

# the Voice parish newsletter

Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church  
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*“The devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayers.” –Acts 2:42*

The late Marva Dawn left behind a wealth of critical insight into Christian worship. Her 1995 book, *Reaching Out Without Dumbing Down: A Theology of Worship for the Turn-of-the-Century Culture*, was a wary look at contemporary Christian worship, becoming the first scholarly criticism of this trendy style. Dawn claimed contemporary worship is primarily entertainment, not really Christian worship at all.

One of the earliest patterns of Christian worship is found in the book of Acts. Believers *devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, to the breaking of bread and prayers* (Acts 2:42). In this one verse, we see a liturgical form still in use today—Christian worship rooted in God’s Word (*the apostles’ teaching*) and Holy Communion (*the breaking of bread*).

Early Christian worship had other features: hearing scripture; singing hymns; offerings for the poor. Liturgical movements practiced in synagogue life were carried over to Christian worship—we stand, sit, kneel, process, recess; raise, lower, fold our hands; bow our heads. There are theological reasons behind what we do; understanding them inspires faith.

Here’s something to do on Wednesday, May 10, at 7:00 PM: instead of watching *Wheel of Fortune* for the umpteenth time; or cable news rants, consider tuning in to a livestream lecture about liturgical worship on your computer. On this night, the Byzantine Catholic Seminary will livestream its annual lecture. This year’s lecture focuses on liturgical processions, highlighting the mobile character of Christian worship. Insights into the relation of liturgy to culture will also be shared. The link for the lecture is: [bcs.edu/event-date/23<sup>rd</sup>-annual-lecture-livestream](https://bcs.edu/event-date/23<sup>rd</sup>-annual-lecture-livestream). There’s no charge and pre-registration is not required.

May God continue to bless us in this Easter season, deepening our faith and our appreciation for liturgy. Join us for worship. Christ is risen! Hope abounds! Shockingly, the Pirates are winning. All things are possible with God.

Peace in Christ; joy for the liturgy,

Pastor Doug Heagy



May, 2023

# FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

## *Thank God for our families*

*When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.”*

**--John 19:26-27**

This month we celebrate our mothers, and then in June we celebrate our fathers. What a wonderful opportunity to honor the strong bond between parents and children. How strong? The first use of the word “love” in the Bible, Genesis 22:2, describes the connection between Abraham and his son, Isaac.

Family is a cherished gift from God that we are entrusted to treasure, love and nourish. Parents are responsible for raising children to become healthy adults. Children are responsible for caring for aging parents.

As Jesus indicates in the passage above, there need not be a blood connection for a parent-child relationship. In Matthew 12:46-50, Jesus redefines family, saying that all who love and follow him are mothers, brothers, sisters, fathers. So, all of us are parent, child and sibling to one another. Now THAT’S some family!

As we honor our mothers and fathers this spring, we can also challenge ourselves to be better stewards of the family bonds God has given us. We can explore how we can support families in our personal circles, our congregation and community – especially families that are troubled by need, crises, or dysfunction.

God ordained families to be the fundamental unit of human life. We can be good stewards of family relationships by caring for one another and helping everyone to grow into the faith family God intends.

**--Rob Blezard**

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# MAY BIBLE STUDIES

*Monday Nights & Thursday Mornings*

## MONDAY NIGHT

*Peter, Paul, & Mary*

**7:00 PM—8:00 PM**

May 1	1 Peter 4-5
May 8	2 Peter 1
May 15	2 Peter 2
May 22	2 Peter 3
May 29	John 20:1-8 / Acts 9:1-20

## THURSDAY MORNING

May 4	1 John 1-3
May 11	1 John 4-5
May 18	2 John
May 25	3 John



# Ministry Fair & Sunday Brunch Sunday, April 30



Thanks to all who attended and to our youth who led the tours. Special thanks to all council members and volunteers who made the event possible. We have a goodly heritage of faith!

## SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE: MAY, 2023

If you cannot serve as scheduled, please switch with another server. If you cannot get a substitute call the church office at 412-563-0300 or Pastor Doug at [412] 926-5440; or email the church at [mtleboluth@aol.com](mailto:mtleboluth@aol.com)

	8:30	10:00
May 7-Crucifer	Xavier Graybill	Quin O'Brien
May 14-Crucifer	Finn Darcy	Luke Frankovitch
May 21- Crucifer	Henry Keplar	Gabriel Provins
May 28-Crucifer	Dylan Snyder	Owen O'Brien



The worship links to Facebook & You Tube can be found on our website:  
[www.mtlebanonlutheran.org](http://www.mtlebanonlutheran.org)

## WORSHIP

### Sunday's

**8:30 AM & 10:00 AM**

*Virtual Worship 8:30 AM Facebook LIVE*

*Posted later on our You Tube channel*

## The Word of the Lord

May 7	Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14
May 14	Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
May 21	Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 John 17:1-11
May 28	Day of Pentecost Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday School  
10:00 am

## Shut-in Committee—Help Needed

The Social Ministry committee is looking for volunteers to help with homebound members of our church. We have a number of members in need of assistance from time to time. Whether from aging, surgery, or other situations, people could use rides to doctor's offices, errands run, and social visits. This is not a large time commitment and our hope is to create a team that could be contacted as needs arise. If you are interested in helping or have any questions, contact Sara Dougherty at [tidsjd@verizon.net](mailto:tidsjd@verizon.net); at 412-523-1499; or the church office. Thank you for helping with this important ministry!

Altar Flowers & Worship Bulletins are still available for the 2023 year.  
Please see Sign up sheet in the Foyer by the church office.



**First Holy Communion....**For those second graders [and older children who have not yet been instructed], First Communion instruction dates are listed below. The children who receive instruction will celebrate their First Holy Communion at the **10:00 liturgy on Sunday, May 14.**

Full participation in the Eucharistic life of the Church is a milestone in a young person's life for "at the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel."

Parish practices vary widely on the age and circumstances for full participation in the Lord's Supper. However, it was over 30 years ago that the Lutheran Church in America separated "confirmation" and the reception of Holy Communion. Since that time, congregations have continued to lower the age at which children are instructed and invited to commune.

**First Communion instruction in Eastertide 2023 will continue to be offered on Saturday mornings, promptly at 10:00 AM, on May 6 & 13. Classes will be one hour in length. Attendance is required! Parents of students [particularly, if this is a first child receiving instruction] are encouraged to attend.**

Questions with regard to communion practices and/or First Communion instruction are welcome and should be directed to the Pastor. Please contact him also if you have scheduling conflicts with the above dates.





**WE REMEMBER  
in our prayers:**

**O God, fill us with your light, that we might delight in your goodness and glory and serve you with joy.**

**As we pray for those who struggle in sickness and in sorrow, illumine with your light and with the warmth of your healing presence which will remind them that they are not alone. Especially we pray for:**

Bishop George Bashore; Craig Elias; Deb Cecotti; Scott Halapin; Patty Pavlak; Kalie Radigan; Cheryl Poenisch; Rian Dankert; the family of Annabelle Santos; Janice Seigle; Elena Getz; Nancy Ingles; Levi; Andy Kelemen;

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** for the May issue of the *Voice* are to be submitted by Sunday, May 14. Articles may be left in the church office or email: mtleboluth@aol.com.

**Please continue to remember** the ministry of the Food Bank at St. Michael and All Angels' with your contributions of non-perishable food, cleaning and laundry products and monetary donations. When making monetary donations, please make your check payable to *Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church* and designate your donation for St. Michael's Food Pantry [Your donation will be recorded and then forwarded.]



**"SUNDAY MORNING  
FELLOWSHIP"**

All are invited for a time of fellowship between our worship liturgies. Enjoy food, beverage, and sharing in the foyer by the church office.

**Hope to see you there.**



Coffee Fellowship

**Daily Bread Ministries  
May 21**



This month's menu will be *Fried Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Veggie and Dessert.*

Donations are now being accepted in the white giving box in the Narthex; or you can mail checks to church office. Mark the check memo line, *'Daily Bread Ministries'*.

