



MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH / APRIL 2024

NEWSLETTER

Fostering community through faith, love, and service

An Update from MLC Church Council

From Council President Lynnette Weisner

Council news

The MLC council met on March 18, 2024. A team is working on the facilities use policy/fees for those who may want to hold an event in one of our two buildings. Creating a crisis management policy was discussed. Pastor Gary will talk with Pastor Lingenfelter and Vicar Katie about MLC partnering with United in Christ and Christ Lutheran to have a representative from each congregation work on creating a policy to present to each congregational council. A media policy was adopted by the council in which the pastor or council president are the ones authorized to speak to the media.

The Moving Forward Campaign will continue until we receive the final bill for the boiler installation at 100 Mahoning St. and MLC begins to participate in Camp Mt. Luther's Foundations for the Future Campaign. Once MLC's congregation campaign leader has been trained MLC's council will set a date to begin conducting a 5-6 week campaign within our congregation. At that time, you will receive more information about the planned improvements and renovations at Camp Mt. Luther and have the opportunity to make a monetary gift or a pledge over the course of 3 years. MLC's council voted to match the individual member contributions up to \$10,000 per year of the 3-year campaign, upon review of the contribution receipts for the prior year.

More volunteers are needed to help with driving members from MDS to and from worship services each week. Currently we only have 4 volunteers to help with this. If you can help with this ministry, please contact CarolAnn in the church office.

As a reminder, the council requests that if you have any concerns or questions related to the congregational council, please talk directly with a council member. If a concern is with a ministry team, please talk with the appropriate ministry team chair. If your concern is with a staff member or the pastor, please talk directly with the pastor. Communication is key to a safe healthy church environment. Dealing with any issues or concerns as they arise is best so it can be clarified or resolved in real time allowing one to move forward. If needed, please refer to the handling complaints and conflict policy for further information.

Ministry Teams and Small Group Monthly Reports

Fellowship Team

The fellowship team hosted a movie night on 2/17 that had about 20 in attendance. We watched Evan Almighty while enjoying popcorn and snacks.

We also prepared Easter breakfast and held an Easter egg hunt for our children on Easter Sunday.

A group is attending the Sight and Sound theater in April to see Daniel.

We are planning a trivia night in May with United in Christ and Christ Lutheran. We will be sharing a meal together as well.

Ruth Scott

Outreach Team

Self-Care next event is Sunday April 7th. Look for new Yard Signs that we purchased to advertise this monthly event! Our February Event had 37 patrons that picked up for 85 people. Our March Event had 29 patrons that picked up hygiene items for 59 people.

Fidget Quilt Group is looking to expand their quilt making opportunities to adding making quilts for children with Autism upon a suggestion from a team member and teacher.

Fleck & Friends Fresh Express Food Pantry next event is Friday April 12th. February pantry had 110 patrons visit and March pantry had 100 patrons visit 15 MLC members volunteered at March pantry.

Also, a big thank you from the outreach team to everyone that donated ingredients, helped make Easter candy, and purchased our treats. We raised \$1141.00 for selling 112 1/2 dozen Easter eggs, so we will be donating \$570.50 to both Dig and Love Inc.

Steph Byers

Worship Team

Most recently the worship team has been focusing on planning worship for Lent, Palm/Passion Sunday, Holy Week and Easter including decorating the Nave for Palm/Passion Sunday and Easter. Milton Lutheran Church Bell choir will be participating in the first ever Milton Bell Festival to be held on April 20th at 6 PM at First Presbyterian Church in Milton. The congregation is invited to attend and support this event. A new worship series will begin after Easter entitled "Listen God is calling" and will feature the song "Listen God is calling". The team will also begin planning for Pentecost.

