Serving God through faith formation, worship, service, evangelism, and fellowship

Pastor Gary's November Message

Dear Friends of the Milton Lutheran Church,

Can you believe that it is already November?! Time flies when you're having fun! This month we have so much to share with you about the exciting things going on at our church. I hope you will take the time to read through our Newsletter and consider joining us as we gather for fellowship, worship, service, and fun!



I also wanted to share some updates with you

about the ongoing consolidation process. This month we will begin submitting the paperwork to dissolve the existing church bodies and to create Milton

Lutheran Church. Included in this process is the processing of our existing deed and title for each property, establishing a new constitution, mission statement, vision statement, annual operating budget, and of course our new name!

We are excited to share this time together and in the coming days you will be invited to join us as we work on these pieces. You can expect to see more information coming your way and asked for your ideas and feedback. I hope you will join us!

Several people have also asked about how they should donate to the church. For now because Christ Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church still exist in the eyes of the state, we ask that you make all donations to whichever church body you would consider yourself a member of. We will continue to do this until the new year when everyone will receive new giving envelopes and the Milton Lutheran Church will be legally established. Thank you so much for your consideration and support of the ministry we do together!

Many Blessings,

Gary Schaeffer,

News from the ELCA website:



The "perfect storm"

Despite dual hardships, congregation continues
ministries

By <u>Jay Saunders</u> August 3, 2021

On March 2, 2020, the world stood on the precipice of a pandemic. People throughout the United States were trying to figure out how they might handle the impending COVID-19 crisis. This included the leadership and congregation of <u>St. John Lutheran</u> in Nashville, Tenn.

That night and into the next morning, seven tornadoes tore through central Tennessee, including one that touched down for 60 miles

in and around Nashville.

"I got a call saying our church was destroyed," said Jim Graham, a member of St. John. "My wife and I went over there, and we got close enough to see the damage. It was an unbelievable moment. The sanctuary was gone."

The twister not only shattered the sanctuary but damaged multiple church buildings. Three roofs would have to be replaced. The fellowship hall needed extensive repair work. Debris, phone lines and power lines were strewn across the church's 5-acre property.

"It was the perfect storm," said Rick Roberts, pastor of St. John for the last 19 years. "It was surreal to see how the sanctuary took a direct hit. But, as terrible as it was, we started seeing the blessings right away"



As news of the church damage spread, parishioners began showing up and almost immediately talked about how to rebuild. Other area Lutheran congregations brought food and supplies. A cleanup day attracted so many community volunteers that police officers had to turn them away,

Graham said. Volunteer groups from Gulf Coast congregations that St. John had helped during hurricane relief efforts came to Nashville to lend a hand.

"People showed up from everywhere," Graham said, "and as the cleanup got underway, one of the first things that went through the minds of so many members was, 'How do we rebuild this thing?' We didn't sit around feeling sorry for ourselves. We had a job to do."

That job extended past rebuilding the brick-and-mortar church. At the time of the tornado, St. John was heavily involved in multiple ministries that supported the community. Running feeding and homelessness ministries and supporting a nearby school were just some of the efforts the congregation had been undertaking.

A devastating tornado wouldn't stop these outreach programs—even without a physical church to house them. "The gospel truth is the church is not about the building," Roberts said. "It's not about us. It's about what God does through us."

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"A community church"

Prior to the storm, St. John had designated a spot in the sanctuary for food donations. The congregation has a long-standing relationship with the Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee. Before 2020, Roberts said, the highest number of items donated in a single year was about 3,100. This year, monthly food drop-offs in the church parking lot have collected 3,800 items in the first four months alone.

St. John's outreach program supporting Two Rivers Middle School also stayed strong after the storm. Parishioners provide food for students to take home on weekends and during extended school breaks, and another donation drive collected school supplies and clothing.

The church aims for a similar goal with its "Room in the Inn" ministry: several times a month the congregation welcomes unhoused men, women and children with shelter, food and fellowship. The ministry hasn't been able to provide shelter since the storm hit, but steady donations continue to serve St. John's neighbors in other ways.

"We take pride in being a community church," Graham said. "This outreach is what our church is all about. There is a saying [from] Scripture, 'all means all,' and that means helping all people, not just some. We feel blessed to keep on [with] these ministries."

Roberts is proud of "what we're doing, but we still have to strive to show people who we are and whose we are. Hopefully, that will be our continued focus."

