

# the Voice parish newsletter

**Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church**  
975 Washington Road Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania 15228



***Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.*** –Psalm 100:1-2

May has arrived with joy and sadness. Spring has sprung! Warm days are here. Sadly, however, May is the last full month with Larry Allen, our Music Director, leading in worship. He retires Sunday, June 12, after 47 years of church service.

Larry came to Mt. Lebanon after 30 years serving in a Hartford, Connecticut church. We've been blessed by his talents for nearly two decades. Without question, Larry is the finest church musician I've known in my years of ministry. His skill, creativity, and endearing personality are unmatched. He's led our music ministry with a richness of insight, sensitivity, combined with personal faith in Christ felt in every note he plays.

To worship in unity and celebrate Larry's lifelong ministry, we will gather for one liturgy on June 12 at 9:30 AM. Following worship, we'll gather to greet Larry in the Social Hall and on the church lawn. We'll mingle and enjoy refreshments. Please mark your calendars for June 12, which is also Trinity Sunday.

In an email sent to the church in March to announce Larry's retirement, I wrote the following: *"Emotions have already begun to run high in the church building as we anticipate Larry's approaching farewell. We think of all the Easter mornings; Christmas Eves; Holy Weeks; weddings, funerals, baptisms, special events; and encouraging conversations. As he served humbly, we've all been blessed by his music, amicable spirit, and goodwill toward all."*

We extend our love and hope for Larry in his retirement years. May the years ahead be long and joyous! Let's plan to be in worship with Larry on June 12 as he serves one last time as our music leader. Let's heed the words of Psalmist and ***make a joyful noise to the Lord!*** Thanks to all who are able to attend and plan to do so!

Love in Christ,

Pastor Doug Heagy



**May, 2022**

## FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

### Getting rid of ‘all the crap’

*And Jesus said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” -Luke 12:13*

The father of small children was commiserating about how hard it is to keep the house clean with energetic, active, creative kids at home.

“What really gets to me about cleaning the house,” he said, “is all the crap.”

Crap. Not just the toys and stuffed animals that overflow from toy bins, under beds and closets. The adult stuff, too – the gadgets crowding the kitchen, the cleaning products jammed under the sink, the stuff crammed in the medicine cabinet, the junk all over the yard, and on and on.

The crap factor comes to mind in Jesus' parable of “the rich fool” in Luke 12:17-20. The fool has so much stuff, he wants bigger barns to hold it all. The parable should strike a chord with us in America, where accumulation is such a big problem that self-storage (our bigger barns) is booming business.

A man of few possessions, Jesus kept everything simple. He must have known how hard it is to focus on godly living when our lives are cluttered with stuff. Of course, Jesus' parable talks about possessions, but the same principle applies to the mind and heart's clutter of ideas, loyalties and desires that distract us from God.

How cluttered is your house? Your mind? Your soul?

This month, consider a house cleaning to get rid of unneeded, unnecessary stuff. And prayerfully consider what “clutter” may be in your mind, heart and soul as well. What needs to be tossed out, recycled or donated in order that your house and your spirit can focus on what's truly important? That is, the things of God.

**--Rob Blezard**

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## **NEW COLUMBARIUM - South Chancel Wall**

As previously announced and approved by our council, we have signed a contract with *Armento Incorporated* of Buffalo, NY, to manufacture a new 48-niche columbarium, identical to the existing north chancel wall columbarium. The delivery date is sometime in late Spring followed by the installation on the south chancel wall **during the month of July.**

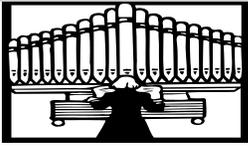
Interment in the columbarium is open to church members and their extended families, and the specific policy covering the use of and payments for the columbarium niches is available upon request from the church office.

The size of each niche is suitable for the cremations of one or two individuals. The cost of each niche is \$1,000 for interment of a single individual and \$1,500 for the interment of two.

**Spaces remain available.**

**Please contact the church office to indicate your interest.**





# Musical Musings

by Larry Allen

Lent, Holy Week and Easter have come and gone and I hope that you have had a meaningful journey through the 40 days and that it will continue through Eastertide.

