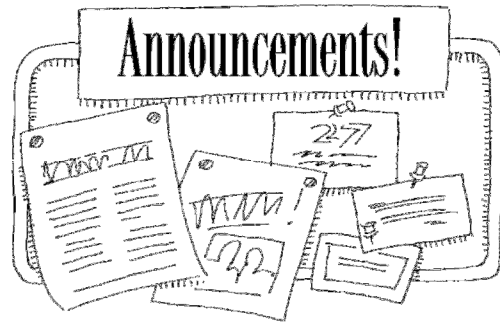


July 3, 2011
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
10:00 am – 2:00 pm



Pastor's Hours
Monday 12:00 Noon – 2:00 pm
Tuesday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am – 11:30 am
Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

* Call anytime on cell phone
(717)468-9049

**PLEASE CHECK WITH THE CHURCH SECRETARY FOR AVAILABILITY
BEFORE SCHEDULING EVENTS AT THE CHURCH!**

† ACTIVITIES †

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES: 9:00 am Holy Communion; Coffee Social Time Following Service.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES: Monday: Happy Independence Day; Office Closed; **Tuesday:** 7:00 pm Council Meeting; **Thursday:** 6:00 pm Free Community Meal @ Bethany UCC, Ephrata; **Saturday:** 8:00 am Men's and Women's Bible Study at Breakfasts at Park Place Diner, Denver.

ACTIVITIES FOR JULY 10, 2011– Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: 9:00 am Holy Communion; Coffee Social Time Following Service; Pastor Tim and Kim Leave after Service for Camp Nawakwa to Teach Music; All August Newsletter Articles Must Be Submitted to the Church Office.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JULY 10, 2011– Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:9-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR GARDENING SPOT! A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. Your time and nurturing are greatly appreciated!

*A **Farewell Potluck Supper for Vicar Tina** will be held on July 24th in the Fellowship at 5:00 pm. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex for those planning on attending.

PRAYER CORNER:

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:



DENVER NURSING HOME: Verna Buchter (Rm. 104)

EPHRATA HOSPITAL: Olivia Zieset

FLORIDA NURSING HOME: Jean Newell

SCHEONECK ELEMENTARY: Staff, Students & Families

CHURCH MEMBERS AT HOME: Mary Burkholder, Lorriane Eberly, Jeanette Engle, Barbara Fetter, Bessie Fetter, Mary Hagy, Georgette Haldeman, Evelyn Hauck, Alice Hehnly, Ann Jones, Lottie Leshner (w/son Ron), Ruth Messner, Ginger Mohler, Readith Petery, Betty Weik, Joan Wentzel, Joyce Wilhide, Deb Zerbe, Ronald Bingaman, Dave Emberger, Mike Gahring, Leonard Gehman, Sam Heiser, Alvin Hollinger, Richard Keller, Paul Leisey, Bill Pannebecker, Russel Pannebecker, Tim Pannebecker, Luke Showalter, Harry Wentzel Sr., Marvin & Michael Showalter, Carl Usner, Eugene Usner, Bonnie & Ron Weinhold

FAMILY & FRIENDS AT HOME: Elizabeth Bold, Nicole Burkey, Barb Carbaugh, Bonnie Comeau, Alice Craven, Sue Dolla, Brenda Gabig, Dawn Grimsey, Julie Hoyer, Bobbi Loose, Colleen Lynch, Bill Magnan, Audrey McCarty, Kim McDonnell, Florence Mentzer, Mary Ellen O'Shea, Gerry Shuey, Lindsay Smith, Sara Stoltzfus, Katherine Taimuty, Judy Weaver, Maxine Whetstone, Linda Williams, Rick Barron, Clyde Brown, Bob Cannon, Justin Eberly, Joe Emmi, Cory Ehret, Sheldon Ehret, Dean Gehman, Clair Hehnley, Robert Henry, Don Leshner, Jr., Jack Lyons, Aidan McQuate, Gerry Pfautz, Glenn Pueppke, Rodger Steffy, Scott Stokes, Elam Stoltzfus, Mahlon Stoltzfus, Brian Thomas, Harry Weaver, Richard Weaver, Lynn Whetstone, Randal Wolf, Jared & Kerri Rabold, Clarence & Judy Rutt; Jason Rutt & Children, Monroe & Susie Wentzel

If you have family or friends in need of prayer, please contact the office. Then contact the office weekly regarding the status of those we are praying for.