Reconstruction work is underway on all St. John's damaged buildings, with the exception of the sanctuary, which will be a multimillion-dollar construction project from the ground up. The

congregation expects its fellowship hall to be reconstructed in 2021 and will use it for worship services until the sanctuary is completed.

Despite the dual hardships of tornado damage and the pandemic, Roberts feels his faith has strengthened as people in Nashville and across the country continue to support the church and its ministries.

"It enhances my sense of calling," he said. "Obviously, we would have rather not gone through this. But I feel we've been truly blessed through this whole process."



Jay Saunders

Jay Saunders has more than 20 years' experience writing for television, newspapers and magazines. He is a member of Fox Point Lutheran Church in Fox Point, Wis.

St John's Update



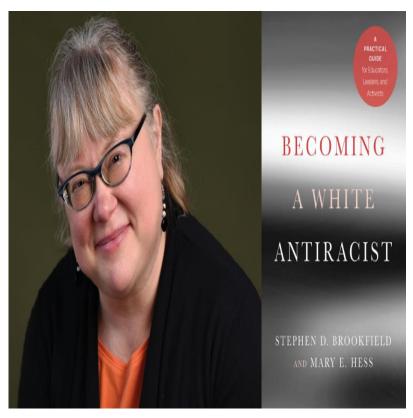
Our walls have been rebuilt. Our roofs have been rebuilt and shingled, and bricking is about to begin. The next phase will be to redo all the insides so we can occupy those areas. We are in the process of designing what our new sanctuary will look like. That building

part won't begin for a while.

If there is one thing we have learned, and are still learning throughout this tornado/pandemic process, the Church is NOT about a building. The Church is about what God is doing through the people. Over the past year and a half,

we have greatly increased our
"Compassion" outreach ministry to
help those less fortunate in our
community; please check our Facebook
page to see all we're doing. We have
become known as "The Church without
Walls." With all the divisive problems

in our world, this time of Exodus has also helped to begin a much-needed Faith Formation Ministry for our members; helping us to best live our lives in the midst of all the problems in our world.



From awareness to action

An interview with author Mary E. Hess

By J. Potter October 13, 2021 Mary E. Hess

In <u>Becoming a White Antiracist: A Practical</u>
<u>Guide for Educators, Leaders, and</u>
<u>Activists</u> (Stylus Publishing, 2021), coauthors <u>Mary E. Hess</u> and Stephen D.
Brookfield offer a road map for people of European descent who want to turn their awareness of racism and systemic injustice into action. *Living Lutheran* recently spoke to Hess, who has been on the faculty of Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., since 2000, about how she and Brookfield aimed to create a resource for white readers seeking to create conversations about race, teach or arrange

development workshops on racism, or help colleagues, students or fellow congregation members create an antiracist environment or culture.

Living Lutheran: Could you tell us about Becoming a White Antiracist?

Hess: It's about recognizing the ways in which we are all interconnected and [how] the brokenness of <u>racism</u>, and the whole process of racialization, has shaped who we are in the United States. As people of faith, if we are actually serious about recognizing that we are all one body, then [we must open] ourselves up as white people to the awareness of what has happened.

One of the things that we say in the book a lot is that, for a white person to do anti-racist work, you're either going to do it imperfectly or not at all. So our desire was to try to find ways to at least do it imperfectly. The reason the book is called *Becoming [a White Antiracist]* is because we never actually get there—it's a journey. And it's work that needs to be collective as well as personal.

In the United States, a lot of [white] people have grown up thinking race is an issue for other people and that race is something that white people don't need to think about. I think it's almost the exact opposite: Those of us who are white <u>benefit from the system</u> to such an extent that it's really up to us to change it.

What motivated you to write the book?

Stephen [Brookfield] and I were trying to do something that was very practical. There are multiple chapters in the book where we point to short YouTube videos and other kinds of resources that live in digital spaces that people can draw on—creative exercises, ways to hold conversations. At the heart of it, for me at least, is, what does it mean to be in accountable and authentic relationship?

Figuring out how to heal, to begin to restore and repair, those are impulses that are deep in Christian faith.

