



# Milton Lutheran Parish Newsletter

*Serving God through faith formation, worship, service, evangelism, and fellowship*

September 2019

FYI:

Mid-Week Worship service is each Wednesday at 3 pm at Christ Lutheran

Councils meet Sept. 24:  
Parish Council at 5:45pm  
Combined Councils at 6:30 at Christ Lutheran

Next Free Community Meal at Christ is Sunday, October 13 at 5 pm

Book Group is back on Monday, September 9, at 10 am at Trinity

Updated Joint Worship at 9:00 a.m. for 2019:  
September - All services are combined at Christ.  
October - All services are combined at Trinity

Visit the Milton Lutheran Parish Website for more information!  
[miltonlutheranparish.faith/](http://miltonlutheranparish.faith/)

## Message from Parish Council

Parish Council and our combined Councils met August 12. We discussed the joint services held in July and August. We are pleased with the attendance so far and the congregation's willingness to try new worship opportunities. Our combined councils decided to continue our experiment into September and October with one small change--services will now be at 9 a.m. We wanted to try this new time to better suit those who missed the 8:30 service. September services will be at Christ and October services at Trinity.

Parish Council met August 13 with our new part-time interim pastor Deacon Gary Schaeffer. He is currently serving as part-time interim at St. Marks in Shamokin Dam and will continue in that role along with serving our Parish. He will begin September 1 and will work with our councils and committees, provide pastoral services such as hospital visits, lead some Wednesday afternoon services, and lead Sunday worship services once a month on the fourth Sunday of each month. Deacon Gary will be establishing regular office hours and will be starting weekly Bible studies. His first Sunday service with us will be 9 a.m. Sunday, September 22, at Christ.

Blessings,  
Don Fisher  
Parish Council President

## Newsletter Updates

As we continue to transform and grow as a Parish, so do our processes, documents, and communication. We are looking at how our newsletter and information is provided to our members and the greater community. This includes determining how many members request to continue to receive a mailed "paper copy" and how many members request to read it "digitally" either through an emailed version or online on our Parish website. With everyone's input and feedback, those changes are scheduled to take effect starting January 2020.

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## MLP Mission and Vision Statements

Milton Lutheran Parish created and adopted new mission and vision statements in July. These statements reflect the goals and missions we developed during our combined congregational conversations in the fall of 2018. This is an exciting step toward our transformation as a parish and as people of God and will help us focus on the great work of serving, and learning, and growing with Christ in our hearts. Our mission is located in the heading of our newsletter while our vision is located at the bottom of each page, printed in our weekly worship service bulletins, and displayed on our Parish website at <https://miltonlutheranparish.faith/>.

### Milton Food Bank



The Milton Food Bank is in need of volunteers. It is located at the Hand Up Foundation and is open from 9-3 on the 1st and 2nd Wednesday of each month. Volunteers are needed to sign people in at the registration table, pack bags of groceries, fill the carts, pack fresh produce, breads, and freezer foods. At the end of the day volunteers may also help to tear down boxes for recycling, sweep, and reorganize the food for the next time. On the Tuesday before the food bank, volunteers are needed to

help stock shelves with the incoming donated food and start to pack food boxes for distribution the next day. Two to three volunteers are needed at one time and you may split the day into shifts if you can only help out for a few hours. The goal for the Parish Stewardship team is to have enough volunteers to help the food bank one day per month. This is a great way to live out God's Work, Our Hands in our community. If you are interested and can help with any of these tasks at the food bank, please contact Penny Coup or Lynnette Weisner.

### USS ARK

USS Ark is a monthly newsletter highlighting ministries in the Synod. Visit this link at the Upper Susquehanna Synod website to read the latest edition <https://www.uss-elca.org/uss-ark/>. Or, pick up a copy at either church building.

### God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

God's Work Our Hands Sunday is September 8. Once again, we will be serving a noon picnic meal to residents of the Towers and Centre Towne Apartments in the community room at the Towers. The menu will be hot dogs, hamburg BBO, macaroni salad, baked beans, dessert, and a beverage. We will need food donations and volunteers to help prepare, set up, serve and clean up after the meal. Sign-up sheets for food donations and volunteers are posted on the bulletin board. Please volunteer some of your time to help make this event a success as we serve others in our community. If you have any questions, contact Lynnette Weisner.