Volunteers are needed to help serve the meal. Please see the sign up sheet in the Foyer. Thank you for supporting this vital ministry on the North Side.

**PENTECOST FLOWER  
PLANTING  
SUNDAY, MAY 28  
1:00 pm**



Volunteers are needed to plant flowers in the church mulch beds on Sunday, May 28, at 1:00 PM. No experience necessary! Bring your garden trowel if you have one. Rain date is Tuesday, May 30 at 11:00 am.

**Class of 2023....**

Parents, please submit the names of the Spring graduates for the June *Voice* to the church office. Include the graduate's name, school, and future plans so that we may share your joy with our congregational family. Our prayers and best wishes are extended to all of our graduates!!

**HELP WANTED:** The Evangelism Committee is looking for volunteers for coffee prep and clean up during our Sunday morning fellowship. Please consider healthy treats. Gluten free and Nut free snacks are also welcome.

Please see the sign up sheet display in the foyer by the Church office.

**GET READY....**The Mt. Lebanon Farmers' Market, sponsored by the Lions' Club, resumes on Wednesdays from 4-7 PM, beginning **June 7th** in our parking lot.

**Looking Ahead**  
Day of Pentecost  
Worship Liturgy  
May 28  
Confirmation 10:00 am

**The Holy Trinity**  
Worship Liturgy  
June 4

## Lenten Social Ministry Project

Thank you to the entire congregation who generously donated to our Lenten Service Project benefitting refugees residing in the Pittsburgh area. We collected multiple slippers, irons, coffee makers, a sewing machine, pots and pans, an electric kettle and 24 sewing kits. Also over \$500 was donated to purchase larger much needed items such as rugs and vacuum cleaners. Thank you so much for your support of this important project!

*“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”*

*John 15:12*



## Global Links

Thank you to all who volunteered at Global Links on April 12. We had a great crew and helped to make a dent in getting much needed medical supplies to where they are needed the most. Thanks to Pam and Larry Bucher, Andrea Croom, Cindy Brown, Sara Dougherty, MaryBeth Trivilino and Larry and Diane Datillo for giving of their time.

Next session is scheduled for Saturday, June 10 from 10-12:00. Hope to see many of you there!



## Environmental Stewardship

*“We see the despoiling of the environment as nothing less than the degradation of God’s gracious gift of creation.”  
(ELCA Social Statement, Caring for creation, Vision, Hope and Justice, PT, !A)*



*The ELCA states “We of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America are deeply concerned about the environment, locally and globally, as members of this church and as members of society”.*

In response to this, we at Mt. Lebanon Lutheran Church will do our part to be good stewards of our precious environment. The Social Ministry committee will strive to communicate ways that we can consciously do what we can to care for our planet.

## Environmental Stewardship Opportunity #2

Our Environmental Stewardship impact story involves toilet paper and how we as consumers can make decisions that have a huge impact on our environment.

Americans use an estimated [36.5 billion rolls](#) of toilet paper every year and the average consumer will go through the equivalent of 384 trees just for toilet paper in the course of a lifetime. Deforestation causes a range of environmental problems, including loss of wildlife habitats and biodiversity. It also contributes to climate change, since trees absorb and store carbon dioxide, which is the most common greenhouse gas.

Amid a growing interest in which brands use the best sustainability practices, the [Natural Resources Defense Council](#) (NRDC), an environmental advocacy organization, analyzed the sourcing of the largest brands of toilet paper, facial tissue and paper towels on the U.S. market. [Its resulting scorecard](#) gives failing grades to most of the biggest household names (see next page).







*After looking at the findings, I was shocked to see what a negative impact my favorite toilet paper was making on the environment. It takes a little effort to make the change to the toilet paper that received the “A” rankings but it is so incredibly important and worth it.*

Below are places where you can find the “A” brands in the Pittsburgh area.

