



MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH / DECEMBER 2025

NEWSLETTER

Fostering community through faith, love, and service

An Update from MLC Church Council

From Council President Connie Stover

Council news

On December 14th, we will have our congregational meeting. We have nominations to approve for the endowment committee, council, synod assembly, and nominations committee.

There will be a letter going out to the congregation that will talk about the December 14th congregational meeting. It will outline what the meeting will discuss and what to expect.

The council has approved a proposed budget. If there are any questions or concerns about the budget, Finance Chair Jeff Coup will be available November 30th and December 7th after church to discuss any questions. These meeting will take place in the lounge.

Ministry Teams and Small Group Monthly Reports

Outreach Team



Thank you to all who volunteered, donated, and/ or came to support the Empty Bowl Dinner fundraiser. We raised \$5,184.00 for the Milton Panther Packs program.

Self-Care Sanctuary: We are asking for donations of dish soap for the month of December. Our next event is on Sunday, December 7th along with our Happy Tails Pet Pantry

Movers and Shakers: Our next event is Tuesday,

December 16th from 10:30 to 12:30

Red Cross Bloodmobile Canteen - Next Event Date: Wednesday, January 28th from 1:00pm -6:00pm

Panther Pack Program - Next date: Wednesday, December 3rd from 6:00 to 7:30

Steph Byers

Fellowship Team

Fellowship Sundays were on Nov 9 and 23 in November. This is always such a nice time to catch up with friends. A very special thank you to Helen, Sally, and Dawn for the continued dedication. Also a thanks to Chuck for always having the coffee and tables ready!

Nov 8 was our third annual Friendsgiving, with this year's theme being Flannel and Friends. We had approx. 60 friends there and it was a wonderful time for fellowship. Turkey, ham, and all the sides, along with of course a variety of desserts were consumed by all of us. Everyone left feeling full of food and the Holy Spirit. If you missed it, please pencil it in for next year, around the same time in November.

On Dec 3, we will participate in Beers and Carols with our partner congregations. This event will be held at the Rusty Rail in Mifflinburg. Signups, in the binder, are encouraged so they know an approx head count.

The Christmas Craft workshop will be on Saturday, Dec 6 at 3 pm at United in Christ in West Milton.

Plans have started for the annual Chili cook off, ice cream social, and game night. All will be held in Jan and Feb next year.

We always welcome more help. Please reach out if you are interested in serving.

Carol Yost

Hiking Group

The MLC Hiking Group will have their next hike on Black Friday, 11/28/25 (the day before rifle deer season starts). We will be traveling to Hickory Run State Park to hike two easy trails. First is the 2.2 mile Shades of Death Trail. Don't let the name spook you. It is a very scenic hike along a stream and not hard at all. After this hike we will drive further into the park to hike 1.2 miles to Hawk Falls. After the hikes we will have refreshments at Tavern On The Hill in White Haven. We will leave from the church parking lot at Noon. Or you can meet us at the Shades of Death parking lot about 1 pm. Follow I-80 E to Exit 274, PA-534 toward Hickory Run State Park for 5.1 miles to the parking lot. Take a day pack with water and maybe a trail snack. There should be no bugs, but you are welcome to use bug/tick spray just in case. Take trekking poles if you use them.

On Friday 10/31/25 four of us in the hiking group hiked the Upper Part of the Falls Trail at Ricket's Glenn. There were heavy rains the day before so we were treated to spectacular roaring falls! After our hike we had great refreshments at the Ricket's Glenn Hotel.



On Sunday 11/16/25 three of us hiked several of the trails at Ryder Park near Warrensville. Several hikers backed-out due to strong winds, but most of our hiking was in the woods with very little wind. It was actually a very enjoyable afternoon for a hike! After the hike we enjoyed our refreshments at the Pier 87 Restaurant.





For the month of December, we are requesting donations of dish soap.

We appreciate anything you can give to this ministry!



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 December 7th.



Our Fidget Quilt group has changed their meeting schedule!

The meeting dates for this year are:

And December 3rd!

If you have any questions, contact Connie Stover.

The MLC outreach team will be joining the teams at St Andrew's Methodist Church located at 102 Lower Market St. Milton on December 3rd from 6 pm to 7:30 pm to pack food packs for the Milton Panther Pack Program. Anyone interested in going can sign up in the book in the lobby or see Stephanie Byers.





The purpose of the Milton Lutheran Church Endowment fund is to further the Mission of MLC by supporting projects, programs, and events sponsored by our members. Endowments will be granted for areas dealing with children and youth, matching funds for existing fundraisers, service projects, local, national, and international initiatives, and existing church partnerships. Applications will be reviewed by the endowment team and granted upon their approval. Deadlines for requests are March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1.

Applications can be found on the website on the *documents & videos* page, under *Milton Lutheran Church Documents*, and at the church office.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the office and your questions will be directed to whomever can best answer the query.

This spring, we began the capital campaign for Camp Mount Luther, that includes matching funds from MLC. If you didn't sign up initially to be a part of this very important ministry, IT'S NOT LATE!

There are many ways that you can still take part. You can make a contribution through a weekly/monthly donation in your offering to the church, noting the contribution is for the Camp Mount Luther Capital Campaign; a one-time donation to the campaign through your giving envelope to the church, or by going to the website: <https://www.campmountluther.org/capital-campaign/> and making a donation either by check to the camp or by credit card. It's just that simple! Still have questions? Pastor Gary, Carol Ann or Rick Coup would be more than happy to answer your questions.

