OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER



Fostering community through faith, love and service.

OFFICE LOCATION

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OFFICE HOURS

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

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PASTORAL OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday: 10am - 3pm

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



Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and our YouTube Channel to connect with us online.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SUN, OCT. 2 **BLESSING OF ANIMALS** CONFIRMATION YOUTH GROUP THU, OCT. 6 **OUTREACH COMMITTEE MTG.** SUN, OCT. 9 FELLOWSHIP HOUR BUILDING TRANS. TEAM MTG. HIKING GROUP OUTING SUN, OCT. 16 YOUTH GROUP MON, OCT. 17 COUNCIL MEETING TUE, OCT. 18 **SENIOR GROUP** SAT, OCT. 22 TRUNK-OR-TREAT HIKING GROUP OUTING **BOY SCOUT CHICKEN BBQ** FFLLOWSHIP HOUR SUN, OCT. 23 MON, OCT. 24 **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** FRI, OCT. 28 EVENING AT SHADE MT WINERY SUN, OCT. 30 REFORMATION SUNDAY MON, OCT. 31 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE SUN, NOV. 6 **ALL SAINT SUNDAY**

Pastor's Message

Dear Friends of the Milton Lutheran Church,

As the temperature begins to cool, the leaves begin to change their colors, and the animals begin their new patterns I'm reminded of how we have entered into a new season. Not only as summer moves into fall, but also as our community of faith moves into a new season of change.

One of those changes is the creation of several core values that we hope to live into in the coming years. They are Faith, Inclusivity, Innovation, Stewardship, Community. Over the next year as we explore new ministries, new ideas, and continue growing my prayer for all of us is that we find ways to be intentional in embracing these values. This month we will spend some time focusing on the core value of faith.

What sets us apart from other communities and organizations?

Have you ever wondered what sets us apart from other communities and organizations? Surely there are places all over that provide space for people to gather, have fellowship with one another, building relationships, use their gifts, grow, learn, challenge, and support one another. The most obvious difference between

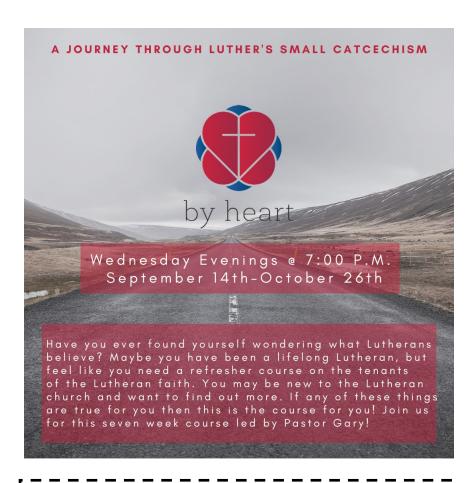
us as a congregation and other communities is that we do all these things because of our faith and with our faith.



Faith is a gift from God. From the moment we are born God instills in us the gift of faith and the gift of God's love and presence in our lives. Everything we do as a community is in response to this gift. This includes our sense of belonging, decisions we make, the ministries we participate, the people we serve, our worship, our fellowship, and learning, and our discipleship.

This month I want to invite you to consider how your faith is being shaped by the Milton Lutheran Church. What is God calling you to do? How is God calling you to live out your faith? How do you see faith present when we gather?

Blessings, Gary Schaeffer, Pastor



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Any articles, events, photos and/or thank you notes you'd like to have printed in the November Newsletter need to be in the office **by Monday, October 31.**

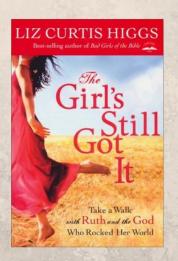


Rose Williams, Founder/Director of the local Getting Ahead Foundation, will be preaching with Pastor Gary on Sunday, October 9!

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

The Young and the Restless Adult Sunday School (Kellie's Class) with meet **Sundays at 8:00 am in the library**. We are discussing Liz Curtis Higgs' book, "**The Girl's Still Got It"**. We will be "taking a walk with Ruth and the God who rocked her world."