Who Gives A Crap (#1 ranking)

Can only be purchased on-line at this time—carbon neutral shipping  
[Toilet paper that builds toilets | Who Gives A Crap USA](#)

365 Bath Tissue      Whole Foods  
 (The regular toilet paper-not the Super Soft)

Ever Spring      Target

Seventh Generation      Target, Whole Foods, CVS, Walgreens, Etc

Trader Joe's      Trader Joes ☺  
 (The regular toilet paper-not the Super Soft)

For more information on this study, please check out the following links:

[Toilet Paper and Climate Change: NRDC's Updated "Issue With Tissue" Ranks Brands on Sustainability](#)

[Your Favorite Toilet Paper May Be Making Climate Change Worse – Mother Jones](#)

[These Are the Most Sustainable Toilet Paper Brands, According to the NRDC \(treehugger.com\)](#)



# The Festival of Pentecost

## Sunday May 28, 2023

The Festival of Pentecost is the third great festival day of the Church Year and commemorates the giving of the Holy Spirit Who calls, gathers and sanctifies the Risen Christ's Church on earth.

Though not as *popular* as Christmas or Easter, Pentecost is *significant!* For without the gift of the Holy Spirit, the events of Christmas and Easter would have faded from human hearts centuries ago. For the Festival Day of Pentecost, we want to bask our entire Chancel *in red as a flame!* Individuals and families of our congregation are again this year, being asked to contribute to the purchase of *red garden flowers* to be placed in the Chancel for the Festival of Pentecost.

*The cost is \$5.50 per potted plant.*

**All orders must be in the Church Office by May 14.**

All flower gifts will be acknowledged in a special bulletin insert, either as memorials, honor gifts [such as for graduates, confirmands, volunteers] or for the "greater glory of God."

Sunday, May 28 at 1:00 pm (rain date Tuesday, May 30 at 11:00 am) the red flowers will be planted in the flower beds in front of our building to beautify the grounds and signify the Spirit's work in our midst and in our community.



### Pentecost Memorials and Tributes

# of Flower Pots \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Please **print** the bulletin acknowledgement you desire: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



## CONFIRMATION SUNDAYS

May 21, 2023 / 10:00 AM

May 28, 2023 / 10:00 AM

Our 2nd Year Catechism Youth will make a Public Affirmation of their Baptism [the rite also known as Confirmation] this month. Due to scheduling conflicts, a few confirmands will affirm their faith on Sunday, May 21. On Sunday, May 28, the Day of Pentecost, others will do the same. The congregation extends its prayers for the youth at this milestone of their faith journey, marked with joy and celebration.

In baptism, God redeems us from sin and death, and grants forgiveness, life, and salvation. In the church, confirmands learn of God's loving purpose for their lives. They are nourished at the Lord's table and hear God's call to be witnesses to Christ. Publicly affirming their baptism, they indicate they're prepared by grace to assume responsibilities within the life of the church and in Christ's mission to the world.

### **THE 2023 CONFIRMATION CLASS OF MT. LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*Milo Bucher*

*Xavier Graybill*

*Gabriel Provins*

*Easton Darcy*

*Chase Lutz*

*Addison Wetzel*

*Annaleigh Dwulit*

*Cameron Mayer*

*Happy Mothers Day  
May 14, 2023*



*"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." – 3 John 1:4*



*Remember those  
whom have  
sacrificed for our  
freedom on this  
Memorial Day  
May 29, 2023.*

**We adore You, O Christ,  
and we praise You. †  
Because by Your holy  
Cross You have redeemed the world**

## Welcome To The Lord's Table

On May 14, 2023 we celebrated First Holy Communion with several of our families and friends.

Crawford Harlachgr  
Calvin Koval  
Scarlett McCombs  
Brynlee Ziglinski

The prayers and joy of the Church are extended to them and their families! A cake reception will be held after worship in the Foyer.



