

# The Bethany Messenger

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369 Broad Street  
Montoursville, PA 17754

## OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY – THURSDAY  
9:00 AM–2:00PM

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Organist: Mary Paulhamus  
Sexton: Deborah Harman  
Secretary: Hope Harrington

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10:15 am Coffee / Fellowship  
10:30 am Sunday School

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR  
MATERIAL FOR THE BETHANY  
MESSENGER IS 9 A.M. ON THE  
15TH OF EACH MONTH



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

This year Ascension Day, or The Feast of Ascension, falls on May 14th, 40 days after Easter. The day is celebrated because it represents the completion of Jesus' ministry on earth and His bodily ascension into heaven, where He is seated at the right hand of God the Father, where He is going to prepare a place for you. Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, what I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and will take you to myself, that where I am, you may be also." (John 14:2–3)

Ascension Day is a significant feast day, actually one of four Solemnity feasts, or principal feasts, of the church year. Our principal feasts of the church year are Christmas, Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost. Ascension Day is indeed a sacred day, a holy day, a hallowed day, in the church year with the Roman Catholic Church, designating it as a Holy Day of Obligation. Holy Days of Obligation are days where Catholics are expected to attend mass, and rest from all work or recreational activities. (A tradition I personally wish that we had kept in the Lutheran Church after the Reformation.) This feast should be observed just as the Sabbath is observed.

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I remember having a conversation with my grandmother about Ascension Day. She spoke of how the Lutheran's observed Ascension Day in her youth, and recalled how her mother would not even "pick up a needle to darn a sock." It is sad that within her lifetime Ascension Day went from being one of the high holy days in the church year, to a day that is no longer observed. Many churches who do continue to observe Ascension Day, move it to the following Sunday, replacing the feast of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council at Nicaea.

So why the change? What has happened in the past hundred years that completely changed the way that the church has celebrated Ascension Day for almost 2000 years? Sometime in the late 20th century, the Vatican gave permission for Bishops to move observing Ascension Day to the following Sunday, citing declining attendance for the Thursday service. By 1999 the United States conference of Catholic bishops transferred the celebration to the following Sunday. As Protestants, Ascension Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation and not given the same requirements as in the Roman Catholic Church.

In the Lutheran Church, as with many other Protestant denominations, the celebration was moved to the following Sunday, just as the Roman Catholics were doing, or the day was abandoned entirely. The reason for this was largely because of a loss of interest in the service, coupled with the inconvenience of a weekday service and the declining significance of the day as perceived by Christians. The day, marking Christ triumph over the grave, something seen as the crowning event of Jesus' work, where he transitions from an earthly ministry to a heavenly reign is all but forgotten by the church as a whole. The argument that a weekday service is too inconvenient for our modern busy schedules is just not accurate. If this were the case, Christmas would always be celebrated on the following Sunday too. Ascension Day has become a forgotten feast day because it lacks the commercialism that keeps Christmas and Easter so popular. We do not exchange gifts, do not make special treats, there is no character like Santa Claus or the Easter Bunny for kids to be excited about, and we do not decorate our homes and communities the way we do for Christmas and Easter. It does not help that churches have reduced the emphasis on Ascension Day by giving into secular pressure, or wants. So, if the church reduced its emphasis, if there are no decorations and gifts, then why should we observe and preserve the Feast of Ascension?

The answer is that in the preservation and observance of Ascension Day the church serves as a "worldview tonic" for the Christian imagination. Observing the day helps faithful Christians to visualize the reality of where Christ actively reigns over a suffering and hurting world. In our Lutheran theology, Ascension Day is not a minor historical event, but instead it is a vital celebration



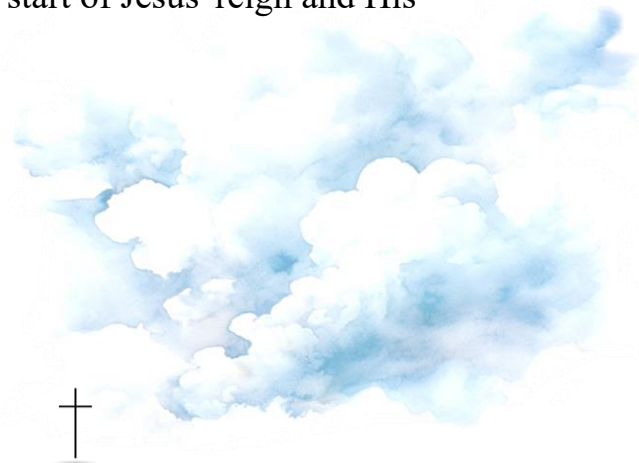


of Christ's present Lordship and intercession. Just as Jesus' baptism was His coronation to earthly ministry, His ascension is the coronation where He was enthroned at God the Father's right hand, with all the authority in heaven and on earth. Jesus is not gone He did not withdraw from creation; He is actively leading and caring for His people, and He is the one directing all things for the good of the church. He is our great high priest and our advocate.

