

# the Voice parish newsletter

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



***God gives grace to the humble.*** –James 5:6

In Mark 5, Jesus came to the home of a gravely ill girl. He took her by the hand and said, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up.” She did; she began to walk; her parents were overcome with amazement. In his novel, *Of Time and the River*, Thomas Wolfe describes a man in this way...

*He had been a nameless atom in the great family of earth, a single unknown thread in the huge warp of fate and chance that weaves our lives together and because of this he had been the richest man that ever lived.*

Wolfe speaks of the ‘common man’; the innumerable cogs in the wheel of life that make life what it is. Cogs are minor, but necessary for life. Scripture and literature are rife with accounts of them finally receiving at last dignity, recognition, appreciation, and love.

The little girl was a cog of sorts. We don’t know what became of her after Jesus raised her up, but there’s no need for any speculation. What was important for the gospel writer, Mark, was to have us know Jesus gave grace to her. Psalm 147:7 says, “*The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.*” Mary says in her Magnificat, “*He has filled the hungry with good things.*” God has a heart for cogs.

I worry about bucket lists; they’re always about ourselves; our desire to visit one more place, see one more thing, hike one more trail, swim one more ocean, buy one more home in a homeless world. Why are our bucket lists nearly always self-centered? God is not found on the lists of many. Our 100<sup>th</sup> year is a time to reexamine our buckets. It’s not too late for us to become *nameless atoms in the great family of earth, single unknown threads in the huge warp that weaves our lives together and because of this the richest persons who’ve ever lived.*

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Doug Heagy



**May, 2025**

**Tour the Mt. Lebanon Churches  
Celebrating 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversaries**  
Sunday June 29, 2025, from 2 - 4:30 PM

Three historic churches on Washington Road are opening their doors to the community for free tours. We are one of them!

We are looking for members to serve as docents and greeters here at Mt. Lebanon Lutheran. Speaking points and FAQs will be provided.

Schedules will allow volunteers time to visit the other two churches, if desired. Please contact the Church Office or Alan Trivilino for more information and to sign up!

# A Century of Community

FREE TOURS OF THE  
BUILDINGS THAT ARE THE  
HEART AND SOUL OF MT.  
LEBANON TURNING 100 THIS  
YEAR.



Join us for special tours celebrating 100 years of history, community, and architecture in Mt. Lebanon! Explore three historic churches that have shaped our community over the past century. Discover timeless stories, stunning architecture, and the rich heritage that makes these spaces so unique. Whether you're a history enthusiast or simply curious about the landmarks that define our town, this is an experience you won't want to miss.



**All 3 churches are open  
for tours on Sunday,  
June 29, 2:00-4:30 PM**

**Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church  
Southminster Presbyterian Church  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

**975 Washington Rd.  
799 Washington Rd.  
1066 Washington Rd.**

## IMPORTANT UPDATES REQUESTED

Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church is updating contact information for members and friends of our congregation. We want to ensure that we can provide you with relevant and timely information. We will **not** share this information outside of congregational matters without your permission.

Please fill out this form and email it to the church at [mtleboluth@aol.com](mailto:mtleboluth@aol.com) or mail it to Mt. Lebanon Church, 975 Washington Road, Pgh, PA 15228.

### Member and Friend Contact Information

Spring 2025

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:**

Preferred email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to receive weekly email information, the monthly newsletter, and other occasional informational emails about worship liturgies and other activities.

YES      NO      (Circle one)

**PHONE:**

Preferred phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile   or   Landline      (Circle One)

Secondary phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile   or   Landline      (Circle One)

**TEXT MESSAGES:**

I want to receive text messages regarding ***time sensitive*** information about worship liturgies, funerals, and other important updates (such as schedule changes or cancellations due to weather, illness, or other extraordinary circumstances).

YES      NO      (Circle One)

**PHYSICAL ADDRESS:**

Street Address Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal (Zip) Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country (if not U.S.A.) \_\_\_\_\_

# MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

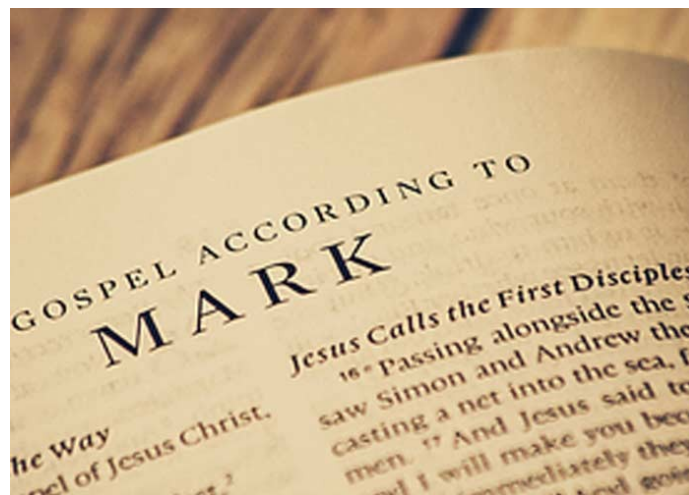
## The Gospel of Mark

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

*This Bible study is a weekly group discussion of one chapter from Mark's gospel.*

May 5	Mark 8
May 12	Mark 9
May 19	Mark 10
May 26	Memorial Day (No class)

*Led by Pastor Heagy, we will discuss one chapter of Mark's gospel each week and related Bible passages with a view toward life applications and current events. All are welcome. This study will conclude June 30. Weekly attendance is optional; come when you can!*



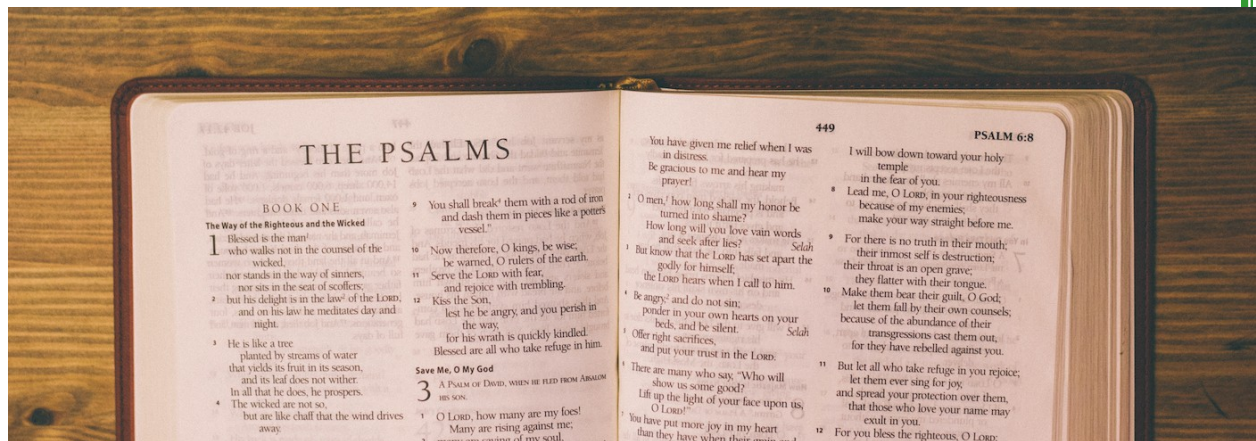


# THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Led by Pastor Heagy, we will discuss one Psalm each week, learning the setting and purpose of each Psalm and making applications for life today.

May 1	Psalm 7 / Psalm 8
May 8	Psalm 9
May 15	Psalm 10
May 22	Psalm 11
May 29	Psalm 12

*Bibles will be provided or bring your own. All are welcome. This Psalm study is ongoing and could continue for three years. Weekly attendance is optional; come when you can!*



## FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

### Stewards of Relationships

*You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. –Exodus 20:16*

Even if you've never had to testify in court, a thousand TV shows have made you familiar with the question, "Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?" Why not just make people swear to tell the truth? Or make them promise not to lie? Any parent who has ever had to interrogate a child about a broken cookie jar or a scuffle over a toy knows the answer. There are plenty of ways to try to get out of trouble without technically lying. You tell just enough of the truth to skate on by.

We often play the game of seeing how close we can get to sinning without technically going over the line.

But in our heart of hearts we know that this is not what God intended when He gave us the commandments. He's not giving us a merely negative rule and challenging us to just barely stay away from this or that. There is much more to each commandment than a prohibition. We shouldn't just avoid murdering people — we should be of service to our neighbor.

For each negative prohibition in the commandments there is a positive good that we are to cherish and protect. In the Eighth Commandment, that gift is the reputation of our neighbor and our relationship with him:

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Your relationship with your family members (who are your nearest neighbors), the other members of your congregation, your coworkers and your friends is one of the most precious gifts you have been given. You need to exercise good stewardship with this gift just as much as you need to exercise good stewardship with your life, resources, time and income. This is an especially fragile gift because it's easy to ruin a relationship with slander and talking behind someone's back.