Many thanks are due to those who contributed to our Lenten and Easter worship. *Barb Heagy and Hannah Morrison* brought great care to our Children's Choir, teaching them some of the joys of music almost every Sunday at the end of Sunday School. We are eternally grateful for their efforts which culminated with the kids singing so well for us on Palm Sunday. Kudos to all!

The Chancel Choir sang a variety of music during Lent and made a special effort on Holy Thursday with the cantata, *Light in the Darkness*, for singers and oboe and narrators. Special thanks to Sara Dougherty for arranging and rehearsing the narrators who did such a fine job that evening.

On Easter Day we had a smorgasbord of international music – Celtic, Spanish, Nigerian, American, and British. We had the additional accompaniment of timpani, and a set of drums for the incredible Paul Halley anthem, *Surgens Jesus* which elicited applause – a rarity at MLLC! It felt like a fine way to say "Christ Is Risen Indeed!"

I am also grateful to those of you who made a contribution to the Fine Arts Fund this Easter. These monies make it possible to have guest instrumentalists throughout the season. Your generosity is most appreciated.

Soon, Ascension and Pentecost will be upon us, and I am entering my final months as your Director of Music and Organist. It has been and continues to be a privilege to be among you. ! All is well, and I am ever grateful for your continuing support.

Blessings,  
Larry Allen



## SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE: MAY, 2022

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 1-Crucifer	Annaleigh Dwulit	Nico Provins
May 8-Crucifer	Lexi Jones	Chase Lutz
May 15- Crucifer	Hayden Sinar	Milo Bucher
May 22-Crucifer	Addison Mayer	Easton Darcy





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

## SANCTUARY WORSHIP

### Sunday's

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

*Virtual Worship 8:30 AM Facebook LIVE*

*Posted later on our YouTube channel*

## The Word of the Lord

May 1	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 9:1-6 Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19
May 8	Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
May 15	Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY
May 22	Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5 John 14:23-29
May 29	Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26

Sunday School  
10:00 am

## Looking Ahead Upcoming Feast Days

### Day of Pentecost Worship Liturgy

June 5  
Confirmation 10:00 am



### The Holy Trinity Worship Liturgy

*Last Sunday for Larry Allen*

June 12  
ONE LITURGY— 9:30 AM



### 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 15.**

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.

**The final First Communion instruction in Eastertide 2022 will be on May 14. The class 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.



## EASTER BIBLE STUDIES

# THE POST-RESURRECTION APPEARANCES OF JESUS

*Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life."*

Participants will discuss the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus as they're found in the four Gospels, Acts of the Apostles, other New Testament writings; and as they've occurred throughout history and in our own lives. All are welcome. Bring a friend. Pastor Heagy will lead the studies on Monday nights and Thursday mornings. Bibles will be provided or bring your own. Christ is risen indeed!

### Monday / 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

May 2  
May 16  
May 23  
May 30

### Thursday / 10:00 AM-11:15 AM

May 5  
May 12  
May 19  
May 26 (The Ascension of Our Lord)  
June 2

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LIFE

THE LORD HAS SENT DELIVERANCE  
TO HIS PEOPLE ALL WHO BELIEVED  
CHRIST TO SUFFER AND TO RISE AGAIN  
FROM THE DEAD AND TO ENTER INTO HIS GLORY



**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:**

Craig Elias; Bishop George Bashore; Deb Cecotti; Scott Halapin; Patty Pavlak; Kalie Radigan; Amy Budner; Cheryl Poenisch; Elizabeth Keim; Rian Dankert; the family of Annabelle Santos;

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** for the May issue of the *Voice* are to be submitted by Sunday, May 19. Articles may be left in the church office or email: [mtleboluth@aol.com](mailto: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.]

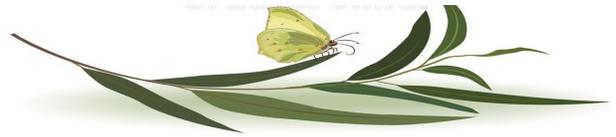


**James R. Metzmaier**

January 18, 1928

April 17, 2022

It has pleased Almighty God to call unto himself, his faithful servant, James R. Metzmaier, at the age of 94. He is survived by his wife, Sarah, 6 children, 19 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren. The memorial service was held on April 21, 2022 in our sanctuary. *Our congregational family continues to remember James' family in prayer.*



**John Bozick**

April 26, 1938

April 14, 2022

It has pleased Almighty God to call unto himself, his faithful servant, John Bozick, at the age of 83. He was preceded in death by his wife, Judith Bozick. He is survived by his four children and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. A memorial will be held for him in our sanctuary on May 14 at noon. *Our congregational family continues to remember James' family in prayer.*

**"SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP"**

All are invited for a time of fellowship between worship liturgies.