On Ascension Day, we receive a preview of our promised future. Christ Ascension guarantees the promise that He has gone to prepare a home for us, where we will eventually dwell in His physical presence. Ascension Day also provides us with the hope that Jesus will return in the same way that He left, physically, visibly, and gloriously. This year we will Celebrate the Feast of Ascension on May 14th at 8:00pm with worship. You are invited to join with your church family in worship and to reclaim the celebration of Christ's enthronement in Heaven and His ongoing work. Reclaiming this day emphasizes that the Ascension is not just a departure, but that it is the start of Jesus' reign and His empowerment of believers.

Yours in Christ

*Pastor James*



## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

*Please pray this prayer daily*

Oh, loving Lord. We know You and accept You as Lord and Savior. So, we come to You seeking a fresh, new perspective, not to throw away past lessons but for Your spirit to rebuild and breathe new life into our faith. Show us how to do this. Let us open ourselves completely to Your voice. The voice that tells us God is love and in Christ all things are new. Renew us and restore us in Christ name.

Amen



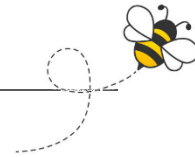


## Bethany's Mission Statement

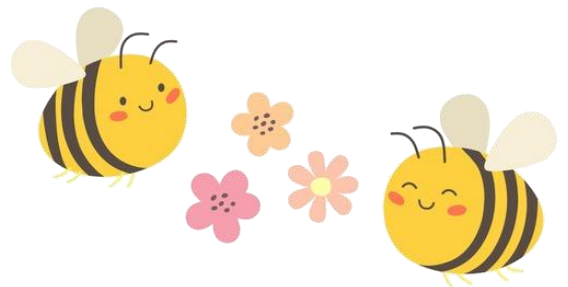
**Matthew 28:19-20**

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you!*

### REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ARE AT HOME



NAMES & ADDRESSES  
REDACTED FOR ONLINE  
VERSION





## PRAYING FOR OUR PEOPLE

LEN & KATHY HINTON	MICHAEL WOODLEY	EVELYN SEAMAN
LORI CLAUSEEN	LOUISE & JIM	BEBE BOLICH
KEVIN TAYLOR	FAY SAUSSER	DAVE SHIPTON
MARJORIE FANTASKEY	COLLEEN DAVIDSON	REV. RAY & NANCY FORSYTHE
JOAN SWARTZ	LOU & EMILY BASSLER	DOROTHY LEE
MARGARET RYAN	ANN LONG	MARIAN MOTT
ROBERT BENNETT	MIKE BROUSE	MOLLY BIENLY
PAUL STEIGER	DAVE LUNDY	SALLY & MARK LOMISON
BUD & LOUISE JORDAN	JOHN KLINGER	KAREN YEOMANS
PEGGY SHULTZ	MICHAEL HENNIGAN	ROBERT MARGEL
CAROL EARLY	MIKE SNAUFFER	PASTOR JEFF & DAWN ZETTO
DAVID HUGHES	LINDA & RAY BOMBOY	DARLENE & ROBIN CONNELLY
DICK & ELVA WHITMOYER	GLENN KAUFMAN	CHARLIE & BETTY LOMAS
ED MERTES	KIRK & JOANNE WILLIARD	SARA JANE AUCKER
LUKE TONER	BETTY ANN LEIBY	JAYDA ROMOS
REV. BEVERLY COTTNER	DEREK COTTNER	REV. OLIVE BROWN
	REV. PAULA MURRAY	



**MAY 1<sup>st</sup>**

# National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance designated by the United States Congress and held on the first Thursday of May, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals." The president is required by law (36 U.S.C. § 119) to sign a proclamation each year, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day.

Historical records indicate over 1,500 state and federal calls for prayer since 1775, with 156 national calls to prayer, fasting, or thanksgiving issued by U.S. Presidents between 1789 and 2026. Between 1768 and 1776 the American Colonies proclaimed days of prayer and fasting because of friction with England. The Colony of Virginia's House of Burgesses established a day of prayer and fasting to take place on Wednesday, June 1, 1774, to protest the Boston Port Act, such that the people of Virginia would assemble for prayer led by clergymen.

Thomas Jefferson wrote that "the effect of the day through the whole colony was like a shock of electricity", moving the Virginians to choose delegates to establish self-rule. On October 3, 1789, President Washington called for a National Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving to be observed on Thursday, November 26, 1789; this was an extension of the tradition of thanksgiving which was already customary in New England.

The bill for the National Day of Prayer was passed by the House and Senate and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman on April 17, 1952. It is significant that the day was established and each year it echoes the prayers of our Founding Fathers and those of Colonial America. Even before we were a nation the men and women of the colonies understood that prayers of intercession to the Lord was not just a duty of the Christian, but also essential for the wellbeing of the nation. Much has changed in the minds and attitudes of Americans from the time of the colonies and the founding of the nation. However, because of the law that established the National Day of Prayer, the President annually proclaims a day that the nation should raise prayers to the Lord for the betterment of ourselves, our Nation, and the world.