But speaking well of your neighbor in Christian love is absolutely free; it costs you nothing, yet it pays you great dividends. If you find this challenging at times, if you are tempted to speak ill of others, just remember that this other person is also a beloved child of God for whom your Lord Jesus suffered and died. Your Lord Jesus loves you both.



## Mt. Lebanon Lutheran Campus Grounds Renewal Project is Underway

As our congregation begins its next 100 years of its history, we are taking steps to enhance our grounds on the Washington Road facing side of our campus. Our appearance should be welcoming, safe, and ensure the long-term viability of our building. Plans are actively underway to refresh our “front door” to the community.

We recently removed one dead tree and one diseased tree on the northern portion of the church grounds. These posed potential risks to vehicular traffic as well as the many school children, dog walkers, joggers, and other pedestrians along Washington Road. Additionally, three trees in front of the Education wing were harvested. The pin oaks continued to grow up and out into the power lines. Also, their leaves do not disintegrate which create maintenance issues, impact the roof, and result in untenable insurance implications.

New trees will be planted as well as other features to beautify our property. A committee of church members will be reviewing native tree species that are approved for Mt. Lebanon and the Pittsburgh region. These trees will enhance our property, address safety and other concerns, and reflect environmental stewardship.



### SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE: MAY, 2025

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 email the church at [mtlebo-luth@aol.com](mailto:mtlebo-luth@aol.com)

	8:30	10:00
May 4-Crucifer	TBD	Annaleigh Dwulit
May 11-Crucifer	Ewan Keplar	Church Youth
May 18- Crucifer	Dylan Solomon	Gabriel Provins
May 25-Crucifer	TBD	Madalena Provins



# ONLINE GIVING

*Is now available in association with*



[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







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 YouTube channel*

## The Word of the Lord

May 4	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 9:1-6 Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19
May 11	Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30 YOUTH SUNDAY HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
May 18	Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY
May 25	Sixth Sunday of Easter Isaiah 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5 John 14:22-29 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday School  
10:00 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 **on Sunday, May 18**



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 2025 continues on Saturday mornings, promptly at 10:00 AM, on May 3 and May 10. Classes will be one hour in length. Attendance is required! Parents of students are encouraged to attend. There will be a make-up class date of April 17.**

Questions with regard to communion practices and/or First Communion instruction are welcome and should be directed to the Pastor.



### Looking Ahead Upcoming Feast Days

Ascension of Our Lord  
Thursday, May 29th

Day of Pentecost  
June 8

The Holy Trinity  
June 15



### PIANO AVAILABLE

We have recently replaced the upright piano in the Social Hall with a donated baby grand piano in much better condition. The upright piano is available for anyone interested. Please contact the Church office.





## 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; Andy Kelemen; Linda Larkin; Bill Young; Shari Ehrlich

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** for the June issue of the *Voice* are to be submitted by Sunday, May 11. Articles may be left in the church office or email: [mtleboluth@aol.com](mailto:mtleboluth@aol.com).

### Class of 2025....

Parents, please submit the names of the Spring graduates for the June *Voice* to the church office. Include the graduate's name, high 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!!

### Security Training

We will have important congregation security training on Saturday, May 31, starting at 8 AM and lasting for 3 to 4 hours.

This training will be conducted by Sgt. Scott Dubrosky, University of Pittsburgh Police and a member of our congregation, and his Special Emergency Response Team. Scott and his team have provided this civilian response training for active killer incidents to Pitt staff, outside community groups and churches based on the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Theory of "Run-Hide-Fight."

This training is highly encouraged and offered to any in the congregation who are able to attend. Refreshments and breaks will be provided throughout the morning.

Please reserve the date and sign up on the poster in the Narthex, or reply to the church office.

## Daily Bread Ministries May 18



This month's menu will be *Fried Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw, Iced Tea 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.

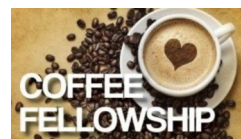
## You're Invited...To the Sunday Morning Fellowship

Each Sunday worshippers have the opportunity to greet one another and welcome visitors at our: ***Sunday Morning Fellowship*** in the Foyer. Join us in between the early and late Liturgies to share greetings and conversations with friends and visitors. Refreshments are available for all.

