

the Voice parish newsletter

Thanks be to God for our 100th Year!

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all in one place. Acts 2:1

Pentecost came fifty days after Easter. Jesus' followers, fearing persecution, were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in languages other than their own. God's intent by the miracle was to announce to the world the gospel of Jesus.

Pentecost was a seminal event. The first-century church received power to go public with Jesus. For over two thousand years, the fiftieth day after Easter has been remembered. We will celebrate it this month on Sunday, June 8. We will hear the Pentecost story; sing hymns; and go forth as the first followers of Jesus did with the message of his forgiving love.

2025 marks the 100th year of Pentecost celebrations in our church. Each Pentecost in the last century found us in different circumstances. Some years we were small; other years we swelled to record numbers. Some years we enjoyed unity; other years we were divided over pressing issues. We have endured events over 100 years that shook us to the core. On occasions, we have been like the first followers of Jesus—filled with fear about the future.

An old hymn from 1749 describes the peril churches face, but also the confidence that comes by faith in Christ. On Rally Day in September, we will sing this hymn. Its words are fitting to contemplate. Here are the stanzas: *1 And are we yet alive, and see each other's face? Glory and praise to Jesus give for his redeeming grace! 2 Preserved by power divine to full salvation here, again in Jesus' praise we join, and in his sight appear. 3 What troubles have we seen, what mighty conflicts past, fightings without. and fears within, since we assembled last! 4 Yet out of all the Lord hath brought us by his love; and still he doth his help afford, and hides our life above. 5 Then let us make our boast of his redeeming power, which saves us to the uttermost, till we can sin no more. 6 Let us take up the cross till we the crown obtain, and gladly reckon all things loss so we may Jesus gain.*

Join us for our 100th Pentecost on June 8. Give thanks to God for our centennial year. The Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies, and keeps us in the faith that will never fail us. Let us look forward to more Pentecost days.

In Christ,

Pastor Doug Heagy



June, 2025

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





Time Sensitive!!!

**100th Year Anniversary Dinner
Celebration**



Please return your RSVPs to the Church Office now!

**100th Year Anniversary Dinner Celebration
at the St. Clair Country Club**

June 19, 2025 – 6:15 pm

Fellowship, Dinner, and Program with
Special Guests, including Bishop Kusserow.

Invitations (including cost & dinner selections)
have been mailed.

Please contact Pastor Heagy confidentially if you have unique
circumstances that would inhibit you from attending this event.



**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.

Message and data rates may apply.

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.)

100th 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:



100th 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) have been mailed. Please RSVP ASAP.

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### Tour the Mt. Lebanon Churches Celebrating 100th Year Anniversaries

Sunday **June 29, 2025**, from 2 - 4:30 PM

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

**Host:** Volunteer to be a greeter or docent 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.

**Sign Up:** Please contact the Church Office or Alan Trivilino to volunteer or for additional information.

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100th Year Anniversary “Super Celebration” on our Campus

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

Additional information will be announced in August.



FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Rooted in Christ, Growing in Stewardship

The heartland is now awash in various hues of green. The doldrums of winter give way to the colors of spring. Now, the promise of spring gives way to the growth of summer. Fields are planted and sprouted. Gardens are planted. Flowers adorn the beds of neighborhood homes and roadside ditches. Green is the shade of life!

Green growth is also the hue of the faithful steward. The seed of faith planted in human hearts in the waters of Holy Baptism grows as it is nurtured in the Word proclaimed and ingested in the Holy Supper. This faith does indeed save. But our stewardship of the gospel is also designed to bear fruit for God's glory and the benefit of our neighbor.

To consider this, let us look at these poetic words of stewardship: *Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, may we ripen and increase, fruit to life eternal growing, rich in love and joy and peace.*

- The tree of faith is not planted in us by us. It is the Spirit's work! We do not claim the title "steward." Rather, we are created for it (Gen. 1:26–28).
- Jesus is the one who makes the tree of faith grow in us. The fruits of the Spirit are borne out because we, by grace through faith, are connected to Jesus (John 15).
- Our stewardship is NOT about what we do. It is about what the Holy Spirit does in and through us. That is the fruit that we bear. God's fruit for God's purposes.
- But that fruit is lived out through us. The world sees the fruit of our stewardship of the gospel in lives lived connected to Word and Sacrament.
- Stewards have been created and redeemed to reflect the image of Jesus in the world. He is the pattern. We reflect to others around us the light of the gospel he has shone on us.
- This reflection comes when Christ's goodness flows from us to others.
- Just as the Spirit has created us for stewardship of the gospel, so also does the Spirit cause our faithfulness! The Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies, and keeps us in this faithful stewardship of the gospel.
- The ultimate goal of our faithful stewardship is eternity. For us. For our neighbor. All worked out by the Spirit.

