

*We Warmly
Welcome You to*



Milton Lutheran Church

*Fostering community through faith,
love and service*

September 25, 2022
Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Contemporary Service
The Rev. Gary Schaeffer

In Person & LIVE Streamed from the Sanctuary at Milton Lutheran Church
at 9:30 a.m. on the Milton Lutheran Church YouTube Channel
Visit <https://miltonlutheranchurch.org> to link to the LIVE worship.

(Bold italic items to be spoken)

Today as you enter the sanctuary please take a moment to be uplifted and inspired by the beauty of the flowers. This week they have been generously provided in memory of Dale Hill, Wilma Hill, and Barb Hill, by Linwood Hill.

We would like to give special thanks to our worship leaders; **Gary Schaeffer: Pastor, John Warfel: Director of Music, Nancy Walters: Assistant Director of Music and Kellie Brouse: Worship Assistant.** As well as our, **Greeters: Rusty Brouse, Linwood Hill.** We would also like to thank our **Worship Set Up Team: Ann Mellman, Connie Stover, and our Communion Assistants: Carol Yost, Lynette Weisner.** These people volunteer their time to make our sanctuary unique, welcoming and beautiful every week.

Welcome to Worship

Thank you for joining us today. Whether you've worshipped with us before or this is your first time, we want you to know that you are welcome. As Christians we recognize that each of us comes to worship just as we are. God loves us and so we love others, no expectations, no judgement, only acceptance, grace, and love.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Gary Schaeffer, Pastor

Prayer

Kellie Brouse, Worship Assistant

Gracious God as we gather today for worship let us take a moment and remember the gift of your grace in our lives. Help us celebrate that gift as we sing, as we hear your word, and as we pray. Guide our thoughts and feelings so that the Holy Spirit may move us to love one another.

AMEN

Opening Song:

“Open the Eyes of My Heart & 10,000 REASONS”

*O-pen the eyes of my heart, Lord,
O-pen the eyes of my heart,
I want to see You, I want to see You.*

*O-pen the eyes of my heart, Lord,
O-pen the eyes of my heart,
I want to see You, I want to see You.*

*To see you high and lifted up
shining in the light of Your glo-ry.
Pour out Your pow’r and love as we sing Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly.
(Repeat 2 times)*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I’ll worship Your holy name*

*The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I’ll worship Your holy name*

*You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I’ll worship Your holy name*

*And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

*Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name*

*Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name*

Scripture Reading: Luke 16:19-31

Gary Schaeffer, *Pastor*

¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸for I have five broth-

ers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Sermon: “Break Down the Barrier”

Gary Schaeffer, Pastor

Song: In Christ Alone

*In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand*

*In Christ alone, Who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live*

*There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ
No guilt in life, no fear in death*

*This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand*

Prayers: *Lord Listen to your Children Praying*
Kellie Brouse, *Worship Assistant*

*(Lyrics) Lord Listen to your children praying, Lord send
your spirit in this place, Lord listen to your children pray-
ing, Send us love , Send us power, send us grace.*

Let us open our hearts and minds and lift our prayers together trusting that God not only hears our prayers, but through the Holy Spirit, works to make us whole.

God of forgiveness, each of us comes before you today with heavy hearts. We have all done and said things that we shouldn't have. We have fallen short of your call to love our neighbors as ourselves. We ask that your grace be known to us now so that we can know your mercy, and through your love, be released from sin.

Lord Listen to your Children Praying...

God of comfort and strength. Help all those who are sick in mind, body, or spirit. Heal the wounded and the afflicted. Comfort us in our grief, sickness and pain. Let us all be reminded that you walk alongside each of us every single day of our lives and that your love sustains us. We pause now to lift our worries to you.

Lord Listen to your Children Praying...

God of joy and thanksgiving. There is so much in the world that we have to be thankful for. For the gift of life, for all of creation, family and friends, and this community of faith Oh God. We give you thanks. We pause now to lift our thanksgivings to you.

Lord Listen to your Children Praying....

God of life. You call us out into the world as followers of Christ so that others may experience your love. Guide our comings and goings and give us the strength to share your good news with everyone we come in contact with, whether that be through our words or actions.

Lord Listen to your Children Praying...

The Great Thanksgiving

Gary Schaeffer, Pastor

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give God our thanks and praise. For from the beginning of time God created everything around us. All of creation, the people we come in contact with, the emotions we feel, and of course God's only son, Jesus.

