



THE LAMPSTAND



Mellingers Evangelical Lutheran Church
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FROM THE



Pastor

Pastor's Meditation

A Devotion By John O'Donohue
Blessing Our World Now

Sometimes when we look out, the world seems so dark. War, violence, hunger and misery seem to abound. This makes us anxious and helpless. What can I do in my private corner of life that could have any effect on the march of world events? The usual answer is nothing. We then decide to do what we can for our own and leave the great events to their domain.

Thus we opt out and join the largest majority in the world: those who acquiesce. Believing ourselves to be helpless, we hand over all our power to forces and systems outside us that then act in our names; they go on to put their beliefs into action and ironically these actions are often sinister and destructive.....

.....When we yield to helplessness, we strengthen the hand of those who would destroy. When we choose indifference we betray our world. Yet the world is not decided by action alone....the way you look at things is not simply a private matter. Your outlook actually and concretely affects what goes on. When you give in to helplessness you collude with despair and add to it. When you take back your power and choose to see the possibilities for healing and transformation, your creativity awakens and flows to become an active force of renewal and encouragement in the world.

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NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

July's newsletter
articles deadlines will be
Thursday, June 18th

Your articles can be emailed in
the formats of Word or PDF

In this way, even in your own hidden life, you can become a powerful agent of transformation in a broken, darkened world.

From To Bless the Space Between Us- A Book of Blessings by John Donohue, Convergent Books, New York, New York, 2008, pages 215-216

“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!”

-Second Corinthians 5: 17

In Christ, Pastor Tim



Parish Notes



Worship in the Park June 28th

Please join us on Sunday June 28th at 10 am as we worship together at the Denver Park with our friends from Faith United.

In case of bad weather, the service will be held at Faith United on Walnut Street in Denver. It is

a great opportunity to get together, worship and also share a little picnic afterwards. See page 12 for further information.



Acts of Love Summer Food Program

Wednesday July 22nd Social Ministry will be making and distributing lunches at the community parks. More information can be found on page 7.

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for the following people:

Wren Dillon, Jay Weaver, Jay Stoltzfus, Dave Haldeman, Vic Richard, Jean Lausch, Missy Weber, Tim Harting, Mike Leed, Ruth Hollinger, Barb Moyer, Fay Weitzel, Shannon Brown, Shirley Sweigart, Molly Brown, Carl Mohler Jr., Vivian Gehr, Tom Parrish Sr, Elaine Haldeman, Clair Miller, Theda Raffauf, Mary Weidman and Marty Leed & Family.

Ephrata Manor: Iris Weaver, Dorothy Hutchinson, Shirl Tobias and Pauline Sawyer
Gardens at Stevens: Pat & Nevin McQuate Luther Acres Health Care: Judy Meckley
Keystone Villa: Betty Firestine & Janet Hirneisen
Lancaster General Hospital: Carl Usner Fairmount Homes: Robert Hackman
Neffsville Rehab & Nursing: Pauline Martin Phoebe Berks: Nick Rampolla

Please pray for those in the Armed Forces: Chris Weidman in Qatar

Please pray for friends and family at home:

Bbay Girl Blake, Jason Mertz, Robert Evans, Dennis Steffy, Martha Miller, Brooke Stewart, Sheri Kiefer, Bob Harker, Bob Meck, Mary Lou Crum, Jimmy Vincent, Mary Stewart, Lisa Wing, Cocalico Builders of Hope (finding a house for housing program), Lorna Buohl, Richard Sockriter, David Taimuty, Helen Blank, William Sockriter, Doug Cody, Ron Neidigh, Mary Morton, Brenda Sweigart, Nancy Bolotine, Karen Leonhard, Mary Sanger, Andy & Brenda Gabig, Brian Kerns, Bob Bos, Curtis Townsley, Robyn Redcay, Margaret Weller and Cynthia Peters.

Pray also for the grieving families of:

Peggy French, Marion Gideon, Bishop Guy Edmiston, Pastor Marty Sheaffer, George Wolf, Glenn Eidemiller, Sally Wealand, Bob Farr, Cheryl Nixon, Bea Hassler, Mary Moore, Orvilla Oberholtzer, Lowell Haws, Mary Jane Goshert, Ed Sieber, Nancy Leh, Darrell Buchter, Jack Poole, Sharlene Miller, Joyce Pannebecker, Barb Mertz, Beverly Sweigart, Maggie Kiralfy, Dale Firestone, Yvonne Walters and Larry Rabold.

Hymn of the Month

"I Love To Tell The Story"

The Story behind I Love to Tell the Story

The author of this hymn, Katherine Hankey, was raised in a Christian home. She organized Sunday school for the poor and disadvantaged. At only 30 years old, in 1866, she suffered from a serious illness and an extended recovery time. While she convalesced, she wrote a lengthy poem on the life of Christ. The first section, composed of 50 verses, gave us the hymn "*Tell Me the Old, Old Story*". It was titled The Story Wanted. The second section, titled The Story Told, brought forth the hymn "I Love to Tell the Story".

