



MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH / JUNE 2026

NEWSLETTER

Fostering community through faith, love, and service

A Letter from the Pastor

Built Together

In a culture that often celebrates individual achievement and personal success, the words of 1 Peter 2:2-10 remind us that faith was never meant to be a solo endeavor. Peter paints a powerful picture of God's people not as isolated individuals, but as living stones being built together into a spiritual house.

A single stone, no matter how beautiful or strong, is not a building. It finds its purpose when it becomes part of something larger. In the same way, God calls each of us into a relationship with Jesus Christ, but He also calls us into a community of believers. We are not merely Christians who happen to worship in the same place; we are being joined together by God for a shared purpose.

Peter writes that we are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people." Notice that these descriptions are all communal. They describe who we are together. Our identity is found not only in our individual relationship with Christ but also in our belonging to the people of God.

This is especially important to remember during seasons of change, challenge, or uncertainty. The church is not built on the gifts, talents, or presence of any one person. It is built upon Jesus Christ, the cornerstone. Because Christ is our foundation, the mission of the church continues as each living stone faithfully takes its place in the structure God is building.

As members of Christ's church, we are called to be something greater than ourselves. We are called to bear one another's burdens, encourage one another in faith, serve our neighbors, and proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called us "out of darkness into his marvelous light." Together, we become a visible witness to God's love and grace in the world.

The beauty of the church is not found in any one stone but in what God creates when all the stones are joined together. Each person matters. Each gift is needed. Each act of service contributes to the larger work God is accomplishing among us.

May we continue to grow as a community rooted in Christ, connected to one another, and committed to God's mission. For when we live as the people God has called us to be, we discover that we are part of something far greater than ourselves—we are part of God's ongoing work of bringing hope, healing, and salvation to the world. *"Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."* (1 Peter 2:10)

In Christ's peace,

Pastor Gary

An Update from MLC Church Council

From Council President Connie Stover

The council was updated on Pastor Gary's surgical procedure. His surgery takes place on June 3rd. His last Sunday is August 31st and his last day of work is June 2nd. The recovery period is variable, but he has asked for 2 months. Council is planning to meet with him after 4 weeks of recovery to discuss a time line when he will be able to return to work.

While Pastor Gary is away, Pastor Vickie will serve as our Pastor. She will be working 5-10 hrs per week. She will be providing Pastor Care, Leadership, and worship coverage. Pastor Vickie's first day will be June 3rd and her first Sunday with us is June 7th. Pastor Vickie will be away from June 28th - July 5th. Sue Ellen Spotts from the Synod will be with us and provide vacation coverage while Pastor Vickie is away. Pastor Justin and Katy have also offered to help during this time.

If pastoral support is needed, contact Julie at the church office and she will contact the Pastors.

Over the past 2+ years, our congregation has been discussing which of our facilities would be best for Milton Lutheran Church. After extensive discussion, research, and consideration of the current and future needs, the council approved a recommendation on May 13th. A congregation meeting will be held on June 14th to vote on this recommendation. Only official church members are eligible to vote. The facilities report package was passed out after worship on May 24th. This report contains all the information for the vote on June 14th. If you did not receive a package, stop by the church during office hours to receive one.

Church council will be hosting five informational meetings that will give you the opportunity to engage with the information and questions in your packets. The sessions will be at 1125 Mahoning Street. In order to attend, you must sign up beforehand, and each meeting is limited to 12 participants.

The meeting dates are:

June 7th - 2:00 pm

June 7th - 6:30 pm

June 10th - 6:30 pm

June 13th - 10:00 am

June 13th - 2:00 pm

In addition to the informational meetings, there will be a walkthrough of both buildings being held on Wednesday June 10th 4:30 pm - 6:00pm.

We trust in God to guide us through this time.

Please keep Pastor Gary and his family in your prayers.

Ministry Team and Small Group Monthly Report

Outreach Team

We are asking for dish soap for the month of June for self-care.

Outreach Team would like to thank everyone that helped make and buy hoagies! We raised \$600 for MLC movers and shakers group. We want to say Thank you to Kay, Chuck & Helen for helping us provide a meal and a movie for the MDS residents on Saturday May 9th We are making plans to host a food stand at the Harvest Festival on parade day.

Any questions, please let me know.

Steph Byers

Fellowship

Fellowship hours continue the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday June 20 at 9 am. A signup sheet is in the binder in the lobby. RSVP required by June 14.

A day at Knoebels is Sunday June 28 at Pavilion U, at 1 pm. Please bring your own drinks and place setting and something to share.

The Cross Cutters game is Sunday, July 12. The first pitch is at 4:05 pm. Signups are required by June 25 and the cost is \$6.

Upcoming events to be discussed include:

Pig Roast

Sunday Funday at local winery

The next Fellowship meeting will be held during Fellowship hour on Sunday, June 28.