There are a lot of ways in which we are beginning to recognize—certainly here in the Twin Cities, in the aftermath of George Floyd's murder but, I think, even before that—how broken and fractured the fabric of our relationships is. Figuring out how to heal, to begin to restore and repair, those are impulses that are deep in Christian faith. And Lutherans have something really powerful to offer. When Lutherans say we are simultaneously saint and sinner, that's a powerful thing for a white person to say—to say, "I recognize that I live in a racist system." So, rather than denying that [we] contribute to that ..., we could say, "We get that we are implicated in the system. ... What does that mean? How do I deal with that?"

How does your faith shape your approach to anti-racist work?

In Christian faith, we talk about a God of abundance, we talk about a God in whose love we are all drawn, and that love draws us toward each other. And one of the things about seeing racist structures is understanding how they have stopped us from following that love.

For me, this work grows deeply from my faith. I don't know how to do this work without being nourished by a God who draws you into relationship. That's what gives me hope and it's what gives me energy and it's what gives me a sense that healing can happen.

Are there things you think are especially important for Lutherans to understand as they engage in this work in their contexts, including congregational settings?

One of the things that's interesting to me about the ELCA ... is how deeply involved [members are] in things like Lutheran social services and all sorts of powerful and profoundly meaningful work that takes place that's actually putting your feet on the ground and doing stuff. [But] there seems to be a disconnect of sorts between the work that so many Lutherans all over the country are doing and our worshiping spaces.

Congregations can ask bigger questions. They don't have to ask, "Who's not here on Sunday morning?" They can say, "Where should we be out in the community? Where is God drawing us out in the community?"

What are your hopes for your readers?

I want people to get energized and to feel like there are things we can do. ... There's not an endpoint, it's something we're constantly working on—and in working on it, there's energy. It's hard work, but it's life-giving work.

John Potter John G. Potter is a content editor of *Living Lutheran*.

HAPPY NEWS

Many of our members prayed for many months for Tiffany's health. Here is an update on how she is doing now. The Delp family is very grateful for all your prayers! Here is a re-print of the article that ran in the Daily Item on Oct 5th, 2021.

Breast cancer patients hopeful with modern medicine.



When Tiffany Delp and her husband, Ernie Delp, sat their 12- and 14-year-old kids down to tell them about her breast cancer diagnosis, their reaction surprised her. "Seriously, you scared us," said their 14-year-old son, Ernie. "We thought someone was dying."

The unexpected response demonstrated to Delp just how much modern health care has changed the outlook on breast cancer.

"I just remember when I was younger, you just automatically thought someone with breast cancer was going to die," she said. "But they see more people surviving."

A nursing coordinator in the Emergency Department at Evangelical Community Hospital, Delp was diagnosed last November with triple negative breast cancer that was metastatic to her lymph nodes. Because it is not the type of cancer associated with hormones, it is a little harder to treat, which scared, but did not devastate Delp.

"They told me it's a very aggressive, fast-growing cancer, so we're going to treat it aggressively," said the 41-year-old, from Muncy. "I said, 'That's all right with me.'"

After imaging and biopsy at Evangelical's Thyra M. Humphreys Center For Breast Health, in Lewisburg, Delp saw Dr. Victor Vogel, a breast cancer specialist at Geisinger, which works collaboratively with Evangelical to treat breast cancer patients.

Terrified by the word "aggressive" flitting through her thoughts, Delp met with Vogel for the first time and was reassured when he told her she had a very treatable form of cancer and said, "You're going to be fine."

"I have been around doctors 20-some years," she said. "I know a doctor's not going to tell me that, if he doesn't believe it."

Survival rates

Breast cancer doctors have reason to believe when they talk about patient survival rates today.

Stage One breast cancer survival rate is probably around 98 percent, said Dr. John F. Turner, medical director of the Cancer Service Line at Evangelical Community Hospital and clinical co-manager of the Thyra M. Humphreys Center For Breast Health. Stage Two is still in the 90s, and Stage Three starts to dip down to the 70-percent range.

"What that tells you is that, first of all, the outlook for the vast majority of patients is very good because most patients are diagnosed as early stage," Turner said. "But it also illustrates the importance of screening, because if you don't find it in Stage One or Two and it reaches Stage Three, then it does impact survival in a negative way."

"All in all, if a woman is diagnosed with early stage breast cancer, which means the cancer is localized just within the breast and has not spread outside the breast to the glands or to anywhere else, the 5-year relative survival rate is excellent," said Dr. Mohammad Tahir, breast surgeon at UPMC Susquehanna Health, Breast Center, in Williamsport. "It's almost close to 100 percent."

