

AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER



MILTON
Lutheran Church

*Fostering community through
faith, love and service.*

OFFICE LOCATION

Milton Lutheran Church

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Church website: <https://miltonlutheranchurch.org>

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

- WED, AUG. 3 BLOOD DRIVE: 1125 MAHONING**
- WED, AUG. 3 DEADLINE: HYGIENE AND PAPER GOODS**
- FRI, AUG. 5 PARENTS HELPING PARENTS MTG.**
- FRI, AUG. 12 DEADLINE: BACKPACKS AND SUPPLIES**
- SAT, AUG. 13 PACK UP BACKPACKS**
- SUN, AUG. 14 BACKPACK DISTRIBUTION TO
COMMUNITY**
- MON, AUG 22 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- SAT, AUG. 27 2ND ANNUAL PIG ROAST**
- SUN, AUG 27 SHARING OUR TABLES
COMMUNITY MEAL**
- MON, AUG. 29 GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**
- SUN, SEPT. 11 RALLY DAY**

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

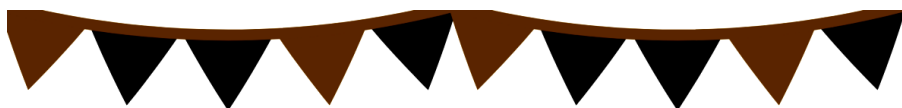


2ND ANNUAL PIG ROAST

Join us for some delicious food, lots of fun,
and great conversation!

Please RSVP by adding your name to the Pig Roast
Signup Sheet in the main entry of the church or by
calling or emailing the church. We would like to have a
headcount by August 21th.

We hope you will join us!

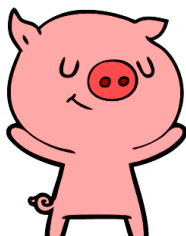


LET'S PIG OUT AT THE

PIG ROAST BASH!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH @ 5:00 P.M.

MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH
100 MAHONING ST. MILTON



BRING ICE CREAM TOPPINGS AND A LAWN CHAIR

SUMMER DAY CAMP

Summer Day Camp was a success!!

Thank you for helping us make it a success. We couldn't have done it without you!!





We will be collecting backpacks and school supplies. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the main entry. **Please have your donations here by Friday, August 12**

PACKING BACKPACKS ~ AUG. 13

On Saturday, August 13 we will meet at MLC to pack backpacks with back-to-school supplies. Lunch will be provided. If you will be coming to help put backpacks together please write your name on the signup sheet so we have a headcount for lunch.

BACKPACK GIVEAWAY ~ AUG. 14

MLC will handout backpacks and school supplies to the community from 1pm - 3pm.



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 Saturday, August 27. We are aware it is the same day as our annual pig roast. We will still supply food for the meal.

The menu will be pulled beef sandwiches, mac and cheese, coleslaw, and chocolate pudding.

Food donation signup sheets will be available beginning Sunday, August 7 in the main entry of the church.





HAPPY *Anniversary*

8/6/99 *Michael and Virginia Kaar*

8/6/60 *John and Judy Farr*

8/6/77 *John and Karen Martello*

8/11/84 *Michael and Lynette Weisner*

8/15/92 *Jeff and LaCinda Coup*

8/18/65 *Charlie and Shirley Stigerwalt*

8/23/50 *Robert and Ann Mellman*

8/25/79 *Steve and Cindy Trapane*

8/28/71 *William and Penny Hoover*

8/30/58 *Lin and Margaret Davis*



PRAYER LIST

Please Join Us In Prayer For...

Jo Ann Galbraith, Joanie Fisher, Ken Gaugler, Rose & Terry Deaner, Mary Billhime, Ed Coup, Patsy & Jack Aunkst, Julie Benschhoff, Gerald Greenly, 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

8/4 Ernie Delp

8/12 Noah Heimbach

8/8 Don Fisher

8/13 Tavin Reitz

8/9 Charlie Stigerwalt

8/23 Patsy Aunkst

8/10 Judy Farr

8/23 Michael Kaar

8/12 Kellie Brouse

8/27 Deanna Troxelle

8/12 Lois Showers

8/28 John Martello



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



Nancy Cochran
August 19, 1936 - July 6, 2022

Harold Webb
February 13, 1928 - July 10, 2022

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Joined together, the communities of Milton Lutheran Church, Saint Paul's UCC, and United In Christ are starting a new monthly grief support group beginning on **Monday, August 29th at 6:30pm**. The location for each monthly gathering will rotate between the congregations, but the first will take place at **United In Christ: 1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg, PA 17837**.

Each month we will focus on a chapter in Julie Yarborough's *Beyond the Broken Heart: A Journey Through Grief*. You can purchase a copy of the book directly through [Amazon](#) or [Barnes & Noble](#) or you can contact

In partnership with:



**GRIEVE
WITH THOSE IN GRIEF**

A grief support group for those on the journey together.

You are welcomed here.



your church office about ordering a copy through the congregation.

If you find yourself struggling with grief after the loss of a loved one, a broken relationship, or the overall strain on your being, know that this group is for you. No matter where you are on the journey you are welcomed here.



Buffalo Valley Conference of the Upper Susquehanna Synod ELCA

At the Synod Assembly Pastor Gary was installed as the new 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!

SMALL GROUPS



This fall we plan to expand our small group ministry and we are looking for people who are interested in leading a small group. What is a small group? It is a group of people that gathers with similar interest for a specific purpose. Maybe you want to start a small group for seniors or kids. Maybe you want to start a small group to do a book study or visit wineries. Whatever it may be we would love to talk with you about it! Please contact Pastor Gary and he will help you get started!



Getting Ahead Foundation

On July 17th eleven participants graduated from the 19 week program at Getting Ahead in the Valley.



The Getting Ahead program is growing. They have started a group in Sunbury. The interest in enrollment in Sunbury was so great that they over enrolled!

God is Good!

Getting Ahead in the Valley's mission is to improve the quality of life for low-income individuals and families.



**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

RALLY DAY

**Sunday,
September 11th**

**Worship @ 9:30 A.M.
Brunch @ 10:30 A.M.**

**Get plugged into small groups, bible
studies, opportunities for everyone!**

**RALLY DAY 2022
MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH**

We will be kicking off the fall with a great Rally Day on Sunday, September 11th. In addition to worship there will be a brunch downstairs in the fellowship hall. You will have the chance to find out more about the upcoming ministries at MLC and get involved.

We hope to see you there!

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
MLC Council	Chris Coup, Rose Deaner, Keven Fry, Rusty Brouse, Nancy Walters, Kay Dunn, Connie Stover, Joe Yaiko, Lennette Weisner
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 Trapane
Ministry Planning Team	Penny Ulmer, Rose Handy, Lynette 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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WORSHIP: SUNDAYS 9:30AM

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