititz, PA, 17543

[Luthercare.org](http://Luthercare.org)



## **Memorial Garden Helpers**

Our Memorial Garden and both sides of the Church are in need of some tending and weeding. Anyone who would like to make their way to Church and help out with weeding is welcome and encouraged to do so.

Thank You for helping keep our grounds beautiful!



# Education Opportunities This Summer And Fall

## Weekly Bible Study After Worship

Join Pastor Marissa this summer for a weekly Bible Study following Worship each Sunday about the texts from Church that morning. Bring questions you had about the sermon, thoughts and wonderings about the readings, and a heart ready for fellowship!

As the readings from each week are the topic, simply come when you're able.

**We Will Be Taking A Hiatus  
From Tuesday Bible Study Until  
Pastor Marissa Has Returned  
From Family Leave.**

**No Bible And Breakfast  
During July And August**

**Bible And Breakfast**

**7:30-9:00am**

Bible and Breakfast will resume meeting on the second Saturday of every month in September. The schedule for topics (led by Scott Gola) will be as follows:

**Saturday, September 13, 2025:**

Grace-Based Parenting

**Saturday, October 11, 2025:**

Biblical Friendship

**Saturday, November 8, 2025:**

Social Media And Lutheranism

**Saturday, December 13, 2025:**

Christmas As A Gift We Receive,  
Not Work That We Do

Please sign up on the counter so we know to expect you!

**Confirmation Begins After  
Worship On Sunday,  
September 14**

Students entering 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join Lay Leader Carol Wallace on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> after Worship in the Youth Room (last room on left at end of the hall) to discuss the creation story and hear about Confirmation for the year.

Pastor Marissa will take over classes again when she is back in December!

## Confirmation for 7th and 8th Graders

Meets after Sunday worship from 10:15am-11:15am on the following Sundays of each month:

- September 14
- September 28
- October 12
- October 26
- November 9
- November 23
- December 7
- December 21

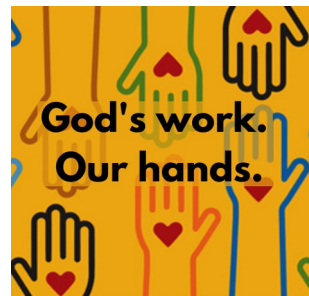
- January 11
- January 25
- February 8
- February 22
- March 8
- March 22
- April 12
- April 26
- May 17



## God's Work, Our Hands Project For The Community

Supporting Cocalico School District  
With "Blessing Baskets"

On Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> Faith United will be



one of thousands of ELCA churches across the country who are engaging in a project that serves their community. This year we've decided to create "Blessing Baskets" for the staff and faculty of

each of the five (5) Cocalico School District buildings (Denver, Reamstown, and Adamstown Elementaries, along with Cocalico Middle and High Schools).

Throughout the month of August we will be collecting donations for these baskets, and on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> we will put the baskets together, sign cards for the buildings, and pray a Prayer of Blessing over them.

We are collecting the following items for these "Blessing Baskets":

- Packs of Lifesavers
- Other Individual Packs of Candy
- Individual Snack Bags
- Post-It Notes
- Packs of Gum

## Communion Bread

Please Sign the chart on the cabinet at the back to provide One Loaf of bread each Sunday.



Please Bring The Bread To The Church By Friday 9:00am—12:00pm.

## Social Ministry Committee July Water Project

During July, the Social Ministry Committee will focus on water. Communities in the United States and abroad have had water supplies disrupted from natural disasters, war, etc.

There will be a display during July to advertise this project.

Also, August begins the Lutheran World Relief Ingathering Project. Details soon!

