



MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH / APRIL 2026

NEWSLETTER

Fostering community through faith, love, and service

A Letter from the Pastor

Newsletter Article- April 2026

As the lilies fade and the last notes of Easter hymns settle into memory, the good news of Easter morning does not fade with them. In **Gospel of Matthew 28:1–10**, the women go to the tomb expecting to complete the work of mourning. Instead, they become the first witnesses to the resurrection. And what they discover is not just a moment to celebrate for a day, but a reality that reshapes every day that follows.

The angel's words are simple and world-changing: "He is not here; for He has been raised." This announcement is not meant to stay at the tomb. The women are told to go quickly and tell the others. Resurrection is news meant to travel. It moves from the grave into the streets, from the garden into the homes of believers, from one heart to another.

Notice, too, what the women carry with them as they go: *fear and great joy*. That mixture may feel familiar. The resurrection does not remove all uncertainty from life. The women still live in a world where Rome rules, grief is real, and danger lingers. Yet now everything is different because death no longer has the final word. Their joy is not based on perfect circumstances; it is grounded in the living Christ who meets them on the road and says, "Do not be afraid."

That message is for us long after Easter Sunday. We return to our routines, our responsibilities, and even our worries. But we do not return as people who are still standing at the tomb. We are people who have met the risen Jesus on the road of everyday life.

Resurrection is not just an event we remember once a year. It is a truth we live into daily:

- When we face uncertainty, we remember that Christ is alive.
- When we encounter grief, we remember that death is defeated.
- When we feel overwhelmed, we remember that Jesus meets us where we are and says, "Do not be afraid."

Easter faith is meant to travel with us into Monday mornings, hospital rooms, family dinners, and quiet evenings at home. It shapes how we speak to one another, how we care for our neighbors, and how we look at the future. We are resurrection people every day of the year.

So even as the decorations are put away, let us continue to celebrate the resurrection—not with lilies and brass instruments, but with lives marked by hope, courage, and joy. For the risen Christ is not confined to a single Sunday. He walks with us still, meets us on the road, and sends us out to share the good news:

"He has been raised."

In Christ's peace,
Pastor Gary

Common Ground Worship Series

We are excited to share that MLC will be introducing a new style of worship called Common Ground. Common Ground worship is a style of worship that is intentionally intergenerational. It will give opportunities for people of all ages to engage with one another in worship, provide opportunities for our young people to use their gifts to lead, and help us grow together in our faith.

Our first Common Ground worship will take place on Sunday, April 12th and everyone is encouraged to attend! Members of our worship team will be contacting young people in our church and offering opportunities for them to provide leadership in music, communion, prayers, scripture reading, greeters, ushers, and more!

It is our hope to incorporate Common Ground Worship into our regular worship rotation, happening several times throughout the year.

¹⁴ Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14)



An Update from MLC Church Council

Council news

From Council President Connie Stover

We are excited to welcome Julie Gilbert as our new Ministry Coordinator. She started training with CarolAnn on March 16th. CarolAnn's last day will be April 16th. Julie's first day on her own will be April 20th. On April 19th CarolAnn has been invited to our worship service, so we can thank her for her work as Ministry Coordinator.

The council has asked the finance committee to develop a policy that Self-Care Sanctuary, Pet Pantry, and Movers and Shakers use the money from the budget before using the money that was donated to them. The finance committee is also being asked to consider setting up an account, like the abiding memorial fund, for Self-Care Sanctuary. This account would be a more efficient way to keep track of their donations and grants.

The council discussed strategic planning. The focus has been on the building assessment, but we also need to work on our vision and goals for strategic planning. We have made some progress on the goals. We have expanded our goal of volunteerism. We still need to continue to work on our goals for stewardship. Bridging the generation gap was felt to be the most important goal. A lot of good ideas were started for this goal. However, due to different circumstances the ideas have not been implemented.

Ministry Teams and Small Group Monthly Reports

Outreach Team

Self Care asking for donations of Tissues for the month of April.

Panther Packs is on Wednesday April 8th at 6pm at St Andrews

Hoagie Fundraiser Sign-up is running from April 5 to April 19 Money must be turned in with orders. Date of Hoagie Pick up is 5/4/26 from 2 to 5 here at church Cost is \$6/each proceeds being donated to MLC Movers & Shakers

Youth Lock-In is Friday April 10th 6:00 pm until Saturday April 11th 9 am for students in 2nd to 7th grade.

We will packing food boxes at PA Central Food Bank in Williamsport along with members from UIC on Tuesday, April 28th from 9 am to 11 am. Sign up sheet for those interested in helping is in the binder

Thank you to everyone that helped make Easter Candy. We made 114 dozen eggs to sell!