The Sunday Morning Fellowship also provides opportunities to volunteer:

- Sponsor the Coffee Project of Lutheran World Relief, helping small growers, their families and communities through the fair trade of coffee.
- Volunteer to set up and clean the Fellowship refreshments table. It's easy to do and a member of the Hospitality Committee will show you how. Also, written instructions are available.
- Provide sweet (or healthy) treats for all to enjoy. (Gluten free and nut free treats are also welcomed)

If you'd like to help you can sign up on the bulletin board in the main hallway, or contact the church office.



## Lenten Service Project 2025

The Lenten service project was a big success thanks to the generosity and compassion of our congregation. A carload of donations as well as much-needed gift cards were delivered. to Thanks again to all for support of this worthwhile project.

## Global Links

The next Global Links will be Tuesday, May 13th at 1:00-3:00 pm.

Sign up sheet in the Narthex. Come join us as we pack medical supplies for those in need.

Farmer's Market will begin June 4th and continue every Wednesday's 4-7 pm through the end of October, in our parking lot.



**Please remember** the ministry of the Food Bank at St. Michael and All Angels' Lutheran in Spring Garden on Pittsburgh's North-side and Dormont Free Pantry 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.] or to the ELCA World Hunger ministries using a *designated gift envelope* in your pew. Items may be brought any Sunday.

Altar Flowers & Worship Bulletins are still available for the 2025 year.

Please see Sign up sheet in the Narthex or call the church office to reserve a day.

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

## THE WALK TO EMMAUS

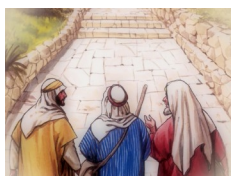
SUNDAY, MAY 4

12:30 PM



On Sunday, May 4, church members are invited to join Pastor Heagy and others for a walk on the Montour Trail in remembrance of the Emmaus walk that took place on the first Easter Day.

We will meet in the Rite Aid parking lot and conclude the afternoon with refreshments at Al's Café. Please join the fun and invite friends! We will walk, not run, in our time together. Doubters and stragglers are welcome!





# The Festival of Pentecost

## Sunday June 8, 2025

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 invited 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 Sunday, May 25**

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."

On Monday, June 9th at 10:00 am (date subject to change pending weather) the flowers will be planted in the beds in front of our building to beautify the grounds and to 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

**May 25 at 10:00 AM**

Our second-year Catechism Youth will make a Public Affirmation of their Baptism (the rite also known as Confirmation) this month. The congregation extends our prayers for the youth at this milestone of their faith journey! A reception honoring our Confirmands will be held in the Foyer following the 10:00 Liturgy. Two Confirmands will affirm their faith on Sunday, May 25:

**Isla Gentzel**

**Ella Mayer**

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 indicated they are prepared by grace to assume responsibilities within the life of the Church and in Christ's mission to the world.

*Happy Mothers Day  
May 11, 2025*



*"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 26, 2025.*

### **Children's Choir**

Many thanks to our Children's Choir for participating in the Palm Sunday processional and singing in Worship that day. They will next sing in Worship on May 18, the last day of Sunday School. Several teens will accompany them on the Church's Orff Instruments, the xylophone, metallophone, and glockenspiel.

# Welcome To The Lord's Table

## Welcome to the Lord's Table

On May 18, 2025 we will celebrate First Holy Communion with several of our families.

Samantha Croom  
Lily Harlacher  
Edith Koval  
Austin Porter  
Tatum Tomnay

Full participation in the Celebration of the Eucharist is a milestone in a young person's life. The prayers and joy of the Church are extended to them and their families! A cake reception in honor of our First Communicants will be held that morning in the Foyer.



# YOUTH SUNDAY

May 11, 2025

10:00 am

Our Catechetical students and other youth in our congregation will help Pastor Heagy lead the worship liturgy at 10:00 am. Please join us on this special occasion. The 8:30 liturgy will be held on this day, led by pastor.





# Road Trip Vacation Bible School - July 14-18, 2025 - 9am-noon



## VBS Volunteers Needed in Specific Roles:

### During VBS week, July 15-19, we need:

- On-site Director
- Site Leaders in Bible Storytelling, Science, Games, Snacks
- Media Tech Leader (*teen or adult; set up and running projector and sound system each day*)
- Crew Leaders & assistants (*teens*)
- Photographer
- Registration Table (*Monday & Tuesday 8am-10am*)
- Assistants in Crafts, Snacks, Music, Science
- Setup/Take-down Traffic Barriers (*before and after VBS each morning*)
- Custodial support

### Prior to VBS week we need:

- Help with decorating & setup – *various days, weekdays, evening & weekend shifts – Contact Julia Nelson: [jmnelson25@comcast.net](mailto:jmnelson25@comcast.net)*
- Last minute setup tasks on July 13, following the late Worship Liturgy.