Thank you to all the members that helped to make our First Ladies Tea a huge success! We had approx 45 ladies in attendance and it was a fantastic time! A very special thank you to Steph Byers for donating the tea pots and cups/saucers to Milton Lutheran Church. These belonged to her mother, Tresha Sudol.

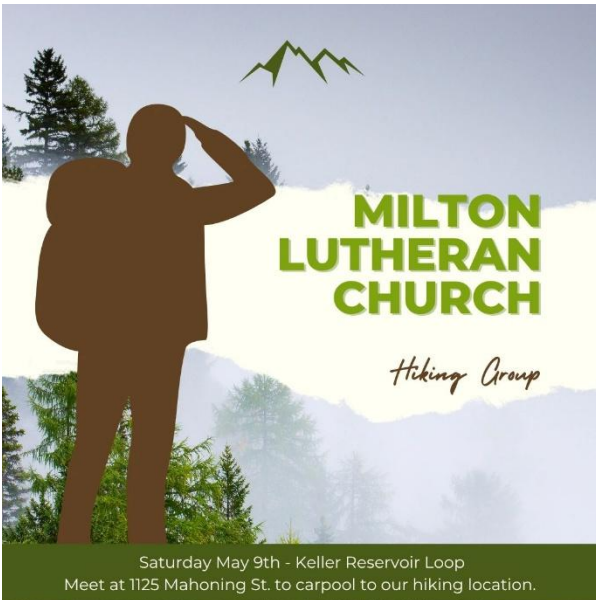
New members always welcome.

Carol Yost - Fellowship chair

Announcements



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!



**Wednesday, June 10, 2026 Ketchum Run Gorge
Moderate 3.8 miles 797' elevation**

We will carpool from the church at 10 am and arrive at the trailhead parking area about 11am. Take PA 42 N then left onto Worlds End Road for 3 miles, then turn left onto High Knob Rd. Go 1.3 miles and park adjacent to the gated road. There is a stream crossing that can be stone to stone unless there has been a lot of rain. So dry socks and shoes are suggested if there has been a lot of rain. On the way home we will stop at The Barn Tavern.

**Sunday, June 21, 2026 Metzer Tail near Mile Run
More Difficult 5.3 miles 1,617 elevation**

We will carpool from the church at NOON. For those that want to meet us near the trailhead, Exit I-80 at Mile Run and go 300 yards

North on Mile Run Rd to the parking area near the Penn DOT service lot. We will arrive there about 12:20 pm and you can ride with us or follow us from there to the trailhead. Since there are no restaurants on the way back to Milton, we will stop at Ye Olde Meeting Place, just north of Milton, for our after-hike refreshments.

**Sunday, June 28, 2026 Hound & Miners Run
More Difficult approx. 1 mile each McIntyre Wild Area, Ralston, PA**

We will carpool from the church at 12:30 pm, or you can meet us in the Ralston PA, United Methodist Church parking lot, across Rt 14 from the fire department about 1:25 pm and follow us to the trailhead from there. Two short hikes to see over 7 beautiful waterfalls and probably only about 300' of elevation on each hike. There are areas where there is no trail and some stream crossings. A pair of dry shoes and socks are recommended. We will stop at the Crippled Bear Tavern on the way home.

For the month of June, 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 July 5th.

Fidget Quilt



Our Fidget Quilters are next meeting: June 3rd, Sept 2nd, Dec 2nd. If you have any questions, contact Connie Stove.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

SUNDAY,
JUNE 14TH AND
JUNE 28TH

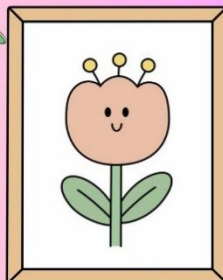
FOLLOWING WORSHIP

In our fellowship hall.

ART WALL



THERE ARE COLORING SHEETS FOR KIDS OF ANY AGE IN THE PRAYGROUND AREA



MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH
1125 MAHONING ST. MILTON, PA

MOVERS & SHAKERS
SENIOR'S GROUP

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

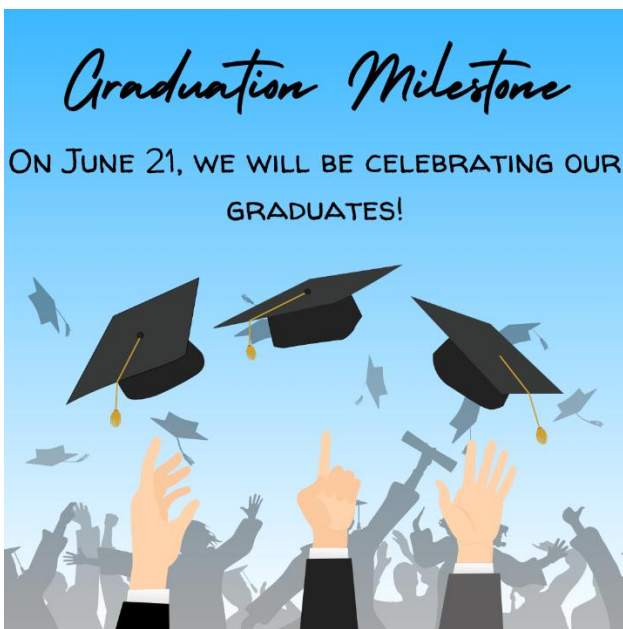
MEAL

CONVERSATION

BINGO



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.