OUTREACH



We will be distributing hygiene products and self care items to people in our community.

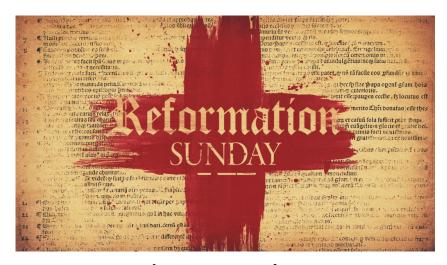
We will be collecting donations for the following items until October 9th.

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

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Outreach Committee will meet on Thursday, October 6 at 7pm in the church library.



Sunday, October 30 Don't forget to wear RED!

CHURCH COUNCIL

Council will meet on Monday
October 17 at 7pm

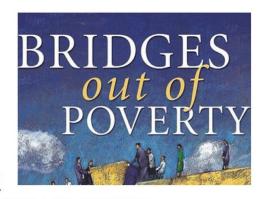
FREE WORKSHOP



BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY WORKSHOP

Sunday, Nov. 6th 2pm - 4pm

Milton Lutheran Church, 100 Mahoning Street, Milton, PA 17847



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Employers Educators

Concerned

Citizens

Community

Groups

Pastors

Service Groups

Policy Makers

Care Providers

HOW DOES IT WORK?

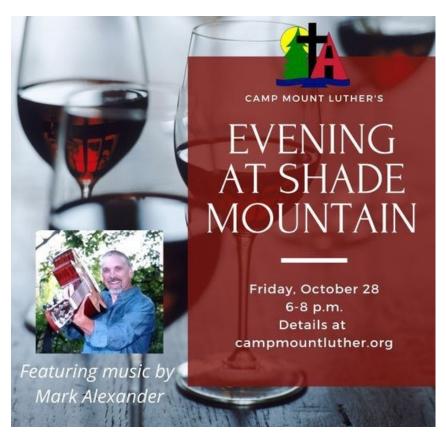
- · Changes perceptions of poverty
- Inclusion/Partnership
- Advocation for change
- Collaboration among community organizations
- Policy change

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

Bridges is a framework, an approach for...

- Providing a deeper understanding of poverty
- Providing a common language of poverty
- Providing a platform for innovative action and tools
- Providing a deeper understanding of economic class, hidden rules, and mental models that exist in all classes

Add your name to the signup sheet in the Main Entry if you will be attending!



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. Make reservations at 570-922-1587 or cml@campmountluther.org. 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.

Upper Susquehanna Synod, ELCA

NEW BISHOP TAKES OFFICE



The Rev. Craig A. Miller began his six year term as the fourth bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod on September 1, 2022. Miller served as Assistant to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission in the synod since 2016. He served as pastor of Our Saviour's Lu-

theran Church in Brooklyn, N.Y., from 1996 to 2016. Miller earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, N.Y., in 1985 and his Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (now United Lutheran Seminary) in 1996. Miller succeeds Bishop Barbara J. Collins, who retired on August 31. He was installed on September 17 at Zion Lutheran Church, Sunbury. Here are some photos











The four bishops of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. (Bishop Collins, Bishop Miller, Bishop Main, and Bishop Driesen)



Our hiking group has two hikes planned for October.

1. The Mile Run Trail. October 9th. This is a loop that starts from a parking area at the north side of the Mile Run Exit off I-80 outside the PennDOT maintenance area. We will meet at the Church Parking lot at 12:30 pm to car-pool to the parking area. The hike is about 2.5 miles up a nice trail then about 2.5 miles back down a gravel road to the starting point. Sturdy hiking shoes are suggested since the trail up is rocky and uneven most of the way. A daypack with water, walking stick(s), and a snack would be a good idea too.

2. The Bob Webber Trail at Pine Creek Valley. October 22nd We will meet at the church parking lot at 9:00 and car-pool to the Ross Run Access Area along the Pine Creek Trail. The drive to the trailhead is about 1 ¼ hours. The Ross Run Parking area is on the left of the road. Dress, in layers as it will be chilly in the morning, but you will want to shed a layer hiking up the 1,300′ mountain side. You will need a day pack with plenty of water and a lunch to be eaten as we enjoy the beauty at the top and a walking stick(s).