Sue Warfel

Hiking Group

On Tuesday, 3/26/24 the church's hiking group had a 6.5 mile hike on a section of the Applanation Trail known as the Blue Mountain Loop near Palmerton, PA. This was a more difficult hike with a 1,123 mile climb up the mountain to get started, but then the hikers were rewarded with a beautiful, and nearly flat hike along the ridge of Blue Mountain, that goes over the top of the Leigh Turnpike Tunnel. After the hike the group stopped at P.J. Whelihan's for a late lunch on the way home.

The next hike will be on Saturday, 4/6/24 to Sand Run Falls. We will be traveling to Arnot, PA for a "moderate" 6.7 mile hike that only has an overall elevation gain of 682' to Sand Run Falls. The trailhead parking is just off of Arnot Road, just north of Arnot, PA. If you want to join the hike, and we would love to have you join us, meet at the church parking lot at 9 am to car-pool to the trailhead, or you can meet us at the trailhead parking lot about 10 am. We will stop for refreshments on the way home. If you prefer not to stop for refreshments you can drive separately and just follow us.

Dress for the weather, use a bug spray that repels ticks, take a day pack with water, and trekking poles if you use them.

If you would like to join us, please email or call Jeff Coup, no later than the evening before and let him know you (and anyone else you want to invite) will be attending and if you will meet at the church at 9 am or the trailhead parking lot about 10 am.

This group is not limited to members of MLC so feel free to invite others that would enjoy hiking with nice people!

Jeff Coup

Movers and Shakers

Movers and Shakers is on the third Tuesday of every month. It starts at 10:30 with bingo (with prizes!), followed by a speaker at 11:30, and it ends with lunch at 12.

For the March Movers and Shakers, there were 38 people in attendance. John Warfel was our speaker and he did a great job. A special treat of ice cream sundaes was dessert!

Join us for our next Movers and Shakers on April 16th.

Connie Stover

Fidget Quilters

We had our first gathering on March 6th. It was a great time of sharing ideas and starting to put the quilts together. Please join us! You don't need to sew, we have lots of other activities to help! If you need a fidget quilt for someone, please let us know. There is no cost.

Connie Stover



Listen God is Calling

Have you ever tried to talk to God? Have you found yourself wondering how God wants you to respond to a certain situation in your life? Have you questioned whether a decision you've made is what God wants you to do? If you find yourself answering yes to any of these questions, then our upcoming worship series is for you! Join us from April 14th- May 12th as we explore ways to listen for God's presence and will for us in our lives.

Our Bible Study groups meet on Wednesdays. You'll be invited to dig deeper into scripture, faith, and your relationship with God. An in-person group meets on Wednesdays at 10:00 A.M.

This will be a great way to take what we are learning in worship and dig deeper each week into new concepts and ideas.



We wanted to say a special word of thanks to everyone who has contributed to this campaign so far. **We have raised \$22,275.** Due to some unexpected expenses that have come up this year our Church Council has decided to conduct a special appeal to help offset the cost for the purchase of a new steam boiler, reseal the parking lot at 100 Mahoning St., moving expenses, and fixing the air conditioning at 1125 Mahoning St. We invite you to make a contribution to help cover these expenses. You can do so by making a contribution through your regular giving or make a contribution online through Tithely. Please just be sure to place 'Moving Forward Campaign' in the memo line.



FLECK & FRIENDS *fresh express*



FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

**Friday, April 12th
3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

Sponsored by the
Central PA Food Bank



1125 Mahoning St.
Milton, PA
(570) 742- 4601

Fleck and Friends Fresh Express is a year-round program that provides nutritious food to our neighbors that are in need. This program is sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and comes to us at no cost. This outreach ministry will be held the 2nd Friday of each month from 3 to 5 pm. We are looking for volunteers each month to help us sort food, register people, pass out food, help with parking, run carts, provide snacks, or just volunteer to come out to support the team by socializing with others. The food gets delivered to us around 1:30 pm on distribution day. If you are interested in learning more or want to volunteer, please contact Stephanie Byers at (570)490-2049. We are also in NEED of gently used shopping bags (Recyclable Tote Bags, Paper or plastic Giant/Weis/Walmart bags).