## Celebrating Our 2025 Graduates



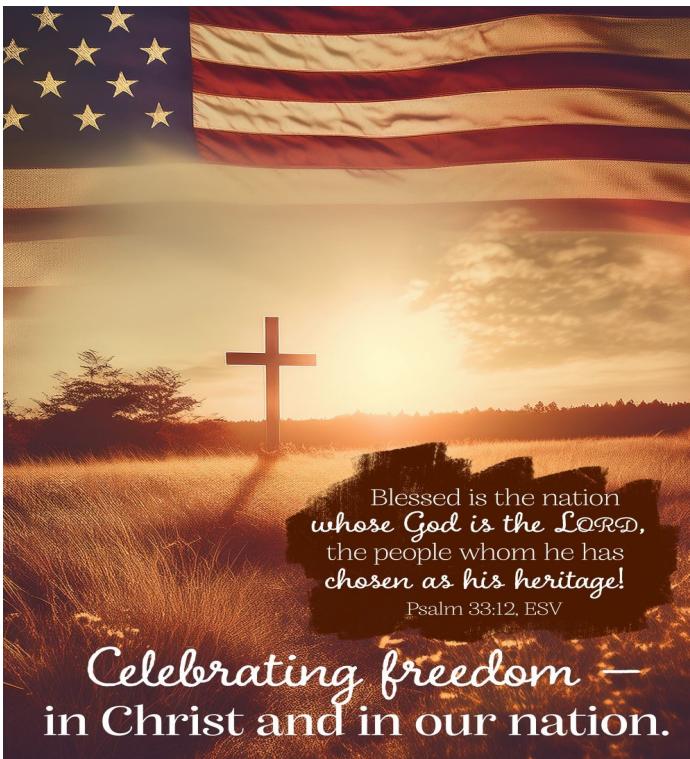
**Kyra Arment**

Cocalico High School

**Rebecca Anne Reed**

Calhoun High School

Calhoun, Georgia



Blessed is the nation  
whose God is the LORD,  
the people whom he has  
chosen as his heritage!

Psalm 33:12, ESV

*Celebrating freedom —  
in Christ and in our nation.*

**Friday, July 4, 2025**

## Recycling Information

Lutherans care for God's creation and we desire to be better stewards of our earthly home. Our congregation has already initiated many ways to 'green' our Worship practices but we need to continue to reduce our impact on the earth. As part of a grant from our Endowment Fund, Terra Cycle recycling containers have been purchased and placed in places within our building.

Terra Cycle is an international leader in innovative sustainability solutions. Their mission is to eliminate the idea of waste and keep trash out of landfills or from incineration. They offer many free recycling programs on their website, Benetone, Burts Bees, Dunkin Donuts, Gatorade, Febreze and many, many more. Please check the options and see how you can help at home!

The Zero Waste boxes that have been purchased by Faith United are used for recycling hard-to-recycle waste that isn't typically accepted by traditional services. These items include coffee capsules, snack wrappers, and VHS tapes. When the box is full, it is shipped back to Terra Cycle and they sort, clean, process and recycle the contents and the box/liner.

## Young At Heart Meets At Faith United 2<sup>nd</sup> And 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays

Join folks 60+ from the community in a time of fellowship, games, food, and guest speakers on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Faith United in the Fellowship Hall downstairs from 9:00-11:00am.



FAITH UNITED  
MINISTRY  
ENDOWMENT

GRANT APPLICATIONS  
NOW AVAILABLE FOR  
MINISTRY PROJECTS AND  
GENEROSITY

**Faith United  
Ministry  
Endowment:  
Grant  
Applications  
Now Available  
For Ministry  
Projects And  
Generosity**

The Endowment Committee is requesting that anyone with ideas about ministry projects or generosity in the community/world that these funds might would fill out an application for the Committee to consider. Applications are available in the back of the Sanctuary and in the Church Office.





## In Our Prayers

We ask you to daily pray for the following people and those in your life you know that are in need:

### **For Comfort Of The Holy Spirit:**

Phyllis Dellinger Family

Joyce Doster Family

Rich Moyer Family

Donna Hill Family

Connie Shaak Family

Barb Doster Family

W Paul Sweigart Family

Wilmer Thomas Family

Gloria Beard Family

Mary Martin Family

Evelyn Shade Family

Sherry Brunick Family

### **For Healing:**

Lorna Buohl

Susan Hartman

Dave Oravec

Dallas Lucas

Doris Donmoyer

Lisa Beard

Barb Boose

Valerie Pheasant

Curt Snyder

Jesiah Care

Roseanne Wiest

Jean-Ellen Johnston Rogers

Caryll Lausch

Gwen Lehman

Madeline Glass

Stacy Rodriguez

Kristin Means

Bill Ludwig

Alyssa Cook

Bill Schuler

Redcay Family

Renee Harrison

Jack Dewald

Pastor Glenn Beard

Laura Weaver

Carl Snavelly

Fred Leathery

## **You're Also Invited To Call And/Or Send Cards.**

**List Is Refreshed At The End Of Odd Numbered Months. If You'd Like Someone To Stay On The List Longer, Please Contact The Church Office, 717-336-2141 Or Pastor Marissa.**