Enjoy food, beverage, and conversing with each other in the Foyer or Front Lawn (weather permitting).

**Hope to see you there.**



Coffee Fellowship





# The Festival of Pentecost

## Sunday June 5, 2022

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 as 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 \$5.25 per potted plant.*

**All orders must be in the Church Office by May 15.**

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 June 5th at 1:00 pm (rain date June 6th) 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 SUNDAY JUNE 5, 2022 / 10:00 AM

Three youth will make a Public Affirmation of their Baptism [the rite also known as Confirmation] on Sunday, June 5, the Day of Pentecost. The congregation extends its prayers for them on this milestone of their faith journey, which is marked with joy and celebration.

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

### **THE 2022 CONFIRMATION CLASS OF MT. LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*Gigi Burket, Luke Frankovitch, Henry Keplar*

**W**e adore You, O Christ,  
and we praise You. +  
Because by Your holy  
Cross You have redeemed the world

*Happy Mothers Day  
May 8, 2021*



*"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  
31, 2021.*

Pastor Doug Heagy will offer prayers at the Mount Lebanon Memorial Day Ceremony. Rocky Bleier, Vietnam veteran and former NFL running back, will be the keynote speaker.



## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY ROAD CLEANUP

church is in charge of picking up garbage on a two mile stretch of Washington Rd, about 1 mile north and 1 mile south of the church.

Our spring cleanup is usually in May but this year it will be on **JUNE 19** after the late church service. We will meet at @ 11:15 in front of the church. I will provide trash bags, gloves, and orange vests for volunteers. Volunteers will be divided into two groups, one group will go south towards the Galleria and one group will go north towards St. Bernard Church (St. Michael the Archangel Parish) We will pick up trash along the road. From past experience, there isn't much. We will have drinks and snacks for all volunteers. This event is for **ALL** church members, and please feel free to invite anyone who is not a church member. High School students can get out of school volunteer hours for this event.

Any questions: Contact Stacey Tubbs at [ertubbs@aol.com](mailto:ertubbs@aol.com) or 412-302-4247

## **PENTECOST FLOWER PLANTING** **SUNDAY, JUNE 5** **1:00 PM**



Volunteers are needed to plant flowers donated for Pentecost in the church mulch beds at 1:00 pm Sunday, June 5. No experience necessary! Please bring your garden trowel if you have one. Rain date is Monday, June 6 at 1:00 pm.



## GET READY....



**Mt. Lebanon Farmers' Market**  
(sponsored by the Lions' Club)  
**Wednesdays 4:00-7:00 PM**  
beginning **June 1**  
in our parking lot.

## Class of 2022....



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!!



## **Next Daily Bread Outreach** **May 15**

Donations are needed for the next meal with the needy on May 15th. The menu will be grilled sausage subs with peppers & onions, chips, fruit and a dessert. We are looking for 4 volunteers to help serve the meal. A sign up sheet in the Narthex. Thank you all for supporting this much needed social ministry on the Northside.

The Evangelism Committee is looking for volunteers for coffee prep and clean up during our Sunday morning fellowship. Healthy treats are served.

Please see the sign up chart on the bulletin board in the hallway by the Narthex. Thank you.

Our Congregation is participating in the Coffee Project of **Lutheran World Relief**, which helps small growers, families, and communities through the fair trade of coffee. By engaging in this fair trade program, we help to create a global economy that sustains life.





# ONLINE GIVING

*Is now available in association with*

 myEoffering

[www.mtlebanonlutheran.org](http://www.mtlebanonlutheran.org)

## WHAT IS myEoffering?

myEoffering is a service we've teamed up with to give you the ability to send your offerings online in the same way that many of you already pay bills and purchase products. We chose to use myEoffering because they are part of a trusted, Christian family-owned company, who have been serving the needs of churches for nearly 100 years. Their product is solid, secure, easy, and convenient.