Advances in treatment

Dr. Rosemary Leeming, a breast surgeon and Geisinger Medical Center's chief medical officer, pointed out another beneficial advance in breast cancer care: systemic treatment, which treats the entire body rather than just the cancer-affected area.

"For a long time, we really only had surgical treatment," Leeming said, explaining that doctors can now determine if patients will be helped by chemotherapy, antibody therapy, anti-estrogen therapy, or a combination of all of them "It's really that systemic treatment that has made the biggest difference."

While surgery removes cancer in a localized area, newer drugs add a whole-body approach to fight the many different kinds of breast cancer. Even some caught in the early stages need to be treated aggressively.

"We just have much better testing to look at the tumors to see: How aggressive are they? How aggressive do we need to be?" Leeming said. "So that really has been revolutionary for us."

While most patients do not require chemotherapy, Turner said, when required it has a significant impact on survival.

"Treatment is improving rapidly," Tahir said, explaining that estimates for survival increase as more studies are concluded.

He pointed out the advancement in the understanding of lymph node preservation as opposed to the former practice of removing nodes even if only a single one was found to have cancer. That surgery carried significant risk of shoulder mobility problems and lymphedema, or swelling, in the arm.

"So this is a huge improvement," Tahir said, "and many patients will benefit from node preservation in terms of relief or avoiding the side effects of the excision or dissection, including lymphedema."

Improvements in genomic testing has enabled doctors to assess whether or not a patient will benefit from chemotherapy, possibly avoiding its potential side effects.

"I think this is one of the best and latest advances in the breast cancer care from which many patients are benefitting," Tahir said.

Researchers are also improving the ability to identify hereditary cancer syndrome, he said. Doctors can now identify patients who might have an increased risk of breast cancer in addition to the BRCA1 and BRCA2 gene mutations.

"With these new advances, family members of these patients can be either recommended for enhanced breast screening or, at times, have prophylactic surgery," Tahir said.

Finally, he noted advances with new drug combinations that are more effective, including monoclonal antibodies, "which target some of the most aggressive breast cancer for which there was no effective treatment in the past."

Surgical advances

A lumpectomy removes the tumor and is followed up with radiation. For the vast majority of patients, lumpectomy alone results in a 30 percent or higher chance of the cancer reoccurring, Turner said. Radiation brings that reoccurrence rate down to approximate that of mastectomy.

"And that's how we make lumpectomy equivalent to mastectomy, in relation to local reoccurrence," Turner said.

The main surgical advances in recent years have been in techniques to perform lumpectomies with less cosmetic impact, and improved reconstruction techniques for mastectomies, Turner said. The earlier the stage of the cancer, the more likely it is to have a good cosmetic outcome from the surgery.

and while the main concern is control of the cancer, close behind that has to be providing a positive outcome for the patient.

"There have been multiple studies documenting that the cosmetic outcome of breast surgery directly impacts the patient's perception of quality of life," Turner said. "It's just as significant as their concern for recurrence, and so we have to pay attention to those things."

Turner emphasized that, while the majority of mastectomy patients do opt for reconstruction surgery, it is not required. When it is chosen, however, a close relationship between the breast surgeon and the reconstruction surgeon is critical. He described a recent bilateral mastectomy that involved several messages on a protected texting service between him and the reconstruction surgeon, orchestrating their plans. On the day of the surgery, Turner was able to finish one side of the mastectomy and move to the other while the reconstruction surgeon began his work.

"So when we walk into the room and start the procedure, we're not working at odds against one another," he said. "We're working in concert with each other."

Aggressive treatment helps. As for Delp, her cancer was treated with six months of chemotherapy, followed by a lumpectomy and six weeks of radiation, which brought her chance of reoccurrence down from 40 percent to a negligible number. Dr. Vogel told her medical advancements in the past four or five years made fighting her cancer possible.

"I also did immunotherapy, which helps your body fight the cancer itself," she said. "So that was pretty cool, to know I had one extra thing to help me fight it that wasn't even around a few years ago."

Not even a year later, she is back at work, continuing to bring care and comfort to her Emergency Department patients.