On June 21st, we will be celebrating those who graduated. Please contact office with name and picture of graduate, a little bio (where they graduated from and their plans). Please have all info to office by June 15th.

JOIN US AT



Sunday, June 28th @ 1pm, Pavilion U

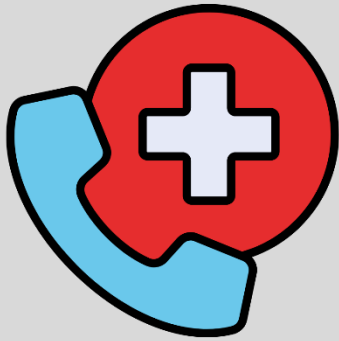
Bring a side dish to share!





**Williamsport Crosscutter's
baseball**

**Save the date to join us
Sunday July 12th
Game starts at 4:05 PM**



Pastor Gary will be having surgery June 3rd and will be away recovering. Pastor Vickie Brown will be covering Pastoral care in his absence. If there are any emergencies, please contact the office.

Please contact the office if you have an emergency needing Pastoral Care while Pastor Gary is away recovering.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

June 20th

9:00 AM

SIGN UP IN THE BINDER



**WEAR SOMETHING
YOU LOVE**



Pub Theology will be meeting on at the Turbotville Public House on June 11th at 7pm! We hope you join us for this opportunity for fellowship!!

Registration is open now for kids completing grades K-5.

Please register at <https://www.myvbs.org/miltonlutheranchurches>



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 100 Mahoning Street
 Milton, PA 17847

Celebrate What You Make Possible!

Because of you, Camp Mount Luther is changing lives. Each summer, children, youth, and adults grow in faith, build lasting friendships, and experience God's love in powerful ways—all made possible through your generosity. You are the foundation of this ministry, and we are deeply grateful.

- We invite you to join us for the Circle of Faith Giving Club Dinner on Sunday, June 14, 2020:
- 4:30 p.m. Hours of devotion
 - 5:35 p.m. Dinner served by summer staff
 - 6:00 p.m. Words of gratitude, presentations by our summer staff, and the honoring of **Bob Zimmerman** as this year's **Cloud of Witnesses Award** recipient. Over many decades, Bob has faithfully given his time, talent, and treasure to camp. From serving as Chair of the 40 By Faith Campaign to founding the Bishop's Open Golf Tournament—now one of our largest annual fundraisers—his impact has been both profound and lasting.
 - 6:45 p.m. Worship Service, officially opening the summer camping season.

Congregations may send two representatives. If someone comes to mind who might be inspired to support this life-changing ministry, we invite you to bring them along. Please RSVP by **June 4** using the enclosed form or by emailing charlie@campmountluther.org. We look forward to the celebration of the difference you make.

Announcements from Our Friends



**Strawberry Festival
Sunday, June 7th
2:00 PM - 4:00 pm
at Christ's Lutheran, Lewisburg
on the Church Lawn**

If it rains we
will gather in
the church in
the Atrium
and parlor.



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

For the Month of May

Cuff Greiner by Sara Delp

Barb Ashenfelder by Sara Delp

SAVE THE DATE

MON, JUNE 1

6pm Boy Scouts

TUE, JUNE 2

10am TOPS

WED, JUNE 3

6pm Boy Scouts

THU, JUNE 4

7pm Worship Team meeting

SUN, JUNE 7

9:30am Worship

MON, JUNE 8

Executive Meeting

6pm Boy Scouts

TUE, JUNE 9

10am TOPS

WED, JUNE 10

6pm Boy Scouts

THU, JUNE 11

7pm Pub Theology

SUN, JUNE 14

9:30am Worship

11am Fellowship Hour

MON, JUNE 15

6pm Boy Scouts

7pm Council Meeting

TUE, JUNE 16

10am TOPS

10:30am Movers and Shakers

WED, JUNE 17

6pm Boy Scouts

SUN, JUNE 21

9:30am Worship

MON, JUNE 22

6pm Boy Scouts

TUE, JUNE 23

10am TOPS

WED, JUNE 24

6pm Boy Scouts

THUR, JUNE 25

7pm Outreach Team Meeting

SUN, JUNE 28

9:30am Worship

11am Fellowship hour

MON, JUNE 29

6PM Boy Scouts

TUE, JUNE 30

10am TOPS

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