### **Continuing Concerns**

Kim Brugger, Janet Hirneisen, Dave McGarvey, Dorothy Hoyer, Ethel Farrow, JoAn Weaver, Mae Raudenbush, Mel Schmeck, Jim Kreider, Betty Witmer, Dave Harnish, John Luciani, Matt Donley, Michele Lacy, Traci Krick, Terri and Rob Macker, Ralph Whitcomb, Sue Henkel, Susan Means, Florence Rutt, Pennie Gutshall, Beaty Hassler, Gloria Hall, Chad Sweigart, Maryann Herr, Jane Imhoff, Patricia Krick, Maggie Carpenter, Stanley and Jeannette Uibel, Joyce Hahn, Dennis Hill, Terry Moyer, Marie McQuate, Glenn Beard Sr., Martha Sheaffer, Jean Wolf, Tracy Augustine, Stan Henderson, Dean Camp, Jed Weidner, Men and Women Serving in our Armed Forces.

### **Foot Steps Of Life**

Life is just a journey from our birth until the grave.

Made up of tiny foot steps, we travel every day.

Some find their path smooth and easy, some find it rough and long.

Some find it with grief and sorrow, some find it with a song.

We have a destination, our pathways are never sure,

We sometimes encounter road blocks, small bumps or a detour.

Our days and steps are numbered, no one knows what that may be.

We are free to choose the path we take without a guarantee.

When doubt or strife assail you, in this life it surely will,

Don't let disappointment trouble you, press on with greater zeal.

Give to the world your very best at what you choose to do.

Have profound faith and trust in God and he will see you through.

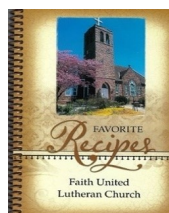
We leave behind our footprints, our memories and concerns.

And take what God may grant us, for what we may have earned.

When our journey of life is over and we receive our just reward,

We hope to find eternal joy and peace together with the Lord.

*(Ralph Whitcomb)*



### **Church Cookbooks**

They are sold for \$10.00 each and are on the counter at the back of the Sanctuary.

Proceeds benefit Faith United Youth Ministry.

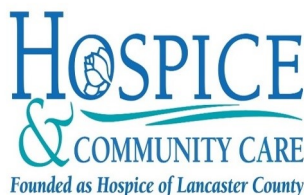
### **Bible Quiz**

For years, King David showed special kindness to the son of King Saul's son Jonathan, because David and Jonathan had been dear friends. Which of the following statements is not accurate?

- A. The name of King Saul's grandson was Mephibosheth.
- B. He was lame in both feet.
- C. His feet had been injured when he was 5.
- D. He was injured while playing with his brothers.



Answer: D (See 2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-7; 21:7.)



**Hospice & Community Care and the Pathways Center for Grief & Loss are offering the following programs.**



**As we are taking all necessary precautions for the health and safety of our patients and families, staff, volunteers and visitors our support group will be held In-Person and via Zoom. Call the Pathways Center at**

**(717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to receive Zoom credentials.**

## **ADULT DROP-IN GROUPS**

These free meetings, held online via Zoom and In-Person, include a presentation and an informal time to talk with others. Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to discuss with a bereavement counselor who will also provide the log-in information.

**In-Person** at Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. Groups are led by Master's-level counselors and volunteers who have experienced the same type of loss. They provide time to share experiences and ask questions. Groups are designed for those within the first two years following the death of a loved one. Call to register. **Registration deadline is one week prior to the group. Register online at [pathways.hccnet.org/groups](http://pathways.hccnet.org/groups) or call the Pathways Center.**

**Coping With The Loss Of A Child (Of Any Age):** Monday, July 21 and August 18, 6:00-7:30pm.

**Coping With The Loss Of A Spouse Or Partner:** Tuesday, July 8 and August 12, 6:00-7:30pm; Tuesday, July 22 and August 26, 2:00-3:30pm.