Buffalo Valley Conference of the Upper Susquehanna Synod ELCA

At the Synod Assembly Pastor Gary was installed as the new Dean of the Buffalo Valley Conference. 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 the LIKE the page!

RALLY DAY

Photos from this year's Rally Day on Sunday, September 11

















Janiversary

10/15/83 Bean and Carol Yost 10/22/94 Chuck and Kim Mitch

Happy Birthday

10/5 Sharon Greiner

10/12 Richard Coup

10/13 Austin Mitch

10/16 Rich Handy

10/26 Paul Stover

10/27 Craig Lawler

10/27 Norm Showers





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



Preston "Lin" Davis

Doris Moore

PRAYER LIST

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.



Congratulations

Clyde Drumheller was baptized on Sunday, September 11!

OCTOBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Worship Assistant: TBD

Greeters: Helen Billhime, Nancy Brown

Worship Setup: Sue Warfel, Chuck Stahl

Communion Assistants: Penny Ulmer, Cindy Coup

If you are interested in being a worship volunteer please let Pastor Gary or Chuck Stahl know. Training is available.

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Preston "Lin" Davis January 22, 1936 - September 21, 2022



Preston L. "Lin" Davis, 86, of Hillside Place, Milton, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022, at Buffalo Valley Nursing Care Center, Lewisburg.

Born in Milton on Jan. 22, 1936, he was a son of the late Preston B. and Isabelle (Lindner) Davis. He was married to his loving wife Margaret "Meg" (Whitenight) Davis for 59

years until her passing on May 18, 2018.

Lin graduated from Milton High School Class of 1953 and magna cum laude from Dartmouth College in 1957. He earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania in 1960, where he served as editor of the law review. He clerked for one year for the Honorable Herbert F. Goodrich on U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals. He returned to Milton to work with his father, Preston B. Davis, in a firm that began in 1895. In 1970, R. Michael Kaar joined the firm and it became Davis, Davis, & Kaar.

Lin served as solicitor for Northumberland County from 1964 to 1969, Northumberland County Redevelopment Authority, the Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds, Milton Municipal Authority, Milton Regional Sewer Authority, Delaware Township, Mifflinburg Zoning Hearing Board and Lewis Township Zoning Hearing Board. He also served as a Director of The First National Bank of Milton, Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Bancshares, as well as a member of the advisory boards for Meridian, CoreStates and Sovereign Banks. He was also a former Director of SUN Home Health Services. He was a member of Northumberland County (Past President), Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations.

Lin lived a life of service. He was president of the Susquehanna Valley Area Council and later Susquehanna Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He was chairman of the Board of Tressler Lutheran Services Associates, vice-president of Hemlock Council, Girl Scouts U.S.A., chairman of Focus Central Pennsylvania, Past Master of the Milton Masonic Lodge, and on the Boards of Milton Rotary, the United Way, Wynding Brook Country Club, and the Northumberland County Republican Party.

Lin was an avid golfer and Penn State sports fan. He was a member of the Penn State Wrestling Club, the Nittany Lion Club, and rarely missed a Penn State football game or annual NCAA wrestling championship event. He enjoyed tailgating with friends and family and hosted years of winter sports weekends at Penn State, spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Lin was a loving father and is survived by four children, Kerry Davis and wife, Judy of Sunbury, Kathy Hrenko of Kennett Square, Kirk Davis and wife, JoAnn of Blossburg, and Kelly Farquhar and husband, William of Newark, Del.; a brother, W. Laurence Davis and wife, Catherine of Center Valley; nine grandchildren whom he adored, Kristopher Davis, Adam Hrenko, Rachel Davis Wright and husband, Jason, Aaron Hrenko, Zachary Hrenko, Jarrod Davis, Joel Farquhar, Katrina Davis and Justin Farquhar. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Mary Eleanor (Whitenight) Beaver, and brother-in-law, Gene Whitenight and wife Linda. He is also survived by his long-term legal partner, R. Michael Kaar; and executive team, Dana Ramsey and Vicki Lose.

