

THE PARISH VOICE

Newsletter of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Milton, PA
"God's Work. Our Hands."

August 2015

HAPPINESS HAPPENS MONTH

Well, it is August – traditionally thought of as summer vacation month and it also plays host to Happiness Happens Day. Milton Berle says that laughter is like a mini vacation, so in an effort to squeeze out a little more vacation time, take a moment to laugh today. Find something that tickles your funny bone. Look on-line. Chat with a funny friend. Recall a funny family moment.

Happiness does not just happen. It has to be worked at. It is far easier to focus on the difficult, the challenging, the negative and the disappointing. There are so many examples of them happening all around us and the media, our colleagues and our friends are more than eager to point them out to us. These things make up most of normal, everyday conversations. It takes an effort to really notice and be thankful for the big and small things that make us happy.



Mission Statement: We are called by God to follow Christ's example and teachings by worshipping, witnessing, learning, supporting one another, and reaching out to others.

Vision Statement: Christ Lutheran Church will be a congregation of strong personal relationships between members. We will continue to serve our community and reach out to our neighbors with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Public Office Hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (*unless previously noted in the weekly bulletin or monthly newsletter*). Please feel free to stop by with bulletin announcements or monthly newsletter articles.

Deadlines:

Bulletin announcements are due in office by **Wednesday at 12:00 noon.**

Newsletter articles are due in office by the **10th of each month** (*unless otherwise noted on newsletter calendar or bulletin*).

Please e-mail **secretary@christlutheranmpa.org** with any bulletin announcements or newsletter articles.

ADDRESS/EMAIL CHANGE/ADDITION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (____) _____

email _____

To my dear Christ Church family,

Words cannot express my gratitude for these years of ministry with you, for your kindness and love as we prepare to do ministry in different places, and for your many cards, gifts, hugs, and memories shared this past month. I will always cherish our time as pastor and people – and even more so, I will cherish the continuing ministry we do as brothers and sisters in Christ. THANK YOU....

Thank you, too, for your generous gathering of funds in celebration of our ministry together for an institution that supports others in need. I would be so grateful if your gifts would be sent to Lutheran World Relief, an organization in our Church that reaches people in need all over the world. This has been a special ministry to me and Pastor Keith, even one in which we received an offering at our wedding. Lutheran World Relief gives so much, and is able to be a great steward by sharing administrative costs across other institutions so that more than 95 percent of the gifts go to those in need. THANK YOU....I am so humbled that you chose to do this.

Remember I will love you always. Most of all, however, remember that GOD loves us always, and calls us to continue Jesus' work for the sake of the forgiveness, life, and salvation, that Jesus has won for us!

Hugs and Love,

Pastor Pat ☺

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Our journey has begun, the journey of looking for a new pastor. So far it has been pleasant and enlightening. At first the task seemed somewhat overwhelming after the Congregational Council received a 28 page guide to filling a pastoral vacancy plus an 11page Ministry Site Profile to be completed about our church. But as your council has begun to take it apart piece by piece, everything has started to fall into place with God's and your help.

So far we have completed:

1. An exit interview with Pastor Pat,
2. A review of the membership records with Pastor Pat,
3. A celebration marking the end of Pastor Pat's ministry with us,
4. Arrange a schedule of supply ministers to cover our Sunday and Wednesday worship services from July through December,
5. Met with our interim pastor, Pastor Steven Middernacht and discuss our ministry needs here at Christ Church,
6. Began work on updating our congregational constitution.

All of this has been completed within 1 ½ months of Pastor Pat's resignation. It would not have been possible without your help and God's guidance. The Council wants to thank you.

The next steps which need to be completed are:

1. The exit interview with you the congregation. This interview will be conducted during the month of August. The exit interview questions will be in the Sunday bulletins, on the website, and in this newsletter. We ask that you seriously take time to ponder and then answer these questions. It will help the Call Committee and Council in looking for a pastor that will be a good fit for our congregation.
2. The Ministry Site Profile which is similar to a resume describing our church and congregation. A candidate can then read our profile and determine if they would like to apply for the position as pastor. The Ministry Site Profile will be completed by the Congregational Council and

leadership of our congregation. This will take some time to complete. Once completed, it will be reviewed by the Synod and then placed on-line for candidates to review.