# MESSAGES & GRATITUDE

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE  
**Join us on May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00pm!**



## May Bible Study

Wednesdays: 5/13, 5/27 @  
12:30pm

Thursdays: 5/14, 5/28 @  
6:00pm



## BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive is Friday, June 12th from 12:30pm – 5:00pm. If you can help with your time, cookies, or brownies, please contact Denise Bergenstock at (570)-323-2984.

### Future Dates

September 18th 2026

November 20th 2026

## Save the Date!

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The stage is open and accepting donations for the Yard Sale!!! If you have any furniture or extra-large items, please talk with a member of the Mission Ministry, or the church office, as we have a separate room for those items. This year's Church Yard Sale will be held on May 30. Set up for the sale will be on Friday May 29th.

JUN  
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Our annual Mini Golf outing at Hoopla's will be June 28th. We have a "tee" time of 3pm and will gather after a Longshots Grill for supper.

JUL  
17

July 17th we will be holding our annual baseball outing. We will see the Williamsport Crosscutters play the Trenton Tornados at the historic Bowman Field. The cost of each ticket is \$6.

AUG  
16

Our Annual Church Picnic will be held on August 16th at 4:00pm at Indian Park in Pavilion #5.

## "Thank You!"

A big thank you to Kremser Associates for donating their services to remove the snow pile behind the nursery and along the rear of the education wing in February.



# What Is Ascension Day?

Ascension Day is a Christian feast that commemorates the moment when Jesus Christ was taken up into heaven in the presence of His disciples. Celebrated 40 days after Easter, it always falls on a Thursday and marks the conclusion of Christ's earthly ministry and the beginning of a new chapter in the life of the Church.

The account of the Ascension is found in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 1:6–11) and is also referenced at the end of the Gospel of Luke. After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples over the course of forty days, teaching them and preparing them for what was to come. Then, on the Mount of Olives, He blessed them and was lifted up, disappearing from their sight into a cloud. Two angels then reassured the disciples that He would one day return in the same way.

Ascension Day is not just about Jesus “leaving,” but about His reign and ongoing presence. In ascending to the Father, Christ is exalted and enthroned as Lord over all creation. As we confess in the creeds, He “sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.”

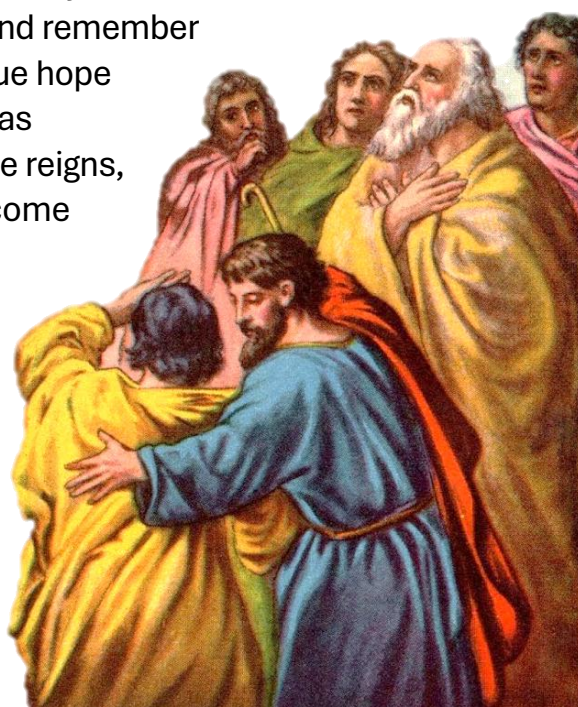
This means that Jesus is not distant or absent, but actively ruling, interceding, and working for the good of His people.

Ascension Day also points us forward. Before ascending, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to His followers—a promise fulfilled ten days later on Pentecost. In this way, the Ascension is part of a larger story: Christ's death, resurrection, ascension, and the sending of the Spirit all work together for our salvation and for the mission of the Church.

In Lutheran worship, Ascension Day is often marked with readings, hymns, and prayers that celebrate Christ's kingship and remind us of our calling as His witnesses in the world.