Steph Byers

Fellowship Team

Fellowship hour continues the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Easter Sunday: Breakfast will begin at 8 am, followed by special music at 9 am, Easter worship at 9:30. Immediately followed by the Easter Egg Hunt.

May 2 at 2 pm: Calling all ladies! Bring your mom, your daughters, granddaughters, best friend, or any lady friend for a fun afternoon of fellowship and food! Feel free to wear your favorite hat or flowered outfit, even your gloves if you are feeling fancy! Featured entertainment not yet announced!

Please RSVP by April 26 in the binder, calling the church office, or Carol Yost.

Carol Yost

May 3rd
11:30 A.M.- 12:30 P.M.

Self-Care Sanctuary

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

MILTON
Lutheran Church
1125 Mahoning St.
Milton, PA

Free pet food products for anyone that needs them

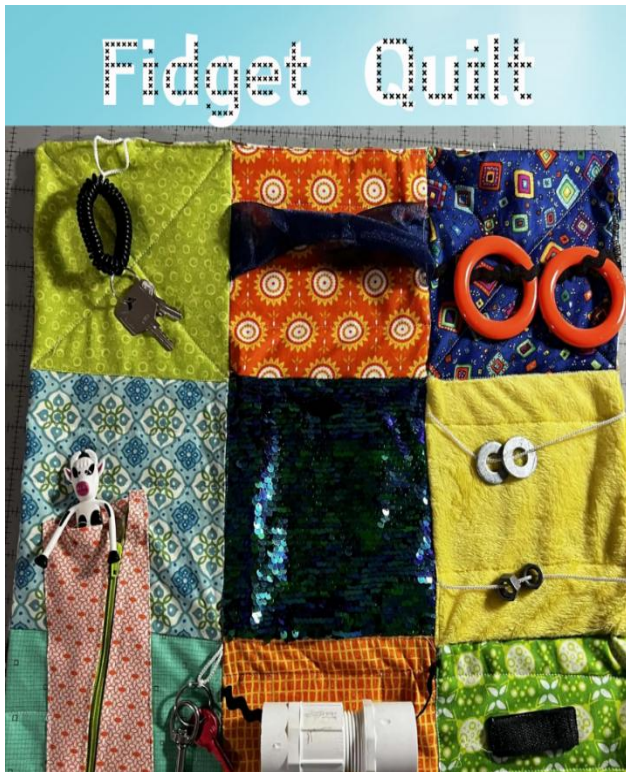
HAPPY TAILS
PET PANTRY
May 3rd 11:30am-12:30pm

1125 Mahoning St.
Milton PA 17847
miltonlutheranchurch.org

For the month of April, we are requesting donations of tissues.

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 May 3rd.



Our Fidget Quilters are next meeting:

- June 3rd
- Sept 2nd
- Dec 2nd

If you have any questions, contact Connie Stover.



Our capital campaign is still going strong for Camp Mount Luther! Any financial gift you make will be matched for 2026!

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 as easy as that!

By giving through MLC's campaign, you basically double your giving as we match the gifts that come in!

Camp is a respite for so many. A place that spreads love and joy and the Word of God! Your donation will help improve Camp to be the best it can be for all who attend!

Our breakfast club Bible Study at May's Drive-In will be returning on April 14th! Mark your calendars! We hope you'll be able to attend!



**Open Sunday's
for
Flower Donations**

June 28th
July 19th
July 26th
August 2nd
November 29th

**TRIVIA
NIGHT**

PRIZES | FUN GAME | DINNER

**3
MAY**

Start at 5:00pm
1125 Mahoning St. Milton, PA
17847

MILTON Lutheran Church

United In Christ Lutheran Church

Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church Lewisburg, PA

Endowment Fund
Deadlines for Disbursement Requests
are 3/1, 6/1, 9/1, 12/1

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.



FELLOWSHIP HOUR

**SUNDAY,
APRIL 12TH AND
26TH**

FOLLOWING WORSHIP In our fellowship hall.



MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH
1125 MAHONING ST. MILTON, PA

MOVERS & SHAKERS
SENIOR'S GROUP

APRIL 21ST 10:30AM - 12:30PM

MEAL

CONVERSATION

BINGO



WE WILL NOT MEET FOR MARCH

**PUB
THEOLOGY**

FELLOWSHIP & MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION

Pub Theology will be meeting on at the Turbotville Public House on April 9th at 7pm! We hope you join us for this opportunity for fellowship!!

LOCK-IN

Dropoff: Sat 4/10
6pm @ 1125 Mahoning St

Pickup: 4/11
9am @ 1125 Mahoning St

Featuring Bowling at
Imperial Lanes!

