



MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH / JULY 2025

# NEWSLETTER

*Fostering community through faith, love, and service*

## An Update from MLC Church Council

From Council President Connie Stover

Council news

Council would like to take this opportunity to thank the congregation for participating in the discernment process to this point. A special thank you to the Strategic Planning Team, Facilities Team, and Community Assessment Team who have worked hard over the past several months to gather information enabling us to establish a new vision, goals, and objectives.

Unfortunately, at this time, despite the hard work of our leadership teams, we are unable to make a recommendation for the best use of our facilities. Therefore, there will be no congregational meeting on June 29th.

As a council, we are struggling to see a clear path forward. It has been a difficult process, and we have spent many hours and meetings to try to discern God's will for us. We feel that more information is needed. To move the process forward, we have decided to hire a coach from the ELCA Coaching Network who has experience working with church mergers. We will also appoint a task force made up of congregation members. This task force will research the questions that have emerged from the process, giving us the ability to further assess the strengths and weaknesses of each facility for the purpose of accomplishing our mission.

We will keep the congregation updated as we move forward through monthly updates in the newsletter. A formal presentation will be given at the congregational meeting in November.

We appreciate the support and prayers the congregation has given us. We ask that you continue to support us and keep us in your prayers as we discern a path forward. Together we will find a way forward that honors God's will for our church.

## Ministry Teams and Small Group Monthly Reports

### Fellowship Team

The Fellowship team was busy celebrating Mother's and Father's Day with sweets for everyone! Coming up we are working on brunch for summer worship outside, more info to follow.

We just had our annual trip to Knoebels with our partnering churches and had approximately 30 people come for lunch. The weather surely played a role in attendance. Coming on July 20 will be our annual trip to the Crosscutters game, signups and payment of \$6 per ticket are due by July 6.

Plans for late summer/early fall include: a Sunday Funday at either Neighbor Lady Vino or Union Cellars, cookout and picnic, and maybe a DIY event. Stay tuned!

The Fellowship Team

### Outreach Team

Outreach team along with United in Christ outreach team is collecting school supplies from now until August 10th to than be distributed at the Milton schools during open house before school starts. Asking for donations of pencils colored pencils crayons folders glue sticks notebooks Please place items in wooden cart. We would like to thank everyone who purchased hoagie tickets to benefit self care. We sold all 180 tickets! We raised over \$720.

Steph Byers

## **Strategic Plan Group, Goal #3, Bridging the Generation Gap**

Milton Lutheran Church is excited to launch Swim, Gym, and Him — a new monthly partnership with the Milton YMCA starting this August. These evenings are designed to help bridge the youth gap at MLC by offering a welcoming, active, and faith-centered environment for youth ages 6–12.

Held at the Milton YMCA, each event will feature a variety of fun activities including swimming, basketball, volleyball, pickleball, esports, and more — all organized and led by MLC staff and volunteers. In addition to the games and fellowship, each night will include a short Bible study or faith-based conversation, with occasional guest talks from Pastor Gary or other church leaders.

This is a space where youth can explore their faith freely, connect with others, and feel supported — no prior knowledge or experience needed. We're meeting them where they are, both spiritually and socially.

Stay tuned for final details on dates, times, and pricing, which will be announced soon. This pilot program was initiated by the members of the Strategic Plan group striving to bridge the Generation Gap here at MLC.



JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>!

The game starts at 4:05 pm.

\$6 per ticket

Children under the age of 5 are free- if sitting on an adults lap.

Come early and stay late! Players will be signing autographs 3:20-3:45. After the game all children 12 and under can run the bases.

Order your tickets through the office, either by emailing or calling! Must be signed up AND paid by July 6<sup>th</sup>.

We wanted to say a special word of thanks to everyone who has contributed to this campaign so far. **We have raised \$26,630.** Due to some unexpected expenses that have come up this year our Church Council has decided to conduct a special appeal to help offset the cost for the purchase of a new steam boiler, reseal the parking lot at 100 Mahoning St., moving expenses, and fixing the air conditioning at 1125 Mahoning St. We invite you to make a contribution to help cover these expenses. You can do so by making a contribution through your regular giving or make a contribution online through Tithe.ly. Please just be sure to place 'Moving Forward Campaign' in the memo line.



For the month of July, we are requesting donations of toothbrushes.

We appreciate anything you can give to this ministry!

Registration for Summer Day Camp is now open!

We hope to see you there this summer!







Our Fidget Quilt group has changed their meeting schedule!

