

Christ Calls

The Monthly Newsletter of Memorial Lutheran Church

July & August 2021

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Dates To Remember

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| July 4 | Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am Independence Day |
| July 11 | Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am |
| July 12 | Church Council Meeting - 6:30 pm |
| July 18 | Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am Congregational Meeting - 11:00 am |
| July 19-21 | Summer Preschool |
| July 25 | Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am |
| July 26-31 | Shippensburg Community Fair |
| August 1 | Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am |
| August 8 | Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am |
| August 9 | Church Council Meeting - 6:30 pm |
| August 15 | Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am |
| August 16 | Newsletter Deadline |
| August 22 | Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am |
| August 29 | Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am |

Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.

Luke 8:8a NIV

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FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

I was reminded recently that God is an amazing and incredible listener. God hears our prayers, and everyone else's all at the same time. No prayer ever goes unheard by God. Just because God doesn't respond to us immediately, does not mean we have not been heard. Nor does it mean that God is ignoring us. Sometimes a little distance from the prayer from our lips to God's ear needs space and time. You and I live in a society that finds waiting for anything ridiculous. The intolerance of people toward waiting, even for God and God's response, is quite sad. God will not be pushed by anyone's tantrums to move fast.

One of my dear friends has had to remind me on more than one occasion that we are all on God's time. That is something I need to hear from time to time, so I am grateful to her for reminding me of this truth. God acts when God acts, choosing the right time, the best time, for each of us. I know from my own experience that this can be frustrating. I still struggle with patience. Sometimes I am a little better. This struggle will only end when the kingdom of God comes. I am continually learning to wait on the Lord, and to be still and know that God is God, Psalm 46:10. Even in times of struggle, it can feel extraordinary to listen to God's voice spoken to us through the holy word and each other.

Listening and waiting are significant acts that can help us hear and to receive God's word and his response to us, there is also the work of the Holy Spirit, that gives us the gift of faith. This gift, our relationship with God comes to all of us through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. God gives us faith because of his deep and profound love for us. Because we are one with Jesus in his death and resurrection in baptism, we are able to live out this gift of faith. For as we trust in God in Christ, God's good for us, through his son is made visible, as we were bound to them by Jesus' death and resurrection. So, we might be renewed and recreated by God the Father through the Son with the Spirit, God's beloved ones. Sometimes impatient, sometimes frustrated, sometimes discouraged, but still praying, still listening, still trusting, still loved and loving, and still waiting in hope, for Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Blessings and peace in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Pastor Pamela Carnes

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REPORT of CHURCH COUNCIL – June 14, 2021

The date has been set for a congregational meeting to elect our Call Committee. Following our worship service on Sunday, July 18th, we will present a list of seven names to serve as our Call Committee. Six members will serve as the committee and a seventh will serve as an alternate should any one of the six members be unable to complete the project.

The Covid Task Force together with the Worship & Music Ministry recommended that beginning Sunday, July 18th, we will take the next step in returning to our familiar format for worship. We will now celebrate communion with the body *and* blood of Christ (wine/grape juice and wafers). Two hymns will be sung during worship, modifying the number of verses to sing, for those who wish to sing, and pews will no longer be **blocked off**. **We do ask that peoples' choices be respected in regard to distancing and mask wearing.** The kitchen and Fellowship Hall is now available for the preparing and serving of meals.

The Christian Education Ministry will meet Wednesday, June 16th. The committee will review a letter drafted to be sent to parents who have school age children, inviting them to share in the planning and teaching of our children alongside of and in support with the Christian Education Committee. We are also reminded that at Baptism, not only do the parents promise to teach their child the Holy Scriptures but we, as fellow members in the family of Christ, share in that responsibility as well. As we look ahead toward the fall and restarting our Sunday School classes, background clearances of members who will be in contact with our children and youth need to be updated. Amy has a list of names and those who need updated will be contacted. Confirmation class has taken a break for the summer and will resume again in the fall to complete their studies. We will celebrate the Rite of Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism on Reformation Sunday, October 31, 2021, a fitting day for this special service.

The Shippensburg Community Fair will be held this year July 26th – 31st. Changes to the menu and the hours are planned. We must be open for lunch times on Wednesday and Saturday for Kiddie Day. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board by mid-July for those who can volunteer to work at the food stand. Volunteers are needed beyond the hours the stand is open for sales. The benefits gained by joining in this effort goes beyond any money raised. The sharing in fellowship with our church family and the outreach in our community allows us to show and share the spirit of Christ with others. I hope everyone of you genuinely consider being a part of this opportunity to serve. The 250th Anniversary Celebration committee met on Sunday, June 6th. It was heartening to sit at the table and hear the enthusiasm for making this event a very special one. Each person sharing ideas of how and what we can do to make this a memorable and honorable occasion.