3. Next we will need to select a Call Committee of 6 voting members of the congregation. The Call Committee will be selected by Council and the committee will be the first to interview candidates for the position. A unanimous recommendation is required by the Call Committee before a candidate can be presented to the Council.
4. The Congregational Council will then meet and interview the candidate. At least a 2/3 vote is required to extend a call to the candidate.
5. Once a call is extended to a candidate, a special congregational meeting is then set. The candidate will be introduced to the congregation before the meeting and the candidate usually preaches and presides at a worship service on the same day as the congregational meeting. After the worship service, the congregational meeting is called to order and the congregation will vote whether or not to extend a call to the candidate. The candidate then has up to 10 days to accept or decline a call.

The last 5 steps will be the longest and most tedious ones to complete but with God's help, ALL things are possible. Completing all these steps in our journey is very beneficial since it helps us to get our house in order and gives us a good chance to discern who we really are and want to be in our ministry as Christ Lutheran Church. As each one of the first 6 steps fell into place, I have no doubt that the last 5 will also. We just need to remain faithful, patient, and let God take care of the rest. There is no need to worry for we are in good hands, God's hands.

So please continue your prayers for your council, the leadership of our congregation and for each other. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Your Sister in Christ,
Rose Handy

Dear Members and Friends of Christ Lutheran Church,

Thank you for inviting me to serve as your interim pastor, and I am looking forward to our time together. My name is the Rev. Steven Middernacht (MID-der-knocked) and I've lived in Lewisburg since 1979. I have served in staff ministries as a pastoral musician at Christ Church, Lewisburg; St. John's Church, Northumberland; Beaver Church, Beaver Springs; and at First Lutheran, Carlisle. In addition to Sunday morning assignments, I've served as full-time state chaplain at Laurelton and Selinsgrove Centers and Danville State Hospital since 1986. My current assignment is Minister of Music at Zion Lutheran Church, Turbotville which means my Sunday mornings are taken. However, there are six other days in the week when ministry happens, when we can get acquainted and work together. Please don't let the fact that I've just celebrated 50 years of ordination diminish your hopes and goals for a strong ministry at Christ Lutheran Church. Of course, it will take some time for me to get to know you all by name- please be patient, but feel free to share your ideas for a good ministry during this interim.

Yours in Christ,

Pr. Middernacht

WORRY

Last month at Council Meeting, Rose Deaner was in charge of devotions. Her message was quite powerful and appropriate due to the reassignment of Pastor Pat and our "situation".

No one likes to face the unknown, the unforeseen. Instead of wasting our time worrying, the Bible tells us to spend that time praying and planning. Worrying is time wasted. Planning and praying is time spent productively.

If we trust in God's wisdom and guidance the worry will ease and abate itself. God is interested in all we say and do, we can take all our concerns to him. He will guide us, provide for us, and give us freedom from worry.

Last Sunday, Rose Handy spoke about our progress in the process of finding a new spiritual leader. She spoke of "rumors circulating that we would be joining Trinity." I couldn't help feel that these were spread by some individuals who were worrying prematurely. They were not at peace with what they heard. I have no doubt that we are all worried about, not just tomorrow, but the journey ahead as we search for someone to be our leader in faith. We need to have gratitude for what we have as a church family, and pray for what is to come. Thanking God and planning, not worrying, for what is in the future.