Friends and relatives were received from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct, 1 at Milton Lutheran Church, 100 Mahoning St., Milton, where a memorial service was held at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Gary Schaeffer officiating.

Interment followed in Milton Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Milton Rotary, P.O. Box 36, Milton, PA 17847.

The family was assisted by the Shaw Funeral Home, 400 N. Front St., Milton. Condolences may be shared at www.shawfuneralhomeinc.com

Daris Mae Moore

January 20, 1926 - September 26, 2022



Doris Mae Moore, 96, of Sycamore Lane, Milton, passed away Monday, Sept. 26, 2022, at her home.

Born in Dewart on Jan. 20, 1926, she was the daughter of the late Guy L. and Marian A. (Krug) Young. She was married for more than 58 years to Harold E. Moore, who preceded her in death in 2006.

Doris graduated from Watsontown High School in 1943 and from Thomas Jefferson Hospital School of Nursing in 1947. While living on Alcatraz she was employed by St. Francis Hospital in San Francisco for two years. Following her return to Milton, she was employed for more than 30 years at Evangelical Community Hospital, retiring in 1988. She was a member of the Milton Lutheran Church, the Alcatraz Alumni Association, and the Thomas Jefferson Nurses Alumni Association. Doris enjoyed eating out with family and friends and early morning breakfast with her former co-workers. She liked to travel, especially to San Francisco every five years for the Alcatraz Alumni reunion.

She is survived by her children, Marilyn K. Keiser (David) of Milton, Nancy J. Moore of Milton, John T. Moore (Billie Kay) of Bluffton, S.C., and Beth Ann Boyer (Kent) of Carolina Shores, N.C.; three grandchildren, Christy Krieger (Thomas) of Sunbury, Amy Bischof (Darrin) of Jersey Shore, and Zachary Boyer (Tamara) of Conway, SC; five great-grandsons, Tyler Pratt, Joshua Krieger, Nathan and Luke Bischof, and Wells Boyer; a great-granddaughter, Journie Pratt; a sister-in-law, Joyce Reeder; three nieces, and her beloved cat, Rusty.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and a brother, Guy Young Jr.

A gathering of friends and relatives was held from 10 to 11 a.m.

Friday, Sept. 30, at the Shaw Funeral Home, 400 N. Front St., Milton. Graveside services will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to Evangelical Community Hospital or Cherished Cats Rescue Alliance, 230 Market St., Suite 1, Lewisburg, PA 17837.



Joined together, the communities of Milton Lutheran Church, Saint Paul's UCC, and United In Christ have started a new monthly grief support group.

Even if you were unable to attend previously 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.

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.

Next meeting: October 24th at 6:30pm, 1125 Mahoning St.

MLC Youth



Join us on Sunday October 2nd at 1:00pm for our Blessing of the Animals at Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church (100 S. 3rd Street, Lewisburg)! Together with the communities of faith at Christ's Lutheran and United In Christ Lutheran Church, we will gather to give thanks for the blessing of all God's creatures. Traditionally falling close to the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, this time will be an opportunity to give thanks for the creatures and critters in our own lives!

All are invited to join us for a short service of thanksgiving with a blessing for all of the faithful friends who gather with us! If Fido or Fluffy can't make it, feel free to bring a collar, food bowl, or picture as we give thanks for the blessings they are in our lives!

We will be collecting pet food, litter, and supplies that will be donated to the Danville SPCA as we seek to reciprocate the blessing that these critters provide in our lives!

YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group will meet on Sunday, October 2nd at Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lewisburg (100 S. 3rd St.) for the joint Pet Blessing service with Youth Group and Confirmation following! Be sure to come out with cats/dogs/chickens/lizards for that blessing service! After the Pet Blessing, we will plan to walk together to Sweet Frog for a snack for Youth Group! If your student needs help covering the cost, please let Pastor Gary know; we will make sure they are able to fully participate that day. We will plan to wrap up close to 3:30pm, so plan on that time for pickup from Sweet Frog!