**Coping With The Loss Of A Parent Or Sibling:** Tuesday, July 15 and August 19, 6:00-7:30pm. Via Zoom, Thursday, July 3 and August 7, 6:30-8:00pm

**Age 50 & Under - Coping With The Loss Of A Spouse Or Partner:** Wednesday, July 23 and August 27, 6:00-7:30pm.

**GRASP (Grief Recovery After A Substance Passing):** Does not meet in July or August.

**Grief Sucks (But Your Life Doesn't Have To):** Tuesday, July 22, 6:00-7:30pm, Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. After losing a loved one, do you feel as though no one understands? Local author Brooke Carlock will talk about the loss of her dad, mom, stepmom and ten year old daughter in the span of a year and a half. She will share how it's possible to carry your grief without feeling consumed by it. Her TRUST Method along with some other basic suggestions might "help you feel a little bit lighter, a little more hopeful and a little less grieved." Copies of her book will be available for purchase. Space is limited; registration is required. Call to register. **Registration Deadline: July 15.**

**Newly Bereaved Program (3 Week Series):** Wednesdays, August 6, 13 and 20, 2:00-3:30pm, Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. Via Zoom, Wednesdays, September 10, 17 and 24, 6:00-7:30pm. If your loss was recent, this series provides an overview of common grief responses and will help you to begin to identify coping tools. **Registration Deadline: one week prior to the start of the group.**

**Mindfulness & Grief—Practical Tools For Living:** Mondays, August 18 and 25 and September 8 and 15, 6:30-8:00pm. The first three sessions are held virtually; the last session is at the Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. This series will address the benefits of practicing mindfulness as a tool for being present with your grief, rather than avoiding it, to improve your overall wellbeing. Each week you will learn several tools from the practice of mindfulness that will help you to manage your grief reactions allowing you to experience relief from the pain that grief can bring. Registration is required. Call to register. **Registration Deadline: August 11.**

**From Surviving To Thriving:** Tuesday, August 26, September 9 and 23, October 7 and 21, November 4, 6:00-8:00pm, Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. Are you 18-24 months past the death of your loved one? This series offers an opportunity to develop more satisfaction in your life and to better mitigate stress through the practice of mindfulness, good nutrition and discovering your sense of purpose. Each week there will be valuable discussion, education and homework for the following session. Registration required. Call to register. **Registration Deadline: August 11.**

**An International Overdose Awareness Day Event:** Thursday, August 28, 6:30-8:00pm, Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. Join us for a moving keynote with Teddy and Greg Flory as they share their son Will's 10 year battle with addiction and his passing in 2020. With honesty and heart, they reflect on the impact on their family, their grief journey, and how they continue to heal—offering insight, connection and hope to others affected by addiction. There is no charge, but space is limited. Register online at [www.hospicecommunity.org/OAD](http://www.hospicecommunity.org/OAD) or call the Pathways Center.

**Coping With Suicide Loss:** Wednesdays, September 10-October 15, 6:00-8:00pm, Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. This support series is for adults (age 18 or older) who are grieving a death from suicide that occurred at least four months ago. The group provides a safe place to ask questions, share your pain with others who will understand and offer the healing support that is found when others have had a similar experience. Interested individuals will first meet with a Bereavement Counselor to determine if the group will meet your needs. Call to schedule an appointment. **Registration Deadline: August 22.**

**Coping Kids & Teens:** Pathways Center counselors recognize that grief is experienced by the entire family—children, teens and adults. When there is a serious illness or death, children are often overlooked, yet their needs are significant. The Coping Kids & Teen program provides a safe atmosphere for children, teens and families to learn about grief, develop coping skills and build self-confidence. **Call the Pathways Center for more information or to set up an appointment.**

**Support For Caregivers:** If you are caring for a loved one, who is caring for you? Hospice & Community Care offers an online support group for caregivers of a loved one who is seriously ill. This group offers a place to share your experience with others who may understand. Offered the third Thursday of every month, 6:30-8:00pm, the sessions are facilitated by a Master's-level counselor and a trained volunteer who has been a caregiver. To receive the link to participate in this free virtual opportunity, call (717) 391-2413 to speak with a counselor.

**Individual Grief Support:** The Pathways Center offers individual grief consultation at no cost for adults, children, teens and families. In-person support sessions are provided in Mount Joy. Individual sessions by phone or online via Zoom are also an option. Counselors are available any time Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00pm. Evening appointments may sometimes be arranged. Call the Pathways Center, (717) 391-2413, for more information or to set up an appointment.

**Social Dine-Out Option:** The Pathways Center offers a variety of social options to choose from. Each participant pays for their own meal. These gatherings are facilitated by trained bereavement volunteers who have also experienced loss in the past.

**Ladies Lunch: Wednesday, July 23 and August 27, 11:30am-1:00pm, Loxley's Restaurant, 500 Centerville Road, Lancaster.** RSVP to Marie Roach at 717-823-9889 (text or telephone) or [pathways@hospicecommunity.org](mailto:pathways@hospicecommunity.org) by noon the day before the event.