Green is the color of the world right now. It is also the color of our stewardship and it is growing in us as we are connected to Jesus! God grant our growth for your glory!





The worship links to Facebook & YouTube can be found on our website:
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

June 1	Seventh Sunday after Easter Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26
June 8	Day of Pentecost Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17
June 15	The Holy Trinity Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15
June 22	Second Sunday after Pentecost Isaiah 65:1-9 Psalm 22:19-28 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39
June 29	Third Sunday after Pentecost Acts 12:1-11 Psalm 87:1-3, 5-7 1 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 John 21:15-19

The Liturgy may be viewed on our Facebook page and YouTube Channel.



SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE: JUNE, 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 mtleboluth@aol.com.

June 1-Crucifer

8:30	TBD
10:00	Luke Frankovitch

June 8-Crucifer

8:30	Ewan Keplar
10:00	Chase Lutz

June 15- Crucifer

8:30	Easton Darcy
10:00	Jack O'Brien

June 22-Crucifer

8:30	Sam Wetzel
10:00	TBD

June 29-Crucifer

8:30	Adam Timmons
10:00	Quin O'Brien



Food Pantry.

While shopping....Please continue to remember the ministry of the Food Bank at St. Michael and All Angels' 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.

GLOBAL LINKS
Sharing Surplus. Saving Lives.

Tuesday, June 10 1-3:00 pm
Saturday, June 14 10-12 pm

Volunteers Needed To Help Pack Surplus
Medical Supply for those in need.

Sign-up sheets have been placed in the narthex if you are interested in volunteering. Please contact Allan Copenheaver at allancope@yahoo.com.



WE REMEMBER in our prayers:

God of all Life, with the Psalmist we acknowledge you are around us on every side; you protect us with your power; your knowledge is overwhelming. By faith, help us to grasp that your Lordship is also over the realm of the unreasonable and the seemingly undoable. Widen our limited expectations and invite us, heal us, and stir us by your love until we experience the wholeness of your life. Bring healing into the lives of:

Craig Elias; Andy Kelemen; Linda Larkin; Bill Young; Shari Ehrlich; Dave Young; Robert Hordage;

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for the July issue of the *Voice* are to be submitted by Sunday, June 15. Articles may be left in the church office or email: mtleboluth@aol.com.

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

Daily Bread Outreach Meal July 20



The meal with the poor in July will be a cookout including hot dogs, bratwurst, chips, watermelon & soda. Monetary donations are being accepted. Volunteers will be needed to serve the meal. Please see sign up sheet in the Narthex in the coming weeks. Thank you for your support



*I pledge Allegiance to the flag
of the United States of America
and to the Republic for which it
stands, one nation under God,
indivisible, with Liberty and
Justice for all.*

FLAG DAY JUNE 14, 2025

**Summer Camp is on this
summer at Camp Lutherlyn!**



Check out all the programs,
schedules, events & registration info at:

<https://www.lutherlyn.com/>

Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod — 2025 Synod
Assembly will be held June 12- June 14.

Please keep our synod in prayer.

HAPPY FIRST DAY OF SUMMER JUNE 20, 2025



Summer begins June 20th. God's love for us
continues even as the seasons change.

Enjoy the outdoors!

Remember the church!

Thank you for your faithful tithes and offerings!