## WHY SHOULD I USE myEoffering?

Many of you already pay for most of your purchases electronically, whether online or with a credit or debit card. So we have decided to offer this service as a convenience to you - you can stop writing checks or having to remember to bring cash every Sunday. Simply log in to our service and set up your offering. You can set the donations to match your pay periods, and even send your one-time donations to the special offerings we may have from time-to-time. This new service allows you to give any amount, at any time, from home or on the road, with your computer or even your mobile device. Now you can control how and when you give your tithes.

## HOW DOES IT HELP?

Online giving is the future. In the lifetime of our young people, we will see electronic payments overshadow traditional methods of paper payments. In order to position ourselves to continue doing the work of God in the future and to make it as convenient as possible to be a cheerful giver to God's work, we have decided to offer online giving to you. In addition to easier access to giving and more engagement with young stewards, online offering has many benefits for the church. It allows us to more easily track contributions for budgeting. It saves us from manually tracking those contributions every week. It saves us from large fees on check processing and allows us to more accurately forecast expenditures and needs.

## HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Signing up is as simple as going to our church website listed above and look for the green computer mouse icon. That button will take you to the myEoffering page for our church. Simply sign up and begin giving online today! Or scan the code to the right with your mobile device to get started now.



SCAN THIS  
CODE WITH  
YOUR MOBILE  
DEVICE NOW



**Food Truck Party Vacation Bible School July 11-15, 2022, 9am-noon**

*“Give us this day our daily bread.” Matthew 6:11*



## **VBS Volunteers Needed—Youth and Adults**

### **During VBS week, July 11-15, we need:**

- Bible Storyteller *(one or more days)*
- Science Leaders *(one or more days)*
- Snack servers *(one or more days)*
- Crew leaders & assistants *(completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older)*
- Help at Registration tent *(Mon. morning)*
- Setup/Take-down Tents and traffic barriers

### **Prior to VBS week we need:**

- Help with decorating & setup week of July 5-10 – various days, weekday, evening & weekend shifts
- Publicity: handing out VBS flyers at Farmers Market - Wednesdays in June - 1 hour shifts from 4-7pm

### **Can you make paper chains with bright colored construction paper?**

We will provide the paper for you to make at home—look for kits in the Narthex soon

### **After VBS week:**

- Help breakdown set & cleanup, flexible time shifts

Note: **Teens can earn up to 15 hours of Community Service!** Plus, it's a lot of fun!

**To volunteer: contact [MBTrivilino@verizon.net](mailto:MBTrivilino@verizon.net) or call the church office at 412-563-0300.**

### **VBS items needed to borrow:**

(for week of July 11-15)

- Tent Canopies, with stakes or sand bags
- Picnic table, outdoor chairs
- Potted plants or trees, potted palms
- Picnic table cloths, checked would be nice
- Chef's hat and coat
- Plastic food props
- CD players (boom boxes)

### **VBS Items to Donate:**

- Paper towel tubes
- old food magazines
- Lunch bags (large size)
- Balloons
- Blue painter's tape, masking tape)
- Bright construction paper ~ and Volunteers needed to make **paper chains** for setup.

*Look for updated list, including snack ingredients in the June Newsletter and the Bulletin Board.*



# Vacation Bible School

Ages: 4 and older

Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church

Monday - Friday, 9:00 - noon

July 11-15, 2022

Suggested donation: \$10.00/child or \$18/family\*

## REGISTRATION

Family Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name & Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Persons authorized to pick up children: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Known Allergies/Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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Known Allergies/Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

My children have my permission to attend & participate in MLULC VBS per Terms on page 2

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help with VBS (adults & teens age 12 & up) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please also sign the back side of this page.**

For registration purposes: Age Group/ Crew: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Scholarships available if needed.

# Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School

July 11-15, 2022

Registration Form, *Continued from page 1*

## Participation Agreement:

	YES	NO
My children have my permission to attend VBS at MLULC	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
VBS staff are permitted to provide First Aid to my kids if needed	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
My kids have my permission to be photographed for the church slide show & bulletin board:	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
My kids have my permission to have their photos appear on our Church website. Children's names will not appear.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Please note: We will follow health and safety guidelines and practices of our Church Council.