*In closing may I quote **1 Peter 5:7***

Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

Karen Martello

**"Don't worry, be happy.
In every life we have some trouble.
When you worry you make it double"**

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



For the sick: Elijah Fox; William Wessner

For those with ongoing, extended illness:

Stephen Albertson; Eleanor Auman; Melody Baldwin; Pat Bender; Nancy Bleznuck; Sherry Clark; Rich Engleman; Ryan Fitzgerald; Larry Forrey; Jane Garrison; James Gautsch, Jr.; Clarence Gilnet; Bonnie Heimbach; Brandon Hoffner; Chuck Ishler; Carol J.; Tristan Lindenmood; Robert Lukens; Nancy Maturani; Rachel McDonald; Linda Mowery; Charles Pyers; John Reeder; Mike Roush; Walt Scholl; Sally Shade; Roy Shrawder; Polly Stackhouse; John & Tracy Supsic; Cheryl Walters; Dale Williams

For those anticipating and recovering from surgery: Larry Graby; Jason Heffelfinger; Gary Lenig; Nancy Wiles; Donna Stump; Jim Sechler

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: James Bartlett; Alissa Bartlett; Betty Baumer; Bruce Bolich; BJ Callenberger; Evelyn Dewire; Bill Dotts; Kay Dunn; Bradley Farrow; Vicki Frith; Kim Herr; Isaiah; Michelle Ishler; Cathy Kime; Rita Lenig; Nevin & Nancy Mensch; Bev Mertz; Betty Morgan; Dorothisjean Poeth; Alice Roush; Steve Scholl; Betty & Ray Shuman; Deb Snyder; Tom Snyder; Dorothy Stevens; Doug & Jessica Weidman; Darlas Yost

For the imprisoned: Jennifer Gregory

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

For the homebound: Kathleen Burch; Betty Dotts; Isobel Feehrer; Doris Heffelfinger; Violet Heimbach; Tom Kline; Pauline Reitz; Arlene Rice; Connie Sholly; Mary Steeley; Nancy Weikel; Jeannine Wilkerson

For those serving in the military: Matthew Dorman; Patrick Fawess; Stephen Himes; Dan Moll; Anthony Nudson; Cody Pursley; Ken Ring; Cody Messinger; Trent Wargo

For leaders, guides, students, and workers: Our lay worship leaders, Pastor Steve; Pr. Pat; Pr. Keith; Rev. Brian & Christine Palmer, missionaries; Bishop Robert Driesen & Synod Staff; Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton & ELCA Staff; Our Confirmation students, parents, and mentors

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

Worship (Communions) Attendance

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Other Services</u>	<u>Total</u>
June 7	32	8		40
June 14	*	12		12
June 21	32	6		38
June 28	41	11		52
July 5	30	6		36
July 12	32	7		39
July 19	24	6		30

* special event- worship & picnic

Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy...

Loose Cash Offerings in Worship & Special Appeals Envelopes

August – Global Health

(envelopes provided with newsletter)

Please make checks payable to “Christ Lutheran Church.”

Weekly Giving Per Envelope June-July 2015

<u># Envelopes</u>	<u>Amount Given Each Week</u>
3	\$100.01 or more
2	70.01 – 100.00
3	50.01 – 70.00
3	40.01 - 50.00
5	30.01 - 40.00
11	20.01 - 30.00
9	15.01 - 20.00
6	10.01 - 15.00
7	5.01 - 10.00
<u>25</u>	.01 - 5.0
74	

Treasurer's Reports
(submitted by Rich Handy)
Statement of Revenue and Expenses
for the month ended 05/31/15

	General Fund	Temp Restricted	Endowment Fund	Total All Funds
Support and Revenue				
CONTRIBUTIONS	7,996	1,156		9,152
SPECIAL SERV.OFFERING	5			5
INTEREST INCOME				
INVESTMENT INCOME			(3,815)	(3,815)
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	1,250			1,250
WORKSHOPS/EVENTS	54			0
BEQUESTS				
MISCELLANEOUS	114			114
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	9,420	1,156	(3,815)	6,761
EXPENSES				
CHRISTIAN ED	457			457
CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILY	0			0
WORSHIP/MUSIC	271			271
PROPERTY	1,006			1,006
OFFICE EQUIP	567			567
WITNESS	0			0
CHURCH STAFF	2,947			2,947
PASTORAL MINISTRY	6,105			6,105
MISCELLANEOUS	100			100
MISSION SUPPORT	0			0
TOTAL EXPENSES	11,453	0	0	11,453
EXCESS OF SUPPORT AND REV. OVER EXPENSES	(2,033)	1,156	(3,815)	(4,691)