*The father of the righteous will greatly
rejoice; he who begets a wise son
will be glad in him.*

Proverbs 23:24



HAPPY FATHERS DAY JUNE 15, 2025



ONLINE GIVING

Is now available in association with

myEoffering

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





Summer Reading

During the hot summer months– pick up a good book. Below are several suggestions with a Lutheran/ Christian theme:

Plucking One String
by Kris Knorr

The Spiritually Vibrant Home: The Power of Messy Prayers,
Loud Tables, and Open Doors
by Don Everts

Life Among the Lutherans
by Garrison Keillor

The Last Sin Eater: A Novel
by Francine Rivers

Becoming Mrs. Lewis
by Patti Callaham Henry

I Trust When Dark My Road: A Lutheran View of Depression
by Todd E. Peperkorn

The Loyal Angel: An Epic Christian Fiction Novel
by Nathan Crocker

Lutheranism 101
by Scot A. Kinnaman

Christian Fiction for Men: Joseph's Dream
by Elana Beth Schwab

The Prayer Box
by Lisa Wingate

For the Kids:

The Lion, The Witch,
and The Wardrobe Series
by C.S. Lewis

Maddie May & The Tea
Trouble
by Joy Ohagwy

The Secret Weapon of S
hakuran, Chronicles of Nirva
Book Series
by Martie Breytenbach

Elsie Dinsmore–Children's
Christian Historical Fiction
(Annotated)
by Martha Finley



First Holy Communion



Congratulations to the following students who were welcomed to the Lord's Table on May 18:

Samantha Croom
Edith Koval
Austin Porter
Tatum Tomnay

The prayers and joy of the Church are extended to them and their families! A cake reception in their honor was hosted by the Education Committee. Many thanks to all who helped!

Teens Led Worship on Youth Sunday



Many thanks to our catechetical students and other youth who led worship on Youth Sunday, May 11:

Madalena Provins
Adam Timmons
Paige Gentzel
Dylan Solomon
Delaney Graybill
Isla Gentzel
Ella Mayer

Xavier Graybill
Henry Keplar
Nico Provins

Confirmation



On May 25, the 2025 Confirmation Class made a public affirmation of their faith before our congregational family. Congratulations to our Confirmands!

Isla Jean Gentzel
Daughter of Erin and Matthew
Baptized 4-30-2011

Ella Rose Mayer
Daughter of Nicole and Michael
Baptized 2-19-2012

We celebrated with a reception hosted by families of First Year Catechetics students: the Solomon, Graybill, Provins, and Timmons families. Congregational Life volunteers also helped make this a memorable occasion: Karen Pfeil, Jeff Graybill, Amy Stabenow, Normajean Graybill, Henry Keplar, and Ewan Keplar. Many thanks to all who contributed and helped!

Thanks to Sunday School Teachers & Education Volunteers!



Our last day of Sunday School was May 18. Many thanks to our dedicated Sunday School Teachers and Substitutes: Lizzy Koval, Jessica Porter, Julie Nichols, Travis Timmons, Andrea Croom, Julia Nelson, Barb Heagy, Mary Beth Trivilino, Milo Bucher, and Claire Bruno.

In addition to our Sunday School teachers, we greatly appreciate all those involved in Christian Education. Pastor Doug led our weekday Adult Bible studies and taught both levels of Confirmation classes and our First Communion classes. Mary Beth Trivilino and Stacey Tubbs assisted with Confirmation classes. Thanks also to: our Education Ministries Chairpersons Melodie Frankovitch and Carol Vogeley; Children's Education Director Mary Beth Trivilino; Advent Pageant Director and High School Coffee Hour Leader Julia Nelson; Cradle Roll Coordinator Normajean Graybill; Children's Choir Leaders Carol Vogeley and Barb Heagy; Church Librarian Melodie Frankovitch; Kris Malia for office support; Service Crafts Coordinator Deb Hazlett; Bulletin Board Designer Cindy Zuch; and to all the parents who have helped throughout the year. Please take a moment to show your appreciation to all our dedicated teachers and volunteers! They have devoted energy and hours each week teaching our children and helping them to be *"Disciples of Christ or the Glory of God!"*

"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.



Hope to see you there.

The Evangelism Committee is looking for volunteers for coffee prep and clean up - Sponsorship—and preparing the sweet healthy treats for this time together. Please see the sign up chart in the foyer. Thank you.

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir did a wonderful job singing in Worship on the last day of Sunday School, May 18. Led by Carol Vogeley and Barb Heagy, the kids sang "Sing Unto the Lord" by John Erickson. They were accompanied by Carol Vogeley, Ewan Keplar and Henry Keplar.