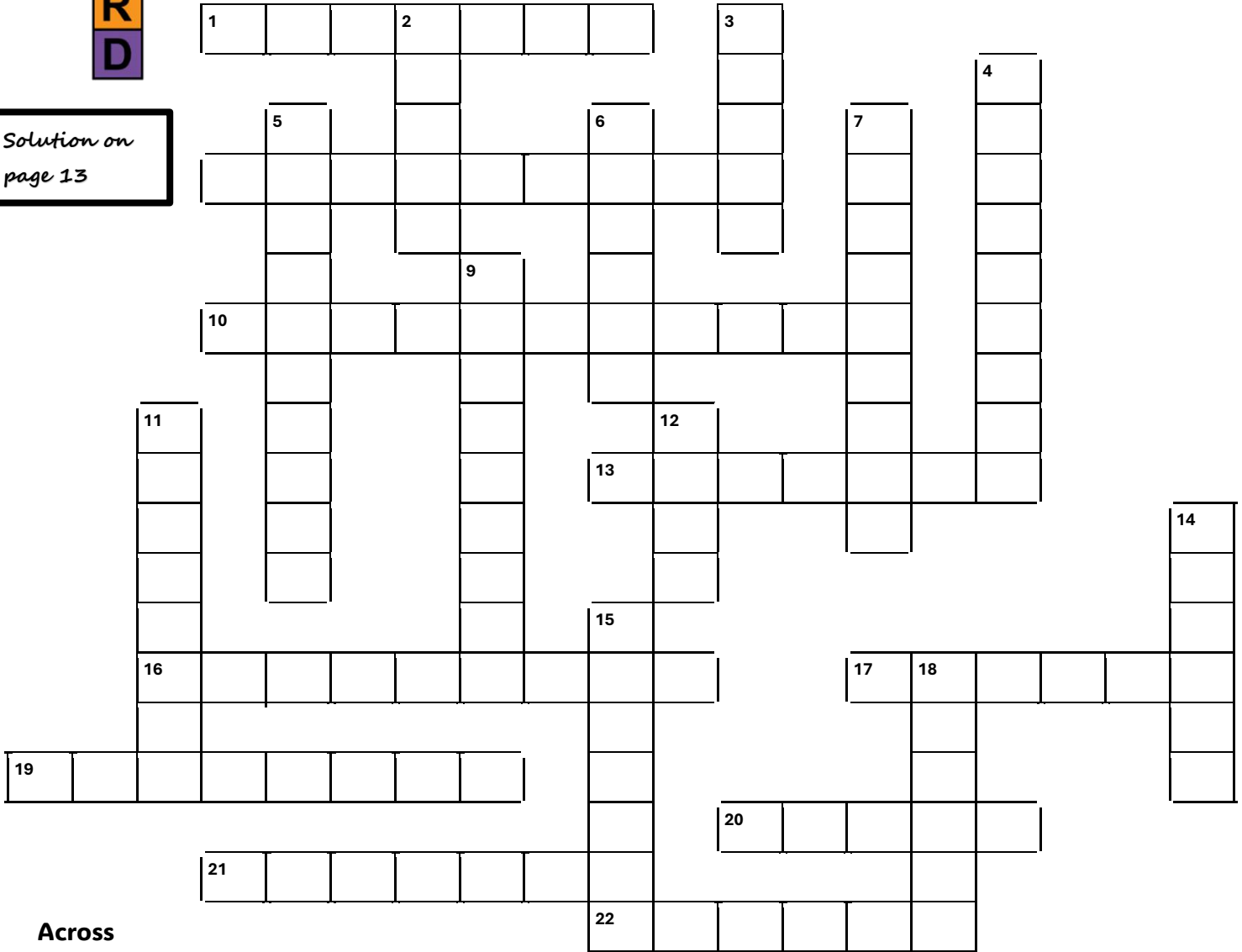
Though it may not receive the same attention as Christmas or Easter, it holds deep theological significance. It assures us that Jesus is Lord, that His work is complete, and that He continues to be present with us—through His Word, His Sacraments, and His Spirit.

As we observe Ascension Day, we are invited to lift our eyes beyond the concerns of daily life and remember where our true hope lies. Christ has ascended, He reigns, and He will come again.



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**CROSS** Pentecost Edition  
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Solution on page 13



**Across**

- 1 Sacrament connected with receiving the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38)
- 8 Feast celebrating the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2)
- 10 What is received through repentance and baptism
- 13 You will be my \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 1:8)
- 16 Event preceding Pentecost when Christ returns to the Father
- 17 One of the central practices of the early believers
- 19 The \_\_\_\_\_ of bread in the life of the early Church
- 20 Apostle who preaches the Pentecost sermon
- 21 The \_\_\_\_\_ is for you and your children (Acts 2:39)
- 22 Third person of the Trinity given to the Church

**Down**

- 2 The Spirit is called the Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 The Spirit creates this among believers
- 4 What the crowd hears in their own native speech
- 5 Early believers devoted themselves to this (Acts 2:42)
- 6 The Good News proclaimed after Pentecost
- 7 City where Pentecost takes place
- 9 Followers of Jesus gathered before Pentecost
- 11 Name Jesus uses for the Holy Spirit in John 14
- 12 Tongues as of \_\_\_\_\_ appear (Acts 2)
- 14 The body of believers formed through Word and Spirit
- 15 Gift enabling proclamation in many languages
- 18 First word of Peters call in Acts 2:38

*Each week, the Axis.org team research culture to help parents and family members stay up to date on the music, movies, TV shows, and social media trends that are impacting your kid's world. Whether a teen or preteen, the questions suggested by the team can help you continue conversations with them that help you to understand how the trends affect them personally.*



## Slang of the Month: “Clipped”

Getting “clipped” has a few definitions, but we’re going to focus on the idea of someone candidly taking a bad photo of you. With the ubiquity of camera-equipped smartphones, there’s always the threat of someone snapping a picture when you’re mid-hamburger bite, with bad posture, or asleep on an airport bench. “Clipping” is often a harmless

way to lovingly poke fun at each other, especially in a world with a “camera-ready” veneer, but, of course, it could also be used to bully someone.