## Please read and sign below:

Parents/guardians agree not to send their children to VBS if the children are sick or have fever.

LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church allowing child(ren) listed on this 2-page form to participate in Vacation Bible School activities, I, the undersigned, do hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church, its directors, employees, volunteers, and agents from any and all liability, claims or demands for accidental personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the undersigned and the above child(ren) while involved in Vacation Bible School. Furthermore, on behalf of my minor child(ren), I hereby assume all risk of accidental personal injury, sickness, death, damage, and expense as a result of participation in activities involved therein. As well as releasing the child(ren), if necessary, for transportation to and from the Vacation Bible School location, I, the undersigned, do hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church, its directors, employees, volunteers, and agents from any and all liability, claims or demands for accidental personal injury in the process of transportation.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Camp Blast at Lutherlyn

May 7, 2022, 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 Camp Blast!*

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.

## Lutherlyn's 2022 Summer Camp Schedule

Week 1 June 19-24	-Camp Medley (JH) -Life in the Wild (Jr & JH) -Adventurers (JH & SH)	-Staff-In-Training (SH) -Horse Camp (Jr)
Week 2 June 26-July 1	-Classic (Jr) (JH) -Horse Camp (JH) -Small Fry Days (Th & Fri)	-Adventurers PLUS (SH) -Young Folks (Sun-Wed) -Grown Up & Me (Th & Fri)
Week 3 July 3-8	-Family Camp -On-Site Day Camp (1st-5th grade)	-Adventurers PLUS (SH)
Week 4 July 10-15	-Arts & Musical (Jr & JH) -Classic (Jr) (JH) -Venture (SH)	-Horse Camp (Jr) -Adventurers (JH & SH)
Week 5 July 17-22	-Classic (Jr) (JH) (SH) -Advanced Horse Camp (JH & SH) -Camp Medley (JH)	-Adventurers (JH & SH)
Week 6 July 24-29	-Classic (Jr) (JH) -Horse Camp (Jr) -Rocketry (JH & SH) -Junior Adventurers (Jr)	-Young Folks (Sun-Wed) -Small Fry Days (Th & Fri) -Grown Up & Me (Th & Fri)
Week 7 July 31- August 5	-Classic (Jr) (JH) -Rocketry (Jr) -Horse Camp (JH)	-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 2022 graduate



Registration for 2022 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 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!

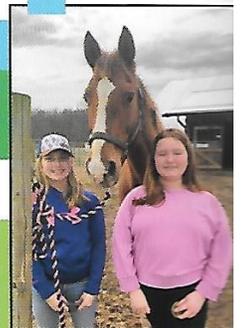
This coupon entitles FIRST-TIME Lutherlyn campers to \$100 off of the registration fee for Summer 2022. This applies to Lutherlyn's residential week-long programs. Young Folks half-week programs get \$50 off for FIRST-TIME campers. Does not apply to Family Camp, Confirmation Camp, Day Camps, or Small 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**.

(Please share this code with friends!)



## Lenten Project Toilet Paper Drive



Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Lenten Project. We posted a challenge and the church responded! The social ministry committee used a Thrivent grant to purchase 450 rolls of toilet paper, challenging the church to meet or exceed that amount. I am proud to announce that the church donated a total of 588 toilet paper rolls so the challenge was met!! My very full van on 1038 rolls of toilet paper was very happily received at Daily Bread ministries thanks to all of you!

Please see the thank you note below.



Dear Sara and Saints at Mt. Lebanon Lutheran Church,

WOW...1038 rolls of toilet paper! Congrats to you all for outmatching the contribution of the grant! I am sure that maybe you thought this was an unusual request, but there is a not a day that does not go by, that many folks do not ask for this commodity that we all take for granted! All day, I have been thinking of some clever words to thank you for this wonderful gift but the words are escaping me, and they would probably be tasteless. What words do come to mind is the fact that toilet paper is a necessity in life and when people do not have access to toilet paper, I believe it truly robs them of their dignity and somehow communicates on a deep level that they are less than human. Daily Bread is all about affirming the precious humanity of all of God' s children. With that simply being said, let me share my heartfelt thanks for your wonderful partnership in ministry.