On Sunday October 16th we will meet at Milton Lutheran Church at 6pm for dinner followed by Youth Group.

Youth Group is open to all students in grades 7-12 and typically runs for about two hours!

If you are or have a youth member interested in being part of Youth Group, please reach out to Pastor Gary and we'll get you connected!



Milton Lutheran Church and United In Christ will be doing Trunk-or-Treat at Saint Paul's Halloween Event on Saturday, October 22. We need you to do a trunk! Signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the main entry.

You can buy trunk kits on Amazon for \$15!

Want to help, but don't want to decorate a trunk?

Donations of candy would be appreciated!
Please place your candy donations in the "Halloween
Candy" box in the main entry.



Scout Troop 605 Chicken BBQ



1/2 Chicken, Mac & Cheese,
Baked Beans & Bun
October 22nd Noon to
3pm Milton Lutheran
Church
\$10.00 per meal

\$10.00 per meal Contact Dean Crites for



Tickets 570-490-1196

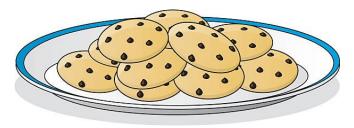


BUILDING TRANSITION TEAM

Building Transition Team will meet on Sunday, October 9 during fellowship hour in the church library.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

MLC has brought 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 signup and bring in cookies. There is a signup sheet on the board in the main entryway. Each person is asked to please bring in at least 2 dozen cookies.





Come to church and stay afterwards so we can take your photo and include you in Milton Lutheran Church's very first directory!!



Beignets were a hit again this year. We made over \$900 which will be sent to Lutheran Disaster Response. Thank you to everyone that came out to make dough and help run the booth at the Harvest Festival!!











SENIORS MINISTRY

TUESDAY. OCTOBER 18TH, 10:30 A.M- 12:30 P.M.

MEAL

CONVERSATION

BINGO

Ministry group will meet on Tuesday, October 18th at 10:30 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!



The welcome table is a new kind of intergenerational worship for people of all ages. Our first gathering will be on Tuesday, November 1st at 5:00 P.M. in the fellowship hall. We hope you will join us for worship, a meal, discussion, and fellowship. Bring someone along with you!

Thank You

Dear Members of the Milton Lutheran Church,

At the regular meeting of the Board of Education on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, the Board gratefully accepted your donation of school supplies for our students. Please accept our sincere thank you for the generous donation. We appreciate your kindness and continued support of our schools and students.

Sincerely, Dr. John Bickhart Superintendent

Dear Members of Milton Lutheran Church,

Goodness, love, welcome, forgiveness, and generosity - those five things are all given to us by God freely. This Summer, our campers heard about the boundlessness of God and how God gives abundantly to us, and we should share those gifts

with others. What a great message in these times!

It was a good summer here at camp. We enjoyed nearly 435 campers who were able to return to camp and participate in our off-site camps this year. Our staff was small and might y and rose to the challenges they were presented. We felt supported by so many who were praying for us, sending us mail, and contributing financially.

Your support of camp helps us tremendously. We are grateful for your recent contribution to Mount Luther and acknowledge the following gift, \$300 for Annual Fund-Congregations. As we do our work, we are mindful of the great support we receive from people like you, unprecedented times. Camp helps children, youth, and adults discover more about God, themselves, and others. They fell connected to God and learn more about going out in service in God's name. Your donation provides an important foundation for the faith formation of all who take advantage

of our programs and facilities. Thanks for contribution to Mount Luther

God's Peace, Chad Hershberger Executive Director

If you would like to give to Camp Mount Luther, please write "Camp Mount Luther" on your offering envelope, along with the amount and the church will send it to camp!



MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Seth Reitz
Chuck Stahl
Rose Deaner
President: Lynnette Weisner Vice President: Rusty Brouse Secretary: Kay Dunn Chris Coup, Kevin Fry, Nancy Wal- ters, Connie Stover, Joe Yaiko,
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