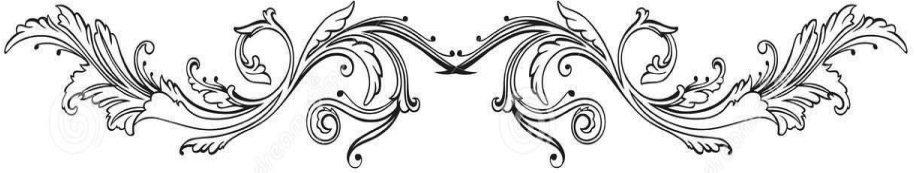


THE PARISH NEWS

Newsletter of the Milton Lutheran Parish

MAY 2019



*Motherhood is a million
little moments that God
weaves together with
grace, redemption, laughter,
tears, and most of all-love.*





God's beloved people:

WHEN, oh When will we get our "Permanent pastor"?

This is the lament I have heard and every interim setting that I have served.

It is totally understandable, because the process always takes longer, or at least seem to take longer, than we anticipated or wish!.... especially for settings like MLP that have been in an interim season as long as Milton Lutheran Parish has.

I wish to remind and encourage you about a couple things.

First of all respectfully I remind you that there's no such thing as a "permanent pastor". Other than death and taxes, nothing in life is ever really "permanent". Your next Pastor will be with you for a season, hopefully a long and fruitful one. I do hope and pray that this will be the case in deed for Milton Lutheran Parish as you anticipate your next chapter of ministry.

But in the meantime you already have a pastor! I remain happy and excited to help you and journey with you, however I can, for as long as we remain together, help you continue become the parish God want you to be.

And ministry still continues and exciting things can be developed and launched as you await to this next chapter of ministry. To be active in ministry will make a very positive impression upon candidates who are discern and consider partnering with you to help you reach your mission goals.

I also lovingly remind you that no time is wasted time here! During this time you have and are learning so much about yourselves, about each other, as congregations and as a Parish, and, of course, about God. And you will continue to learn such, as much as you are open and willing to.

Also the Synod has no control who, when, and how candidates are available. That is out of their control.

When is in their control is that they are actively and search for candidates for you, reviewing profiles as they come to their attention, networking with other bishops and colleagues To see if candidates in other synods are available for interview. Your bishop her staff and the Synod office are your partners in ministry. Embrace them and pray for them as such.

Yes..... pray! Prayer is the lifeblood of a congregation, a connection with God, and especially during a time of transition and interviewing. you have a very skilled, capable, and strong call committee, who are devoted to their task and will look out for the very best for Milton Lutheran parish and her ministry. Uphold them especially in prayer. And please tell them that you were praying for them. Such encouragement goes a long way in the work of a call committee.

Keep on keeping on in prayer, hope, faith, and love!

In partnership.

Pastor Mark



Vacation Bible School

After much prayer we regret to inform you that there will be no Vacation Bible School this year. We just do not have the volunteers needed to make it all work. Krista Yaiko, Shelly Sholley and myself had attended a VBS workshop in Sunbury. After we met together and put the time in to go over all the themes, we chose one that touched our hearts and felt it would be a wonderful learning experience for the children. In order to have a safe fun learning experiences for VBS we needed people to step up to the plate. We only had a few, so the decision was made to cancel. Please pray for Milton Lutheran Parish and where God is leading us for 2020. Maybe it will be something completely new and under new leadership or maybe not at all for awhile. Listen as you talk to God about this children's ministry.



Quiet Communion

For those who are unable to make the regular Sunday worship services at Trinity or Christ there will be a weekly quiet communion at Christ. This will be every Wednesday afternoon at 3:00pm throughout the year. Come join us!

Thank You

thank you to everyone that supported our Easter candy project by donating goods, helping make eggs, selling and buying eggs! This year we are making a donation of \$653.05 to the MS walk -we made 77 dozen eggs this year! Thank you everyone! Steph Byers

Free Community Meals
2019 Community Meal Schedule

Sunday, June 9th

Sunday, August 11th

Sunday, October 13th

Sunday, December 8th



Upcoming Book Group

will be May 13th @ 10:00am

"The Pilot's Wife"

By Anita Shreve

New Members always welcome!

Clothing Drive

Parish Stewardship Clothing Drive

The parish stewardship team will be collecting clean gently used **children's clothing** during the month of May. The clothes will be available for families to choose items they need for their children at the June free community meal. Any items not selected will be donated to Hand Up. Donations may be dropped off at either church during May.