To register for the Bishop's Golf Classic, contact the office for a registration & sponsorship form.

Participants enjoy lunch, souvenir gift, chances to win prizes, and t-shirts.

MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH
1125 MAHONING ST. MILTON, PA

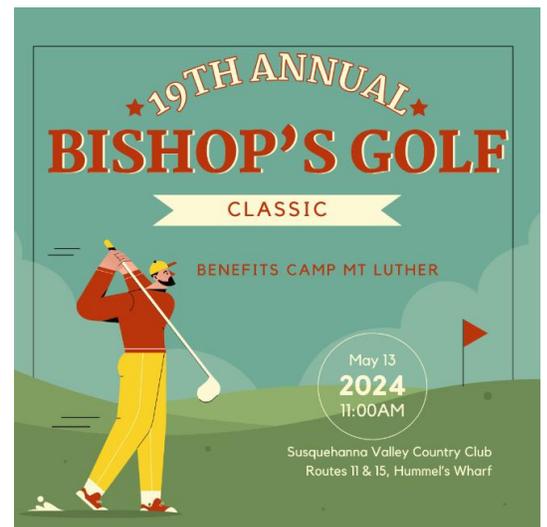
MOVERS & SHAKERS SENIOR'S GROUP

TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH 10:30 A.M- 12:30 P.M.

MEAL

CONVERSATION

BINGO





Our Pub Theology group is meeting again! Join us for some fun and conversation on April 11th at 7pm at the Arrowhead Bar and Grill.

April 7th
11:30 A.M.- 12:30 P.M.

Self-Care Sanctuary

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

The block contains the Milton Lutheran Church logo (a cross above a green plant) and the address '1125 Mahoning St. Milton, PA'. It also features several icons: a tube of toothpaste labeled 'TOOTH PASTE', a bar of soap labeled 'SOAP', a deodorant can labeled 'DEO', a razor, a tube of toothpaste with foam, and a bottle of shampoo labeled 'SHAMPOO'.

This month, we are asking for donations of deodorant (both men and women). Please consider donating.

Look for new Yard Signs that we purchased to advertise this monthly event!

In partnership with:



GRIEF SUPPORT

A grief support group for those on the journey together.

You are welcomed here.

Our next grief support group will resume gathering on the last Monday of the month at 6:30 P.M. The next gathering will be April 29th and we will be meeting at Milton Lutheran Church. We are excited to continue our partnership with United in Christ and Christ Lutheran in Lewisburg for this vital ministry!

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

**SUNDAY,
APRIL 14TH & 28TH**

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

In our fellowship hall.

Open Sunday's for Flower Donations

April 7
April 28
July 7
August 4
December 15
December 22
December 29

Fidget Quilt is an event where we will gather to make small, lap quilts with fidgeting items on them for people who have Alzheimer's to keep their hands busy.

We are looking for people to help who are willing to cut, sew, and generally lend a hand to our creating of these quilts.

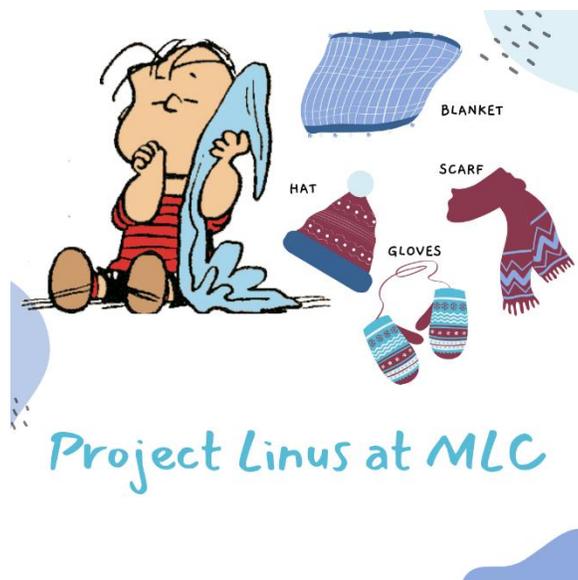
We are gathering on Wednesday April 3rd from 1pm until 3pm.