Katherine herself wrote music for both of the hymns. They never gained popularity with those tunes. William Doane wrote another tune for "*I Love to Tell the Story*". The hymn received the tune we know today when William G. Fischer, a Philadelphia musician and piano dealer composed the music.

Submitted by Vickie Kissinger



Ahava is playing June 7th & July 19th

Bible Readings for the month of June

June 7 – Pentecost 2: Hosea 5:15-6:6, Psalm 50:7-15, Romans 4:13-25 & Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 14 – Pentecost 3: Exodus 19:2-8a, Psalm 100, Romans 5:1-8 & Matthew 9:35-10:8 [9-23]

June 21 – Pentecost 4: Jeremiah 20:7-13, Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18, Romans 6:1b-11 & Matthew 10:24-39

June 28 – Pentecost 5: Jeremiah 28:5-9, Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18, Romans 6:12-23 & Matthew 10:40-42



Ushers for June

June 7 Head: Mike Haller, Dave Weidman and alternate Shawn Jeffers

June 14 Head: Kristi Leonhard, Jill Showalter and alternate Hayden Leonhard

June 21 Head: Ben Gunzenhauser, Lowell Yost and alternate Vic Richard

June 28 *Church in the Park*
Head: Randy Brubaker and Mike Haller



COUNCIL MEETING MAY 7, 2026

Lowell Yost called the May meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Hayden Leonhard read a prayer from a worship book that Pastor Tim had given him.

- Pastor Tim's vacation days were approved.
- Andy Leonhard reported a repair to the sump pump and he has contacted Ranck Plumbing about the utility pump on the dishwasher.

- Lowell presented a question from a member about the parking lot in the carport area. Discussion followed.
- Kristi Leonhard gave a Garden update, planting is complete and she is working on getting more supplies.

Next Meeting is Thursday June 11th at 6:30 pm.

We adjourned the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Sunday

June 7, 14, 21 & 28

9:00 am Church Services

June 14th Pastor Glenn Beard will be preaching

June 21st 2:00 pm Pastor Tim preaching at Keystone Villa, Ephrata

June 28th 10:00 am Church in the Park Service with Faith United at the Denver Park



Tuesday

June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

6:30 - 8:00 pm Pastor Tim Zoom Bible Study Gospel of Luke

Thursday

June 11th 6:30 pm Council Meeting

CHILDREN'S
Sunday School



Sunday School's summer break has begun.

Enjoy your summer and we start classes again in September.



Hayden Leonhard graduated with Honors from Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology with a degree in Diesel Technology on May 16, 2026. As a Diesel Mechanic, he plans on starting his career by servicing heavy equipment.

Piper Leonhard will graduate Summa Cum Laude from Ephrata High School on June 3, 2026. She will be attending Temple University, studying biochemistry. Her future career goal is to be an orthodontist.

**2026 Acts of Love
Summer Lunch
Program**



Feeding our Children in The Cocalico Community !!

Brought to you by area churches and community organizations!

Wednesdays, June 3, 10, 17, 24,
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5, 12

11:30 am -12:30 pm

Meals will be available at the 4 parks listed.

Adamstown Grove
Reamstown Park

Denver Park
Reinholds Park

Mellingers Social Ministry is providing lunches on July 22.

If you are in need of additional food help this summer, please reach out to **Real Life Community Services** in Denver at 717-336-7797 or **Community Hive** (previously Ephrata Area Social Services) in Ephrata at 717-733-0345.

Meals will vary each week depending on the group providing the food.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Real Life Community Services at 717-336-7797 option 1.

Come and get a Wednesday Welcome and a delicious meal this summer!

The Social Ministry Committee will also be assembling Personal Care kits and School kits again this summer for October's Ingathering.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

YARN NEEDED FOR PERSONAL CARE KITS

Attention crocheters or knitters. We are in need of yarn to tie and complete the Personal care kits. Thanks!!

Founded by Lutherans in the United States at the end of World War II, Lutheran World Relief tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well being. We work with people based on need, regardless of race, religion or nationality.

LWR provides aid in emergencies to help families restore their lives. We partner with communities to build and grow rural economies. We break the cycle of poverty so families and communities can thrive. Our goal is to help people build self-sufficiency and create new community-owned approaches to problem solving that will last long after our projects end.

Quilts and Personal Care kits were distributed to US communities hit by natural disaster and overseas to displacement camps. Quilts and School kits went to displaced school children in Africa.