Who sacrificed himself on our behalf so that we could experience the love and forgiveness that sustains us each day and that we could be free from sin to show that love to others.

And so we remember how thousands of years ago, Jesus sat down for a meal with his disciples. How he took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

So we gather around this bread and wine, as a community and as individuals, remembering this sacrifice and being reminded of his love for each of us. As we eat of this bread and drink

of this wine let celebrate this gift as together we pray.....

***Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.***

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gary Schaeffer, Pastor

Gracious God, as we gather around this table to receive the gift of your grace, we offer ourselves to you. All we have, everything we are, and everything we will be comes from you. We give you thanks, offer our time, gifts, and resources as people of God. Trusting in your mercy and moved by your Spirit we ask that these gifts may be instruments of your love as we seek to love others. Amen.

Communion

Gary Schaeffer, Pastor

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Communion Songs

John Warfel

Communion Blessing

Gary Schaeffer, Pastor

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever. **AMEN**

Closing Song: "Soon and Very Soon."

*Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King,
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are going to see the King.*

*No more crying there, we are going to see the King,
No more crying there, we are going to see the King.
No more crying there, we are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are going to see the King.*

*No more dying there, we are going to see the King,
No more dying there, we are going to see the King.
No more dying there, we are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are going to see the King.*

*Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King,
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are going to see the King.*

Blessing

Kellie Brouse, Worship Assistant

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sending

Kellie Brouse, Worship Assistant

Together we at the Milton Lutheran Church.

Foster community through faith love and service.

Go forth in faith, to live out our mission.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude



HAPPY *Anniversary*

9/29/79 *Kenneth and Penny Ulmer*



Happy Birthday



9/25 *Robert Greenly*

9/27 *Rose Deaner*

9/28 *Marilyn Keiser*

9/29 *Nora Strawser*

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the church office with these dates.

Please Join Us In Prayer For...

Jaime Evock, Jo Ann Galbraith, Joanie Fisher, Ken Gaugler, Rose & Terry Deaner, Mary Billhime, Ed Coup, Patsy & Jack Aunkst, Julie Benshoff, Gerald Greenly, Jim Seidel & Family, Melvin Crist.

If you know someone who needs to be added or removed from the prayer list, please call the church office. Thank you.

What's Happening at MLC

- Sun, Sept. 25 Adult Sunday School, 8am
Contemporary Worship, 9:30am
Fellowship Hour, 11am
Welcome Table Planning Mtg. 11:30am
- Mon, Sept. 26 **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
Boy Scouts, 6pm
Grief Support Group, 6:30pm
- Tue, Sept. 27 TOPS, 10am
Boy Scouts, 5:30pm
- Wed, Sept. 28 Blood Drive: 1125 Mahoning, 1pm-6pm
Boy Scouts, 6pm
Pastor's Bible Study, 7pm
- Thur, Sept. 29 Getting Ahead, 5:30pm
- Fri, Sept. 30 Parents Helping Parents, 3:30pm
- Sun, Oct. 2 Adult Sunday School, 8am
Morning Prayer Worship, 9:30am
Pet Blessing, 1pm
Confirmation, 5pm
Youth Group, 6pm
- Mon, Oct. 3 Boy Scouts, 6pm
Getting Ahead Planning Mtg, 6pm
- Tue, Oct. 4 TOPS, 10am
- Wed, Oct. 5 Boy Scouts, 6pm
Pastor's Bible Study, 7pm
- Thu, Oct. 6 Getting Ahead, 5:30pm
- Fri, Oct. 7 Parents Helping Parents Group, 3:30pm

Coming This Fall!

Worship

Discussion

Service

THE WELCOME
TABLE

Meal

An intergenerational worship experience like none other....

Play

Community

The welcome table is a new kind of worship experience that will be coming this fall. Our first planning meeting will take place on **TODAY at 11:30am** in the fellowship hall. Have kids? Bring them with you! We will have pizza, start our planning, and there will be things for the kids while we meet.



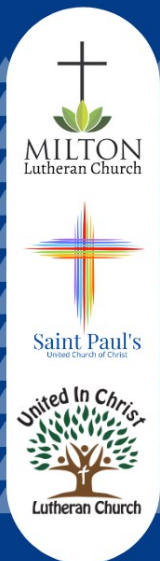
Buffalo Valley Conference of the Upper Susquehanna Synod ELCA

The Buffalo Valley Conference spans all of Union County and the upper portion of Northumberland County. Buffalo Valley Conference has its own Facebook page where we share community events happening within our conference.