### After VBS week:

- Help breakdown set & cleanup, flexible time shifts—*let us know your available dates.*

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.

## Volunteer Meetings:

Please attend either time:

Sunday, June 1 – 11:00 am **or** Monday, June 2 – 7:00 pm  
In Social Hall

## Road Trip Vacation Bible School Supplies Needed

### VBS Items to Borrow: *(for decorating)*

- A standing hat or coat rack



### VBS Items to Donate: *(for decorating)*

- Large yellow duct tape
- White duct tape
- Large cardboard, at least 36" in both directions
- Any paint (acrylic or tempera)
- Large brushes (1-3 inches)
- Old maps
- Yellow caution signs (i.e., for "slippery floor", "kids playing", etc.)

### VBS Items to donate: *(for crafts)*

3-6" die-cut vinyl Alphabet Letters/Numbers adhesive stickers

- Crayola fabric markers for kids
- Legos: need some wheels, steering wheels, auto parts
- Folding travel maps (new or like-new)

**We need these items by June 15.** Please place them in the CRAFT DONATIONS box in the Narthex. Larger items can be brought to the Middle Grades Classroom (across from Choir Room). Questions regarding craft donations: Contact Deb at [drhazlett@verizon.net](mailto:drhazlett@verizon.net)

Questions regarding decorating donations: Contact Julia at [jmnelson26@comcast.net](mailto:jmnelson26@comcast.net)

Look for updated lists, including snack donations, in the June *Voice Newsletter*, and at the VBS display in the Narthex in the coming weeks.

Thank you in advance for your donations!



# Vacation Bible School

Ages: 4 and older

Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church

Monday - Friday, 9:00 - noon

**July 14-18, 2025**

Suggested donation: \$10.00/child or \$20/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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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 14-18, 2025

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"/>
I grant permission to take photos/videos of my children and to use and to use these images in church newsletter and website. I understand that photos and videos will not be accompanied by captions or tags that include names or other identifying information.	<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.

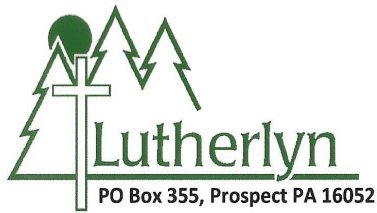
### Please read and sign below:

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 \_\_\_\_\_





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## You Are Invited to CampBlast!

**Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 2025, 11am-4:30pm**

Join us for a day of FUN that highlights all that Lutherlyn has to offer.

Campfire, crafts, gaga ball, archery, zipline, bouldering room, hiking, nature activities, hay rides, games, sports, 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 the registration fee for Summer 2025. This applies to Lutherlyn's overnight 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!)



## Registration Now Underway

Go to:

<https://www.lutherlyn.com/summer>  
for details.

Watch for more information in  
future  
Voice Newsletters

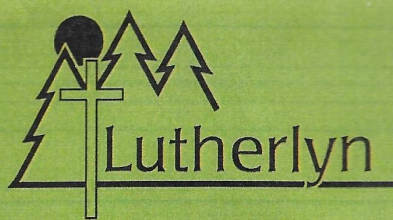
## Lutherlyn's 2025 Summer Camp Schedule

<b>Week 1</b> June 15-20	-Confirmation Camp -Classic (Jr) (SH) -Horse Camp (Jr)	-Life in the Wild (JH) -Adventurers (JH/SH) -Staff-In-Training (SH)
<b>Week 2</b> June 22-27	-Classic (Jr) (JH) -Horse Camp (JH/SH) -Adventurers (JH/SH) -Musical Theater (Jr/JH)	-Young Folks (Sun-Wed) -Small Fry Days (Th & Fri) -Grown Up & Me (Th & Fri)
<b>Week 3</b> June 29-July 4	-Family Camp -On-Site Day Camp (1st-5th grade) -Adventurers Outpost (SH)	
<b>Week 4</b> July 6-11	-Classic (Jr) (JH) (SH) -Life in the Wild (Jr) -Horse Camp (JH/SH) -Adventurers (JH & SH)	-Young Folks (Sun-Wed) -Small Fry Days (Th & Fri) -Grown Up & Me (Th & Fri)
<b>Week 5</b> July 13-18	-Classic (Jr) (JH) -Venture (SH) -Horse Camp (Jr)	-Adventurers (JH & SH) -Arts Camp (Jr/JH)
<b>Week 6</b> July 20-25	-Classic (Jr) (JH) (SH) -Horse Camp (Jr) -Rocketry (JH/SH)	-Camp Medley (JH) -Junior Adventurers (Jr)
<b>Week 7</b> July 27-August 1	-Classic (Jr) (JH) -Night Owls (JH/SH) -Horse Camp (JH/SH)	-Rocketry (Jr) -Junior Adventurers (Jr)