Statement of Revenue and Expenses
for the month ended 06/30/15

Support and Revenue	General Fund	Temp Restricted	Endowment Fund	Total All Funds
CONTRIBUTIONS	8,679	477		9,156
SPECIAL SERV.OFFERING	0			0
INTEREST INCOME	35			35
INVESTMENT INCOME			(3,588)	(3,588)
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	1,250			1,250
WORKSHOPS/EVENTS	54			0
BEQUESTS	0			0
MISCELLANEOUS	148			148
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	10,111	477	(3,588)	7,000
 EXPENSES				
CHRISTIAN ED	25			25
CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILY	0			0
WORSHIP/MUSIC	0			0
PROPERTY	2,527			2,527
OFFICE EQUIP	639			639
WITNESS	66			66
CHURCH STAFF	1,610			1,610
PASTORAL MINISTRY	6,164			6,164
MISCELLANEOUS	108			108
MISSION SUPPORT	999			999
TOTAL EXPENSES	12,137	0	0	12,137
 EXCESS OF SUPPORT AND REV. OVER EXPENSES	 (2,025)	 477	 (3,588)	 (5,136)

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
for the year to date through 06/30/15

Support and Revenue	General Fund	Temp Restricted	Endowment Fund	Total All Funds	Budget
CONTRIBUTIONS	44,208	4,693		48,901	102,785
SPECIAL SERV.OFFERING	1,493				3,650
INTEREST INCOME	81			81	500
INVESTMENT INCOME			16,193	16,193	0
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	7,500			7,500	15,000
WORKSHOPS/EVENTS	114			114	150
BEQUESTS		3,241		3,241	0
MISCELLANEOUS	599			599	2971
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	53,996	7,935	16,193	76,630	155,867
 EXPENSES					
CHRISTIAN ED	1,058			1,058	1,950
CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILY	180			180	1,000
WORSHIP/MUSIC	1,505			1,505	3,400
PROPERTY	11,118			11,118	26,800
OFFICE EQUIP	3,058			3,058	8,735
WITNESS	119			119	800
CHURCH STAFF	10,891			10,891	31,493
PASTORAL MINISTRY	38,318			383,18	75,189
MISCELLANEOUS	371			371	2500
MISSION SUPPORT	2,000			2,000	4,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	68,617	0	0	68,617	155,867
EXCESS OF SUPPORT AND REV. OVER EXPENSES	(14,621)	7,935	16,193	8,013	0

By Glen Dewire, Chairperson



CAMP DISCOVERY VBS declared a success by all participants! Held the last week of July our VBS program for children and adults provided another positive step in their life-long faith journey. The children enjoyed the games, music, crafts, discussion activities, as well as the opening and closing exercises. Highlight for the children was the parent program on the last night of the VBS week. Adult campers enjoyed the thoughtful discussions and meaningful sharing of personal experiences that provided the background for the study of the scripture lessons. Look for a complete write-up and report in the September *Parish Voice*.



Rally Day-Sunday, September 13, 2015

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church's ***Gods Work Our Hands Sunday*** takes place Sunday, September 13, 2015. It is not only *Rally Day*, the kick-off to our new Sunday School year, but also a day for **OUR** faith community to devote themselves to mission.

Our **MISSION** this year is in service to those in need in our community. In partnership with the *Hands-Up Foundation* throughout the year, we are asking our members to donate the items in shortest supply, most needed in the *Hands-Up Food Bank*. Those items are ***toilet paper and paper towels***.