GRIEVING FAMILIES OF: Elva Meckley, Fiona and Brigid Tully, Pauline Wealand, Amanda Baum, Jamie Rutt, Elaine Keller, Carl Greenly, Richard Straub, Erla Pannebecker, Jim Eberhart, Pearl Goshert, Janice Stradling, Reverend Roy Haupt, Dorothy Kurtz, Helen Harting, Marian Zell, Draven Goodison, Carolyn Dunn, Gertrude Wolf, Nathan Haller, Kathy Uibel, Jerry Hauck, George Carter, Robert Fisher, Roger Gehman (Susie's husband)

ARMED FORCES: Jeff Barnett, Jason Freeze, Shane Horning, Adam Lausch, Patrick Thompson, Chris Weidman, Troops in Afghanistan – Jesse Deller, Michael Guigley

PRAYER MENTOR PROGRAM: Owen Weaver, Reed Martin, Mallory Moyer, Elizabeth Stief, Samantha Borry

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT (717) 336-8800 OR SEND AN EMAIL TO mellingerslutheran@gmail.com IF YOU HAVE AN UPDATE FOR PRAYER CORNER. Thank you!

** There is a jar on the table in the narthex for Moo Money caps from Turkey Hill milk products (must be purchased at a Turkey Hill store.) Profits from this venture will benefit the 2012 Youth Gathering participants.*

****Crew Members needed for the Fairview Avenue Build** on Friday, July 15th from 8 am to 4 pm. We are also looking for people willing to provide lunches for the work crew. Interested parties should contact Ray Enck at 859-2192. Thrivent Builds has helped build 13 homes thus far with Habitat for Humanity. Thank you for your continued support.*

****The Sunday School** is in need of borrowing two Easy Ups for the Sunday School Community Picnic on August 27th. Anyone willing to lend their Easy Up for the entire day please contact Shari Weaver or Diane Adair!*

****Money Counter Volunteers** are needed. Please sign-up in the narthex if you are interested. Thank you!*

****Summer Music Volunteers Needed:** A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex for participation in the Summer Music Program at Mellingers. Dates range from the last week in June to the first week in September. Please sign up if you are interested.*

****Cancelled Stamps:** Please bring your cancelled stamps to the church and place them in the box in the narthex for the nursing homes. Thank you!*

****Used Card Fronts:** Please bring your card fronts to the church and place them in the box in the narthex for the nursing homes to use for crafts. Thank you!*

**A Memorial Funds List is being created at the request of the Endowment Committee to aid people in designating monies for memorials. Currently, the following funds are available for contributions.*

- † The Sanctuary Fund*
- † The Internship Fund (Vicar)*
- † Worship and Music Fund – Organ Pipes Addition*
- † Christian Education*
- † Capital Fund (new construction)*
- † Building and Maintenance (repairs)*
- † Youth Gathering 2012*
- † Campus Crusade for Christ*

**A big thank you to the members at Mellingers for all the donations of personal items to Peter's Porch at Zion Lutheran Church in Akron. The staff at Zion was so thankful and amazed at the quantity of donations! Your generosity has and will continue to help many in need. We will continue efforts to assist Peter's Porch again in fall with possibly a different need. Melanie Brubaker will continue as a liaison with Zion. In the meantime, continue to refer those in need to Peter's Porch which is held the third Saturday of every month beginning at 7:30 am. Akron Zion Lutheran Church is located at 435 Main Street in Akron.*

If anyone would like to donate their time to assist with Peter's Porch, please call Tracy Lagaza at Zion between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm M - F at 859-2100

WATER WARS YOUTH EVENT

“THE BIGGEST water balloon battle in Denver’s history!”

