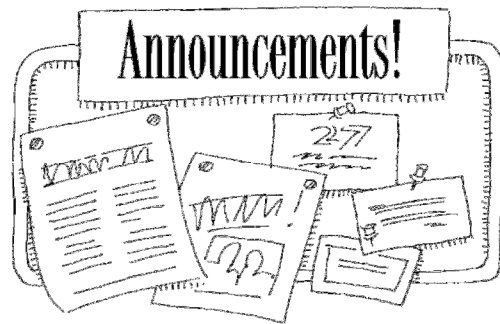


June 26, 2011
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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/ Baptism of Lillian Grace Reddig; Coffee Social Time Following Service; 3:00 pm Installation of Pastor Vaughn Glover at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Strasburg.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES: **Monday:** 9:30 am Women in Prayer; 7:00 pm Boy Scouts; **Tuesday:** 9:00 am Youth Take Soda Can Tabs to Ronald McDonald House; **Wednesday:** 1:30 pm Worship and Music Committee Meeting; **Thursday:** 6:00 pm Free Community Meal @ Holy Trinity, Ephrata.

ACTIVITIES FOR JULY 3, 2011– Third Sunday after Pentecost: 9:00 am Holy Communion.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JULY 3, 2011– Third Sunday after Pentecost: Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-148; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.



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!

***Members of Mellingers** are invited to the installation of Pastor Vaughn Glover at St. Michael's Lutheran Church located at 40 East Main Street in Strasburg today at 3:00 pm. A light reception will follow.

***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

EPHRATA MANOR: Elva Meckley

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, Alice Hehnly, Ann Jones, Lottie Leshner (w/son Ron), Ruth Messner, Ginger Mohler, Readith Petery, Betty Weik, Joan Wentzel, Joyce Wilhide, Ronald Bingaman, Dave Emberger, Mike Gahring, Leonard Gehman, Sam Heiser, Alvin Hollinger, Richard Keller, Paul Leisey, Bill Pannebecker, Russel Pannebecker, Tim Pannebecker, 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, Emma Facenbaker, Brenda Gabig, Julie Hoyer, Bobbi Loose, Colleen Lynch, Bill Magnan, Audrey McCarty, Kim McDonnell, Florence Mentzer, Mary Ellen O'Shea, Karen Pannebecker, 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: 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: Aidan Borry, Emily Fasnacht, Zachary Freeze, Douglas Leed, Jameson Walters

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!

***Youth Group / Gathering Collections**

Members of the Youth Group will be traveling to Hershey on June 28th to take the collected soda tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald Charity. The group will be given a tour of the facility and learn about volunteer opportunities at the Ronald McDonald House.

Youth who plan on going should contact Gail Harker ASAP so that transportation can be arranged. We are expected to arrive around 10:00 AM, so we will be meeting around 9:00 AM to travel to Hershey. Depending on the size of the group, we may make some additional stops while in Hershey!

If you have been saving soda tabs, please bring them to church by Sunday June 26th.

*The Youth Group is continuing to collect tabs from soda cans. A group of youth members will be taking the tabs to Ronald McDonald House in Hershey on June 28th. Please place the tabs in the jar on the table in the narthex.

* 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.

***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.

****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!***

****An outbreak of severe spring storms has wreaked havoc across the southern United States. ELCA Disaster Response is already at work with local Lutheran congregations and the Southeastern Synod staff to assess what is needed. Only one ELCA congregation is reported to have severe damage from a tornado. Please keep in your prayers Pastor Sandy Niiler and the people of Christ Lutheran in Cullman, Alabama.***

****The church boxes have been placed in the back of the church for donations for ELCA Disaster Response for flooding in the Midwest and tornado damage in the south. Thrivent Financial will match \$1.00 for every \$3.00 collected to help with disaster relief.***

2011 ELCA VIDEO CONTEST

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LIVE LUTHERAN TODAY?

Grab a video camera and tell your story in a 30- to 90-second video, and you could win a ministry grant or cash prize!

Enter the contest before June 30, 2011. Winners will be announced at the 2011 Churchwide Assembly. A selection of videos will also be shown at the 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly this August.

For contest details and tips to help you get started, please visit [How to Win](#), [Tool Kit](#) and [Video Contest FAQ](#).

Please see the following website for more information:

<http://www.livinglutheran.com/contest/>



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

June 28 -Take soda tabs to Ronald MacDonald House – contact Mrs. Harker if you can go along. (Approx. Time Schedule 9:00 am until 1:00 pm.)

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 10:40-42	Receiving and serving others
Monday	Luke 9:46-48	Welcoming the little ones
Tuesday	Matthew 25:31-40	Receiving Christ in others
Wednesday	Genesis 18:1-10	Abraham receives three visitors
Thursday	Romans 6:20-23	God gives eternal life
Friday	Hebrews 13:1-3,15-16	Show hospitality to strangers
Saturday	Psalms 68:4-10	God sets the lonely in families
Sunday	Matthew 11:16-19,25-30	Rest for the weary

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

Sin pays off with death. But God's gift is eternal life given by Jesus Christ our Lord.
Romans 6:23 (CEV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord, open our hearts to welcome you this day, and then to welcome others. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Upon this table food is spread, which we are blessed to share. We thank you, God, for daily bread and for your endless care. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God, who has set you free from sin, lead you to do what is right and give you eternal life. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What is the best birthday or Christmas gift you have ever received?
- What is God's great gift to us? (read Romans 6:23). How is a gift different from a reward or a wage?
- Does this gift of God change the way you see and treat others? In what ways?

DEVOTIONS:

Jesus said that anyone who gave one of his least important followers a cup of cool water - just because that person was his follower - would be rewarded (Matthew 10:42). Even small acts of kindness to our fellow Christians do not escape God's attention! For your home devotion times this week, set out a pitcher of water and a glass for each person. Take turns filling one another's glasses. Read Matthew 10:42 and say together this prayer: *"Lord Jesus, thank you for serving us. Please make us always ready to serve others, in big ways and in small ways. Amen."*

SERVICE:

Extend a welcome to an individual or household from your congregation or another congregation to join you for a meal in your home (preferably people you don't know very well). Discuss how best to make them feel welcome and divide tasks among members of your household (e.g. preparing your home, serving drinks or snacks, entertaining, cleaning up). Remember that in serving your visitors you are serving Christ himself!

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:

Psalm 89:1 says *"I will sing of your love forever."* Many people sing songs to ease their work or entertain guests. Make a list of your household's favorite Christian hymns and songs, and choose some new ones you would like to learn and share. Make up a household songbook for use at home and when traveling.