In whatever we do here, as in any organization, many hands are needed to achieve set goals. In Romans 12:4-6, Saint Paul reminds us that we are a part of a community and being part of a community is life-giving and important to following Christ. We all have gifts and talents to pull together to accomplish many things. However, if the commitment of the members is not there, then we are not using the gifts God has given to us. Many people, the saints who have gone before us, have handed down the ministry of Christ to us now at Memorial. Opportunities to join in and be an integral part of our church community arise in many ways – teaching Sunday School, helping with the fair, and serving on committees. As we prepare to celebrate our 250th anniversary, let us now faithfully carry on that ministry with the same passion and commitment, love and faithfulness, as our predecessors have done.

Blessings and peace be to you and yours.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cox, Congregation President



FINANCES

MAY 2021

| FUND | INCOME | EXPENSES | DIFFERENCE | YTD |
|-------------|---------|----------|------------------------------|-----------|
| CURRENT | \$9,553 | \$16,700 | -\$7,147 | -\$51,292 |
| BUILDING | \$1,576 | \$0 | \$0 | \$8,733 |
| | Income | Paid | Needed to be paid for budget | Paid |
| BENEVOLENCE | \$2,305 | \$1,212 | \$2,434 | \$15,726 |



Pastor Carnes will be on vacation June 28 through July 11th. Please contact the church Elders (Bob Snyder, Mary Cox or Nancy Thompson) if you have a Pastoral need or contact the church office to have Amy Piper, Parish Coordinator contact the Pastor that is covering for Pastor Carnes during this time.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT OUR CALL COMMITTEE SUNDAY, JULY 18TH FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE



KEEP IN PRAYER

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C. Eugene Creek
Dan Dorts
Rev. Courtney Erzkus
Robert Florig
Fae Forney
William Freeman

Susan Frirsz
Brian Helman
June Hile
Isaac Horst
Lauray Koenig
Mary Kendall
Bernita Killian
Jerry Lyons

Jack McCrae
Ann McCrae
Miles Moore
Erin Nollenberger
William Porter
Dot Railing
Rich Railing
Bill Robinson

Dave Schriner
Ed Shade
Polly Sherman
Blaine Shover
David Simpson III

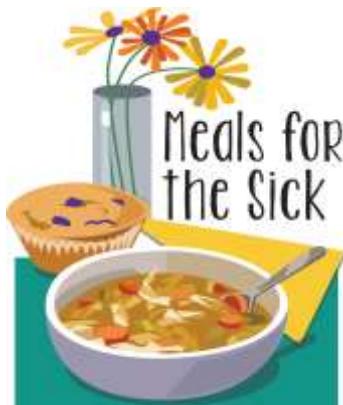


A MESSAGE FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is asking members of Memorial Lutheran Church to submit nominations for the 2022 Church Council. We will be electing 1-Elder, 1-Trustee, and 4-Deacons to serve on the Church Council. (*Three persons will each serve a three-year term as Deacon and one person will be elected to serve one year to complete the unexpired term of Deacon.*) Elections will be at the annual meeting in November. Please prayerfully consider anyone you think would make a good and effective council member (including yourself). Refer to the duties of each position as listed on the nomination form.

Boxes will be placed in the Sanctuary and by the parking lot door. Nomination forms are beside the boxes and you may make as many nominations as you like. Please fill out the form(s) and place it in the box. Members of the committee will contact the nominees. The members of the Nominating Committee are Hope Alspaugh, Linda Eves, Sue Piper, Megan Shirk, Kathy Kerr, and John Cox. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact a member of the committee. Thank you for your assistance with this important matter.

SHEPHERDING MINISTRY



The Shepherding Ministry provides meals and rides for members of Memorial who are ill or need transportation to medical appointments. It has not been active for some time. Ed and Mary Pearson have agreed to receive phone calls and arrange for meals or rides. We need to update our list of volunteers who are willing to provide meals or transportation. You can sign up by checking the back of the connection card if you are at worship or you can call Ed at 717-658-5402 or Mary at 717-658-2407.



If you or a member of your family are hospitalized or ill at home and a meal or several meals would be helpful, call Ed or Mary. If you have a medical appointment and you need a driver, call Ed or Mary. If you know of someone who may benefit from our Shepherding Ministry give us a call. If you can help with meals or rides, give us a call.



The 2021 Shippensburg Fair “Many Hands Make The Workload Light!”

The 2021 Shippensburg Fair opens with Vespers on Sunday, July 25th, and runs through Saturday, July 31st. On Saturday, July 24th, we will be putting the finishing touches on the stand so we are ready for the grand opening of the 2021 season.

We Need Your Help!

Our “Little Red Stand” has been a meeting place for many and a staple for those with a hankering for our famous ice cream waffles. Some additional favorites that bring our customers back again and again are the crab cakes, baked potatoes, chili, and our chicken and waffles. This year we are considering limiting our menu.