Link to the original article: https://www.dailyitem.com/news/breast-cancer-patients-hopeful-with-modern-medicine/article_4854e640-21eb-11ec-8a0f-f7200f059ec4.html

Written by Cindy O. Herman lives in Snyder County.

A Look Back...

Big thanks to, Gayle Gehrer who was kind enough to bring this picture to us. It is a picture from 1914 of Trinity Lutheran Church members, among those pictured are M. Leroy Millheim who was a member and from whom Gayle inherited the picture. If you recognize any of the other people in the picture please contact the office, we'd love to put more names to the faces.



Anyone else think it might be fun to re-create this photo?

Meetings & Events

<u>Sundays, Bible Study 8:00 AM (every week)</u> this week join us as we discuss God's powerful presence. Led by Kellie Brouse.

<u>Wednesdays, Bible Study 7:00 PM (every week)</u> in the library. Pastor Gary will be leading bible study each week. You can join us in person or online. If you want to join us online for Bible Study, please let the church office know so we can send you the Zoom link.

Thursday, November 4, Altar Guild Meeting at 7 PM.

<u>Sunday</u>, <u>November 7</u>, <u>All Saints Day Worship Service</u> we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday during worship. We will recognize our members who have died this past year as well as other loved ones. Everyone is invited to bring photos of people that have died and place them on the altar before worship.

<u>Sunday, November 7, Youth Group & Confirmation –</u> Confirmation from 5:00-6:00 PM and Youth Group will begin at 6:00. Meets at United In Christ Lutheran Church. 1875 Churches Rd. Lewisburg.

<u>Monday, November 8, Church Council Meeting 7:00 PM</u> in the (3rd floor) conference room. This is an open meeting; everyone is welcome to attend.



Sunday, November 14, Chili Cook-off, and Comedy Night **6:00 PM** in the basement of the church. Join us for some time of fun and fellowship as we taste some great chili and enjoy a few laughs! Make your own Chili to be judged, share some funny stories, or jokes with friends and support Lutheran Disaster Response. We will be voting for our favorite chili by making monetary donations. All proceeds will go to Lutheran Disaster Response in support of those affected by hurricane Ida. A special trophy will be presented to the winner! Please bring 2 to 4 quarts of chili to be shared and judged, a way to keep it warm (crock pot or sterno) and your own serving spoon or ladle for dishing it out. We will provide serving bowls and utensils.

Psstt... Pastor Gary says he makes the best chili ever! So, we need to bring our best chilis, I know we have some great cooks out there!

<u>Sunday, November 21 – Pulpit Exchange</u> - Pastor Justin Lingenfelter of United in Christ Lutheran Church will lead us in worship and Pastor Gary Schaeffer will be at United in Christ. This will be a great opportunity for both churches to meet our Pastors and enjoy the different gifts of Pastor Justin and Pastor Gary. Come and make Pastor Justin feel welcome!

Sunday, November 21, Advent Bonfire 5:00 PM at Zion Lutheran

<u>Church</u>, 39 Paradise St. Turbotville, PA 17772, Bring food to cook over the fire or on the grill! Don't forget chairs and blankets too!

Sunday, November 21, Youth
Group 6:00 PM at Zion Lutheran –
come to the bonfire and stay for
Youth group! Remember to bring
food to cook over the fire!





Sunday, November 28 – 9:30

AM Advent Worship Series

Begins and runs through

December 19. You can join us in person or watch online at miltonlutheranchurch.org

Either way you prefer to join us, we look forward in sharing "The Gifts of Christmas" with you and your family.

<u>Wednesday, December 1st</u>, 2021 Blood Drive 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM The blood mobile will be at 1125 Mahoning St. They will be there and ready to accept blood donations from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Please stop by to give blood if you can. With so much going on in the world your donation is needed now more than ever. Next Blood drive will be February 2, 2022.