With the deepest gratitude!

Bob Maravalli, Director Daily Bread Ministry



I would like you to consider participating in 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.

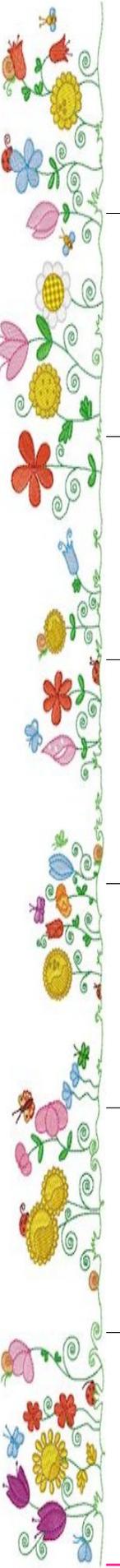




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<b>1 Easter 3</b> 8:30 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:30 Catechetics 2 <b>Pentecost Flower Orders Start</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00 Bible Study- The Post-Resurrection Appearances of Jesus	<b>3</b> 4:00 Catechetics 1	<b>4</b> 7:00 Choir	<b>5</b> 10:00 Bible Study- The Post-Resurrection Appearances of Jesus	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8 Easter 4</b> 8:30 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship 10:00 Sunday School <b>Feliz Dia de la Madre!</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00 Choir	<b>12</b> 10:00 Bible Study The Post-Resurrection Appearances of Jesus	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:00 First Communion Instruction
<b>15 Easter 5</b> 8:30 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship 10:00 <b>First Communion</b> 10:00 Sunday School 11:15 Catechism 1 2:00 Daily Bread Outreach <b>Pentecost Flower Order Due</b>	<b>16</b> 7:00 Bible Study- The Post-Resurrection Appearances of Jesus	<b>17</b> 4:00 Catechetics 1	<b>18</b> 7:00 Choir	<b>19</b> 10:00 Bible Study The Post-Resurrection Appearances of Jesus	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22 Easter 6</b> 8:30 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:15 Council Meeting	<b>23</b> 7:00 Bible Study- The Post-Resurrection Appearances of Jesus	<b>24</b> 4:00 Catechetics 1	<b>25</b> 7:00 Choir	<b>26 The Ascension of            Our Lord</b> 10:00 Bible Study	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29 Easter 7</b> 8:30 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship 11:30 Catechetics 2	<b>30 MEMORIAL DAY</b> <i>Office Closed</i> 7:00 Bible Study The Post-Resurrection Appearances of Jesus	<b>31</b> 4:00 Catechetics 1				



**Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church  
Safe and Healthy Practices for  
In-Person Worship and Activities On Site**

**Updated February 27, 2022**

**We are open on our campus for Worship, Christian Education, and other Activities, taking great care to provide safe conditions with practices that are informed by respected health experts and organizations.** While closely monitoring our ever-evolving circumstances, we will safely congregate to praise and worship the Lord in person. Virtual worship and live streaming is offered for those unable to join in person.

**When in the Building**

**Wellness:** We encourage all to be vaccinated and get the booster vaccine when eligible. This includes both COVID-19 and flu vaccines.

**Social Distancing** should be practiced by everyone. All worshippers and visitors should continue to use good judgment regarding social distancing and safe health practices.

**Facemasks** are optional while in the building. Those who wish to continue wearing their masks will be welcomed and respected. One-time use masks will be available at the rear entrance and in the Narthex for those who wish to wear a mask.

**Worship Practices**

**Bulletins** will be positioned on tables near the entrance to the nave (next to the Offering Plates) for your use. Please pick up your bulletin, take it with you to the pew, and take the bulletin home with you at the conclusion of the Liturgy. (The events and other information may be referenced during the week!)

**Offering Plates** will be positioned near the entrances to the worship space. Please place your offering in the plate as you walk to a designated pew. You are also invited to use the [myE-offering](#) link at [www.MtLebanonLutheran.org](http://www.MtLebanonLutheran.org).

**Pews:** Worshippers are encouraged to maintain social distancing during liturgies as much as possible. Please sit in designated pews and respect the ribbons that identify which pews are available for seating and social distancing.