**Dinner Out (For Men And Women): Saturday, July 12, 2:00pm, Silver Spring Family Restaurant, 3653 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster.** RSVP to Connie Whitacre at 717-577-1138 or [pathways@hospicecommunity5y.org](mailto:pathways@hospicecommunity5y.org) at least three days prior to the event.

Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to request the log-in address or phone number to participate in a Zoom group or to schedule a private Zoom meeting with a Pathways counselor. Visit our website at [www.PathwaysThroughGrief.org](http://www.PathwaysThroughGrief.org) for updated information about support groups.





## Faith United/Mellingers Outdoor Worship Service & Picnic

**Sunday, June 29, 2025**

**10:00 AM**

**Denver Memorial Park  
Stage & Pavilion 1**

Come dressed for the outdoors.

Bring your lawn chairs.

Lunch Following Worship Service.

No Indoor Worship

**Meatball Sandwiches, Hot Dogs and  
Drinks Supplied.**

## Denver 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party at the Denver Community Pool

On Friday, July 11, 2025, from  
8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., the  
Denver Community Pool will  
celebrate the Borough's 125<sup>th</sup>



Anniversary with a Night Swim from 8:00 p.m. to  
10:00 p.m. at the Denver Community Pool, 400  
Monroe Street. All patrons attending the Night Swim  
will be provided with a piece of anniversary cake  
celebrating the Borough's special occasion.

Admission to the Night Swim is a donation of a non-  
perishable food item or a \$3.00 fee for all night swim  
patrons.

## National Night Out at the Denver Memorial Park – Tuesday, August 5, 2025



This year the East Cocalico  
Township Police Department and  
National Night Out Committee are  
celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual National  
Night Out. That's right! **20 years** of

true community partnerships; seeking to unite first  
responder agencies, businesses, civic and church  
groups with our local citizens! The goal of National  
Night Out is to promote awareness, explore other  
services within our area as well as build a safer  
community.

With it being our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual event, we wanted to  
change things up a bit and move the location to the  
Denver Memorial Park and Playground, 801 Main  
Street, Denver. While we understand that change can  
sometimes be difficult, our goal is to provide the best  
service to all municipalities that East Cocalico  
Township Police patrol.

We are so eager to have an outstanding event this year  
and see everyone on August 5, 2025 from 6-9 p.m. at  
the Denver Memorial Park!

## Community Events



### GriefShare

Wednesdays starting April 2nd

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

The Lighthouse Community Center  
239 Main St. Denver, PA 17517

This is a 13 week cycle to help navigate  
from a grief journey to a healing  
destination.

For more information

Please call 610-775-3667



### New GriefShare

Sundays @ Mohn's Hill Church Cafe

Time: 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Starting September 8, 2024

*Navigating through our grief journey and  
bringing us to a healing destination.*

*Let the healing begin*



**Celebrate Recovery**  
HOPE FOR THE HEART

Please join us on Mondays

At City Gate

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Location: 100 E. Main Street

Ephrata, PA 17522

Are you struggling with a Hurt, Habit or Hangup?

Celebrate Recovery is a safe place for you to come!

For more information call 610-775-3667



ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE THAT  
SEEK SAFETY FROM TRAUMA AND  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE.

Seeking Safety is an evidence-based group therapy program that  
focuses on coping skills in the present moment for persons with  
past trauma and substance abuse.

Many people affected by trauma may turn to addictive behaviors  
to try to manage difficult feelings. Learn to manage triggers and  
successfully build a life of safety, security and wellbeing. People  
do not share stories of their trauma, but instead look towards  
the future and practice new ways to cope, safely.

Seeking Safety is a free, open-enrollment group. Participants may  
join the group at any point, and receive a certificate after  
participating in 10 complete sessions. This program is open to the  
community.

Co-facilitated by the Lancaster County Children and Youth Agency

HELD YEAR-ROUND

Held Via Zoom  
Wednesdays  
7:00-8:00 p.m.

Registration is required –  
please do so at  
[www.cobys.org/family-  
support/programs-offered](http://www.cobys.org/family-support/programs-offered).



Questions? Contact  
[sharon@cobys.org](mailto:sharon@cobys.org)  
or 717-455-4338.