## “Meaningmaxxing”

**What it is:** Teens are adding the suffix “maxxing” to anything and everything—why?

**Where the trend came from:** The concept of looksmaxxing, or maximizing one’s looks, was born out of the incel (involuntary celibate) community in the 2010s. What started in a niche online community has now spread far beyond it, and the original meaning of “maxxing” has evolved in the process. What is actually a sinister idea—spending all of one’s resources to fixate on upgrading one’s appearance—has given rise to adding “maxxing” to everything: Chinamaxxing. Matchamaxxing. Friendshipmaxxing. Boyfriendmaxxing. Fibermaxxing. Jestermaxxing. Yogurtmaxxing. You could be drinking a 16-oz latte and call it “coffeemaxxing,” and nobody would correct you. Which means this suffix is doomed to the fate of most slang these days—to mean nothing at all.



## Millennial Cringe

**What it is:** The so-called “Gen Z pout” started on red carpets and is now finding its way into selfies. Young people on TikTok are dishing all their opinions on it.

**Why you are going to start seeing it everywhere:** Duck lips were once the preferred selfie pose for teenage girls, but not anymore. Despite millennials' contributions to internet culture, the younger generation teases them mercilessly. Millennials are not afraid of being cringe, but for teens, being overly earnest or excited about anything is a death sentence. You'll notice Gen Z trends are often rooted in looking effortlessly good. In addition to the awkwardness, difficulty and exhaustion of being an adolescent, teens feel like they have to act detached from everything, including their selfies. No wonder they'd rather pout than smile in a picture. The low eyelids and puffed upper lip give off a decisively uninterested, as *The Washington Post* puts it, "Fine. Take your picture" attitude. Gen Z stars like Lily-Rose Depp, Maddie Ziegler, and Ariana Greenblatt love the pout.



**Continue the conversation:**  
Do you like how you look in pictures?

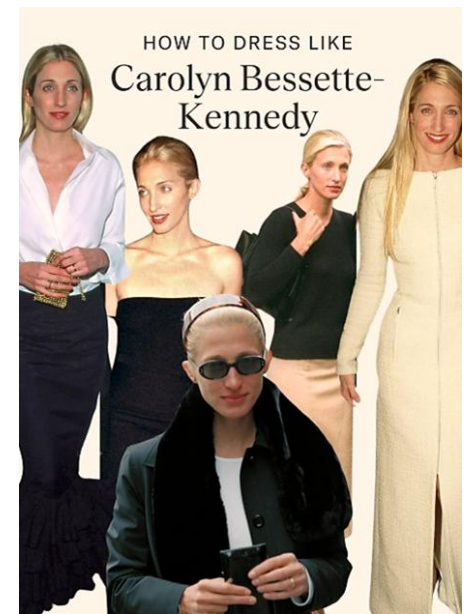


## Ninetiesmaxxing

**What it is:** The final episode of *Love Story*, based on the tragic story of John F. Kennedy, Jr. and Carolyn Bessette-Kennedy, aired last week.

**Why it's capturing younger audiences:** The show, based on a biography of Bessette-Kennedy that chronicled her romance with JFK Jr., has been Hulu's most-watched

limited series ever. It aims to capture the essence of a tumultuous relationship, and doesn't shy away from drugs, nudity, and sensitive themes. It's not made for teens—and for the most part, they're probably not watching it as much as they are seeing edits on TikTok. Still, the buzz around the show has added to a groundswell of fascination around the fashion and lifestyle that characterized living in the 1990s, particularly pre-9/11 Manhattan. Bessette-Kennedy's Calvin Klein-infused, signature style was, in some ways, the peak of lived-in luxury: clean lines, a crisp, neutral palette, and preppy accessories. Some younger audiences are romanticizing the idea of being young, free, phoneless, and glamorous in a gritty downtown scene—a way of life that went extinct before they were even born.



**Continue the conversation:**  
What's your favorite fashion era?

# I'm not a regular pimple, I'm a cool pimple

**What it is:** Pimples, a longstanding and infamous insecurity for young people, have evolved into an unexpected opportunity for accessorizing.

**Why people are putting stickers on their faces:** Pimples are par for the course for teens. Now, instead of crossing their fingers, hoping nobody would notice their blemishes, young people are decorating them. Brands like Starface and Hero Cosmetics rose to popularity during the pandemic, but when in-person rhythms resumed, the patches remained—perhaps because it is easier to resist picking at your skin when you have a nice little sticker on it. And it's not just teens—adults at the airport, grocery store, or even at work will rock them. While the trend has its haters, it also has influencers cashing in, including Hailey Bieber. Her brand's newly-announced hydrocolloid patches, debuting next week, come in fun shapes like mushrooms, jelly beans, and bubbles, and retail for \$16.