**Distribution of Holy Communion:** Social distance down the middle aisle to receive the Eucharist and dispose of your portion cups in the receptacles located on either side of each section of pews as you return to your seats. Do not consume the elements until you have moved beyond the tables on either side of the center aisle.

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### **At the Conclusion of Worship**

**Fellowship in the Narthex** is held near the Narthex doors or outside. Individual beverages and packaged treats will be available for all to enjoy while greeting one another.

Wrappers will be recycled as a demonstration of our environmental stewardship.

Due to reduced coffee consumption, please consider supporting the Coffee Project of Lutheran World Relief during this time.

### **Virtual Worship (online and via telephone)**

**Livestream Worship** is held each week on our Facebook page during the 8:30 AM Liturgy.

**On Demand Worship** is available on our congregation's Facebook page and our YouTube Channel.

Both are accessed easily via the link on our website's homepage ([www.MtLebanonLutheran.org](http://www.MtLebanonLutheran.org)).

**Telephone-based Liturgy** is available at 10 am on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in worshipping by phone, please contact the Church Office by Friday at Noon.

**Tithes and Offerings:** Members and friends unable to attend sanctuary worship are encouraged to remain faithful in giving. Financial gifts may be mailed to the church office. Also consider using our web-based option. The link to [myE-offering](#) will continue to be available on our website's homepage. ([www.MtLebanonLutheran.org](http://www.MtLebanonLutheran.org))

### **MASKING GUIDELINES**

**The Congregational Council has voted unanimously to end the mask mandate in our church building. Face coverings are now optional.** Social distancing practices remain in place. The Council will continue to monitor the situation and refine guidelines as necessary.

On February 25, 2022, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated its guidance for mask wearing. By following the CDC guidelines, we join the policy now in place with the Mt. Lebanon School District. Allegheny County's "low transmission" status was a main factor in adopting the new guidelines.

The CDC notes that people may choose to mask at any time. People who are not yet vaccinated or have other health and/or family considerations are welcomed and should feel comfortable and respected as they continue to wear masks in the church building.

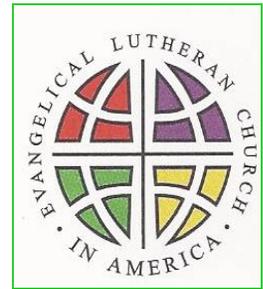
Additional information appears in the March edition of "The Voice".