Check it out here, www.facebook.com/bvcuss/

And don't forget to  LIKE the page!

In partnership with:



GRIEVE WITH THOSE IN GRIEF

A grief support group for those on
the journey together.

You are welcomed here.

Joined together, the communities of Milton Lutheran Church, Saint Paul's UCC, and United In Christ have started a new monthly grief support group. We met in August and will meet again on September 26th at 6:30 P.M. This time we will gather at MLC, 100 Mahoning St. Milton. Even if you were unable to attend our first gathering we hope you will still consider attending.

Each month we will focus on a chapter in Julie Yarbough's *Beyond the Broken Heart: A Journey Through Grief*. Copies of the book are available in the church office. If you plan to attend please let Pastor Gary know or sign-up on the volunteer board.

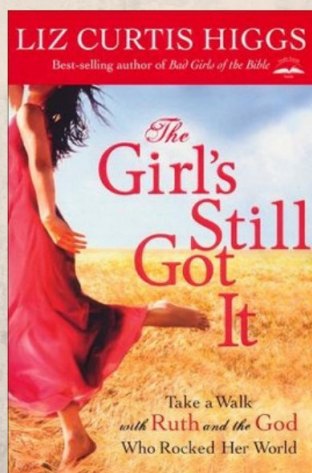
Maybe you know someone struggling with grief? This group is open to everyone, feel free to let them know we are gathering.

If you find yourself struggling with grief after the loss of a loved one, a broken relationship, or the overall strain on your being, know that this group is for you. No matter where you are on the journey you are welcomed here.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Resumes Sunday,
September 11th @
8:00 A.M.

Join us as we read Liz Curtis Higgs' book on the biblical character Ruth. Everyone is welcome!



“A perfect blend of humor, extensive research, descriptive language, and insightful commentary...”

Publishers Weekly

Walk with Ruth as she travels from Moab to Bethlehem, certain of her calling, yet uncertain of her future. Hold Naomi's hand and watch love put the pieces of her broken life back together. And hang out with Boaz, their kinsman-redeemer, who blesses both women and honors God, big time.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

A JOURNEY THROUGH LUTHER'S SMALL CATCECHISM



by heart

Wednesday Evenings @ 7:00 P.M.
September 14th-October 26th

Have you ever found yourself wondering what Lutherans believe? Maybe you have been a lifelong Lutheran, but feel like you need a refresher course on the tenants of the Lutheran faith. You may be new to the Lutheran church and want to find out more. If any of these things are true for you then this is the course for you! Join us for this seven week course led by Pastor Gary!



This year we will be partnering with United In Christ and Saint Paul's to host a fall festival and trunk-or-treat.

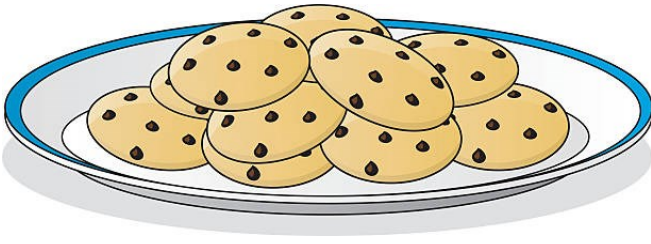
We are looking for volunteers who are willing to decorate their trunks and hand out candy. Volunteers can sign up on the bulletin board in the main entryway.

Not sure how to decorate your trunk?

You can buy Trunk-or-Treat Kits on Amazon for around \$15!

FELLOWSHIP TIME

MLC is bringing back fellowship time! On the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month there will be a cookie bar in the fellowship hall. Helen Billhime is in charge of getting volunteers to sign up and bring in cookies. There is a sign up sheet on the board in the main entryway. Each person is asked to please bring in at least 2 dozen cookies.



After taking a break for the summer our volunteer crew is ready to resume taking pictures for our new church directory. Be sure to stay after worship and get your picture taken!



**MILTON
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Hiking Group

Sunday, October 9th @ 12:30 P.M. & Saturday, October 22nd @ 9:00 A.M.
Meet at 100 Mahoning St. to carpool to our hiking location.