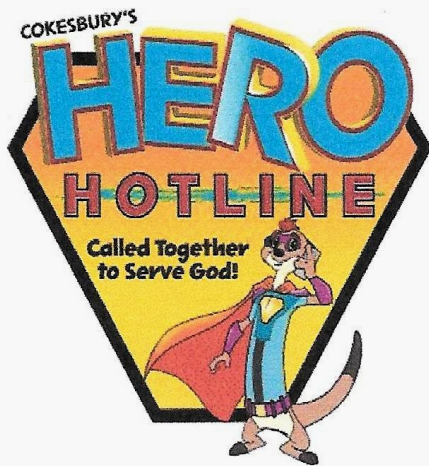
## YOUTH SUNDAY

**MAY 14, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

On Sunday, May 14, at the 10:00 liturgy, our youth will assist Pastor Heagy in worship. Please join us on this special occasion, which is also Mother's Day, as we join in worship together.





## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### HERO HOTLINE

**CALLED TOGETHER TO SERVE GOD**

*"So let's strive together for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up."*

**Romans 14:19**

**JULY 10-14, 2023 9:00 A.M. TO NOON**

Register Online at [www.mtlebanonlutheran.org](http://www.mtlebanonlutheran.org) by June 30, 2023

## VBS VOLUNTEER MEETINGS

Please join us at one of the two orientation meetings in the Social Hall.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11**

**FROM 11:00 A.M.**

**– 12:00 P.M.**

Or

**MONDAY, JUNE 12**

**FROM 7:00 P.M.**

**– 8:00 P.M.**

Light refreshments will be served.

Contact: Deb Hazlett, Volunteer Coordinator

[drhazlett@verizon.net](mailto:drhazlett@verizon.net)

### VBS Items to Donate:

Cardboard boxes (broken down)  
Old magazines  
Air clay in bright colors  
Golf balls  
Washable paint  
Colorful Duct tape  
Blue painter's tape  
Masking tape – 3 rolls  
Large cardboard box, refrigerator size, 5 ft  
Tiny cardboard boxes, 1 ft or less  
Brown packing paper  
Scrap fabric pieces – at least 2 ft square-  
solid colors or minimal pattern  
Dryer vent tubing – or any flexible tubing at  
least 1 ft long (a lot is great)  
Half used spray cans, any colors, even old  
Acrylic house paint – red, white, yellow, black  
Large paint brushes  
Spray foam insulation – 3, 12oz cans  
20 Used Golf Balls

### VBS Snack Items to Donate:

Fruit filled cereal bars, 9 boxes of 8 each.  
Thin pretzel sticks, 2 bags  
Cheese cubes 5, 8 oz bags  
Grapes, 3 bunches  
Cheerios (plain) 1 large box  
Goldfish 64oz  
Raisins 2 large bags/canisters  
M & M's 2 bags or 1 large Sam's container  
Refrigerator sugar cookie dough – 6 tubes  
Sandwich ziplock bags 100 ct  
Snack size ziplock bags 100 ct  
White icing – 3 cans  
Ice cream cones 7 boxes of 12 ct  
Strawberries, 3 containers  
Blueberries, 3 containers  
Apples, 1 bag

## YOUTH GROUP MEETING

On Sunday, May 21, the Youth Group will meet for a Spirit Night Meeting. We will tie dye T-shirts! Join us! We will welcome the Holy Spirit by getting in the spirit! Youth nights are held monthly during the school year on a Sunday night from 6-8 PM. The meeting is for youth in grades 6-12. For more information or to RSVP, contact Mrs. Nelson at:

[jmnelson26@comcast.net](mailto:jmnelson26@comcast.net)



YOUTH MINISTRY

# YOUTH GROUP



Join us for tie dying, games and food

## MAY 21 | 6-8 PM

Mt. Lebo United Lutheran Church

Open to all youth in grades 6-12

Please RSVP to Julia Nelson at  
[jmnelson26@comcast.net](mailto:jmnelson26@comcast.net) by NOON on  
Friday, 5/19

# CampBlast at Lutherlyn

May 13, 2023, 11:00 am - 4:30 pm

Join us for a **FREE** day of FUN that highlights all that Camp Lutherlyn has to offer.  
**Rain or Shine!** Many awesome indoor and outdoor activities to enjoy at CampBlast!

Go to <https://www.lutherlyn.com/events-retreats/campblast.html> for directions and schedule.

Camp Lutherlyn brochures are on the bulletin board in the lower entrance hallway and in the hallway by the Narthex.