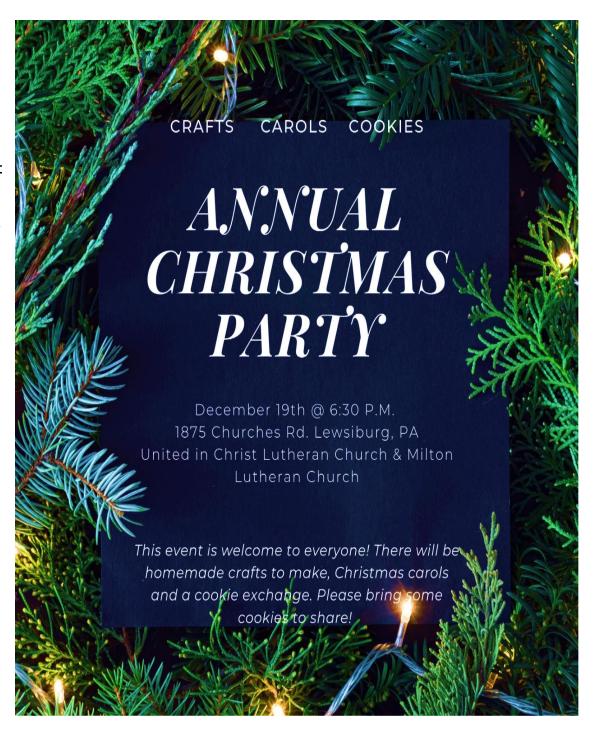
<u>Saturday, December 4, 2021 Community Meal Preparation</u> will be at 100 Mahoning St (Milton Lutheran Church) Please see a member of the Outreach Team for times and to volunteer to help.

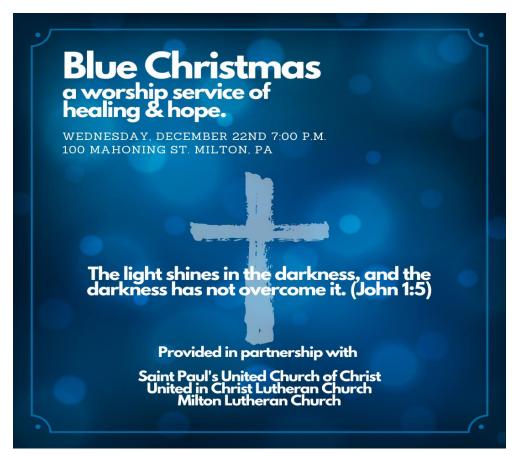
<u>Sunday, December 5, 2021 Community Meal at 5:00 PM</u> In partnership with St Paul's AME, Milton Lutheran Church & Saint Paul's United Church of Christ. Served at 1125 Mahoning St, Milton. All meals will be provided as take out, either by drive up or walk up.

Menu: Ham, mashed potatoes, ham gravy, glazed carrots, apple sauce and a dinner roll.

Sunday Dec 19th, 2021 Annual Christmas Party 6:30 PM at UCC –

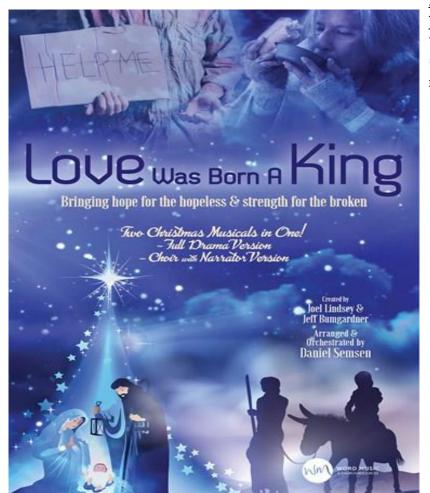
Crafts, fun, Christmas carols and yummy cookies too! Please bring some cookies to share for the cookie exchange.





Wednesday, December 22, 2021 Blue Christmas 7:00
PM at Milton Lutheran
Church, 100 Mahoning St,
Milton. Feeling the holiday
blues? Join us for special
service just for you. Feel the
return of the light...

Be sure to go & see



Friday, December 12, 2021 " Love was born a King" 7:00 PM at Saint Paul's UCC 1125 Mahoning St.

*All performances are free, and no tickets are required.

"Love Was Born a King"

Bringing Hope for the Hopeless & Strength for the Broken

Created by Joel Lindsey and Jeff
Bumgardner
Arranged and Orchestrated by Daniel

Arranged and Orchestrated by Daniel Semsen

Performance: Sunday, December 12, 2021 Performances at:

3:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Saint Paul's UCC 1125 Mahoning Street, Milton, Pa.

Questions? Contact Russ Wynn (570)490-5897

russlw@gmail.com

Recipes Old & New

These recipes are out of the cookbooks that each church created; many of these recipes were shared by members. Here are some recipes for what to do with leftover turkey! Enjoy! We'd like to feature recipes from the current church members as well. So if you have a recipe, you'd like to share please submit it to the church office. We look forward to seeing your new recipes!