- 1** *Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month* Praise God for [Asian and Pacific Islander](#) members, congregations and ministries of the ELCA that use God's gifts of culture, language and heritage to share the good news of Jesus Christ, loving and serving our neighbor in a multicultural world.
- 2** Pray for the safety and well-being of those directly impacted by the war in Ukraine — both the people inside its borders and the nearly 4 million who have left the country. Pray for peace, wisdom, justice, repentance and reconciliation, and give thanks for the assistance provided by Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, and our partners and companion churches in Ukraine and across Eastern Europe.
- 3** "O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me" (Psalm 30:2). Pray for healing, comfort and peace for all who suffer sorrow, trauma, illness, fear or hardship, and ask the Spirit to equip us for responding to our neighbors in need with love, hope and support.
- 4** Give thanks and pray for Lutheran Men in Mission and other ministries with men in our congregations, that they will reach and serve men of all ages, strengthening their faith in Christ, equipping them to love and serve their neighbor, and creating faithful communities of men.
- 5** Remembering the story of how God transformed Paul's life, purpose and spirit, pray that people everywhere might be changed by the grace of God, the work of the Spirit and the influence of caring and loving people, including ourselves.
- 6** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Metropolitan New York Synod, the New Jersey Synod and the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.
- 7** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.
- 8** On Mother's Day, thank God for mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, expectant mothers, women struggling with parenting, women trying to conceive and women who cannot bear children of their own but serve as loving and caring adults in the lives of children and youth.
- 9** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Rocky Mountain Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.
- 10** Remember in prayer students at college, university and seminary as they prepare for final exams, celebrate graduation or begin their careers, that they might find opportunities to use their gifts, faith and passion in service to their neighbors and communities.
- 11** "The Lord is my shepherd" (Psalm 23:1). Pray that we might find clarity and be reassured of God's love and attention through the psalmist's description of a shepherd who restores, leads, nourishes and accompanies us, calming our fears and showing us mercy.
- 12** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Delaware-Maryland Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.
- 13** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Oregon Synod, the Saint Paul Area Synod, the Northeastern Ohio Synod and the East Central Synod of Wisconsin, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.
- 14** [Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Great Lakes, Southeast Michigan and North/West Lower Michigan synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.](#)
- 15** Pray that we will be faithful to Jesus' commandment to love one another, and pray that we might be recognized as disciples of Christ and communities of faith through our Spirit-inspired acts of love, kindness, service, justice and hospitality.
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- 16** Remember in prayer the conflict in Ethiopia, which has caused displacement, suffering and loss of life among the most vulnerable — women, children and older adults. Pray for relief, hope and strength for those who have been impacted and for an end to the violence and ethnic discrimination. Give thanks for the relief work of Lutheran World Relief and the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, and for the financial support of Lutheran Disaster Response.
- 17** Ask the Spirit to stir our enthusiasm for sharing the good news of Jesus Christ throughout the world, that all people might know the boundless love of God that renews and unites us as siblings in Christ.
- 18** Pray that we might not grow weary or apathetic about the needs of our neighbor, especially when their difficulties and situations seem complicated, overwhelming or distant from us. Ask the Spirit to nurture within us love and concern that are enduring, impartial and wise.
- 19** Praise God for everything that brings joy, hope, encouragement or brightness into our lives.
- 20** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Pacifica, Greater Milwaukee, Southeastern Iowa and Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.
- 21** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.
- 22** Promise to respond to those we encounter who are struggling, homeless, lonely, grieving or ill; ask the Spirit to encourage, equip and guide us when we feel ill-equipped to love and care for our neighbor.
- 23** Thank God for our special relationship with The Episcopal Church, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1999. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength and resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor, especially in these challenging times.
- 24** Among your siblings in Christ, who has surprised you with their welcoming spirit, generosity, wisdom or eagerness to share their faith? Give thanks to God for people who unexpectedly enrich our lives.
- 25** Give thanks for young adults from across the country who have responded to the call to serve in summer ministries at ELCA camps. Ask the Spirit to equip, inspire and sustain them for sharing their faith in Christ and developing caring communities of faith with campers of all backgrounds, abilities and ages.
- 26** *Ascension Day* "Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth" (Psalm 47:1-2). Praise and honor our wonderful God!
- 27** "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you" (John 14:26). Remember in prayer the gift of the Spirit in our midst, working through us to call, gather, enlighten, bless and unify the church on earth.
- 28** Pray for the ELCA Justice for Women program and its work fostering gender awareness, justice and dignity, that our congregations and communities might value, embrace and be shaped by the unique voices and experiences of people across race, ethnicity, ability, class, sexuality and age.
- 29** Ask God to unite us as communities of faith and siblings in Christ, introducing others to what God has done in the world through the life, teachings, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus.
- 30** *Memorial Day* Remember, honor and give thanks for members of the armed forces who sacrificed their lives for the sake of peace. Pray for those who serve in harm's way today and for our neighbors around the world who have served their own countries in pursuit of peace, justice and freedom.
- 31** Pray for congregations as they prepare for mission trips, service-learning experiences and local community ministries, that their efforts might exemplify compassion, respect, mutual relationship, intentional partnership and our call to love and serve our neighbor as Christ loves and serves us.

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Parish Secretary



## LOOKING AHEAD...

**Day of Pentecost**      **June 5, 2022**  
**8:30 and 10:00 AM Festive Worship**  
**8:30 Live Virtual Worship**

The third great festival day of the church year  
[for without Pentecost, the events of Christmas and Easter would have faded from human hearts centuries ago!]

Those preparing to make a public affirmation of their baptism [Confirmation]  
at the 10:00 Liturgy are:

Gigi Burket  
Luke Frankovitch  
Henry Keplar

## The Holy Trinity JUNE 12

ONE LITURGY—9:30 AM  
**Larry Allen's last Sunday**



Trinity Sunday is a day that celebrates and honors the Holy Trinity. We commemorate and celebrate God who is three in one: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.  
Trinity Sunday falls on the Sunday after Pentecost.