The way we at Christ plan to accomplish this **mission** is by asking our members to make donations of toilet paper and /or paper towels or

monetary donations to purchase a whole case or part of a case of *toilet paper and/or paper towels*. The vendor used is the same used by Rose Handy at Country Comfort Alternative Living. *Toilet Paper* comes in 80 rolls per case for **\$36.53**. *Paper Towels* come 30 rolls per case and are **\$25.68**. *Toilet Paper and paper towels* will be distributed on September 13th along with laundry detergent and dryer softener after the worship service. Any leftover donations will be given to the *Hands-Up Food Bank* to distribute to their customers.

Checks toward this important outreach ministry should be made out to Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, with toilet/paper towel donation written on the memo line. Prices above reflect donations of entire cases, donations of any amount will be gratefully appreciated.

After the Worship service on Sunday, September 13, we will meet in the pavilion for a celebration of mission! A light lunch of grilled hot-dogs, chips, beverage will be served. Everyone in our community will be invited to attend the celebration on that day. So please plan to attend this important event to celebrate our **MISSION AND VISION!**

Please wear your yellow *Gods Work Our Hands* T-shirt on this day of celebration and outreach. If you do not have a T-shirt or need a new one, speak to Penny Coup or Rose Handy. They will make sure you receive one.

**WON'T YOU COME AND BE PART OF
Gods Work Our Hands
IN ACTION!**

REMINDER:

Starting in September, your Christian Education Ministry Team will be looking for additional Worship Participants. These important members of our Worship team include ushers, greeters, acolytes, crucifers, lectors, servers, sound system operators, and prayer team ministers. If you are discerning a call to serve in some way during the Worship Service be on the lookout for upcoming opportunities to sign up.

A LETTER FROM BISHOP EATON

*“Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things,
endures all things”
(1 Corinthians 13:7).*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the crucified and risen Christ.

Last week the U.S. Supreme Court rendered its decision announcing the right of same-gender couples to have equal access to marriage. For many members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, this decision is a welcome sign of hope and a time for celebration. Other members of this church do not agree with the court's decision and remain deeply concerned because of their understanding of Scripture.

This decision affects each of us, some profoundly, and we are not of one mind. Let us continue to accompany one another with prayer, love and mutual respect as we reflect on this new reality and remember Paul's words in 1 Corinthians about the enduring power of God's love. The ELCA social statement “Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust” (2009) neither endorses nor forbids same-gender marriages and recognizes that we have differing understandings and convictions on this matter. In its decision, the court stated that “the First Amendment ensures that religious organizations and persons are given proper protection as they seek to teach the principles that are so fulfilling and so central to their lives and faiths.”

According to this church's social statement on human sexuality, all decisions about recognizing, supporting and holding publicly accountable same-gender relationships are entrusted to congregations. Recognizing that the church is not of one mind on this subject, our 2009 actions provide that congregations and clergy should discern together whether to recognize such relationships and to what degree.

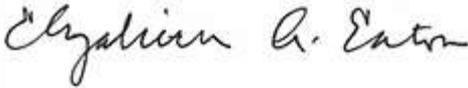
Pastors are to engage in conversation, discernment and partnership with the congregations who have called them prior to solemnizing or presiding over a same-gender marriage. On the other hand, no pastor is obligated to solemnize the marriage of any couple, same-gender or different-gender, whom the pastor cannot in good conscience marry.

As Lutheran Christians, we continue to be a church that engages in conversation and discernment in all aspects of our faith and life. Creating space

for respectful conversation and dialogue continues to be an important part of our life together. A helpful resource for engaging in difficult conversations is "[Talking Together as Christians about Tough Social Issues](#)." In addition, the ELCA Ministry to and with Same-Gender Couples and their Families Working Group remains in the process of completing its work. A report of the group's findings and possible recommendations will be presented to the ELCA Church Council at its November meeting.

We seek to see our differences as a gift to be celebrated as we live out that which unites us: the mercy and grace of Jesus Christ who leads us into mission and ministry in the world. In the midst of this change, we are first and foremost church – a church that proclaims the good news of Jesus Christ. May God bless, guide and strengthen you each day as you go in peace and serve the Lord.