"The Day After Sandwich"

Shared by Persephone Becker, taught to me by my Dad.

What you'll need:

Two slices (per sandwich) hardy White, Rye or Wheat Bread, or if you're lucky, some nice pumpernickel.

2 – 3 Tbsps. Leftover turkey gravy

1 Hefty handful of leftover stuffing

2 Tbsps. Leftover Cranberry Sauce

2 Tbsps. Leftover sweet potatoes or candied Yams

1-2 **Tbsp** Mayonnaise

Salt & Pepper

A pinch of Bells Poultry Seasoning (yes, it's got to be Bells in the little yellow box with the Turkey on it. Just the smell makes me think of Thanksgiving)

TIP: All the measurements above are subject to change, based on how big your bread is and how wide you can open your mouth!

Instructions: read carefully! Warm the gravy in the microwave on high for 30 to 45 seconds, until warm enough to melt, but not scalding hot. You won't want to wait for the gravy to cool off to eat this masterpiece. Spread the Mayonnaise liberally on the bread, both sides. Build your layers carefully, (in this order) turkey meat, cranberry sauce, stuffing, gravy and candied yams, then a pinch of Bells Poultry Seasoning and salt & pepper to taste and top with the second piece of bread. Use a sharp knife to cut in half, it's easier to eat this way. DO NOT BE FOOLED by the huge meal the day before..... all that shopping, cooking, and meal prep, all the hard work, the family and friends stopping by.... it's all really about THIS sandwich, this once-a-year *moment of perfection....* You'll want to sit in a quiet place away from prying eyes, because this sandwich is messy, but oh so very good. However, it is *imperative* that you share this with your chief cook as well since your perfect sandwich is dependent on that one special meal every year. Better make them a Day After Sandwich too, as a big thank you for all they do. And of course remember to thank God for the feast you are about to enjoy! Happy Day after Thanksgiving!

Turkey Tetrazzini - Shared by Ruth Greenly Ingredients:

4 Ounces Spaghetti – Broken

3 Tbsps. Flour

1/2 Cup Light Cream

1/4 Tsp. White Pepper (ground)

1/4 Cup Grated Parmesan Cheese

 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup sliced mushrooms

1 ½ Tbsps. Butter

1 ½ Cup Turkey or Chicken Broth

1/2 Tsp Salt

 $1\frac{1}{2}$ Cup Cubed Turkey Meat

1/4 Cup Grated Cheddar Cheeses

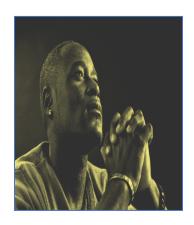
½ Cup Diced Green Pepper or Green Peas

Instructions: Cook Spaghetti in salted water, per package directions. Drain & set aside. While pasta is cooking, melt butter in a saucepan, add flour and stir until well blended. Stir broth into flour mixture. Add Cream and cook until mixture thickens, keep stirring it can burn quickly if you don't. Add salt & pepper. In a large bowl combine mushrooms, green pepper/peas, turkey meat, cream sauce and cooked spaghetti and mix well. Butter a 1½ quart casserole dish and put mixture into casserole dish. Sprinkle top with Parmesan and cheddar cheeses. Bake at 350 degrees, until bubbly and lightly browned. Remove from oven and let stand a few minutes to cool before serving. This casserole re-heats well and will keep in the fridge covered for 3-4 days. But we bet this yummy dish doesn't stay in the fridge that long!

Please Join Us in Prayer For...

Joanie Fisher	Patricia Muffly
Ken Gaugler	Patsy Aunkst
Karen Smith	Jack Aunkst
Mae Jones	Mary Lou Benshoff
Terry Deaner	Julie Benshoff
Mary Billhime	Gerald Greenly
Kimberly Dill	Darlas Yost
Nancy Cochran	Gabby Ricco
& Family	

Doris Heffelfinger
Chole Henderson
Kathy Longenberger
Florence & Pete Ishler
Jim Seidel & Family
Family & friends of
Patricia Engelman
Family & friends of
Mary Ellen Bartholomew



Please let the office know of anyone who needs added or can be removed from the monthly prayer list.

Just a few more things....