We are looking for volunteers of all ages to help make 2021 another successful year for our Memorial Lutheran Fair Stand. Please check your calendars and find a few hours you can donate to this effort. You will be able to sign up for the fair stand hours on the bulletin board across from the MLC office.

We Will Not Be Able to Open Our Stand Unless All The Shifts Are Filled By July 11th.

A heartfelt “Thank You!” for your continued support of this mission for Memorial Lutheran Church. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jean Robinson, Nancy Thompson or Sue Piper.

Memorial Lutheran Church Preschool
is hiring a part-time Preschool
Teacher's Aide. This position is
approximately 20 hours per week.
Experience preferred. Please contact
Andy McCole at 717-372-6702 or
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SAVE the DATE!

Our Central Pennsylvania Synod lists the date of organization of our church as 1771. This year marks the 250th anniversary of Memorial Lutheran Church. Due to the circumstances surrounding the Covid-19 precautions, plans were placed on hold. *But now we are ready to celebrate!*

So, mark your calendars for Saturday, November 6th for a fellowship reception beginning at 4:00 pm with a catered dinner to follow at 6:00 pm. Details will be announced as they are set. Reservations for the dinner will be requested. Then on Sunday morning, November 7th, All Saints Sunday, we will continue our celebration with our worship service at 10:00 am. Special guests will be invited to share in this milestone celebration.

In upcoming newsletters, displays and on our Facebook group page we will share facts and notes of interest about our church and the saints who have shared their time and talents to promote the Gospel and further the mission of Memorial Lutheran Church. Anyone who would like to contribute – memories, photos, ideas – for the celebration is most welcomed to do so! (Contact Nancy Thompson) We begin with our stained-glass windows.

(The following information shared here is from the previously published booklet 'for the Rededication of the Renovated Interior of the sanctuary, June 17-24, 1956' by Henry E. Luhrs.)

The windows of our church were created in matched pairs. The pair on the front wall of the Nave speak of the Word made flesh and the saving power of His Cross; at the sides beginning at the front, they speak of Baptism and the Lord's Supper; the central pair of Christ, the Church's founder, and Luther, its reformer; and to the rear, a pair expressing the Word in Old and New Testament. Each window presents a message to the worshiper, who may look upon the glowing colors and clear pictures of the stained-glass art, speaking of the means of Grace, the Word and Sacraments. Spiritual inspiration and beauty shine forth from the windows for those who gaze upon them.

All of these windows in the Nave, as well as the ones in the Narthex, were given when the present church was built. Liturgical churches like ours have always benefited from the enrichment of the service of worship through the understanding and significance of the liturgy and indeed decorations and symbols supplement this also. These windows speak of Christ, His Church, the Word, and Sacraments, the salvation of men's souls for the worshiper, who would commune with the Spirit, in silence. This is but another way in which God's eternal message of love may be conveyed for the strengthening of the souls of men. We should never neglect the opportunity to teach our children the meaning of these symbols, for they are full of long century's old, rich heritage from Fellow Christians.

THE LUTHER WINDOW - Martin Luther, the Reformer of the Church, stands firm and confident with his Bible in his hand. We can almost hear him declare, "I cannot ... I will not . . . recant. Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me." Below him is a picture of his seal. In it we see a black cross within a red heart to remind us that faith in the crucified Christ saves us. The heart is fixed upon the center of a white rose to show that faith causes joy, consolation, and peace. The rose is fixed in a sky-colored ground, encircled with gold to signify the endless, precious life available in Christ. "This window is a memorial to the pastors who have served this congregation."



THE CHRIST WINDOW - The most beloved window is the one in the center of the right wall of the Nave. Here is beautifully presented Holman Hunt's painting, "The Light of the World." The inscription reads, "Behold I stand at the door and knock." (Rev. 3:20.) In it, one sees Jesus with a light in His hand, knocking on a door —the door of the human heart. It is barred with nails and the hinges are rusty; creeping ivy holds it fast. The threshold is overgrown with brambles and thorns, all portraying the reluctance of man to open his heart to the call of the Spirit. At the threshold are two apples, the symbol of temptation. In the distance are three crosses speaking of Calvary. There are two lights in the picture. The one held in Christ's hand represents the

light of conscience; the other light is the Light coming from the countenance of Christ, and offering salvation. Where conscience condemns, Christ delivers and forgives. Christ stands robed in white, denoting his prophetic office. His breastplate denotes his office of High Priest. His golden crown entwined with thorns, and His red cloak, proclaims the presence of The King. The picture sets forth the moment of decision that we all know so well. Here is the perpetual issue between the human and the Divine. True to the last detail—there is no handle on the outside of the door. The decision is ours; the door to the human heart must be opened' from the inside.