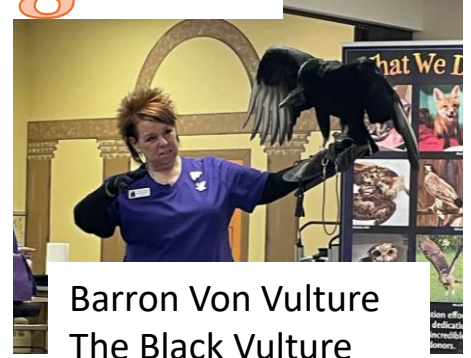


Spring Fling Program



Horus The Barred Owl

Khonsu
The Barn Owl



Barron Von Vulture
The Black Vulture



Meret The Broad Winged Hawk



Maggie Jo
Enjoying her first
Spring Fling

Happy Birthday
USA



Donations collected

Ozzy
The Box Turtle



Harriet
The Box Turtle

June 1
Connor Craven
Lindsay Weaver

June 4
Nancy Jeffers

June 5
Elijah Leisey

June 6
Trish Fassnacht
Bonnie Weinhold

June 7
Merla Knauer
Brandon Pierce
Harold Unser

June 8
Melanie Brubaker
Elizabeth Smithmyer

June 10
Betty Cordes

June 12
Rhonda Haller

June 13
Audris McLaughlin Craven

June 14
Shannon Guigley

June 15
Chris Freeman



June 16
Linda Hutchinson
Douglas Sawyer

June 17
Jeanette Engle
Barry Kreider
Dennis Moyer
Anita Soto

June 18
Robin Barr
Michael Gahring
Joshua Herr

June 19
Benjamin Hartlove

June 21
George Martin

June 23
Shannon Drexel
Grayson Sensenig
Kailey Witter

June 24
Daniel Rhoads

June 25
Brianna Moyer

June 27
Megan Freeman

June 30
Simon Biles
Jessica Harting
Lowell Yost



June 7
Jay Weaver



June 13, 2015

Kelsey & Jonathan Hogan

June 14, 1969

Linda & Jay Weaver

June 14, 2014

Courtney & Hunter Martin

June 16, 1990

Taimi & Sean Moyer

June 19, 1965

Jerilyn & Lowell Yost

June 19, 1993

Lisa & Adrian Borry

June 19, 2004

Julie & Kirk Ewing

June 21, 1969

Nancy & Pat Jeffers

June 24, 1967

Elaine & David Haldeman

June 25, 1960

Pat & Nevin McQuate

June 26, 1965

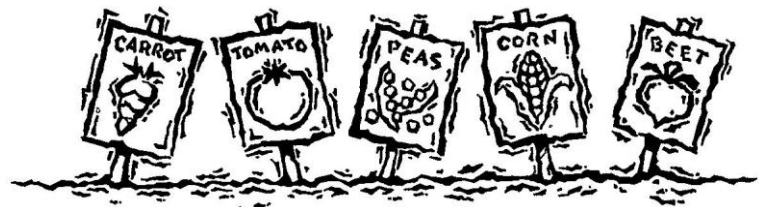
Lynn & Johan Spotts

June 27, 1959

Barbara & Robert Getz

This is what's happening for this year. After my successful Temple Talk, every bed was sponsored and I received additional money in donations!!!

Thank you Mellingers for your generosity.
~Kristi Leonhard



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Peace be with you!

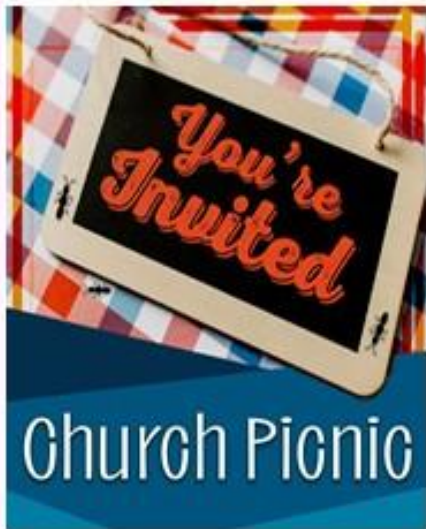
SERVICE TIMES
Sunday
Worship Service
9 am



SOCIAL MEDIA RESOURCES

WEBSITE: www.mellingers.org

FACEBOOK: Check us out on Facebook. We are listed under Mellingers Evangelical Lutheran Church.



Faith United/Mellingers

Outdoor Worship Service & Picnic

Sunday, June 28, 2026

10:00 AM

Denver Memorial Park
Stage & Pavilion 1

Music By Pastor Tim & Kim Craven

Come Dressed For The Outdoors.

Bring Your Lawn Chairs.

Lunch Following Worship Service

In Case of Inclement Weather the Service and Picnic will be held at Faith United Lutheran Church, 357 Walnut Street, Denver.

To help us plan, please sign your name, number attending and what you plan to provide for the Lunch on the sign up sheet.

Sandwiches, Hot Dogs and
Drinks Supplied.