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## Harvest Festival Float

We will meet September 5, 12, 19, and 20 at 6:30 p.m., at Joe and Krista Yaiko's house to decorate the float that Milton Lutheran Parish has entered in the Harvest Festival Parade on September 21. If you are interested in volunteering to help decorate the float, be part of the float's theme, "Harvesting a Community of Helpers," or just to walk along the parade route please let Crystal Gnidovec know so she can get an accurate account of volunteers and supplies needed. Also, refreshments will be provided after each decorating session and a picnic will follow on the 20th. If you are interested in participating, please contact Crystal Gnidovec at [cgnidovec91@gmail.com](mailto:cgnidovec91@gmail.com), or (570) 246-3268, or your Stewardship Committee. So please come out and join the fun. Hope to see you there!

## Mid-Week Worship Service

Did you know that the Milton Lutheran Parish holds a casual church service each Wednesday at 3:00 pm in the Parlor at Christ Lutheran? For many years, it has been referred to as a Quiet Communion Service, but a better description would be a casual, family style service that includes a homily and Holy Communion. It includes many elements of a Sunday service in a much more casual setting. The length of the service is between 45-60 minutes. The regular attendees really enjoy this service and have remarked many times about how it feels like "family" to be there. All are welcome! The Pastor and Ed Coup, Authorized Lay Worship Leader, take turns conducting the Wednesday service and encourage you to attend, especially those who may find it difficult to get to Sunday services. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ed Coup, or call either church and speak to the Parish Admin. Assistant, Donna Riccio.

## Parish Stewardship News

The parish stewardship team would like to thank everyone for the donations of school supplies for the August 11 backpack/school supply give away at the community meal. We handed out 94 packs of school supplies and 94 backpack vouchers. The remaining children's clothing was also given away and was much appreciated by those who attended. We served meals to 126 residents from the community plus the 20 volunteers who helped with this event.

The parish stewardship team will be collecting clean gently used coats to be given away to those attending the October free community meal. Donation boxes will be placed in the entry way at both churches.

God's Work Our Hands Sunday is September 8. We will be providing a picnic lunch of hot dogs/buns, BBQ/rolls, macaroni salad, baked beans, desserts, and beverages to residents of the Towers and Centre Town Apts. The meal will be served at noon in the Towers community room. We are in need of the food donations listed, volunteers to help set up, grill hot dogs, deliver the food, serve, and clean up. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin boards at both churches or call the office if you can help with this project. This is a great way you can help serve our neighbors.

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## Parish Stewardship News (continued)

Milton Lutheran Parish will once again have a float in the Milton Harvest Festival Parade on September 21. Volunteers are needed to ride the float and to build the float. We will build the float at the home of Joe and Krista Yaiko. Work dates are September 5, 12, 19, and 20 at 6:30 p.m. There will be food each night with a picnic meal on the 20th. This is a fun time of food and fellowship. Please come out and join us. For more information, talk with Crystal Gnidovec or Lynnette Weisner.

The parish stewardship team is working on coordinating volunteers from the parish to help with the food distribution at the Milton Food Bank, starting in October. The Food Bank operates from 9 AM-3 PM on the 1st and 2nd Wednesday of each month. We can break the time period into shifts of 2-3 people if you are not able to help for the entire day. If you prefer to help get the food ready for distribution on the 1st or 2nd Tuesday prior to the Wednesday Food Bank, they can use volunteers that day as well. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Please consider helping our community in this way. For more information talk with Penny Coup or Lynnette Weisner.

### Calling All Youth



When Confirmation ended the opportunity for the kids to spend time together also ended. With that in mind, it might be a good opportunity to gather together as a youth group one Sunday evening a month. The vision is to provide an opportunity for kids in fourth grade through high school to be able to come together for fun, service, growth in faith, and from time to time a meal. Did I mention fun?

The idea would be for kids to gather from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 or 8:00 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month. Many of the gatherings would take place at Trinity but there will likely be off site activities as well. Mindy Bartholomew will lead the group but would welcome any other adults who would like to assist or take on some of the leadership. Two other adults would be needed for each meeting. They could be parents or others who are interested.

The proposed first activity would be participating in the October hayride at St. John's, Potts Grove. In November there will be some getting to know you activities as well as planning, having the kids help create the programing for the balance of the year. Other possibilities would be Synod youth activities and gathering with another congregation or two in the area.

If this sounds like fun and you would be interested in being involved, kids and adult helpers, please contact Mindy at [mindelle2@ptd.net](mailto:mindelle2@ptd.net) or the church office.