The meeting dates for this year are:

September 3<sup>rd</sup>

And December 3<sup>rd</sup>!

If you have any questions, contact Connie Stover.

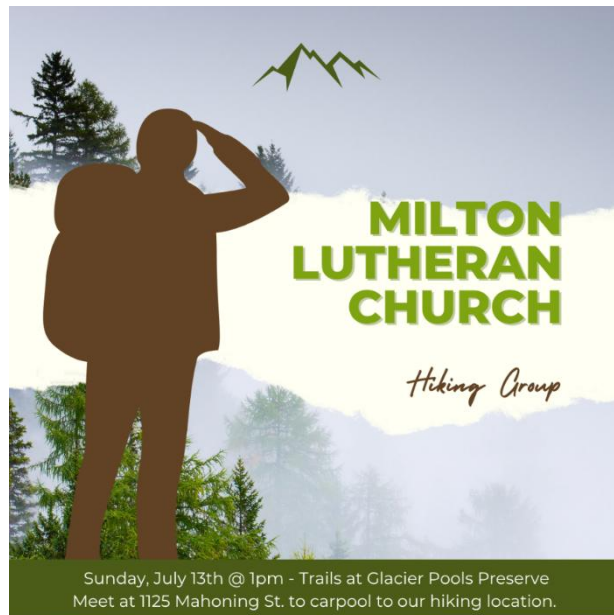
Our pet pantry is the first Sunday of the month from 11:30am-12:30pm held in conjunction with our Self-Care Sanctuary. Our next one is July 6th.





Please consider signing up on the bulletin board for an item to donate for our day camp crafts!

Easy 3 mile hike. Aprox. ½ hour drive. We will leave from the church lot at 12:30 pm. Others can meet us at the trailhead parking lot at 757 Pine Tree Road, Hughesville, about 1:00 pm. We will stop at the Angus Inn in Hughesville for refreshments on the way home.



Milton Lutheran Church has kicked off our matching funds campaign for Camp Mount Luther!

Over the next month you'll be hearing from people in the congregation about their love for Camp Mount Luther and the ministry camp provides.

For more information on who and what this campaign benefits, visit Camp Mount Luther's website and navigate to their campaign page, or talk with Pastor Gary or CarolAnn.



<b>TUE, JULY 1</b>	10am TOPS
<b>WED, JULY 2</b>	6pm Boy Scouts
<b>THU, JULY 3</b>	7pm Outreach Team Meeting
<b>SUN, JULY 6</b>	9:30am Worship 11:30am Self-Care Sanctuary and Pet Pantry
<b>MON, JULY 7</b>	6pm Boy Scouts
<b>TUE, JULY 8</b>	10am TOPS
<b>WED, JULY 9</b>	6pm Boy Scouts
<b>THU, JULY 10</b>	1pm Worship Team Meeting
<b>SUN, JULY 13</b>	9:30am Worship 11am Fellowship Hour 11am Fellowship Team Meeting
<b>MON, JULY 14</b>	9am Day Camp Executive Committee Meeting 6pm Boy Scouts
<b>TUE, JULY 15</b>	9am Day Camp 10am TOPS 10:30am Movers and Shakers
<b>WED, JULY 16</b>	9am Day Camp

	6pm Boy Scouts
<b>THU, JULY 17</b>	9am Day Camp
<b>FRI, JULY 18</b>	9am Day Camp
<b>SUN, JULY 20</b>	9:30am Worship
<b>MON, JULY 21</b>	6pm Boy Scouts 7pm Council Meeting
<b>TUE, JULY 22</b>	10am TOPS
<b>WED, JULY 23</b>	6pm Boy Scouts
<b>SUN, JULY 27</b>	9:30am Outdoor Worship 11am Fellowship Hour
<b>MON, JULY 28</b>	6pm Boy Scouts
<b>TUE, JULY 29</b>	10am TOPS
<b>WED, JULY 30</b>	Red Cross Blood Drive 6pm Boy Scouts

**Please Contact the Office if You Have Any Questions About Any Upcoming Events**



**Donations Made in the Names of Loved Ones to the Abiding Memorial Fund**

**For the Months of May and June**

**Tresha Sudol** by Carol Yost

**Dave Guffey** by Carol Yost

**Dave Guffey** by Evelyn O'Connell

**Dave Guffey** by Rick and Judy Coup

**Dave Guffey** by Helen Billhime

**Dave Guffey** by Jeff and Cindy Coup

All donations in the name of Tresha Sudol have gone to support the Happy Tails Pet Pantry  
program