



MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH / JULY 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 Wednesday June 26, 2024. We discussed “Why Mergers Fail” from the book Better Together.

We now have three consultant options to help guide us through the discernment process: Keith Johnson, The Board Coach; the Unstuck Group; and Lead. The council will conduct interviews in July with the goal of selecting a consultant during the July 22nd council meeting. It is anticipated the recommendation of a consultant will be presented to the congregation during a special congregational meeting in August on a date to be determined.

It is anticipated the children and youth program for ages pre-K-6th grade for youth from MLC, United in Christ, and Christ in Lewisburg, will begin on September 8, 2024, and will run monthly on the second Sunday of each month from 4-6 PM. An adult group for the parents will run at the same time. The program will rotate between the three churches allowing each church to host. More details will follow in the upcoming months.

We continue to work on ways to expand the volunteer pool to help with driving our members from MDS to and from worship services and church events.

The council is in the process of contacting people to serve on the audit team.

Air Management is still waiting on a part to finish the boiler replacement at 100 Mahoning Street. When the work is completed, that invoice will be paid. That expense was approved by the congregation in 2023.

Ministry Teams and Small Group Monthly Reports

Fellowship Team

On Sunday, June 16th our team handed out Snicker's bars to all the men in celebration of Father's Day.

On Sunday, June 23rd we held the first annual picnic at Knoebels Grove with United in Christ and Christ Lutheran. There were approximately 75 that attended where we grilled and enjoyed lots of fun, food and fantasy!

On Sunday June 30th, the Fellowship will be serving breakfast following conversation church at Brown Ave Park.

On Sunday, July 28th we will be traveling up to Williamsport for our annual summer trip to see the Crosscutters play some baseball. Sign ups are live!



The annual pig roast will be on Saturday August 24th. Save the date but stay tuned for a fun twist on this event!

Ruth Scott

Outreach Team

Outreach held the June self-care event which hosted 31 families this month. Outreach team was asked to host a display about our self-care pantry at the synod assembly! Self-care is looking for donations of dish detergent for the month of July. Getting Ahead is hosting classes starting July 13th. We are looking for volunteers to help provide meals for their meetings. We are planning on hosting a Hoagie sale in October. The next Red Cross Bloodmobile canteen is being held on Wednesday July 31st. We are looking for donations of snacks.

Steph Byers

Hiking Group

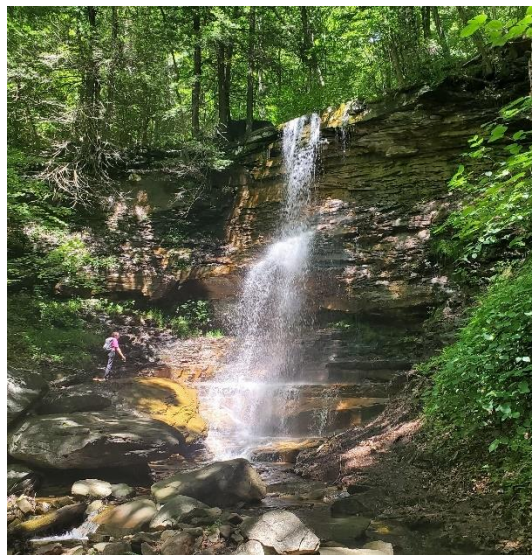
The Milton Lutheran Church hiking group had a nice hike to Dutchman Run Falls on Sunday, June 9th. From the parking lot to the falls is 1.5 miles and it is a totally unmarked trail, and at some points, no trail at all. But the sight of the falls is worth the hike! After we finished the hike we took a 4 mile drive up the very poor road to the Band Rock Vista. The road got so bad that we had to park and hike about ¾ mile to get to the vista, but once again the view was worth the effort. It has a great view of the town of Ralston and the Lycoming Creek Valley. After the vista we drove to the Crippled Bear Restaurant on Lycoming Creek Road for some good food and refreshments.

A new hiking schedule will be released soon, but the next hike will be on Sunday, July 7th to Chimney Rocks near Weikert, PA. We will meet at the church parking lot at noon (1125 Mahoning St, Milton) and car-pool 45 minutes to the trail. For those who want to meet us in Weikert, you can meet us at the small parking lot just before the Penn's Creek bridge in Weikert at 12:45 pm and follow us to the trailhead. This is a 5 mile hike with just 620' of elevation and a nice vista from Chimney Rocks, so I rate it as fairly easy. You will want to take a daypack with water, insect repellent and trekking poles if you use them.

On the way home we can stop at Boomerangs Bar & Grill near Laurelton for some food and refreshments.