# Lutherlyn's 2023 Summer Camp Schedule

<b>Week 1</b> June 18-23	-Staff-In-Training (SH) -Life in the Wild (Jr & JH) -Adventurers (JH & SH)	-Classic (JH) (SH) -Horse Camp (JH & SH)
<b>Week 2</b> June 25-30	-Classic (Jr) (JH) -Horse Camp (Jr) -Small Fry Days (Th & Fri)	-Adventurers (JH & SH) -Young Folks (Sun-Wed) -Grown Up & Me (Th & Fri)
<b>Week 3</b> July 2-7	-Family Camp -On-Site Day Camp (1st-5th grade)	
<b>Week 4</b> July 9-14	-Arts & Musical (Jr & JH) -Classic (Jr) (JH) (SH)	-Horse Camp (Jr) -Adventurers (JH & SH)
<b>Week 5</b> July 16-21	-Classic (Jr) (JH) -Adventurers PLUS (SH) -Small Fry Days (Th & Fri)	-ADV Horse Camp (JH & SH) -Young Folks (Sun-Wed) -Grown Up & Me (Th & Fri)
<b>Week 6</b> July 23-28	-Classic (Jr) (JH) -Horse Camp (Jr) -Junior Adventurers (Jr)	-Venture (SH) -Rocketry (JH & SH)
<b>Week 7</b> July 30- August 4	-Classic (Jr) (JH) -Rocketry (Jr) -Horse Camp (JH & SH)	-Night Owls (JH & SH) -Adventurers (JH & SH)

"Young Folks" - campers enter grades 2-3, "Jr" - campers enter grades 4-6, "JH" - campers enter grades 7-9, "SH" - campers enter grades 10-12 or a 2023 graduate

Registration for 2023 starts on February 1.  
 Camperships are available for all who need assistance.  
 Visit [www.lutherlyn.com/summer](http://www.lutherlyn.com/summer) for details.



## You Are Invited to CampBlast!

**Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 2023, 11am-4:30pm**

Join us for a day of FUN that highlights all that Lutherlyn has to offer. Horseback riding, campfire, crafts, gaga ball, archery, zipline, bouldering room, hiking, nature activities, canoeing, hay rides, games, sports, kayaking, LEGO room, tours, great food, and MORE!  
 The best part.... **EVERYTHING IS FREE!**  
[www.lutherlyn.com/campblast](http://www.lutherlyn.com/campblast)

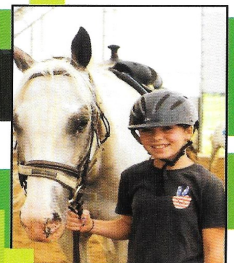
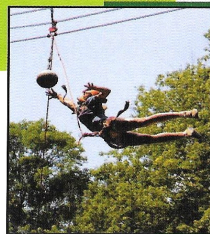
## \$100 off for FIRST-TIME campers!

This coupon entitles FIRST-TIME Lutherlyn campers to \$100 off of the registration fee for Summer 2023. This applies to Lutherlyn's residential week-long programs. Young Folks half-week programs get \$50 off for FIRST-TIME campers. Does not apply to Family Camp, Confirmation Camp, Day Camps, or Small Fry Days. Must be a FIRST TIME summer camper. No additional discounts may be combined with this offer.

Enter coupon code: **FIRST**

Register at [WWW.LUTHERLYN.COM](http://WWW.LUTHERLYN.COM).

(Please share this code with friends!)





I would like you to consider participating in a our online giving designed to simplify weekly giving in our congregation.

Electronic giving will enable every household or individual to make their church offering using electronic funds transfer or credit card. You may already be using online bill pay for your mortgage, car payment, or insurance premium through an automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account. Many of you also have used your credit cards to purchase goods online through Amazon, eBay, or a number of other sites.

We have teamed up with myEoffering to enable you to use the same process to give your offering electronically from your bank account, credit or debit cards.

There is no cost to you for this new giving option. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue uninterrupted.

You can participate in the electronic giving program immediately. Just visit our church website and look for the "Donate Now" button.