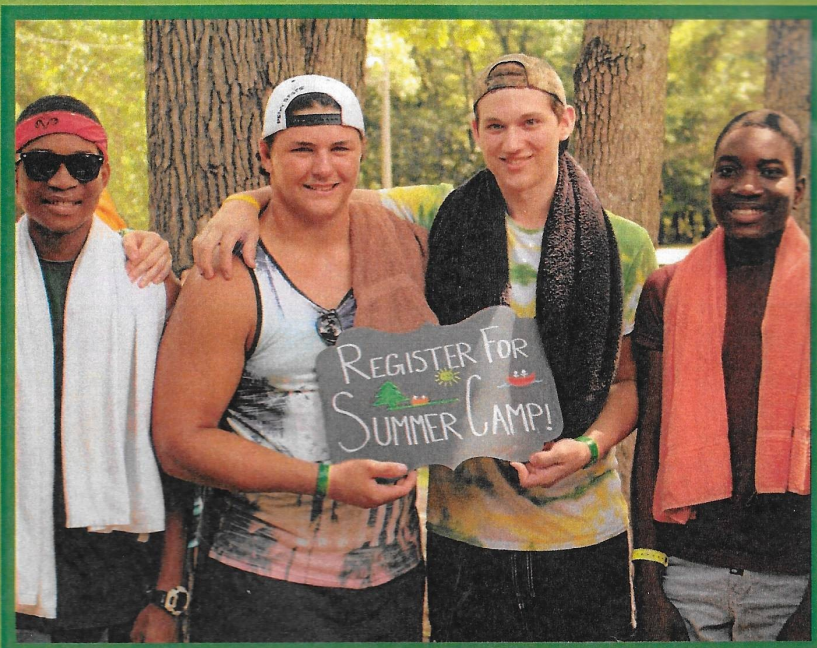
"Young Folks" - campers enter grades 2-3, "Jr" - campers enter grades 4-6,  
"JH" - campers enter grades 7-9, "SH" - campers enter grades 10-12 or 2025 graduate

**Registration for 2025 starts on February 1.**  
**Campships are available for all who need assistance.**  
**Visit [www.lutherlyn.com/summer](http://www.lutherlyn.com/summer) for details.**





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**Accepted. Challenged. Sent.**

## SUMMER CAMP - REACH 2025

At Lutherlyn we combine fun, friends, swimming, adventure challenges, cookouts, worship, campfire, nature activities, games, songs, crafts, and LOTS of fun surprises into an unforgettable week!

Weeklong programs run from Sunday afternoon (2:30-4:00pm check-in) until Friday evening (6:00-7:00pm pick-up). Campers live in cabins furnished with bunk beds and bathrooms (including showers). Cabin Leaders live with their cabin group; campers are never left unsupervised.

Cabin groups eat, play, learn, and live together as a family. In addition to our highly trained staff, a nurse is present at camp at all times. The **REACH** program includes 1 week of Classic Camp (dates listed below), a snack and drink from the camp store each afternoon, a \$10 Camp Store Account, and any items needed from the packing list.

To register a camper through the **REACH** program, please call Lutherlyn at 724-865-2161.

### Juniors

going into 4th - 6th grade

June 15-20  
June 22-27  
July 6-11  
July 13-18  
July 20-25  
July 27-Aug. 1

### Junior High

going into 7th - 9th grade

June 22-27  
July 6-11  
July 13-18  
July 20-25  
July 27-Aug. 1

### Senior High

going into 10th grade - 2023

graduate  
June 15-20  
July 6-11  
July 13-18  
July 20-25

\* The information on this flyer is for the 2025 **REACH** program; a need-based referral program. For a complete list of all Lutherlyn summer programs visit [www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp](http://www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp).

# **100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Celebration Events – Save the Dates!**

We are celebrating our first century in Mt. Lebanon and will continue to serve the Lord and the community for centuries to come.

Please mark your calendar for the following events:



## **100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Dinner Celebration at the St. Clair Country Club**

June 19, 2025 – 6:15 pm  
Fellowship, Dinner, and Program with Special Guests.



