

JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER



MILTON
Lutheran Church

*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

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

**MON, JUL. 4 HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!
OFFICE CLOSED**

**THU, JUL. 7 COMMUNITY MEAL
DONATIONS DEADLINE**

SUN, JUL. 10 PASTOR RETURNS FROM VACATION

SUN, JUL. 10 DAY CAMP SUPPLIES DEADLINE

SUN, JUL. 11 FIRST DAY OF DAY CAMP

**SUN, JUL. 17 SHARING OUR TABLES
COMMUNITY MEAL**

MON, JUL. 25 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

WED, AUG. 3 BLOOD DRIVE: 1125 MAHONING

SAT, AUG. 27 2ND ANNUAL PIG ROAST

Pastor's Message

Dear Friends of the Milton Lutheran Church,

We have been brought together through faith, and what celebration it has been! On June 26th we celebrated the culmination of years of discernment and conversation over bringing our two founding congregations together as the Milton Lutheran Church.

We had a wonderful celebration filled with joy, laughter, hope and anticipation of what God has in store for us next. In addition to this important milestone, we celebrated a few others.

We dedicated our new baptismal font to our worship space, welcomed 14 new members to our congregation and installed our newly elected church council. I want to say a word of thanks to all the volunteers who worked hard to make this day possible as well as a word of thanks to all of you. It has not always been an easy road for the individual churches, and we are bound to have some challenges ahead. However, it is through your faithfulness and willingness to place your trust in God that has brought us thus far.

I am looking forward to the months and years ahead as we continue to grow and live into our mission.

Gary Schaeffer



Children are invited to STUMP THE CHOMP

(aka Pastor Gary)

Kids are invited to bring an item from home, place it in the CHUMP BAG and present it to Pastor Gary during worship.

The challenge will be for him to figure out how this item helps to share the gospel message of God's love with everyone.

Kids may bring the bag up front during worship or place it on the altar before worship begins.



SHARING OUR TABLES

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

A ministry partnership of Milton and West Milton congregations.

The next meal is on Sunday, July 17. The menu will be hamburger bbq sandwiches, Italian chopped salad, baked beans, and brownies.

Donations and volunteers are needed! Please stop by the bulletin board in the main entryway to sign-up.



2ND ANNUAL PIG ROAST

Save the Date! Our second annual pig roast will be happening on Saturday, August 27th at 5:00 P.M.

More info coming soon!

We hope you will join us!

SUMMER DAY CAMP

Summer Day Camp is just around the corner! Day Camp is for kids who have completed grades K-5. It will be 9am -3pm, with lunch and snacks provided. Feel free to invite friends and relatives. Camp will take place at the West Milton Memorial Park.

This is completely free!

Camp Mount Luther staff will be helping each day!

You can register online here
www.myvbs.org/miltonlutheranchurches



BROUGHT TOGETHER THROUGH FAITH

DEDICATION OF THE MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH

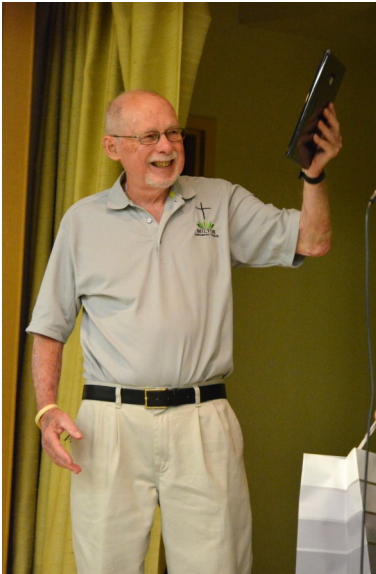
Thank you to everyone that came out to join us for this special occasion in the life of our congregation!



Bishop Collins presiding over communion while Pastor Tim, Pastor Gary, and Pastor Justin assisted.



We welcomed 14 new members!