Your Sister in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth A. Eaton". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



To my church family,
Thank you very much for the Student Bible Dictionary and key chain. Both will certainly come in handy. The gift card will also help with school supplies.
Blake Wargo

To my church family,
Thank you for thinking of me as I graduated from high school. Your gifts were so thoughtful and they are greatly appreciated.
Sincerely,
Sydney Blosser

To my Christ Lutheran Church family,
Thank you for all the support you gave me through my confirmation process. I wouldn't be where I am today, if it wasn't for all of you. Thank you for all of my gifts you gave me on my confirmation day. I will always remember and cherish that special day. Thank you for everything that you have done!
With Love,
Alyssa Byers

On behalf of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, I would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$449.00 to support Miss. Alyssa Byers and our 2015 walk MS:Lewisburg. Your gift will make a difference in the lives of those touched by MS. Funds raised by this event support MS research, critical services to families, educational programs for health care professionals and further advocacy efforts on behalf of people with MS. This important and necessary work would not be possible without the

support of friends like you. Thank you for joining the movement to create a world free of MS.

Gratefully yours,
Anne Mageras-Chapter President

I am writing to thank you for your support of the Milton Community Pool. The pool has for years been a summertime place where friends and families can swim, socialize and get much needed physical activity in a safe and supervised environment. The Milton Community Pool Association's primary goal is to enhance and improve quality of life for all whom we serve. Thanks to your donation we are able to maintain the facility for many years to come.

Sincerely yours,
Michael Longenberger-Chairman-Milton Community Pool



God's blessings and congratulations to Elijah Neal Fox, infant son of Jason and Ashley (Yost) Fox, who was baptized on Sunday, June 28. Elijah is the grandson of David and Evelyn Yost (who serve as his baptismal sponsors) and great-grandson of Darlas Yost. *“Let your light so shine before others, Elijah, that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven.”*

Helping Others

- Campbell's Soup labels and Labels for Education for the Navajo Lutheran Mission project
- Can tabs for Ronald McDonald House
- Pennies for Social Ministry projects
- Caps for Creation (box located to left of narthex door) – Update: Currently, we have recycled (and kept out of landfills) 1175 pounds of plastic caps! That's a LOT of caps! Keep the recycling for God's creation going!!!!



Little Needs... Little Things... Little Ways You Can Help

The church needs these items on a regular basis. If you can provide any of them, THANK YOU!

- Paper napkins
- Boxes of tissues
- Hand sanitizers – always needed to replace and refill the ones we use in worship and in the narthex, sacristy, and kitchen
- Dishwashing soap for the kitchen and sacristy
- Gallon-size ziploc plastic bags
- Aluminum foil



HandUP Foundation

Food Bank – The Milton Food Bank is collecting *cereal for August*. Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the narthex. Thank you for helping feed the hungry in our community!!



Hours: The Food Bank will be open **only** the 1st and 2nd Wednesday of the month from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., and on the 3rd Wednesday from 9 a.m. – 12 noon. It will be closed all other Wednesdays. Qualified recipients are still eligible to receive their food allotment once per month. Questions, call 742-3000.



Red Cross

Bloodmobile
Wed., August 5
1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

AVAILABLE ON THE RESOURCE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX:

Copies of USS ARK (Upper Susquehanna Synod news), CAMEL TRACKS (Camp Mt. Luther news), the LUTHERAN MAGAZINE, our PARISH VOICE NEWSLETTER, and also SYNOD & COMMUNITY INFORMATION, DEVOTIONALS, and PRAYER BOOKS. Please feel free to make use of these materials

Nominating Team to Begin Prayer Process for Next Year's Council Leadership...

Our Nominating Team has begun the prayer process for next year's Council leadership suggestions. If you have a name to suggest they include in the prayer process, please contact a member of the committee. In addition to the names God gives to our Team, you will also have opportunity to nominate candidates at our November congregational meeting. We will then vote to fill the vacancies needed for the new year. As you pray for God to lift up leaders for Church Council, we also ask that you pray for our Nominating Team as God guides them to those names they will offer from prayer.