## Continue the conversation:

When you are insecure about something, do you try to cover it up or embrace it?

## Pay to...Pray?

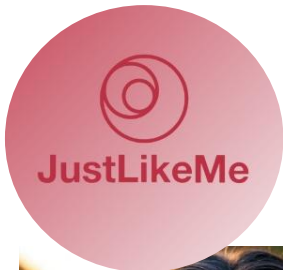
**What it is:** People are paying \$1.99 a minute to talk to an AI-generated avatar of Jesus through a company called Just Like Me.

**Why people are paying instead of praying:** You used to have to be in the same room as a loved one to share your thoughts with them, but technology has made constant communication something we take for granted. People

have been formed to expect quick and easy answers—so it makes sense why the site's promise to “talk to Jesus now” would be so appealing. Mother Teresa once said, “God is the friend of silence.” Although God is always available to us in prayer, beckoning us to Him, He does not always respond instantly. While frustrating at times, embracing this is an important part of developing a mature faith. Silence can be a difficult response when we are seeking answers, and ***Just Like Me is capitalizing on that spiritual vulnerability.***

## Continue the conversation:

How does God answer your prayers?

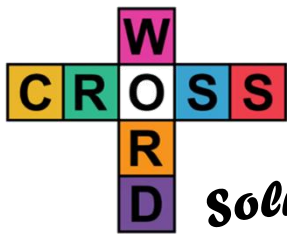
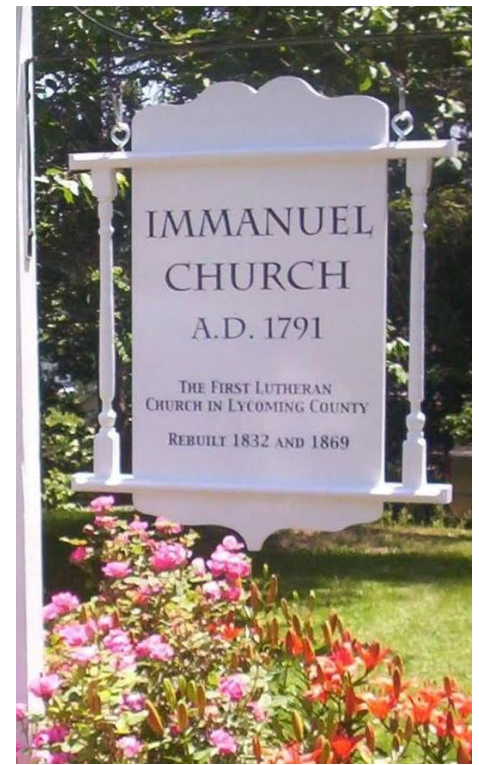


# OLD IMMANUEL CHURCH

The Rev. Amy Shuck, pastor of First Lutheran Church, Watstown, will be officiating at Old Immanuel Lutheran Church's Annual Memorial Service on Sunday, June 14, 2026, at 2:30 pm. Along with our country's 250th birthday, we will be celebrating 235 years of Old Immanuel, the oldest Lutheran church in Lycoming County! Please plan on joining us!! The church's address is 2633 Lime Bluff Rd, Muncy, PA 17756.

Considered to be the mother church of Lutheranism in Lycoming County, Old Immanuel was founded in 1791, and lived until its doors shut permanently in 1920. The first structure built on the property was of log; the second and third (the current) structures were of brick. The current building was dedicated in 1869, and contains two cornerstones, one in German dated 1832, and one in English dated 1869. At least 9 Revolutionary Soldiers and 5 Civil War Soldiers are buried in the historic cemetery. The church was built on land donated by Henry and Barbara Shoemaker, of "Shoemaker Mills" at the Route 442/405 intersection.

The public is invited to attend this service as well as to tour the historic church. Light refreshments will be served on the church lawn after the service. Please note that the church does not have running water or electricity, and is not fully handicap accessible. For more information, or to follow Old Immanuel more closely, "Like" "Old Immanuel Lutheran Church" on Facebook!