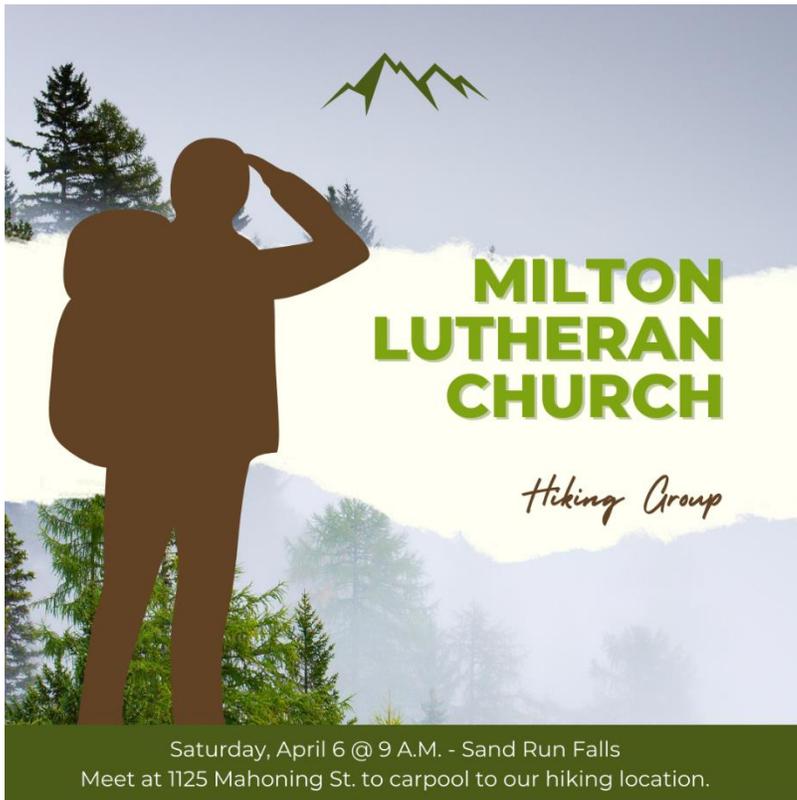
Contact Connie Stover if you have any questions.



Here at MLC we are looking to host a blanket/glove/hat/scarf event in October called Project Linus. We are sharing this announcement now because this is a good time to buy these items as they are on end of the season clearance. If you have items to donate, you can place them in the wooden cart.

If you have any question, you can talk to an Outreach Team Member.





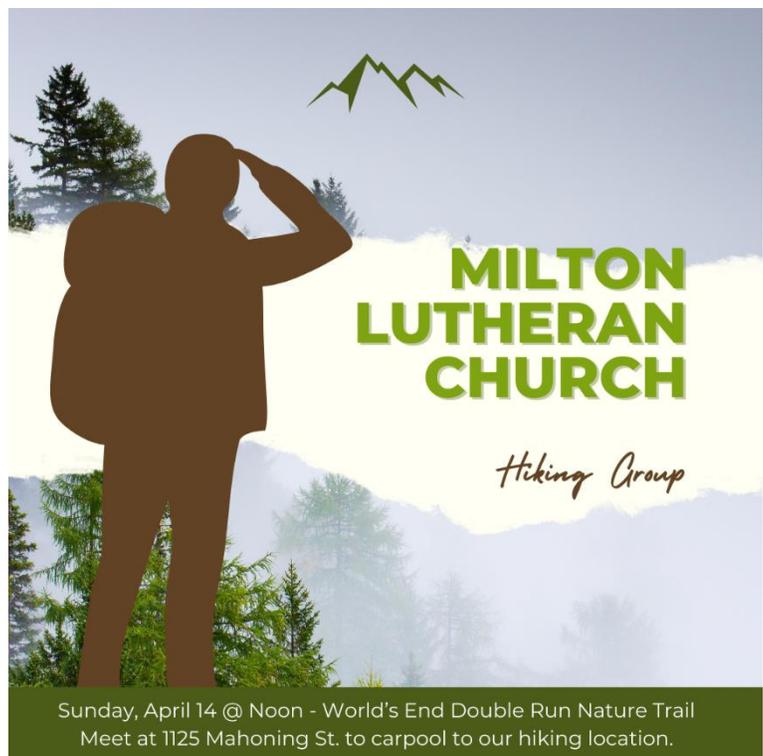
Saturday: 4/6/24: Meet at the church parking lot at 9 am.