Pentecost Flowers



Thank you to all who have dedicated plants to beautify the altar on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th.

Volunteers are needed to plant the front flower beds on Monday, June 9th at 10:00 am, and to weed and water in the coming months. Please contact Cindy Brown to volunteer at: cindysgb@icloud.com

Congratulations 2025 Graduates!



Addison Mayer will be graduating from Mt. Lebanon High School. She plans on attending Florida State-Mathematics (Pre-Medicine) Honors College.

Erin Lutz graduated from the State University of New York (SUNY) College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Her degree is in Environmental Science.

We will continue to publish graduate news in the July and August newsletter.
Send the information ASAP.

VBS Volunteer Meetings:

Please attend either time:

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



VBS Snack Donations Needed:

Please help us provide our VBS kids with fun, allergy-safe snacks. Check ingredient labels to make sure they do not include nuts, tree nuts or sesame seeds. Please bring snacks to the Social Hall kitchen by June 29, and label them "VBS." **We will need about 300 snacks!**

Many of these "school friendly" snacks may be found at Aldi's Costco or Sam's Club.

Some suggested items include:

- Rice Crispy Treats
- Goldfish Crackers
- Nutrigrain Bars
- Quacker Chewy Dipps Chocolate Granola bars
- Frito Lay Variety Pack Chip Bags
- Natures Bakery Fig Bars

We will also need: Lemonade Mix and small drinking cups.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Help keep VBS affordable for families!

VBS Decorating Dates – Volunteers Needed

Join the fun in helping to decorate for Road Trip VBS! No experience needed. Bring a friend!

Saturday, June 7:	10 am - 1 pm
Wednesday, June 18:	6 pm - 8 pm
Saturday, June 21:	10 am - 1 pm
Monday, July 7:	6 pm - 8 pm
Tuesday, July 8:	10 am - 1 pm
Wednesday, July 9:	6 pm - 8 pm
Saturday, July 12:	10 am - 2 pm
Sunday, July 13:	11 am - 1 pm (or later if necessary)

Please contact Decorating Leader Julia Nelson if you would like to help: Text (814) 574-5689

VBS Online Registration

Vacation Bible School Online Registration is now open.

To register your children to participate or for teen and adults' volunteer registration, go to: <https://mtlebanonlutheranchurch.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

Vacation Bible School - July 14-18, 2025

9am-12pm



VBS Volunteers Needed in Specific Roles:

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

- Site Leaders in Bible Storytelling and Snacks
- Crew Leaders & assistants (*teens*)
- Registration Table (*Monday & Tuesday 8am-10am*)
- Assistants in Snacks and Science
- Setup/Take-down Traffic Barriers (*before and after VBS each morning*)
- Custodial support (*throughout the week*)

Prior to VBS week we need:

- Help with decorating & setup
various days, weekdays, evening & weekend shifts – see schedule included in this issue. Contact Julia Nelson: 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 or call the church office at 412-563-0300.

Road Trip Vacation Bible School Supplies Needed



VBS Decorating Items to Borrow: Need by June 15

- A standing hat or coat rack
- Old car tires

VBS Decorating Items to Donate: Need by June 15

- 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 CRAFT items to donate: Need by June 29

- 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*)

VBS SCIENCE items to donate: Need by July 6

- Bubble Wrap
- Paper Towel rolls
- Dry Ice
- 3-oz paper cups
- 1 pack of round balloons, regular shape
- 1 bottle of Glycerin
- 1 bottle of Hydrogen Peroxide

Please place items in the CRAFT DONATIONS box in the Narthex. Larger items can be brought to the Middle Grades Classroom (across from Choir Room). Thank you!