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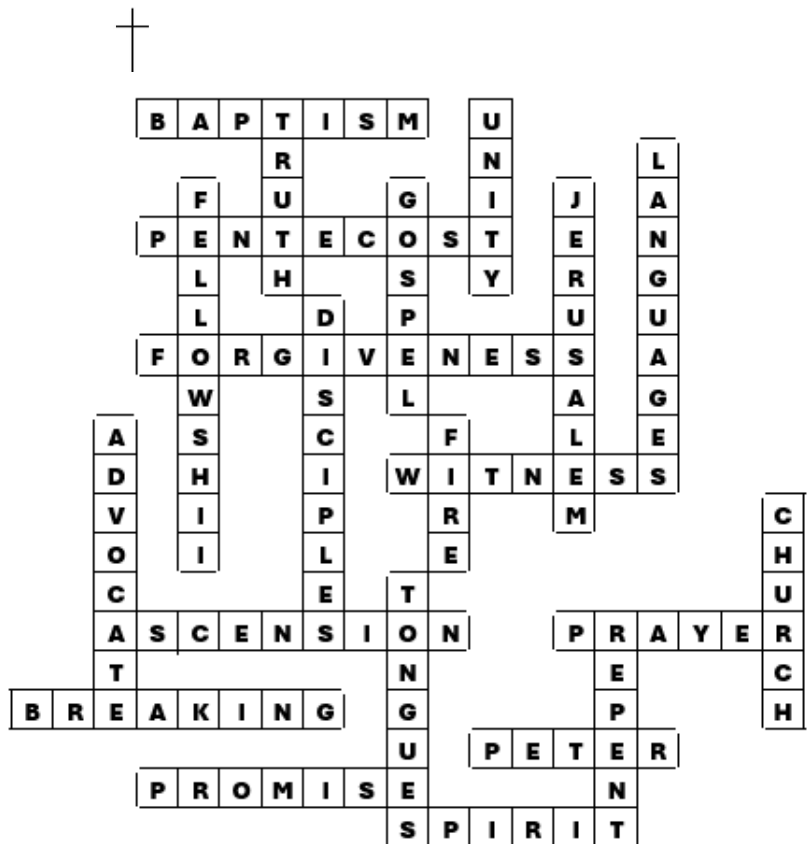


### Across

- 1 BAPTISM
- 8 PENTECOST
- 10 FORGIVENESS
- 13 WITNESS
- 16 ASCENSION
- 17 PRAYER
- 19 BREAKING
- 20 PETER
- 21 PROMISE
- 22 SPIRIT

### Down

- 2 TRUTH
- 3 UNITY
- 4 LANGUAGES
- 5 FELLOWSHIP
- 6 GOSPEL
- 7 JERUSALEM
- 9 DISCIPLES
- 11 ADVOCATE
- 12 FIRE
- 14 CHURCH
- 15 TONGUES
- 18 REPENT



# OUR DAILY CRUMBS

MONTHLY RECIPES FROM OUR MEMBER'S COOKBOOKS!

## GARLIC PARMESAN CHICKEN PASTA

PREP: 15 MIN.  
COOK: 6 HRS.  
SERVES: 6



*In the Crock-Pot!*



### INGREDIENTS

- 1 LB CHICKEN BREASTS
- 8 OZ CREAM CHEESE CUBED
- 12 OZ WHIPPING CREAM
- 1 1/2 CUP PARMESAN CHEESE SHREDDED
- 16 OZ PASTA (SPIRAL PREFERRED)
- 12 OZ BUFFALO WILD WINGS PARMESAN GARLIC SAUCE

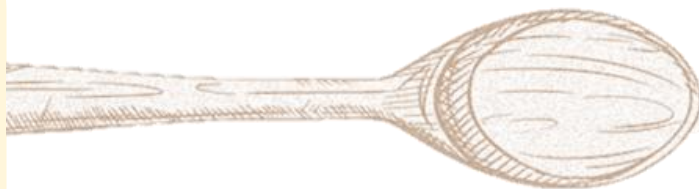


### Submit your Recipes!

One of the ways we can share in fellowship with one another is to share our favorite, or most requested, recipes. We are asking everyone to share their recipes by submitting them to the church office and each month we will share a recipe in our newsletter. Please take a moment to copy your favorite recipe and email it to [secybethanyNALC@gmail.com](mailto:secybethanyNALC@gmail.com) or drop it off at the church office. We look forward to seeing all the yummy recipes as they come in!

### DIRECTIONS

1. PLACE CHICKEN IN THE BOTTOM OF THE SLOW COOKER
2. THEN POUR OVER GARLIC PARMESAN SAUCE
3. FILL UP EMPTY BOTTLE OF GARLIC PARMESAN SAUCE WITH 12 OZ WHIPPING CREAM
4. SHAKE AND POUR OVER THE TOP OF THE CHICKEN
5. CUBE 8 OZ OF CREAM CHEESE TO THE TOP
6. POUR SHREDDED PARMESAN CHEESE ON TOP
7. COVER AND TURN CROCKPOT ON LOW FOR 6-8 HOURS
8. ONCE COOKED, SHRED CHICKEN
9. COOK 16 OZ OF PASTA OF CHOICE
10. POUR OVER CHICKEN IN CROCKPOT AND MIX IN
11. LET SET FOR 20 MINS
12. MIX IN 1/2 CUP OF SHREDDED PARMESAN CHEESE
13. SERVE AND ENJOY!



# WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

## May 3 *Easter 5*

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**Lay Reader:** Michael Stover  
**Communion:** Michael Stover, Gail Stover  
**Ushers:** Richard Hillegas, Mark Whitmoyer  
**Lock-Up:** William Bagwell

## May 10 *Easter 6*

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**Lay Reader:** Greg Dwulet  
**Communion:** Greg Dwulet, Karen Paulhamus  
**Ushers:** Philip Oechler, Gary Oechler  
**Lock-Up:** David Grube

## May 17 *Easter 7*

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**Lay Reader:** David Neidig  
**Communion:** David Neidig, Barb Pentz  
**Ushers:** Tracy Rhian, Earla Gower  
**Lock-Up:** Philip Oechler

## May 24 *Pentecost*

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**Lay Reader:** Phil Riggs  
**Communion:** Phil Riggs, Karen Paulhamus  
**Ushers:** Michael Stover, Gail Stover  
**Lock-Up:** Mark Whitmoyer

## May 31 *Holy Trinity*

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**Lay Reader:** Beverly Brown  
**Communion:** Karen Paulhamus, Yvonne Sechler  
**Ushers:** Deb Harman, Fred Paulhamus, Beverly Brown  
**Lock-Up:** William Bagwell

### MAY MINISTRIES

**Altar:** June Grube, Barb Pentz  
**Communion:** Jamie Brouse, Deb Harman  
**Greeting Cards:** Kathie Snauffer

## June 7 *Pentecost 2*

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**Lay Reader:** Arlene Klepper  
**Communion:** Arlene Klepper, Barb Winchester  
**Ushers:** Richard Hillegas, Mark Whitmoyer  
**Lock-Up:** David Grube

## June 14 *Pentecost 3*

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**Lay Reader:** Greg Dwulet  
**Communion:** Greg Dwulet, Tracy Rhian  
**Ushers:** Philip Oechler, Gary Oechler  
**Lock-Up:** Philip Oechler

## June 21 *Pentecost 4*

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**Lay Reader:** Michael Stover  
**Communion:** Michael Stover, Gail Stover  
**Ushers:** Deb Harman, Fred Paulhamus, Beverly Brown  
**Lock-Up:** Mark Whitmoyer

## June 28 *Pentecost 5*

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**Lay Reader:** David Neidig  
**Communion:** David Neidig, Barb Pentz  
**Ushers:** Tracy Rhian, Earla Gower  
**Lock-Up:** William Bagwell

### JUNE MINISTRIES

**Altar:** Arlene Klepper, Deb Harman  
**Communion:** Arlene Klepper, Deb Harman  
**Greeting Cards:** Jean Wentz

### ALTAR FLOWERS

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MAY 3	REV. JAMES & JENNIFER BARTLETT
MAY 10	JOHN & CAROLYN HUNTER
MAY 17	EVELYN SEAMAN
MAY 24	JAMIE BROUSE
MAY 31	CONNIE WILLIARD
JUNE 7	JOHN & CAROLYN HUNTER
JUNE 14	ROBERT BENNETT
JUNE 21	GAIL STOVER
JUNE 28	EARLA & TOM GOWER

# Upcoming Events

## Sunday May 3 *Easter 5*

9:00am Holy Communion  
 10:15am Coffee/Fellowship  
 10:30am Sunday School

### Tue. May 5

9:00am Quilters  
 1:00pm Lace Group

### Wed. May 6

6:00pm Pudgie's  
 7:00pm Handbells  
 8:00pm Choir

*The Church Office will be closed May 13, 14, 18, & 19*

## Sunday May 10 *Easter 6*

9:00am Holy Communion  
 10:15am Coffee/Fellowship  
 10:30am Sunday School

### Mon. May 11

7:15pm Council

### Tue. May 12

9:00am Quilters  
 1:00pm Lace Group

### Wed. May 13 *Office Closed*

12:00pm Bible Study  
 6:00pm Pudgie's  
 7:00pm Handbells  
 8:00pm Choir

### Thu. May 14 *Office Closed*

6:00pm Bible Study  
 8:00pm Ascension Day Service

## Sunday May 17 *Easter 7*

9:00am Holy Communion  
 10:15am Coffee/Fellowship  
 10:30am Sunday School

### Tue. May 19 *Office Closed*

9:00am Quilters  
 1:00pm Lace Group

### Wed. May 20

6:00pm Pudgie's  
 7:00pm Handbells  
 8:00pm Choir

## Sunday May 24 *Pentecost*

9:00am Holy Communion  
 10:15am Coffee/Fellowship  
 10:30am Sunday School

### Tue. May 26

9:00am Quilters  
 1:00pm Lace Group

### Wed. May 27

12:00pm Bible Study  
 6:00pm Pudgie's  
 7:00pm Handbells  
 8:00pm Choir

### Thu. May 28

6:00pm Bible Study

## Sunday May 31 *Most Holy Trinity*

9:00am Holy Communion  
 10:15am Coffee/Fellowship  
 10:30am Sunday School

### Tue. June 2

9:00am Quilters  
 1:00pm Lace Group

### Wed. June 3

6:00pm Pudgie's  
 7:00pm Handbells  
 8:00pm Choir