Sand Run Falls. A moderate hike. This is a 6.7 mile hike with only 682' of elevation starting at the Sand Run Falls parking area just off of Arnot Road, just N of Arnot, PA. It is just over a 1- hour drive. If you want to meet us at the trailhead, we should be there just after 10 am.

We will stop for refreshments on the way home.

Sunday: 4/14/24: Meet at the church parking lot at noon.

Worlds End Double Run Nature Trail. This is an easy-moderate 1.2 mile hike. The trail begins and ends on PA 154 behind the park chapel. This hike is family friendly and includes a waterfall. It is just over a 1-hour drive. If you want to meet us at the chapel parking area. We should be there about 1 pm. We will stop for refreshments on the way home.





MON, APR 1	Office Closed	
	11am	Getting Ahead Meeting
	12pm	Rotary Meeting
	6pm	Boy Scouts
TUE, APR 2	Office Reopens	
	10am	TOPS
WED, APR 3	10am	Bible Study
	1pm	Fidget Quilting
	6pm	Bell Choir Practice
	6pm	Boy Scouts
THU, APR 4	5:30pm	Getting Ahead Meeting
	7pm	Outreach Team Meeting
SAT, APR 6	9am	Hiking Group
SUN, APR 7	9:30am	Worship – Holy Humor Sunday
	10:30am	Choir Practice
	11:30am	Self-Care Sanctuary
MON, APR 8	12pm	Rotary Meeting
	6pm	Boy Scouts
TUE, APR 9	10am	TOPS
WED, APR 10	10am	Bible Study
	6pm	Bell Choir Practice
	6pm	Boy Scouts
THU, APR 11	1pm	Worship Team Meeting
	5:30pm	Getting Ahead Meeting
	7pm	Pub Theology
FRI, APR 12	3pm	Fleck and Friend Fresh Express
SUN, APR 14	9:30am	Worship
	10:30am	Choir Practice
	11am	Fellowship Hour
	11am	Fellowship Team Meeting

	12pm	Hiking Group
MON, APR 15	12pm	Rotary Meeting
	6pm	Boy Scouts
	7pm	Council Meeting
TUE, APR 16	10am	TOPS
	10:30am	Movers and Shakers
WED, APR 17	10am	Bible Study
	6pm	Bell Choir Practice
	6pm	Boy Scouts
THU, APR 18	5:30pm	Getting Ahead Meeting
SUN, APR 21	9:30am	Worship
	10:30am	Choir Practice
MON, APR 22	12pm	Rotary Meeting
	6pm	Boy Scouts
TUE, APR 23	10am	TOPS
WED, APR 24	10am	Bible Study
	6pm	Bell Choir
	6pm	Boy Scouts
THU, APR 25	5:30pm	Getting Ahead Meeting
SUN, APR 28	9:30am	Worship
	10:30am	Choir Practice
	11am	Fellowship Hour
MON, APR 29	12pm	Rotary Meeting
	6pm	Boy Scouts
	6:30pm	Grief Group
TUE, APR 30	10am	TOPS

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