Notice to the Congregation: We need volunteers from the congregation to be Greeters and Communion Assistants. Anyone of any age who is interested can volunteer. Participating in these duties is a wonderful way to meet new people, or people you may have been sitting in church with but have never really had a chance to speak with. If you have questions about what each position entails, please see Pastor Gary. He is happy to answer your questions. There will be a sign-up sheet coming to you. So take a leap of faith and volunteer, it will be a rewarding experience!

<u>Life After Loss - Thursdays</u>, April 21 thru May 26, 2022 2-3:30 PM at 235 Hospital Dr. Lewisburg. Fee \$20.00.

Coping with the loss of a loved one can be difficult, especially during these challenging times. So, we would like to let you know about a local program presented by Hospice of Evangelical and Community Health and Wellness. It is a 6-week bereavement class called "Life After Loss" Your program facilitator is Andrea Runkle MSW. Anyone over 18 or older who has experienced a loss is invited to attend. It is recommended that the loss be longer than 6 months ago. Pre-Registration is required, the cost is \$20.00, scholarships are available. Registration is limited so please contact the hospital at 570-522-2157



Turn back time:

Daylight savings time ends Sunday, November 7, at 2 Am. remember to set your clocks back an hour. We wouldn't want you to miss any of the fun things we have going on!

November Birthdays



11/2 Matt Trapane 11/15 Connie Stover 11/5 Ron Moser 11/7 Alice Ann Parsons 11/8 Cailyn Solomon 11/10 Lynette Weisner 11/14 Dr. Richard Klinetrob

11/18 Cindy Kopyscianski 11/19 Bill Heimbach 11/20 Allene Engleman 11/21 Mary Ann Solomon 11/22 Christian Trate

11/22 Christian Trate 11/23 Terry Deaner 11/24 Stephanie Byers 11/25 Donna Spear

November Anniversaries



11/5 Rich & Rose Handy 10 Years! 11/6 Ernest & Sara Delp 66 years! 11/10 Matt & Laura Spangler 11/22 Jon & Sue Warfel 11/22 Nicholas & Donna Riccio

Did we miss you on the birthday or anniversary list? Please let us know! Call the office, we will be happy to make any changes.

Online Worship and Resources



Have you checked out our Church website recently? If you haven't, we hope you will take some time to visit the site. You can find worship service links, weekly bible studies, the church calendar, pictures, and resources to deepen your spiritual life. Feel free to invite others to stop by the website as well!

http://miltonlutheranchurch.org

Milton Lutheran Church Leadership Team		
Pastor	Gary Schaeffer	
Organist &	John Warfel	
Music Director		
Office Administrator	Robin A. McKean-Power	
Digital Ministry	Seth Reitz	
Coordinator		
Sexton/Custodian	Chuck Stahl	
Treasurers	Rich Handy, Carol Yost, Craig Lawler, and Lorraine Lawler	
Transitional Council	Kellie Brouse, Krista Yaiko, Don Fisher, Jeff Coup, Penny Ulmer, Crystal Gnidovec,	
	Rose Deener, Seth Reitz	
Worship Team	Jeff Coup, Kellie Brouse, Nancy Walters, Sue Warfel, John Warfel	
Digital Ministry Team	Aaron Coup, Rick Coup, Seth Reitz, Donna Spear	
Outreach Team	Connie Stover, Kay Dunn, Claire Weisner, Lynnette Weisner, Carol Yost, Linwood	
	Hill, Krista Yaiko, Karen Martello, Peggy Fisher	
Discipleship Team	Rose Handy, Ed Coup, Kate Budman, Kellie Brouse	
Ministry Planning	Penny Ulmer, Rose Handy, Lynette Weisner, Ruth Scott, Joe Yaiko and Cindy Coup	
Team		
Property Team	Don Fisher (point person for 1125 Mahoning St.) Chuck Stahl (point person for 100	
	Mahoning St.), Bob Greenly, Rusty Brouse, Helen Billhime, Bill Heimbach, Seth Reitz,	
	Joe Yaiko	

Office Hours

Monday – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday – Noon to 5 p.m. Thursday - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday - Office Closed

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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Inspirational Thoughts:

"To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless." -- G.K. Chesterton

"Be a sinner and sin boldly but believe and rejoice in Christ even more boldly."—Martin Luther

"God writes the gospel not in the Bible alone, but on trees and flowers and clouds and stars." — Martin Luther