Thank you for considering this new giving opportunity.





# MAY 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00 Bible Study	2 4:00 Catechetics 2	3 7:00 Choir	4 10:00 Bible Study 4:00 Catechetics 1	5	6 10:00 First Communion Instruction
7 <b>Easter 5</b> 8:30 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship 10:00 Sunday School	8 7:00 Bible Study	9 4:00 Catechetics 2	10 7:00 Choir	11 10:00 Bible Study 4:00 Catechetics 1	12	13 10:00 First Communion Instruction
14 <b>Easter 6</b> 8:40 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship 10:00 <b>First Communion</b> 10:00 Youth Sunday 10:00 Sunday School <b>Happy Mother's Day</b>	15 7:00 Bible Study	16 4:00 Catechetics 2	17 7:00 Choir	18 <b>The Ascension of Our Lord</b> 10:00 Bible Study 4:00 Catechetics 1	19	20 <b>CHURCH CLOSED</b> Francis-Hudak Wedding
21 <b>Easter 7</b> 8:30 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship 10:00 Sunday School-Last Day 10:00 Confirmation 11:15 Council Meeting 2:00 Daily Bread Meal 6:00 Youth Group Meeting	22 7:00 Bible Study	23 4:00 Catechetics 2	24 7:00 Choir	25 10:00 Bible Study 4:00 Catechetics 1	26	27
28 <b>Day of Pentecost</b> 8:30 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship 10:00 Confirmation	29 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> <i>Office Closed</i> 7:00 Bible Study	30 4:00 Catechetics 2				



# Three Rivers Saxophone Quartet

## 50th Anniversary Recital

Sunday June 4th, 2023-3:00PM  
Mt Lebanon United Lutheran Church  
975 Washington Rd  
Pittsburgh PA 15228



Three Rivers Saxophone Quartet

Warren Yeckel  
Mike Jacob



Steve Ehrin  
Marino Galluzzo

### Featuring

*Music from Renaissance, Baroque, Movies, Broadway, Contemporary and Jazz*

*Music by Bach, Gershwin, Kern, Berlin, Rodgers, Porter, Morricone and more.*

*Original music written especially for us by Vito DiSalvo and Marino Galluzzo - World Premieres*

*Music arranged especially for us by Rick Mansfield, James Guerra, James Pybus, Ralph Guzzi and Marino Galluzzo*

*Saxophone quartet with rhythm section playing from the Hollywood Saxophone Quartet library*

*Music arranged by famous musicians Lennie Niehaus, Billy May and Marty Paich*

*Special Guest Musicians, Deb Weible, Bruce Wallace and Tom Earley*

*Three Rivers Saxophone Quartet former members*

*Large Saxophone Choir featuring many prominent Pittsburgh Musicians*

*Many musicians from across the United States.*

**Program is Free - Donations accepted**



**1** Praise God that we are never alone or forgotten and that God is our comfort, courage and guide in every circumstance of life. “Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me” (Psalm 23:4).

**2** *Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month* Give thanks for the rich heritage, gifts, cultures and contributions to our nation and church of our Asian and Pacific Islander neighbors and siblings in Christ. Ask God to bless the work and witness of ELCA Asian and Pacific Islander Ministries and the ELCA's Association of Asians and Pacific Islanders.

**3** Pray for an end to the invasion of Ukraine and for a lasting peace that will lead to rebuilding, renewal and hope-filled visions of the future for the people and communities of Ukraine and its neighboring countries.

**4** Ask God to help us face hardships, perplexing problems and worries with faith that produces confidence, courage, wisdom and a resilient spirit.

**5** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Pacifica, Southwestern Washington, Metropolitan New York and Southeastern Pennsylvania synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**6** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southeastern Minnesota and Arkansas-Oklahoma synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**7** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**8** Pray that our baptismal journey and the work we do as children of God will be inspired and informed by the generous and compassionate example of Jesus, who reveals God's amazing love for humankind.

**9** Give thanks for the work we do together through ELCA Mission Support and the funding it provides for the Lutheran Church of Rwanda's Bible school, which trains lay leaders, and for construction of a seminary in Rwanda to train and equip pastors and evangelists.