Remember that any of your contributions are matched by the church, so you have effectively DOUBLED the contribution to the campaign.

It's NOT too late!!



In place of Pub Theology, for the month of December, we will be joining United in Christ and Christ's in Lewisburg at the Rusty Rail in Mifflinburg for Beers and Carols on December 3rd at 6pm



Bible Study at May's Drive-In (2675 PA-405 Milton PA). We are excited to resume our Breakfast Club Bible Study from 9am-10am on Tuesdays! We hope you join us to explore the upcoming Sunday's texts with us! See you there!







God Given Gifts Worship Series

Did you know that God creates each of us unique from one another? Have you ever noticed that each of us has different passions, abilities, and areas of expertise? Starting November 30th, we will explore how each of us is given gifts from God. These gifts enable us to live more fully into who God wants us to be and how God wants us to be in relationship with one another. You are invited to join us to learn more about what your gifts are and how God is calling you to use those gifts.

Sunday Sermons

Learn what scripture has to say about spiritual gifts- what they are, where they come from, why they are important, and what God wants us to do with them.

November 30th- Gifted by Grace

December 7th- Nurture your Gifts

December 14th- Given to Share

December 21st- We are One Body

Small Group Sessions

Dig deeper with a smaller group of people that can support one another, share experiences, and deepen our understanding.

Sundays at 12:00 P.M. (Lunch Provided) Nov. 30th, Dec. 7th, 14th, 21st

Tuesdays at 9:00 A.M. (At Mays Drive-in) Dec. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M. (Over Zoom) Dec. 3rd, 10th, 17th, (23rd *Tues. evening)

God Given Gifts Inventory

Join a process that guides you through an inventory that will help you identify what your gifts are and provides opportunities for you to use those gifts in our church and community.

January 4th- 12:00 P.M.- 1:30 P.M.- (Lunch Provided)

January 7th- 6:00 P.M.-7:30 P.M.- (Dinner Provided)



Blue Christmas Worship

Wednesday, December 17th at 7:00pm
 Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church
 100 South Third Street, Lewisburg, PA

A service of hope for those remembering loved ones no longer with us amid the holidays.

MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH
 1125 MAHONING ST. MILTON, PA

MOVERS & SHAKERS
 SENIOR'S GROUP

DECEMBER 16TH 10:30AM - 12:30PM

MEAL

CONVERSATION

BINGO

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:

4:30PM CONTEMPORARY
 CANDLELIGHT

11PM TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT
 SPECIAL MUSIC AT 10:30PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

YOU'RE INVITED!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, December 6 | 3:00PM
 United In Christ Lutheran Church
 1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg, PA

Sponsored by:

United In Christ Lutheran Church

MILTON Lutheran Church

Crafts! Cocoa! Cookies! Carols!

Announcements from our Friends



**BUFFALO VALLEY
FAITH LAB**



Scan to sign up!

**1st and 3rd Sundays of the Month
4:30pm-6:30pm
September-May
Grades K-6
Free family dinner!**

1st Sunday @ Christ's Lutheran
100 S. 3rd Street
Lewisburg, PA 17837



3rd Sunday @ United In Christ
1875 Churches Rd.
Lewisburg, PA 17837



**Fri., Dec. 5th
7pm -7:45 pm**
Meet at the
Lewisburg Post Office
on the corner of
Third & Market St.

Enjoy cookies at Christ's Lutheran Church afterward

Sign up for Caroling with Christ's Lutheran Church in Lewisburg in the binder if interested!



MON, DEC 1	6pm Boy Scouts
TUE, DEC 2	9am Breakfast Club at May's Drive-In Lewisburg 10am TOPS
WED, DEC 3	1pm Fidget Quilters 6pm Boy Scouts 6pm Beers and Carols
THU, DEC 4	7pm Outreach Team Meeting
SAT, DEC 6	3pm Christmas Craft Workshop
SUN, DEC 7	9:30am Worship 10:30am Choir Practice 11:30am Self-Care Sanctuary and Pet Pantry
MON, DEC 8	6pm Boy Scouts Executive Council Meeting
TUE, DEC 9	9am Breakfast Club at May's Drive-In Lewisburg 10am TOPS
WED, DEC 10	6pm Boy Scouts
THU, DEC 11	1pm Worship Team Meeting
SUN, DEC 14	9:30am Worship 10:30am Congregational Meeting 10:30am Choir Practice 11am Fellowship Hour 11am Fellowship Team Meeting

MON, DEC 15	6pm Boy Scouts
TUE, DEC 16	9am Breakfast Club at May's Drive-In Lewisburg 10am TOPS 10:30am Movers and Shakers
WED, DEC 17	6pm Boy Scouts 7pm Blue Christmas Worship at CELC
SUN, DEC 21	9:30am Worship 9:30am New Member Sunday 10:30am Choir Practice
MON, DEC 22	6pm Boy Scouts
TUE, DEC 23	9am Breakfast Club at May's Drive-In Lewisburg 10am TOPS
WED, DEC 24	4:30pm Christmas Eve Contemporary Service 10:30pm Special Music 11pm Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Service
THU, DEC 25	Christmas Day!
SUN, DEC 28	9:30am Worship 10:30am Choir Practice 11am Fellowship Hour

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

No Donations Were Made in the Month of November