Our hiking group has two hikes planned for October. The first hike will be on October 9th at 12:30 P.M. We will be hiking the Mile Run Trail in Watsonstown. The second hike will be October 22nd at 9:00 A.M. For both hikes we will meet at the church and travel together to the location. Everyone is welcome!

MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH
100 MAHONING ST. MILTON, PA

SENIORS MINISTRY

WED. OCTOBER 19TH, 11:00 A.M- 1:00 P.M.

MEAL

CONVERSATION

BINGO

Our first Senior Ministry group will meet on Wednesday, October 19th at 11:00 A.M. in the fellowship hall. We will gather for a meal, bingo and conversation. We hope you will join us and invite a friend!

Free hygiene/
self-care
products to
anyone that
needs them.

Sunday
November 6th
11:30am-1pm

Self-Care Sanctuary



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100 MAHONING ST. MILTON, PA



Coming this November! We will be distributing hygiene products and self care items to people in our community. We will be collecting donations for the following items through **October 9th**.

- **Shampoo-** Men's and Women's
- **Body Wash-** Men's and Women's
- **Bar Soap-** Men's and Women's
- **Tooth paste-** Adult and Children
- **Tooth Brushes-** Adult and Children
- **Facial Tissue Boxes**
- **Toilet Paper-** 4 Packs

The poster features a background of several wine glasses filled with red wine. A semi-transparent red rectangle is overlaid on the right side, containing the event details. At the top of this rectangle is the Camp Mount Luther logo, which includes a stylized cross, a green tree, and a red mountain peak. Below the logo, the text reads 'CAMP MOUNT LUTHER'S EVENING AT SHADE MOUNTAIN'. A horizontal line separates the title from the date and time: 'Friday, October 28 6-8 p.m.'. Below that, it says 'Details at campmountluther.org'. On the left side of the poster, there is a small inset photo of a man in a blue shirt holding a wooden wine crate. Below the photo, the text reads 'Featuring music by Mark Alexander'.

Camp Mount Luther will have their annual Evening at Shade Mountain Winery. This is a fundraising opportunity to share fellowship, entertainment, and locally produced wine, all to benefit the camp. There will be a limit of 50 people for this year's event, which will run from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 28, 2022. Entertainment will be provided by Mark Alexander, a local acoustic musician. Menu to include heavy appetizers, desserts, and a complementary glass of wine. **If you would like to attend please sign-up at the church no later than October 9th.** Cost is a donation. Consider a donation equal or greater to the food and entertainment provided. If you choose to purchase any bottles of wine that evening, camp receives a portion of the proceeds.



SMALL GROUPS



We are looking for people who are interested in leading a small group. What is a small group? It is a group of people that gathers with similar interest for a specific purpose.

Maybe you want to start a small group for seniors or kids. Maybe you want to start a small group to do a book study or visit wineries. Whatever it may be we would love to talk with you about it! Please contact Pastor Gary and he will help you get started!

MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Pastor	Gary Schaeffer
Director of Music	John Warfel
Asst Director Of Music	Nancy Walters
Office Administrator	Terri Cromwell
Digital Ministry Coordinator	Seth Reitz
Custodian	Chuck Stahl
Treasurer	Rose Deaner
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Worship Team	Jeff Coup, Kellie Brouse, Nancy Walters, Sue Warfel, John Warfel
Digital Ministry Team	Aaron Coup, Rick Coup, Seth Reitz, Gaven Russell, Garrett Russell, Ellie Schaeffer
Outreach Team	Connie Stover, Kay Dunn, Claire Weisner, Lynnette Weisner, Carol Yost, Linwood Hill, Krista Yaiko, Karen Martello, Peggy Fisher, Cindy Trapane
Ministry Planning Team	Penny Ulmer, Rose Handy, Lynette Weisner, Ruth Scott, Joe Yaiko and Cindy Coup
Property Team	Don Fisher, Chuck Stahl, Bob Greenly, Rusty Brouse, Helen Billhime, Bill Heimbach, Seth Reitz, Joe Yaiko

OFFICE HOURS

Monday	1pm - 5pm
Tuesday	2pm - 5pm
Wednesday	1pm - 5pm
Thursday	1pm - 5pm
Friday	Office Closed

Please feel free to Email or drop off bulletin announcements or newsletter articles.

Pastoral Office Hours

Mon, Tue, Wed & Thursday 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Please call the office to reserve time to speak with Pastor Gary.

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