Nominating Committee:

Co Chairman:	Janie Bloom	570-742-9781
Co Chairman:	Jim Seidel	570-742-4678
Member:	Pat Bender	570-538-4511
Member:	Linda Valiquette	570-246-5787
Member:	Allene Engleman	570-847-4798
Member:	Joanne Seidel	570-742-4678



**Community
Ice Cream Social
for all ages
plus
Backpack Giveaway
for all school age children**



**August 8th
3:30 pm to 5:30pm
at
Christ Lutheran Church
1125 Mahoning Street, Milton
(2 blocks past the Milton High
School
heading toward Rt. 147)**

Upper Susquehanna Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

GLOBAL MISSION GATHERING
Focus 2015: Tanzania and Uganda

Featuring

Joe, Deborah, and Christa Troester
ELCA Regional Representatives in East Africa
and

Karen Bohan

Pharmacist, frequent volunteer in Uganda
and member at St. Luke's, Bloomsburg

Saturday, Aug. 22, 2015

9:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
1125 Mahoning Street, Milton, PA.

There is no Registration Fee for this event; however, donations will be received at the registration table for logistical costs of the event. It is important to register; it will be helpful in planning for refreshments and the lunch menu. The event will feature presentations, small discussion groups and worship. Please register by August 15th. You may call Ruth E. Doran @ 570-584-5814 or call the church office here @ 570-742-7473

**Christ Lutheran Church,
New Hope Ministry Center
& the HandUP Foundation**

invites you to a

Free Community Meal

Sunday, August 30, 2015

5:00 pm

At Christ Lutheran Church
1125 Mahoning St, Milton, PA

Open to the Public
Everyone is welcome!

Volunteers Are Needed

to help prepare and serve the meal.

If you can give a few hours to help support this community outreach effort, please contact Rose Handy or Penny Coup. Come and join us as we work side by side with volunteers from our partner organizations in providing this important ministry to the community.

Anniversary Blessings

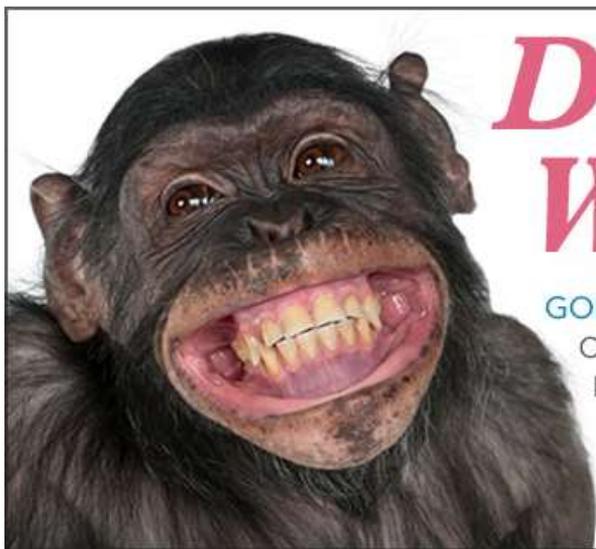


John & Karen Martello	8/6	37 years
Pete & Florence Ishler	8/13	54 years
Robert & Deborah Greenly	8/18	30 years



BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

Rose Kerwell	8/1
Kathy Longenberger	8/3
Laurie Mull	8/5
Zachary Perrin	8/5
Angelina Ulmer	8/6
Stephen Albertson	8/7
Cortney Bennett	8/7
Donald Fisher	8/8
Kellie Brouse	8/12
Karen Lubrecht	8/13
Don Shipe II	8/13
Kurt Umholtz	8/15
Carol Reed	8/18
Ben Streeter	8/20
Patsy Aunkst	8/23
Sandra Buck	8/28
John Martello	8/28
David Bittner	8/31
Craig McHenry	8/31



Don't Worry!

GOD'S GOT YOUR BACK.

Cast your cares on the
Lord and he will sustain
you; he will never let the
righteous be shaken.

PSALM 55:22 NIV

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