Volunteer Appreciation

The parish volunteer appreciation luncheon will be held in the fellowship hall at Trinity immediately following the joint worship service on Sunday May 5th. The menu will be ham, macaroni and cheese, green beans, applesauce, rolls, cake and beverages. This is to thank all the members of the parish who volunteer their time within the parish and in the community. Please join us for a free meal and fellowship with one another. If you are able to attend, please sign the sign -up sheet on the bulletin board to help the stewardship committee plan for the amount of food needed.



Panther Packs

On Wednesday May 1st from 7-8 PM at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, we will be helping to pack bags for Panther Packs which is the weekend food program for 300 plus students in the Milton School district's elementary schools. They are in need of 30 volunteers. This is an easy and fun way to help serve our community. Please volunteer some of your time. Sign- up sheets are posted on the bulletin board.



Worship Helpers

Trinity Lutheran
Month of May

Head Usher:

Krista Yaiko

Ushers:

Chris Coup

Ken Gaugler

Bonnie Gaugler

Carol Yost

Reader:

Val Gardner

Communion Assistant:

Bridgette Coup

Acolytes

Madison Coup



Worship Helpers

Christ Lutheran

May 5

**Combined Service @ Trinity
9:30am**

May 12

Ushers: Kim Mitch, Brent Mitch

Acolyte: Austin Mitch

Lector: Nancy Walters

Server: Penny Ulmer, Kay Dunn

Prayer Team Minister: Mae Jones

May 19

Ushers: Don Fisher, Peggy Fisher

Acolyte: Kellie Brouse

Lector: Kellie Brouse

Server: Donna Spear, Rose Handy

Prayer Team Minister: Kellie Brouse

May 26

Ushers: Nancy Mensch, Donna Riccio

Acolyte: Austin Mitch

Lector: Nancy Walters

Servers: Rose Handy, Rich Handy

Prayer Team Minister: Rose Handy

Milton Lutheran Parish

Joint Worship Service Schedule 2019

The congregation councils voted to hold joint services the first Sunday of every month as well as the 5th Sunday of the months that have 5 Sundays. All services will start at 9:30am and will rotate between the two churches.

May 5 – Trinity

Jun 2 – Christ

Jun 30 – Trinity

Jul 7 – Christ

Aug 4 – Trinity

Sep 1 – Christ

Sep 29 – Trinity

Oct 6 – Christ

Nov 3 – Trinity

Dec 1 – Christ

Dec 29 – Trinity



Stewardship of Community

You shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord. –

Leviticus 19:18b

*And who is my neighbor? –***Luke 10:29b**

Think of all the homes, apartments and condos within walking (or easy driving) distance of our congregation. Now ask, how do we interact with these neighbors? Does our congregation understand their issues, joys, opportunities and challenges? How can we love them as ourselves?

Though God has filled the world with neighbors for us to love, we have a special opportunity and responsibility with neighbors who are nearby us. They form our immediate community. Many congregations narrowly define “community” as people who are already part of church, but God calls us to broaden our vision.

Congregations across our denomination are finding renewed energy and purpose by connecting (or reconnecting) with their community neighbors. It takes work and a willingness to go outside our comfort zone, but worth the effort pays off for them and us.

“It’s within our power to become good neighbors, to care for the people around us and to be cared for by the people around us,” write Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon in *The Art of Neighboring* (2012, Baker Books, p. 22), a handy guide for a church to start a neighboring movement. “There really is a different way to live, and we are finding that it is actually the best way to live.”

Loving our neighbors we naturally gather together as community that is blessed by God. It holds true in our

personal lives as well as our congregations. As spring and summer unfolds, let's commit to finding ways to be better stewards of our community, engaging our neighbors, especially those who live closest to our congregation.

--Rob Blezard



Members, Friends and Family of Christ Lutheran Prayer List...

***For those with ongoing health
issues/disability/illness:***

Wanda Aikey; Pam Belkins; Harry Berger;
Barbara Coup; Rose Deaner; Terry Deaner;
Peggy Drum; Matt Edinger; Deniene Enders; Terry Eisenhuth;
Robert Francis Jr., Patricia Gitschlag, Gerald Greenly; Valerie
Handy ;Doris Heffelfinger; John Heffelfinger; Mary Wagner Hines;
Evelyn Kelley; Danny Litzel, Nolan Francis-Miller; Bob Queen;
Lois Reimensnyder, Alice Roush; John Shaffer; Tim Simko; Gordy
Smith; Fran Valentine, Karen Walters; Shirley Wargo; George
Zeyn, ...