Questions regarding Craft donations: Contact Deb at drhazlett@verizon.net

Questions regarding Decorating and Science donations: Contact Julia at jnnelson26@comcast.net



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: _____

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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 _____

Lutherlyn's 2025 Summer Camp Schedule

Week 1 June 15-20	-Confirmation Camp -Classic (Jr) (SH) -Horse Camp (Jr)	-Life in the Wild (JH) -Adventurers (JH/SH) -Staff-In-Training (SH)
Week 2 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)
Week 3 June 29-July 4	-Family Camp -On-Site Day Camp (1st-5th grade) -Adventurers Outpost (SH)	
Week 4 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)
Week 5 July 13-18	-Classic (Jr) (JH) -Venture (SH) -Horse Camp (Jr)	-Adventurers (JH & SH) -Arts Camp (Jr/JH)
Week 6 July 20-25	-Classic (Jr) (JH) (SH) -Horse Camp (Jr) -Rocketry (JH/SH)	-Camp Medley (JH) -Junior Adventurers (Jr)
Week 7 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 for details.



\$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.



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.

COLUMBARIUM - South Chancel Wall

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.



*The South Chancel Wall Columbarium
was completed July 2022*

Spaces remain available.

Please contact the church office to indicate your interest.

Share Your Story with the Next Generations

We want to share oral and written stories with the congregation of today and those who will worship at our church in the future. The purpose is to strengthen relationships, reaffirm each other's faith, and help future generations of worshippers to understand what makes our congregation so special.

We are inviting the congregation to tell "their story" of what our congregational family means to you and why you worship here.

You can help encourage full participation by providing examples from your faith journey here at Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran. Here's one outline that you could use. (Some or all of the questions)

- Hello, my name is _____
- I joined this congregation in ____ Year ____
- Were you baptized, confirmed, married, etc. here? How about family members?
- How you came to Mt. Lebanon Lutheran: Did your family worship here? Did you move within the region to the South Hills? Did you move here from out of state?
- My earliest memory is _____
- A meaningful experience with our church was when _____
- Mt. Lebanon Lutheran is special to me because _____
- 50 or 100 years from now, I want the members of Mt. Lebanon Lutheran to know that _____.

Please consider one (or two) of the following ways to share your story:

- Written - send us your story in writing for inclusion in a document that will be added to the congregation's archives.
- You can reply to this email or you can write or key it on a page and drop it off at the church office.
- Oral - tell us your story if you don't want to write it down.
- We can record your story at a time and place that's convenient for you.
- You can share your story one Sunday morning prior to worship. (You can choose if you want to do that during the livestream or "off camera".)

Join us in creating this special history for future generations. Please contact the church office to participate or if you have any questions.

Vacation Bible School

Come join us this summer for:
Road Trip
A Summer Camp Adventure with God



July 14-18, 2025
9:00 am—noon

We welcome children age 4 through 5th grade and invite those older than 6th grade to participate as volunteers with the program. Please register by July 4.
A week filled with bible stories, games, crafts, and much more!