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## **Milton Lutheran Parish Prayer Concerns**

### ***Members, Friends and Family of Milton Lutheran Parish Prayer List***

Wanda Aikey, Glenda Arnold, Patsy Aunkst, Linda Bastian, Rodney Bastian, Betty Baumer, Carolyn Beach, Pam Belkins, Julie Benschoff, Karen Bergan, Carson Berge, Harry Berger, Mary Billhime, Georgia Boyer, Nancy Brown, Betty Callenberger, Colleen Cameron, Gerry Cashner, Caroline Jean Carter, Margaret Clemens, Tracy Coleman, Donna Collins, Barbara Coup, Mary Jane & Melvin Crist, Rose Deaner, Terry Deaner, Jordan Deitrick, Travis Deitrick, Anthony DeLong, Frank Dominick, Betty Dotts, Peggy Drum, Matt Edinger, Terry Eisenhuth, Deniene Enders, Quentin Erb, Jaime Evock, Jim Evock, Judy Farr, Teresa Feese, George & Joanie Fisher, Helen Fisher, Charlene Francis, Nolan Francis-Miller, Robert Francis Jr., Ken Gaugler, Sean Gay, Martha Jean & Gary Gill, Patricia Gitschlag, Gerald Greenly, Kimberly Handy, Valerie Handy, Neil Hauger, John Heffelfinger, Doris Heffelfinger, Emily Heintzelman, Mary Wagner Hines, Florence Ishler, Evelyn Kelley, Ronnie Kessler, Curtis Klodnikie, Bill Lebard, Ray & Dottie Leeser, Brookson Lehman, Danny Leitzel, Tom Martin, Jean Matthews, Nancy Mensch, Sharon Moll, Rod Moore, Ed Nelson, Jonathan Noaker, Mark Nolder, Oren Oberlin, Linda Parrish, DorithiJean Poeth, Bob Queen; Lois Reimensnyder, Helen & Leroy Reinard, Henry Reinsborrow, Bill Rothermel, Alice Roush, Mark Rudisill, John Shaffer, Jean Shirk, Connie Sholly, Larry Shurtz, Tim Simko, Barb Smith, Cathy Smith, Gordy Smith, Janet Smith, Janet Timms, Keisha Trimble, Fran Valentine, Karen Walters, Nancy Walters, Nancy Weikel, Mike & Lynnette Weisner, Shirley Wargo, Ava Westhaupt, Jeannine Wilkerson, Erick Wood, Sheri Yingling, Darlas Yost, Harold Webb, George Zeyn

#### **Those serving in the military:**

Kristen Bastian, Matthew Dorman, Jeremiah Fisher, Stephen Himes, Cody Pursley, Cody Messinger, Tyler Sokolas and Trent Wargo.

#### **Our leaders, guides, & activities:**

Deacon Schaeffer, Rev. Brian & Christine Palmer, missionaries, Bishop B.J. Collins, Synod Staff, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Authorized Lay Worship Leaders, our Parish Call Committee, Mutual Ministry Team, Parish Council, Parish Stewardship, Christian Ed Ministry and Spiritual Growth Ministry.

**PLEASE CHECK THIS LIST EACH WEEK IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN AND LET THE OFFICE KNOW OF ANYONE WHO NEEDS ADDED OR CAN BE REMOVED.**

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PRAYER WARRIORS!**

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## September Birthdays and Anniversaries

### **Birthdays**

Melvin Crist 9/1  
Rodney Bastian 9/2  
Ruth Swanger 9/2  
Edward Kaye 9/4  
Judy McNeal 9/5  
Cindy Trapane 9/5  
John Wargo 9/5  
Bean Yost 9/6  
Nora Yost 9/6  
Carole Bower 9/8  
Andrea Dehart-Robbins 9/8  
Alice Roush 9/8  
Dawn Russell 9/8  
Rose Handy 9/12  
Carson Berge 9/15  
Karen Fry 9/16  
Gerald Greenly 9/17  
Connie Sholly 9/19  
Angela Evans 9/21  
Charlotte Marts 9/22  
Gregory Valiquette 9/22  
Dotty Brouse 9/24  
Debra Honeychurch 9/24  
Chuck Stahl 9/24  
Bob Greenly 9/25  
Rose Deaner 9/27  
Marilyn Keiser 9/28  
Mary Bartholomew 9/29  
Wendy Erb 9/29  
Nora Strawser 9/29