For those anticipating and recovering from surgery:

Florence Ishler; Laura Beck; Terry Deaner;
Caroline Jean Carter, Kimberly Handy, Nancy Walters

For those in sorrow: All who have lost loved ones; All those in our community and the world who are recovering from natural disasters & tragedies.

For those needing daily strength:

Rodney Bastian; Betty Baumer; Pat Bender; Betty Callenberger;
Charlene Francis; Rita Lenig; Nancy Mensch; Shannon Moll;
Kelly Packer; Helen & Leroy Reinard; Donna Riccio; Mike
Rudisill; Tim Simko; Keisha Trimble; Curtis Klodnikie; Darlas
Yost; Harold Webb.

For the imprisoned: Aundre Moten

For those adjusting to life changes: All those affected by political & religious oppression.

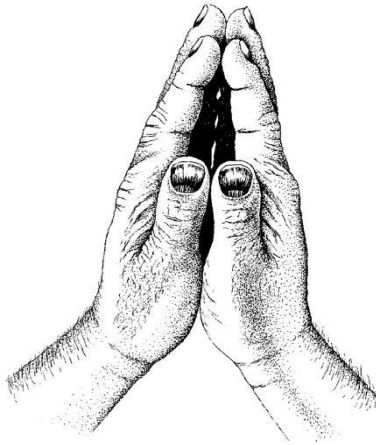
For the homebound and those unable to be at home:

George & Bebe Bolich; Betty Dotts; Doris Heffelfinger;
Connie Sholly; Nancy Weikel; Jeannine Wilkerson; Harry Berger

For those serving in the military: Kristen Bastian; Matthew Dorman;
Jeremiah Fisher; Stephen Himes; Anthony Nudson; Cody Pursley;
Cody Messinger; Trent Wargo

For leaders, guides, students, and workers: Pr. Mark;
Rev. Brian & Christine Palmer, missionaries; Bishop B.J. Collins,
Synod Staff; Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton & ELCA Staff,
Authorized Lay Worship Leaders, Parish Call Committee

For activities and events, and for those who are traveling:
Our faith partners at Trinity; Mutual Ministry Team; Council;
Spiritual Growth; Stewardship; Christian Ed Ministry;
Children, Youth & Family Ministry





Prayer Requests

Names for healing prayers are printed for several weeks at a time, but can be lifted up again as requested. The Prayer Chain Team & others continue to pray for this Sunday list and other concerns daily.

Mary Billhime; Georgia Boyer; Judy Farr; Ken Gaugler, Julie Benshoff, George & Joanie Fisher, Helen Fisher, Mary Jane & Melvin Crist, Dottie Leeser; Ray Leeser, Ed Nelson; Sheri Yingling, Ava Westhaupt, Mark Nolder, Brookson Lehman, friends, David, Linda Parrish, Janet Timms, Donna Collins, Barb Smith, Henry Reinsborrow, Tracy Coleman, Frank Dominick, Jonathan Noaker, Quentin Erb, Carolyn Beach, Erick Wood, Neil Hauger, Jaime Evock, Bill Lebard, Jim Evock, Gerry Cashner, Chris; Tom Martin; Martha Jean & Gary Gill, Jean Shirk; Larry & Carol Shurtz; Barb; Ronnie; Lee; Gerald Greenly, Bill Rothermel, Glenda Arnold; Annabelle, Craig, Noah, Colleen Cameron, Cathy Smith, Karen Bergan, Jean Matthews, Bobby, Ronnie Kessler, Nancy Brown, Nancy Walters, Jordan Deitrick, Travis Deitrick, Janet Smith, Margaret Clemens

Seminarian: Marlene Phillips



Public Office Hours – 8am-3:30pm

Trinity- Mon.-Fri.- mornings

Christ- Mon.-Fri.- afternoons

Newsletter articles are due in office by the ***15th of each month*** (unless otherwise noted on newsletter calendar or bulletin).

Deadline for the next newsletter May 15. Any items received after the 15th of the month will not be in the newsletter.

Please e-mail Donna at **driccio@christlutheranmpa.org** or **tlcmilton@ptd.net** with any bulletin announcements or newsletter articles or drop them off at either church.

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