**COBYS** Please register >>> [www.cobys.org/family-support/programs-offered](http://www.cobys.org/family-support/programs-offered)

CONCERT BENEFITTING EASS PRESENTED BY:



**EPHRATA AREA  
SOCIAL SERVICES**

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## 7/27/2025

**Admission is free!**

Please bring a non-perishable food or toiletry item for the  
EASS pantry.

Social Ministry will provide a picnic-style supper  
following the concert.



**START 4:00 PM**

**MELLINGERS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

80 Gockley Rd, Stevens, PA

A free-will offering will be collected for Ephrata Area Social Services and to  
support the picnic-style supper.



# KID'S PAGE



Make this candle to keep uninvited insects from your outdoor summer meals.

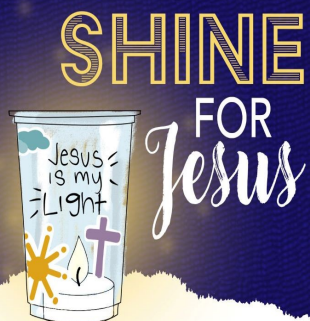
### What you need:

- Lime
- 10-20 whole cloves
- Birthday candle
- 4 toothpicks
- Adult help



### What you do:

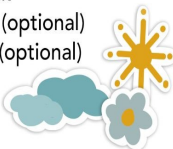
1. Have an adult slice the lime in half.  
Cut off the rounded end of one half so it can stand without rolling.
2. Insert 10 cloves into the cut sides of each half.
3. Stand the bottom half on a plate.  
Insert the candle in the center.
4. Insert the 4 toothpicks in the cut side of the bottom half. Then place the other half atop the toothpicks.
5. Before dinner, have an adult light the candle that's between the two lime halves. The flame's heat will warm the lime and create a smell that insects don't like.
6. Supervise the flame. Blow it out when it reaches the bottom lime.



This easy and colorful craft helps kids remember that Jesus is their light—no matter where they go!

### What you need:

- Clear plastic cup
- Battery tea lights
- Tissue paper squares (pre-cut)
- Glue stick
- Markers (optional)
- Stickers (optional)



**What you do:**

1. Use the glue stick to press colorful tissue paper squares around the outside of the cup.
2. Add a simple phrase like "Jesus is my Light" or use fun stickers to decorate.
3. Turn on the tea light and place it inside the cup.
4. Turn off the lights and let your lantern glow!

The Lord is my light  
and my salvation—  
whom shall I fear?



## A graphic featuring the word "PUZZLE" in large, outlined letters. Below the letters is a train with several circular wheels. The locomotive is on the right, emitting smoke, and has a star on its side. The entire graphic is set against a background of horizontal lines.

## TINY TEAMWORK

The focused teamwork of ants is astounding! How can we learn from them?

Directions: Answer the clues. Then write the words in order below to complete Proverbs 6:6-8, NIV.

This 6-legged arthropod can carry 20 times its own weight.

A sleepy, sloth-like and slow-moving person.

Having deep understanding and sound judgment.

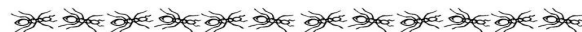
A person in charge of military troops.

A person in authority.

The season when daylight hours are longest.

A substance you eat for nutrition.

When farmers reap the rewards of hard work.



Go to the \_\_\_\_\_, you \_\_\_\_\_;

*consider its ways and be \_\_\_\_\_!*

It has no \_\_\_\_\_, no overseer or \_\_\_\_\_.

yet it stores its provisions in

and gathers its \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

*Proverbs 6:6-8, NIV*

Answers: a) siuggaard, wiser, commander, ruler, summer, food, harvest; go to the an, you siuggaard, consider its ways and be wisel! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.

## A graphic of a train engine and several empty puzzle pieces arranged in a train shape. The word "PUZZLE" is written in large, bold, outlined letters across the top of the puzzle pieces. The train engine is at the right end, with smoke coming out of its chimney. The puzzle pieces are connected by a track of small circles.

# WHO AM I?

Did you know that some Old Testament books are named after prophets?  
Use the clues to figure out each prophet's name and write it on the lines.  
Then unscramble, use the circled letters to complete the sentence at the bottom.