**10** Lift up prayers of praise and thanksgiving to God for Jesus Christ, our Savior and the enduring cornerstone upon which our faith, life and church are built.

**11** Remember in prayer college and university students preparing for finals, discerning their futures and wondering how God will use their particular skills, knowledge and passion for the sake of the world and serving our neighbors in need.

**12** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Saint Paul Area and Northeastern Ohio synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**13** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the New Jersey Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**14** On Mother's Day thank God for mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers and expectant mothers, and pray for women struggling with parenting, women trying to conceive and women who cannot bear children of their own but serve as loving, caring and faithful adults in the lives of children and youth.

**15** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southeastern Iowa (online) and Rocky Mountain synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**16** Ask the Spirit to strengthen our faith that Jesus Christ lives in us and continues to shape us throughout life until the day when he returns for us.

**17** “Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine; breath of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight” (ELW 398). Praise God for the gift of the Spirit, which awakens us to each day and sheds light on how we can live as children of God and followers of Christ, eager to share the gospel, serve our neighbors and radiate hope in the world.

**18** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Great Lakes and Southeast Michigan synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**19** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**20** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southeastern Iowa (in-person), Oregon, East-Central Wisconsin, South-Central Wisconsin and West Virginia-Western Maryland synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**21** Our faith is centered in the good news of Jesus Christ and inspires gratitude, joy and a spirit of love and mercy. “Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord” (Psalm 68:32).

**22** Pray for those recently diagnosed with cancer, who experience fear, hope, disbelief and difficult decisions; give thanks for health care professionals, chaplains, congregational ministries and cancer support groups that surround them and their families with care, encouragement and prayer.

**23** What a life we live as disciples of Christ! We encounter temptations, humbling situations and conflict, yet we are emboldened by our faith and prodded forward by the Spirit in our baptismal journey. Give praise and thanks to God!

**24** Pray for young people celebrating their graduations from high school and for parents and teachers who have equipped and encouraged them along the way; remember students who struggle with school, that they might have people in their lives who encourage and support them.

**25** Remember in prayer candidates who serve in congregations and are involved in the ELCA Theological Education for Emerging Ministries (TEEM) program; give thanks for the scholarship assistance provided by ELCA Fund for Leaders.

**26** Give thanks and praise to God for the gift of the Holy Spirit, which enriches our faith and gives us the ability to witness to God's love and mercy and serve our neighbors everywhere.

**27** Give thanks for the work of ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response, ministries of our church that gather our resources and combine them with those of domestic and global partners and companion churches to respond to our neighbors who have been impacted by hunger, poverty, injustice, and natural and human-caused disasters.

**28** *Day of Pentecost* Praise God for the variety of gifts we have been given and how they complement the gifts of our siblings in Christ for spreading the gospel, growing the church, serving the needs of our neighbors and bringing hope to our communities and the world.

**29** *Memorial Day* Remember, honor and give thanks for those in the armed forces who have given their lives for the sake of peace, justice and freedom. Pray for those who serve in harm's way today, that they will be safe and that their faith, courage and commitment to the well-being of others will be strengthened and sustained.

**30** Pray for people engaged in seasonal work, that they will have adequate housing, fair wages, safe work environments and supportive communities and congregations; promise to express recognition and gratitude for their hospitality, gifts and service.

**31** Ask God to help us discern our spiritual gifts — as individuals and as communities of faith — and where they are most needed in the church and the world.

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### Holy Communion Sunday/ Youth Sunday May 14, 2023 10:00 AM

Those preparing for First Holy Communion on this day are:

Crawford Harlacher  
Calvin Koval  
Scarlett McCombs  
Brynlee Zielinski



### Confirmation Sunday 10:00 AM May 21, 2023

(Some of this year's class will make a public affirmation of their baptism)



### Day of Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday May 28, 2023

8:30 and 10:00 AM Festive Worship  
8:30 Live Virtual Worship

The third great festival day of the church year  
(Most of this year's class will make a public affirmation of their baptism)