### **Anniversaries**

John & Tonya Wargo 9/10  
Scott & Amy Solomon 9/11  
Claude & Carol Raback 9/13  
Joe & Mary Solomon 9/14  
Dave & Karen Walize 9/15  
Charlie & Shirl Stigerwalt 9/18  
Donna & James Spear 9/27  
Ken & Penny Ulmer 9/29

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**Office Hours** – 8 am-3:30 pm  
 Trinity-Mon.-Fri. mornings  
 Christ- Mon.-Fri. afternoons

**Deadline for the next newsletter is September 15. Any items received after the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month will not be in the newsletter.** Please **e-mail** the Parish Office Administrator with any bulletin announcements or newsletter articles or drop them off at either church.

**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church**

1125 Mahoning Street, Milton, PA 17847 Church Phone- 570-742-7473  
 Parish Office Administrator – [driccio@christlutheranmpa.org](mailto:driccio@christlutheranmpa.org)

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

100 Mahoning Street, Milton, PA 17847 Church Phone-570-742-4601  
 Parish Office Administrator- [tlcmilton@ptd.net](mailto:tlcmilton@ptd.net)

Milton Lutheran Parish Website: <https://miltonlutheranparish.faith/>

Deacon Gary Schaeffer – Interim

Parish Council Members

- Don Fisher - President
- Bill Heimbach - Vice President
- Joe Yaiko - Secretary
- Rich Handy - Treasurer
- Donna Spear
- Lynnette Weisner

2019 Christ Council Members

- Donna Spear - President
- Tonya Wargo - Vice President
- Penny Ulmer - Secretary
- Rich Handy, Treasurer
- Kellie Brouse
- Kay Dunn
- Don Fisher
- Nancy Mensch
- Nancy Walters

2019 Trinity Council Members

- Jeff Coup, President
- Krista Yaiko, Vice President
- Lynnette Weisner, Secretary
- Kevin Fry
- Crystal Gnidovec
- Bill Heimbach
- Tiffany Heimbach
- Seth Reitz
- Dawn Russell

Church Staff

- Donna Riccio, Parish Office Administrator
- Donna Spear, Parish Webmaster
- Bob Greenly, Christ Groundskeeper
- Rich Handy, Christ Treasurer
- Nancy Walters, Christ Church Music Director and Choir Director
- Helen Billhime, Christ Custodian
- Charles Stahl, Trinity Sexton
- John Warfel, Christ Organist & Trinity Organist, Choir and Bell Choir Director
- Carol Yost, Trinity Treasurer

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <b>12th Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <i>Combined Service 9:00am At Christ</i>	2 <i>ARC 6-8pm</i>	3 <u>TOPS 9:30am</u>	4 <i>Mid-Week Worship 3pm</i>	5 <u>PTSD Meeting 7pm</u>  <b>Festival Float @ Yaiko's- 6:30pm</b>	6	7
8 <b>13th Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <i>Combined Service 9:00am At Christ</i>  <i>Meal@ Milton Towers-noon</i>	9 <u>Book Group-10am</u>  <i>ARC 6-8pm</i>	10 <u>TOPS 9:30am</u>	11 <i>Mid-Week Worship 3pm</i>	12 <u>PTSD Meeting 7pm</u>  <b>Festival Float @ Yaiko's- 6:30pm</b>	13	14
15 <b>14th Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <i>Combined Service 9:00am At Christ</i>	16 <i>ARC- 6-8pm</i>  <i>Parish Stewardship-6pm</i>	17 <u>TOPS 9:30am</u>  <i>Stewardship- 6:30pm</i>	18 <i>Mid-Week Worship 3pm</i>	19 <u>PTSD Meeting 7pm</u>  <b>Festival Float @ Yaiko's- 6:30pm</b>	20 <b>Festival Float @ Yaiko's- 6:30pm</b>	21 <b>Harvest Festival Parade</b>
22 <b>15th Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <i>Combined Service 9:00am At Christ</i>	23 <i>ARC -6-8pm</i>	24 <u>TOPS 9:30am</u>  <i>Parish Council 5:45pm Combined Council 6:30pm</i>	25 <i>Mid-Week Worship 3pm</i>	26 <u>PTSD Meeting 7pm</u>	27	28
29 <b>16th Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <i>Combined Service 9:00am At Christ</i>	30 <i>ARC- 6-8pm</i>					

At Trinity Lutheran Building-Underlined      At Christ Lutheran Building-Italics

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