Invitations (including cost & dinner selections) will be sent via mail.

## **100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary “Super Celebration” on our Campus**



Rally Day September 7, 2025  
101<sup>st</sup> Sunday School Year begins,  
Social Ministries Project for all,  
Special Activities, Food, and Surprises



Additional information will be announced in August.





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 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			3:30 Catechetics 2 7:00 Choir	1 10:00 Bible Study 12:00-2:30 ESL	2	3 10:00 First Communion Instruction
<b>4 Easter 3</b> 8:30 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship 10:00 Sunday School 12:30 Walk To Emmaus	<b>5</b> 9-2:30 ESL 7:00 Study Group	<b>6</b> 12:00-2:30 ESL 3:30 Catechetics 1	<b>7</b> 3:30 Catechetics 2 7:00 Choir	<b>8</b> 10:00 Study Study 12:00-2:30 ESL	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10:00 First Communion Instruction
<b>11 Easter 4</b> 8:40 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship 10:00 Youth Sunday 10:00 Sunday School <b>Happy Mother's Day</b>	<b>12</b> 9-2:30 ESL 7:00 Bible Study	<b>13</b> 1:00-3:00 Global Links 12:00-2:30 ESL 3:30 Catechetics 1	<b>14</b> 3:30 Catechetics 2 7:00 Choir	<b>15</b> 10:00 Study Study 12:00-2:30 ESL	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:00 First Communion Instruction Make-Up Day
<b>18 Easter 5</b> 8:30 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship 10:00 Sunday School-Last Day 10:00 First Holy Communion & Reception 11:15 Council Meeting 2:00 Daily Bread Meal	<b>19</b> 9-2:30 ESL 7:00 Bible Study	<b>20</b> 12:00-2:30 ESL 3:30 Catechetics 1	<b>21</b> 3:30 Catechetics 2 7:00 Choir	<b>22</b> 10:00 Study Study 12:00-2:30 ESL	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25 Easter 9</b> 8:30 & 10:00 Worship 8:30 Live Virtual Worship 10:00 <b>Confirmation &amp; Reception</b> Pentecost flower Order Due	<b>26 MEMORIAL DAY</b> <i>Office Closed</i> 7:00 Bible Study	<b>27</b> 12:00-2:30 ESL 3:30 Catechetics 1	<b>28</b>	<b>29 Ascension</b> 10:00 Bible Study 12:00-2:30 ESL 7:30 Virtual Worship	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Security Training 8:00 AM





## What is confirmation?

August 11, 2014

“What’s up with confirmation? What happens during confirmation and why do we have it?” –  
*Braden Malme, Arlington, Wash.*

**Anne:** You are not alone in asking this question! Many people, including pastors, wonder what the point of confirmation is. Something that helps me is to call it Affirmation of Baptism, which is a much more descriptive name for what we’re doing. Basically, it’s an opportunity for people to affirm for themselves the promises that their parents, sponsors and congregation made for them at their baptism. At baptism, parents make this promise: “... to live with them among God’s faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy Scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.”

At their affirmation of baptism, confirmands are asked to make this promise for themselves: “...to live among God’s faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.” The process of preparing people to affirm these promises can take many forms, including classes and increased involvement in congregational life. The process of confirmation takes many forms and varies from congregation to congregation, but the end goal is the same: to prepare people to boldly and confidently make those promises, affirm their baptisms and continue to live out their faith in the church.

**Kelly:** While confirmation is a time-honored rite of passage in our Lutheran tradition, we tend to treat confirmation like the finish line when it is really more like the starting gate.

Living Lutheran Magazine  
August 11, 2014





**1** *Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month* Praise God for Asian and Pacific Islander members, congregations and ministries of the ELCA, which represent a diversity of cultures, languages and traditions. Pray for the ministry of the Association of Asians and Pacific Islanders of the ELCA.

**2** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Arkansas-Oklahoma, Metropolitan New York and Minneapolis Area 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.

**3** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northeastern Minnesota, Northwest Intermountain and Southwestern Texas 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.

**4** “[Peter] said to [Jesus], ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep’” (John 21:17). Ask God to help us align our expressions of faith and love for God with how we respect, love and care for our neighbors in need and our siblings in Christ.

**5** Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with the United Church of Christ, a full communion partner since 1997. 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.

**6** Pray that compassion and concern for the well-being of people and communities will guide leaders and governments to work diligently for peace, reconciliation, justice and mutual respect.