When: Saturday, July 9th from 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Where: Faith United Lutheran Church, 357 Walnut Street, Denver PA

RSVP: Is appreciated but not required!

faithunited@dejazzd.com or (717)336-2141

***BRING YOUR OWN WATER PISTOLS OR SUPER SOAKERS!
ICE CREAM TO FOLLOW THE SOAKING!***

Youth Gathering Participants

Although the Youth Gathering is not being held until July of 2012, plans are being made already for fund raising, transportation, scholarship applications, etc. Any youth who will be in grades 9 through 12 in September are eligible to go. If you are thinking about going, or already know that you want to attend, please contact Gail Harker at 738-0047, or send an e-mail to rhark@dejazzd.com.

A commitment must be made by the end of June.
A non-refundable deposit of \$150 will be due in August.

Youth Group/Gathering Important Dates

July – Jar to be placed at back of church to collect donations for Gathering registration fees.

August 11 – Mellingers serving Community Meal at First United Methodist – Ephrata – the help of the Members of the Youth Group is appreciated!!

August 14 – provide baked goods for church social time.

August 27 – Community Picnic - Volunteers will be needed to man the Craft Stand and Book Sale. Proceeds go to the Gathering Fund.

August 28 – \$150 Non-refundable deposit for Gathering due to Gail Harker. Checks may be made to: Mission Investment Fund.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:



These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	Matthew 11:16-19,25-30	Rest for the weary
Monday	Psalms 118:1-9,28-29	The Lord set me free
Tuesday	Isaiah 49:1-13	The Lord will say 'Be free!'
Wednesday	Luke 4:14-19	Jesus proclaims freedom
Thursday	Galatians 5:1-6,13-14	The freedom of the Christian
Friday	1 Peter 2:11-21	Using our freedom
Saturday	Psalms 119:41-48	Walking in freedom
Sunday	Matthew 13:1-9,18-23	Parable of the sower and seed

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28 (NLT)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, we bring our burdens to you. Please give us rest and teach us your ways. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God, you love and care for us more than we know. Thank you! Bless this food that comes from the earth you made. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord take your burdens from you and give you rest. May he lift you up and show you his great love. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Have you ever felt "worn out"? Share your experiences.
- Jesus invites those who are weary and carrying heavy burdens to come to him, and promises to give them rest. How does Jesus help us when we are weary?
- A yoke was something that joined two animals together when working in the fields. In what ways are Christians "yoked" to Jesus?

DEVOTIONS:

In Romans 7:15-25 we hear of the Apostle Paul's struggles against sin. He writes: "I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do." In your home devotional times this week, join Paul in confessing your struggles against sin.

Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

For the times we have been impatient: Lord, have mercy.

For our failures to listen to each other: Lord, have mercy.

For the ways we have been unkind to others: Lord, have mercy.

For our selfish and uncaring attitudes: Lord, have mercy.

For our lack of honesty: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, what we want to do we do not do, but instead we do what know to be wrong. We are in need of a Savior: Lord, have mercy.

(Time of silence) Jesus takes our burdens from us and gives us rest.

Through him we have God's forgiveness. Thanks be to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.

SERVICE:

Send someone who is heavily burdened (e.g. by sickness, grief, depression, other troubles) an encouraging card or note featuring Jesus' words from Matthew 11:28.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:

Monday (4 July) is Independence Day in the USA. Take a few moments on this day to give thanks to God for his blessings to your nation.

Prayer: Lord of all nations, we thank you for our nation and the rich blessings you have poured out upon us. As we celebrate our freedoms this day, we give thanks most of all for the freedom we have in Christ. Lead us to use our freedom wisely, so that we are a blessing to others. Amen.