1. I was called to preach to Nineveh, but I ran from God instead. My book is number 32 in the Bible.  
I am \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I spoke God's message when the temple was being built. My book is number 37.  
I am \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Israel's unfaithfulness to God is compared to my unfaithful wife. My book is number 28.  
I am \_\_\_\_\_.
4. My book predicts punishment for wickedness and promises of comfort. It is book 23.  
I am \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I had dreams and visions. My book is number 27.  
I am \_\_\_\_\_.
6. I was often in danger because of my prophecies. I angered officials. My book is number 24.  
I am \_\_\_\_\_.
7. I was a shepherd from Judah who called people to turn to God and leave their selfish lives. My book is number 30.  
I am \_\_\_\_\_.
8. My book contains descriptions of strange visions. My book is number 26.  
I am \_\_\_\_\_.

Prophets are \_\_\_\_\_

Answers: Jonathan; Haggai; Hosea; Isaiah; Daniel; Jeremiah; Amos; Ezekiel; messengers.



# Community Events

Join us at Peter's Porch!



- **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am**  
Faith United Lutheran Church  
357 Walnut Street  
Denver, PA 17517  
717.336.2141  
www.FaithUnited-elca.org
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am**  
Lititz Mennonite Church  
165 East Front Street  
Lititz, PA 17543  
717.626.8327  
www.LititzMC.org
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am**  
Zion Lutheran Church  
435 Main Street  
Akron, PA 17543  
717.859.2100  
www.ZionAkron.org
- **4<sup>th</sup> Saturday (STARTING 7/28/18), 8:00 - 10:00am**  
Landis Valley Christian Fellowship Church  
2420 Kissel Hill Road  
Lancaster, PA 17601  
717.569.6051  
www.LandisValleyFellowship.org

Providing a free breakfast and  
a bag of food for our neighbors  
There is donated clothing at Lititz  
and Akron Peter Porches



Mt. Gretna Tabernacle

All Programs are in the Historic Tabernacle • 3<sup>rd</sup> St. & Glossbrenner Ave. Parking GPS Address: 41 Boulevard St, Mt. Gretna PA 17064

Please visit MtGretnaTabernacle.org for any program cancellations. A freewill offering will be received at each program.

## MT. GRETNA BIBLE FESTIVAL 2025

### Summer at the Tabernacle | Worship, Speakers and Concerts

**July 6 Sunday 7 p.m.**  
Concert

#### National Christian Choir

Founded in 1984, the choir is called to glorify God through a unique ministry of music. This is a patriotic themed concert "God and Country." Directed by Kathy Bowman, Gettysburg, Pa. Sponsored by Rhoda Long, Realtor, Berkshire-Hathaway Homeservices.



**July 13 Sunday 7 p.m.** Concert  
Cumberland Flutes

Cumberland Flutes is a community flute choir comprised of many talented musicians from the Southcentral PA area. Formed in 2017, they started performing in August 2022. Conductor Jocelyn Goranson is an award-winning soloist and adjunct instructor of applied flute at Messiah University and Dickinson College.



**July 20 Sunday 7 p.m.** Hymn Sing

Congregational favorites from the Celebration Hymnal. Led by **Bob Kettering** and **Dr. Rod Shearer**.



**July 27 Sunday 7 p.m.** Concert

**Choir Festival** A mass choir of over 100 volunteer singers from the region will present an inspiring program of varied styles of sacred music. Linda Tedford, guest conductor. Sponsored by Luser's Music. Concert made possible by the Estate of Douglas Troutman.

**August 3 Sunday 7 p.m.** Concert

**Lancaster British Brass Band** 28 instrumentalists from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey playing brass, winds and percussion instruments. Directed by Dr. Stephen Arthur Allen. Sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care.



**August 10 Sunday 7 p.m.** Concert

#### Jazz Ministers Big Band

Under the direction of Keith Wiley, 18 accomplished musicians who find a common spiritual mission in sharing the gift of music through the Christian worship or concert experience. The JMBB draws on a variety of musical selections that are frequently based upon standard Christian hymns and Gospel favorites.



**August 17 Sunday 7 p.m.** Concert

#### The Susquehanna Chorale

One of the premier choral groups in the nation makes its traditional late summer appearance. Directed by Linda Tedford. Sponsored by Traditions of Hershey



**August 24 Sunday 7 p.m.** Concert

#### QuintEssentially Brass

A quintet with their engaging personalities and sparkling instrumental performances end another season. Sponsored by Arthur Funk & Sons.