"The Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

<https://mtlebanonlutheranchurch.mycokesburyvbs.com/>



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

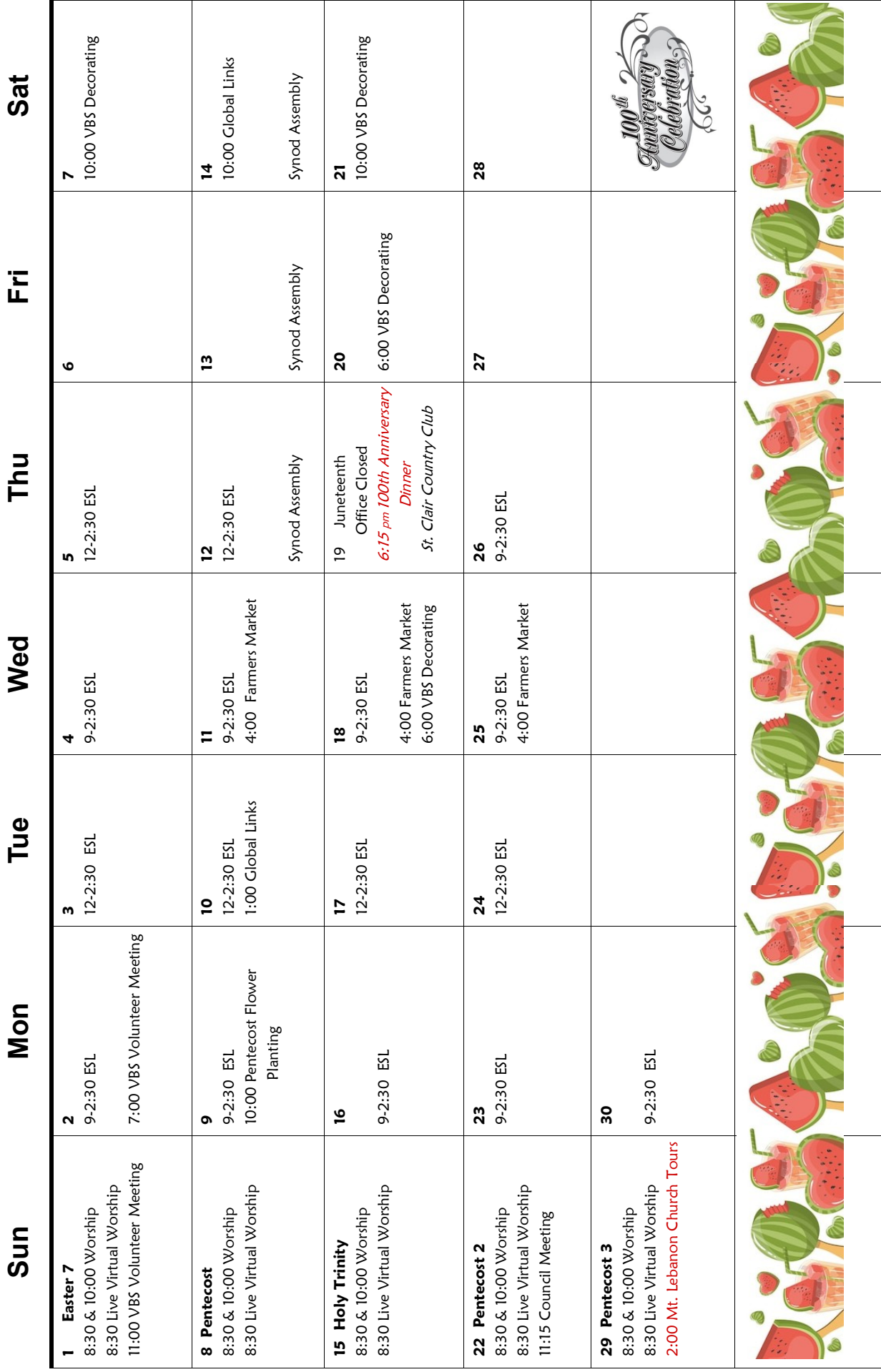
Electronic giving will enable every household or individual to make their church offering using electronic funds transfer or credit card. You may already be using online bill pay for your mortgage, car payment, or insurance premium through an automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account. 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.





1 Pray that our words and actions will glorify God and reflect the immeasurable, unprejudiced grace God has shown humankind through the gift of Jesus Christ.

2 *Pride Month* Give thanks to God for the gifts, wisdom, leadership and faith of our LGBTQIA+ neighbors and siblings in Christ. Ask the Spirit to embolden us as we work together for justice, total inclusion and love for humanity in all its diversity.

3 Remember in prayer ELCA outdoor ministries across the country as they equip young adults to lead summer camp programs for people of all ages and abilities, encouraging spiritual growth, developing life skills and fostering relationships in Christ-centered communities.

4 Give thanks for the beauty, bounty and awe-inspiring complexity of nature — a gift from God that nourishes all of us. Promise to exercise wisdom and responsibility in using, protecting, sharing and restoring creation.

5 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Central/Southern Illinois, Central States, Indiana-Kentucky, Lower Susquehanna and New Jersey synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

6 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the La Crosse Area; Metropolitan Washington, D.C.; Northeastern Iowa; Southern Ohio; and Southwestern Minnesota synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

7 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the East-Central Synod of Wisconsin and Eastern North Dakota Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

8 *Day of Pentecost* “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). We are never alone or forgotten. Give thanks to God that we have received the gift of the Spirit, who accompanies us throughout our baptismal journey.

9 Pray for summer ministries that serve congregations and their surrounding communities by sharing the gospel, stirring faith, providing day care and serving neighbors in need.

10 Ask God to help us nurture a new generation of leaders for our church, our communities and our nation — people of faith, wisdom, compassion, creativity and courage.