*We celebrated
Chuck Stahl's
50 years working at
Milton Lutheran Church!*



*Thank you Rusty Brouse
for creating
Milton Lutheran Church's
new baptism font.*

*At the Congregational Meeting the following
people were elected to Milton Lutheran
Church's very first council.*

Chris Coup

Rusty Brouse

Connie Stover

Rose Deaner

Nancy Walters

Joe Yaiko

Kevin Fry

Kay Dunn

Lynnette Weisner

Their term will begin in September.



7/3/75 Melvin and Mary Crist

7/16/90 Kevin and Karen Fry

7/17/99 Jim and Valerie Gardner

7/18/64 Edward and Ann Kaye

7/27/58 Dale and Nancy Cochran

7/23/05 Chris and Bridgette Coup

7/23/88 Rusty and Kellie Brouse



MLC PRAYER LIST

Please Join Us In Prayer For...

Jo Ann Galbraith

Ken Gaugler

Mary Billhime

Patsy & Jack Aunkst

Gerald Greenly

Nancy Cochran & Family

Joanie Fisher

Rose & Terry Deaner

Ed Coup

Julie Benshoff

Jim Seidel & Family

Larry Crist

If you know someone who needs to be added or removed from the prayer list, please call the church office. Thank you.

Happy Birthday

7/6 Gaven Russell
7/8 Valerie Gardner
7/9 Garrett Russell
7/10 Edward Coup
7/14 Carol Yost
7/16 Mary Jane Crist
7/16 Rosie Bingaman
7/21 Amanda Weisner
7/21 Kenneth Ulmer
7/21 Kenneth Ulmer
7/22 Scott Solomon
7/23 Vance Strawser
7/26 Jeff Coup
7/27 Andrew McNeal
7/29 Karen Day
7/30 Nancy Hoffman
7/31 Susan Warfel



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



Upper Susquehanna Synod

United as Christ's Disciples, we Support one another and Serve God in the world

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly took place on June 17th and 18th at Susquehanna University.

Delegates participated in workshops, Bible studies, and synod business, which included the election of the synod's next bishop.

The Rev. Craig Miller has been elected as the Upper Susquehanna Synod's fourth bishop.



*The Rev. Craig Miller
was elected bishop,
which holds a term
of 6 years.*

*Thank you Bishop Collins
for your dedicated
years of service.
You will be missed!*





The new Milton Lutheran Church was recognized!




Buffalo Valley Conference of the Upper Susquehanna Synod ELCA

Pastor Gary was also installed as the 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  LIKE the page!

Getting AHEAD FOUNDATION



The Milton Lutheran Church sponsored 2 meals for Getting Ahead in June. Thank you to everyone that donated food and who helped prepare, serve, and clean up!!



We also provide space for Getting Ahead programs, and office space for the founder of the program, Rose Williams. Together we are making a positive difference in our community!

Getting Ahead Foundation has expanded and is now accepting applications in Sunbury.

OUTREACH

MLC's Outreach Ministry is collecting items that will be used to filled bags for those in need. Personal hygiene and household paper goods are items that people struggle to purchase. The next time you are at the store please purchase some of the items below!

Please place your items on the wooden cart in the main entryway. Deadline is Wednesday, August 3

Thank you for your help!

HYGIENE PRODUCTS

Toothbrushes
(adult's & child's)

Toothpaste

Shampoo

Soap

Shaving Cream
or Gel

Deodorant or
Antiperspirant

Disposable Razors
(men's & women's)

Anti-Bacterial Hand Gel

Lotion

Pads or Tampons

PAPER GOODS

Paper Towels

Napkins

Tissues

Toilet Paper





**ELCA Young Adults
in Global Mission**

Dear Congregation,

First and foremost, I want to thank you all for your steadfast support, love, and kindness you have showed me throughout my life as a member of Milton Lutheran Church. I am writing to update you all that I have been selected to serve as Young Adult in Global Mission (YAGM) for

the ELCA. In early September, I will depart for Argentina/Uruguay and serve, live, and walk with my host community for 10 to 11 months. In June, I will find out more details on where exactly I will be living and what my service placement is. I am incredibly excited to have this opportunity to live my faith and thank you all for playing such a critical role in my faith journey and helping me to reach this point.