REINHOLDS, ADAMSTOWN AND  
SURROUNDING COCALICO AREA

## FOOD PANTRY

EASS has a satellite location at

**Swamp Lutheran Church**

every 2nd Wednesday of the month

1:30 PM- 5:30 PM

Call 717.733.0345 or 717.336.2849  
to let us know you are coming



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## Labor Day Auction

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★  
VOLUNTEER  
FOR THE  
LABOR DAY  
AUCTION  
★★★

**Join us for a meaningful experience filled with teamwork, camaraderie & impact!**

Connect with fellow volunteers, meet new friends and be part of a caring community. Whether you're setting up, helping during the event or assisting with clean-up, you'll be surrounded by people who share your passion for making a difference.

**VOLUNTEER ROLES INCLUDE:**

★ **ASSIST during Set-Up Week** (August 25 - August 29)  
Unload trucks, set up chairs and arrange auction items.

★ **HELP during the Auction** (August 30 & September 1)  
Support bidders, showcase items and help the event run smoothly.

★ **PITCH in for Clean-Up** (September 2)  
Pack up items and ensure a smooth wrap-up.

**Want to help sooner?**  
From May-August 2025, you can support us by selling raffle tickets for our exciting car raffle!

For more information, contact Becki Martin, Volunteer Coordinator, at [rmartin@hospicecommunity.org](mailto:rmartin@hospicecommunity.org) or call (717) 735-2472.



# Community Events

## **Take Out Only Community Meals**

**No Charge**

**Thursday, July 10, 2025**

**Pre-Order Required by Thursday, July 3**

**Thursday, July 24, 2025**

**Pre-Order Required by Friday, July 18**

**Thursday, August 28, 2025**

**Pre-Order Required by Friday, August 22**

**Pickup Time - 5:30-6:00 PM**

**Trinity United Methodist Church**

**420 Main Street, Denver (Rear Entrance)**

**Call 717-336-6748 or**

**Email: [swampcf@ptd.net](mailto:swampcf@ptd.net)**



## Community Picnic

Saturday July 5, 2025 3:30-8:00 p.m.



Honoring our Veterans and Active Military



Join Us - All are Welcome!



Brickerville United Lutheran Church  
340 East 28<sup>th</sup> Division Highway  
Lititz (Brickerville), PA 17543  
[www.brickervillelutheran.org](http://www.brickervillelutheran.org)

In the shaded Picnic Grove along Rt. 322 across from the church

Entertainment featuring the Ringgold Band 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

### Food Available for Purchase

Homemade Chicken Corn Soup  
Hot Dogs and Hamburgers  
Hamburger BBQ  
Dinner Salads  
Fresh Fruit Cup  
Homemade Pies and Cakes  
Brownie Sundaes  
Utter Choice Ice Cream

Bring a chair or blanket to sit in the grove. Donations accepted.



## Are you 60+?



**1st and 3rd Wednesdays**  
Adamstown Area Library  
110 W Main St, Adamstown

**2nd and 4th Wednesdays**  
Faith United Evangelical Lutheran Church  
357 Walnut St, Denver

**9am-11am**

If you have any questions,  
you can call our office at  
717-636-7797



Coffee, chatting, games,  
guest speakers, and MORE!

## First Friday Food Drive

On the 1st Friday of each month

Between 3pm - 5pm

Drop off items at Warehouse 916



## REAL Life COMMUNITY SERVICES

We are a non-profit community services ministry serving Northern Lancaster County. We do everything possible to connect the community to Hope through partnerships, collaborations, and building purposeful relationships by meeting people's physical and emotional needs.

### What We Offer:

- Faith-Based Social Services
- Affordable Housing Units
- Homelessness Prevention
- Food Distribution
  - Power Packs
  - Client Choice Shopping
  - Emergency Food Boxes
- Momentum - a Youth Mentoring Program
- Young at Heart - a Program for those 60 and older
- Parent as Teacher (PAT) Program
- Operation Warm
- Project Christmas Presents
- Back to School Backpacks
- Volunteer Opportunities, and More...

Scan here to visit  
our website



240 Main St., Suite B, Denver, PA 17517 717-336-7797 or email [info@realcs.org](mailto:info@realcs.org)

### FOOD ITEMS:

- Canned chicken
- Salsa (mild)
- Green Chilis (4 oz cans)
- Black olives
- Egg noodles (1 pound)
- Ramen Noodles
- Mushrooms
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Relish
- Gluten Free food items - soup, pasta.

### OTHER ITEMS:

- Body Wash
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Picnic products -
  - Plates
  - Napkins
  - Cups
- Sun Screen



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COMMUNITY SERVICES



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**357 WALNUT STREET**  
**P O BOX 157**  
**DENVER PA 17517-0157**

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