**7** Sing praises and give thanks to God for being our strength in *all* circumstances and for attending to our need for help, renewal and encouragement.

**8** Pray for Lutheran Disaster Response and its collaborations with other disaster relief organizations — domestic, international and ecumenical — to provide physical, emotional and spiritual care for people affected by disasters and to support them during short- and long-term recovery efforts.

**9** “In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done” (*WOF* 760). Pray for the Spirit to give us a clear understanding of God's will and ways, that our concern and love for our neighbors in need will not be hindered by bias, suspicion or judgement.

**10** Remember in prayer students at universities, colleges and seminaries as they prepare for exams and graduation, that they will find comfort in times of stress, encouragement when they feel uncertain and renewed hope for what lies ahead of them in their vocational journeys.

**11** *Mother's Day* Pray for mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers and expectant mothers. Pray for women who struggle with parenting, who are trying to conceive or who cannot bear children of their own but serve as loving and faithful adults in the lives of children and youth.

**12** Praise God for the boundless love and forgiveness we have in Jesus Christ and the gift of eternal life that stirs hope, joy and gratitude in us. Pray for the Spirit to inspire and equip us to share this good news far and wide.

**13** The ELCA walks with more than 80 companion churches around the world to participate in God's work of service, reconciliation and proclaiming the gospel. Praise God for what we accomplish together and for the faith, hospitality, enthusiasm and wisdom of companion churches that energize our own leaders and congregations.

**14** Give thanks for ELCA Campus Ministry and the Lutheran Campus Ministry Network (LuMin), which serve students, faculty, staff and others on college and university campuses and which bear witness to God's abundant grace through worship, study, fellowship, service and pastoral care.

**15** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Great Lakes and Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast 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** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northwest Washington, Pacifica, Saint Paul Area 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.

**17** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, Southeastern Iowa Synod and Southwestern Pennsylvania 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.

**18** 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.

**19** Give thanks and pray for women from global companion churches who participate in the International Women Leaders program of our church. Ask God to nurture and enrich their leadership skills through seminars, south-to-south exchanges, in-country study programs and degree programs at ELCA colleges and universities.

**20** “Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!” (Psalm 148:1). Join with all creation to sing praises to God, who creates, loves and sustains all things — including a diverse and complex humankind.

**21** Pray for the Spirit to stir our wisdom, skills, creativity and commitment so that we might work together to address the vexing problems of our society, including hunger, poverty, racism, gun violence, mental illness, inaccessible health care and inadequate care for older adults.

**22** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Rocky Mountain 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.

**23** Give thanks for the ELCA's Lay Schools for Ministry program, which creates opportunities for lifelong learning that equip us for our baptismal vocations in this church and in the world.

**24** Remember in prayer people who work in seasonal jobs, that communities of faith will welcome and support them and that employers will meet their needs for housing, food, fair wages and recognition. Pray that we might express our gratitude to and affirm those who work behind the scenes.

**25** Give thanks and praise to God for the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is always with us to teach us how to serve as compassionate and courageous disciples of Christ throughout our lives.

**26** *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. Remember the families and loved ones who supported their service, grieve their loss and carry forward their memory and legacy.

**27** “May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us” (Psalm 67:1). Pray that all people and nations will know and give thanks for God's boundless love, forgiveness and power to make all things new through Jesus Christ, even when we can't envision the possibility.

**28** Ask the Spirit to help us respond to the call to participate in God's work in the world, no matter where it might lead, who we might encounter or what God might ask of us.

**29** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Montana, North Carolina and Southeastern 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.

**30** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Delaware-Maryland, Greater Milwaukee, Metropolitan Chicago, Nebraska, New England, Northeastern Pennsylvania, Northwestern Minnesota, Oregon, South Dakota, Southeastern Minnesota, Southeastern Pennsylvania, Southwest California and Western North Dakota 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.

**31** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Upstate New York 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.

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Parish Secretary



### Youth Sunday May 11, 2025 10:00 AM

Our Catechetical students and other youth in our congregation will help Pastor Heagy in leading the Worship Liturgy at 10:00. Please join us on this special occasion.

### First Holy Communion May 18, 2025

Those preparing for First Holy Communion on this day are:



**Samantha Croom  
Lily Harlacher  
Edith Koval  
Austin Porter  
Tatum Tomnay**



### Confirmation Sunday May 25, 2025 10:00 AM

(This year's Catechetics 2 class will make a public affirmation of their Baptism)

**Isla Gentzel  
Ella Mayer**