PERMISSION SLIPS IN LOBBY

EASTER SUNDAY

BREAKFAST 8AM

SPECIAL MUSIC 9AM

EASTER SERVICE 9:30AM

EASTER EGG HUNT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

MILTON Lutheran Church

APRIL 5, 2025
1125 MAHONING ST
MILTON, PA 17847

It's Ladies Day!
Join us for a peaceful
afternoon of tea, light
refreshments and
entertainment

*Afternoon
Tea*

Saturday, May 2nd
At 2 PM
MLC Social Hall
Please RSVP

Calling all ladies! Bring your mom, your daughters, granddaughters, best friend, or any lady friend for a fun afternoon of fellowship and food! Feel free to wear your favorite hat or flowered outfit, even your gloves if you are feeling fancy! Featured entertainment not yet announced!

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST
7:00 P.M.



Maundy
Thursday
Dinner Church

Thursday, April 2nd 6:00 P.M.



**Good Friday
Worship**

Friday, April 3rd
— 7:00 P.M. —

Both/And

Real people don't fit
inside boxes.

April 19th-May 10th

April 19th-May 10th

Clearcut categories can be helpful and make life easier to understand. But people are different. What we believe, our values, our upbringing, experiences, and future goals all shape who we are. Sometimes we can be tempted to label people, make assumptions about them and place them inside nice, neat boxes. But people don't belong inside boxes. We are full of tensions and paradoxes that – when embraced – can bring immense depth and beauty to life. Through this series, we will explore how faith in Christ calls us away from simplifying our experience of one another into an “either/or” perspective and embrace the beauty of the “both/and.” Join us as we learn how to celebrate the diversity of being Children of God.

Week 1: Heart & Head | Mark 12:30-31, Acts 8:26-30

Having faith is not just about believing the right things or feeling a certain way. Faith in Jesus brings together both head and heart, understanding and experience.

Week 2: Sacred & Secular | Acts 10:9-16

Sometimes we divide up the world into “sacred” and “secular,” places where we expect and accept God's showing up – like church on Sunday morning – and places where we don't. But God reaches into all areas of life, leading us to live with compassion and grace no matter the time or place.

Week 3: Us & Them | Galatians 3:28-29, Hebrews 13:1-2

Categories like “us” and “them” can give us a false sense of identity and community based on who is inside and who is outside. But through Jesus, we no longer must identify ourselves this way. We are called to reach across those boundaries with God's love in action.

Week 4: Saint & Sinner | 1 Timothy 1:12-17

In our divided world, it can be easy to cast blame on those we think have it wrong, seeing ourselves as “holier-than-thou.” But Paul reminds us that we are all sinners in need of God's grace and that Jesus is continually working in and on all of us – saints-in-progress.

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





- WED, APR 1** 6pm Boy Scouts
7pm Healing Service
- THU, APR 2** 6pm Maundy Service
- FRI, APR 3** 7pm Good Friday Service
- SUN, APR 5** 9:30am Easter Worship
10:30am Choir Practice
- MON, APR 6** 6pm Boy Scouts
- TUES, APR 7** 10am TOPS
- WED, APR 8** 1pm Worship team meeting
6pm Boy Scouts
- THU, APR 9** 7pm Outreach Team Meeting
7pm Pub Theology
- FRI, APR 10** 6pm Lock in
- SAT, APR 11** 9am Pick-up from Lock in
- SUN, APR 12** 9:30am Intergeneration Church
10:30am Choir Practice
11am Fellowship Team
- MON, APR 13** Executive Committee
7pm Council Meeting
- TUE, APR 14** 10am TOPS

WED, APR 15 6pm Boy Scouts

SUN, APR 19 9:30am Traditional Service
10:30 Choir Practice

MON, APR 20 6pm Boy Scouts
7pm Council Meeting

TUE, APR 21 10am TOPS
10:30am Movers and Shakers

WED, APR 22 6pm Boy Scouts

SUN, APR 26 9:30 Morning Prayer Worship
10:30 Choir Practice
11am Fellowship Hour

MON, APR 27 6pm Boy Scouts

TUE, APR 28 10am TOPS

WED, APR 29 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 Month of March

Mary Billhime by Annette Mellman

Mary Billhime by Rick and Judy Coup

Mary Billhime by Chris, Bridgette, Madison, & Evan Coup

Mary Billhime by Jeff and Cindy Coup

Mary Billhime by Carol Yost

Mary Billhime by June Lewis

Ernie Delp Sr. by Annette Mellman

Ernie Delp Sr. by Jeff and Cindy Coup

Ernie Delp Sr. by Rick and Judy Coup

Ernie Delp Sr. by Chris, Bridgette, Madison, & Evan Coup

Ernie Delp Sr. by Carol Yost

Cuff Greiner by Annette Mellman

Cuff Greiner by Rick and Judy Coup

Cuff Greiner by Chris, Bridgette, Madison, & Evan Coup

Cuff Greiner by Ruth Greenly

Cuff Greiner by Carol Yost

Cuff Greiner by Don and Peggy Fisher