If you are joining us, please let Jeff know by Saturday night, July 6th letting him know if you will meet the group at the church or at Weikert.

Jeff



FLECK & FRIENDS *fresh express*



FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

**Friday, July 12th
12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

Sponsored by the
Central PA Food Bank



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

NOTE THE TIME CHANGE FOR JULY

We wanted to say a special word of thanks to everyone who has contributed to this campaign so far. **We have raised \$22,940.** 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 Tithe.ly. Please just be sure to place 'Moving Forward Campaign' in the memo line.

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 program will be held the 2nd Friday of each month from 3 to 5 pm. (For the month of July, we are holding this from 12-2pm). We are looking for volunteers each month to help with parking, run carts, provide snacks, or just volunteer to come out to support the team by socializing with others. 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).

Fleck & Friends Fresh Express is looking for 6 to 8 oz yogurt/butter containers and small paper or plastic bags such as the small bags the pharmacy hands your medicine out in. Please place items in the wooden cart. Thank you! Any questions you can see Stephanie Byers



**July 7th
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

For the month of July, we are requesting donations of dish detergent.

Please consider donating!

Open Sunday's for Flower Donations

July 7
December 15
December 22
December 29

MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH
1125 MAHONING ST. MILTON, PA

MOVERS & SHAKERS SENIOR'S GROUP

TUESDAY, JULY 16TH 10:30AM - 12:30PM

MEAL
CONVERSATION
BINGO

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 July 3rd from 1pm until 3pm.

Contact Connie Stover if you have any questions.




Sunday: 7/7/24: Meet at the church parking lot at noon.

Chimney Rocks near Weikert, PA.

This is a fairly easy out and back 3-mile hike to Dutchman For those who want to meet us in Weikert, you can meet us at the small parking lot just before the Penn's Creek bridge in Weikert at 12:45 pm and follow us to the trailhead. This is a 5 mile hike with just 620' of elevation and a nice vista from Chimney Rocks, so I rate it as fairly easy. You will want to take a daypack with water, insect repellent and trekking poles if you use them.

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Hiking Group

Sunday, July 7th @ 12pm - Chimney Rocks
Meet at 1125 Mahoning St. to carpool to our hiking location.



FELLOWSHIP HOUR

**SUNDAY,
JULY 14TH & 28TH**

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

In our fellowship hall.



CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

United In Christ Lutheran Church

MILTON Lutheran Church

SUMMER DAY CAMP

JULY 8-12 • 9AM-3PM

FOR STUDENTS COMPLETING GRADES K-5

REGISTER TODAY!

WWW.MYVBS.ORG/MILTONLUTHERANCHURCHES



MON, JULY 1	12pm	Rotary
	6pm	Boy Scouts
TUE, JULY 2	10am	TOPS
WED, JULY 3	1pm	Fidget Quilters
	6pm	Boy Scouts
THU, JULY 4		OFFICE CLOSED
SUN, JULY 7	9:30am	Worship
	11:30am	Self-Care Sanctuary
	12pm	Hiking Group
MON, JULY 8	8am	Day Camp Begins!
	12pm	Rotary
	6pm	Boy Scouts
TUE, JULY 9	8am	Day Camp Day 2!
	10am	TOPS
WED, JULY 10	8am	Day Camp Day 3!
	6pm	Boy Scouts
THU, JULY 11	8am	Day Camp Day 4!
	1pm	Worship Team Meeting
	5:30pm	Getting Ahead
FRI, JULY 12	8am	Last Day of Day Camp
	12pm	Fleck and Friends Fresh Express
SUN, JULY 14	9:30am	Worship
	11am	Fellowship Hour
MON, JULY 15		ELCA Youth Gathering!
	12pm	Rotary
	6pm	Boy Scouts
TUE, JULY 16	10am	TOPS
	10:30am	Movers and Shakers
WED, JULY 17	6pm	Boy Scouts
THU, JULY 18	5:30pm	Getting Ahead

SUN, JULY 21	9:30am	Worship
	1pm	Youth Group
MON, JULY 22	12pm	Rotary
	6pm	Boy Scouts
TUE, JULY 23	10am	TOPS
WED, JULY 24	6pm	Boy Scouts
THU, JULY 25	5:30pm	Getting Ahead
SUN, JULY 28	9:30am	Worship
	11am	Fellowship Hour
	4:05pm	Opening Pitch at the Crosscutters
MON, JULY 29	12pm	Rotary
	6pm	Boy Scouts
TUE, JULY 30	10am	TOPS
WED, JULY 31		Red Cross Blood Drive
	6pm	Boy Scouts

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