11 Pray for our neighbors and siblings in Christ who languish in jails, prisons, correctional facilities or immigration detention centers, that the Spirit will inspire their faith and hope and that they might access skilled legal, physical, spiritual and emotional care.

12 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Florida-Bahamas, Grand Canyon and South Carolina synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

13 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Illinois, Northwestern Pennsylvania, Southwestern Washington, Upper Susquehanna, Virginia and Western Iowa 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.

14 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Sierra Pacific 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.

15 *The Holy Trinity* “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us” (Romans 5:5). Pray that our faith in Jesus Christ, the embodiment of God’s unwavering love and forgiveness, will strengthen our confidence in both the reality and the mystery of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

16 For Father's Day (June 15), remember in prayer biological fathers, stepfathers, adoptive fathers and foster fathers, that they will treasure the joys of fatherhood and find support and wise counsel for the challenges of parenting, passing along their faith, teaching compassion and respect, and encouraging and guiding their children.

17 Pray that in times of uncertainty and anxiety, we will find comfort and strength in God’s steadfast love and that, from this foundation, we will confidently and courageously bear God’s peace, justice and reconciliation into the world.

18 Amid conflict and war, pray for national leaders, diplomats and other representatives whose negotiations might bring ceasefires and lasting peace. Ask the Spirit to guide their deliberations and stir their humility, respect, compassion and mercy.

19 *Juneteenth* This day of celebration, dating back to June 19, 1865, commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. Give thanks and praise to God for creating humankind in all its diversity, and ask God’s forgiveness for yielding to fear, suspicion and intolerance of others. Ask God to guide and strengthen our work of including all people in the church and society.

20 *World Refugee Day* On this day, we honor the courage and resilience of refugees and immigrants, and work to build empathy and support for people who have fled their home countries because of conflict, natural disaster or economic crisis. Give thanks that we can respond together through AMMPARO Migrant Ministry, ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, Global Refugee and Lutheran social service organizations.

21 Lift up prayers of joy and thanksgiving for the first day of summer in the Northern Hemisphere (June 20). Give thanks for longer days, growing crops and opportunities to enjoy the outdoors — gifts from God that awaken our senses and lift our spirits.

22 Pray for high school youth attending the Lutheran Summer Music program at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Ind., that their musical gifts will be nurtured and encouraged in a welcoming faith community of youth from across the country.

23 Give thanks for community resilience, support and justice grants, which our church awards to programs and projects, in the United States and around the world, that focus on global mission, social justice and humanitarian assistance in vulnerable communities.

24 Give thanks for the relief work we do together through Lutheran Disaster Response, and remember in prayer those impacted by disasters and severe weather as they rebuild their lives and communities. Pray that we will be generous with our prayers, encouragement, volunteer assistance and financial support until they recover — physically, spiritually and emotionally.

25 Pray for Seafarers International House in New York City, a mission affiliated with the ELCA that has served mariners and immigrants since 1873. Remember in prayer seafarers who work under difficult and dangerous conditions and are isolated from family, friends and faith communities for long periods.

26 Give thanks that God teaches us love, mercy and radical hospitality through the example of Jesus, the wisdom of Scripture and the encouragement of our siblings in Christ.

27 Pray for synods, newly elected bishops and leaders, and mission endeavors initiated during assemblies, that they will be effective and fruitful in spreading the gospel and doing God’s work in the world.

28 Pray that, where religions conflict, the Spirit will help us bridge divides through dialogue, collaboration and mutual respect as we care for neighbors in need and advance justice in our communities.

29 “Peter felt hurt because [Jesus had asked him], ‘Do you love me?’ ... [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 forgive us when we stray from the work Jesus left us, the work of loving and serving our neighbors and our siblings in Christ. Pray that Christ’s selfless, sacrificial, far-reaching love will inspire us to embrace God’s work in the world.

30 Ask the Spirit to open us to new insights and wisdom when we read Scripture — the ageless word of God that guides, inspires and informs our daily life.



Pentecost
Sunday June 8, 2025



The Holy Trinity
Sunday, June 15, 2025

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Tour the Mt. Lebanon Churches Celebrating 100th 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!

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors.
This will be interesting for all!

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**

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Southminster Presbyterian Church
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