In case you are not familiar, YAGM is an international year of service for young adults to support the ministries and projects of the ELCA's global companions. As a volunteer, I will embark on a journey of self-reflection to consider my own identity, God's work in the world, and my place within it all. In the spirit of accompaniment, volunteers walk alongside global companions in a manner that practices mutuality, interdependence, and solidarity. Areas of service include, but are not limited to, health and human rights, education, environmental justice, professional support, and congregational ministry. In our placements, my fellow volunteers and I will confront issues of wealth and poverty, racial privilege, gender privilege, economic disparity, and globalization, all through the lens of faith.

When I applied for Young Adults in Global mission, I was initially hoping to use it as a backup plan in case my delayed Peace Corps service never came to fruition. But, after learning more about the program and moving through the interview process, it became my first choice. As I am pursuing a career in international development and humanitarian assistance, I have always planned to do some type of volunteer work internationally. It is a

key opportunity that allows one to understand different cultural contexts and gain more experience serving others, particularly the marginalized groups that development aid and organizations aim to help. However, in the YAGM application process, I came to realize it's my faith that draws me to this career in the first place. It is through my work that I can live my faith. For me, YAGM provides a fourfold opportunity to learn about myself, grow in my faith, deepen my understanding of Latin America, and gain the necessary experience to better serve others and observe how development works at the community level.

My service year in Argentina/Uruguay, like the time I spent in Liberia, will shape my life in infinite ways. I am so grateful for the way it intersects key areas of my life while also providing me the opportunity to learn what it truly means to walk in community with Christ. As part of accepting this call, I am asked to raise at least \$5,000. If you are able, I kindly ask you consider supporting my fundraising efforts. For more information on the program and how to donate, I invite you to visit my fundraising page here, https://support.elca.org/site/TR/Events/General?px=1071643&pg=personal&fr_id=1181.

*You can also mail a check directly to the ELCA.
Make checks payable to the "ELCA" with
"YAGM Claire Weisner" on the memo line.*

*And mail to this address:
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009*

As part of the program, I will be writing blog posts to update my donors, congregation, friends, and family on my time in South America. I look forward to sharing more about my journey with you in the fall and thank you for your generosity.

In peace,
Claire Weisner



Call the office to schedule time to get your photo taken so we can add it to our very first directory as Milton Lutheran Church!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Any articles, events, photos and/or thank you notes you'd like to have printed in the August Newsletter need to be in the office **by Monday, July 25.**

MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Pastor	Gary Schaeffer
Director of Music	John Warfel
Assistant Director of Music	Nancy Walters
Office Administrator	Terri Cromwell
Digital Ministry Coordinator	Seth Reitz
Custodian	Chuck Stahl
Treasurer	Rose Deaner
Transitional Council	Kellie Brouse, Krista Yaiko, Don Fisher, Jeff Coup, Penny Ulmer, Crystal Gnidovec, Rose Deaner, Seth Reitz
Worship Team	Jeff Coup, Kellie Brouse, Nancy Walters, Sue Warfel, John Warfel
Digital Ministry Team	Aaron Coup, Rick Coup, Seth Reitz, Gaven Russell, Garrett Russell, Ellie Schaeffer
Outreach Team	Connie Stover, Kay Dunn, Claire Weisner, Lynnette Weisner, Carol Yost, Linwood Hill, Krista Yaiko, Karen Martello, Peggy Fisher, Cindy Trapani
Ministry Planning Team	Penny Ulmer, Rose Handy, Lynnette Weisner, Ruth Scott, Joe Yaiko and Cindy Coup
Property Team	Don Fisher, Chuck Stahl, Bob Greenly, Rusty Brouse, Helen Billhime, Bill Heimbach, Seth Reitz, Joe Yaiko



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