Women of the ELCA



Women of the ELCA will meet for Bible study during July and August. The Summer 2021 Bible study "Just L.I.F.E. (Liberation is for Everyone!) is inspired by Jesus' words: "If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36) and "I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10).

Session 1 "Just Wisdom" was part of the June meeting, and looked at the concept of wisdom in Proverbs.

Session 2 (July) explores "Just Truth". We will travel with Paul on the road to Damascus and experience his life-changing transformation. We will also take a closer look at how our Savior chose to share difficult truths with God's people, and we will witness his boldness in speaking truth to power.

Session 3 (August) is "Just Hope," and looks at our role as the body of Christ. We will explore how we are called to be co-creators with God in transforming our communities into a more just society and how God's amazing activity continues to unfold in our own lives.

We will meet at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, July 21 and Wednesday, August 18 in the Fellowship Hall and then go out for lunch. All women are invited to join us!



CALLING PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, THOSE CONCERNED FOR CHILDREN

JOIN US July 25, 2021 at Noon OR August 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

FOR

Refreshments - Conversation - Renewal

OF

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!!



SHIPPENSBURG PRODUCE & OUTREACH

SPO Mission Statement:

Called by the grace of God to love one another, we reach out to those in need with food and/or services.

Summer can be a particularly difficult time of year for our nation's food banks. Donations always decline following the holiday season and bottom out during the summer months. The timing couldn't be worse, either. Many food banks also face their greatest need during the summertime. Families with children who had been receiving free or reduced-cost breakfast and/or lunch at school need to find a way to replace those meals during summer break. So they turn to their local food bank or pantry for assistance. Our community has been blessed with an additional option as well. The Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition is offering a summer learning program with breakfast, lunch, activities, programs, and field trips for all students from kindergarten to graduation. Check out their website for details.



Each summer it is always a surprise to find out which crops will flourish, leaving the gardener with excess. If you or someone you know has extra vegetables or fruit, we invite you to drop them off at SPO any Tuesday to be distributed later in the day.

Hope you enjoy fresh produce, sunshine and good health this summer!

Stay At Home and Hatch Hope

Join Heifer International's Stay-at-Home Fundraiser " Hatching Hope"! Learn more about Hatching Hope at: hatchinghopeglobal.com

You can host a meal or other event and collect donations from attendees or go to: fundraiser.heifer.org/butteronmybiscuits for more ideas.

The goal of \$25,000 for southeast PA will help eradicate poverty and hunger in the USA and around the world.

You can make your tax-deductible credit card donation online at fundraiser.heifer.org/team/43261. Checks made payable to Heifer International may be sent to: Mark Nestleroth

Co-Chair SE PA Heifer Volunteer Committee
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Thanks for supporting this outstanding worldwide program.
The Social Ministry Committee

Happy Birthday in July

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| 2 | Lincoln Fogelsanger | 12 | John Gates | 28 | Stella Offner |
| 2 | Olivia Perdew | 12 | Suzann Robinson | 29 | Jean Robinson |
| 5 | Charles Goodhart | 14 | Rebecca Howland | 31 | Heather Gimmi Kipe |
| 6 | Robert Creek | 15 | Bruce Miller | | |
| 7 | Kelly Booz | 18 | Andrew Alosi | | |
| 7 | Tina Madison | 20 | Maxine Enderlein | | |
| 9 | Robert Florig | 20 | Natalie Winter | | |
| 9 | Carson Lyons | 21 | Gregory Goldsmith | | |
| 10 | Parker Andelin | 23 | Kinley Killian | | |
| 10 | Matthew Brundzo | 25 | Nicole Estep | | |
| 10 | Zachary Evans | 28 | Wyatt Byers | | |
| 10 | Linda Mansfield | 28 | Marilyn Goodhart | | |



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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|----|-------------------|----|------------------|----|-----------------|
| 1 | Demaree Deardorff | 15 | Mary Pearson | 28 | Sylvia Schrader |
| 1 | Kyle Hilbinger | 17 | Kory Alspaugh | 29 | Rick Foust |
| 1 | Michael White | 17 | Frances Horst | 30 | Kevin Cloud |
| 2 | James Robinson | 21 | Amanda Cloud | | |
| 2 | Scott Smith | 21 | Linda Eves | | |
| 5 | Gerilee Davis | 21 | James Freeman | | |
| 8 | Mackenzie Alosi | 24 | Marlin Gruver | | |
| 8 | Ciera Booz | 24 | Susan Lyons | | |
| 8 | Tanner Robinson | 24 | Jane Motter | | |
| 8 | Craig Perdew | 24 | Katy Murr | | |
| 12 | Kaitlynn Frater | 25 | Jennifer Andelin | | |
| 14 | Sofia Kyle | 25 | Mark Buterbaugh | | |

EVANGELISM

A portion of the article “Tear Down Magical Doors” by Craig L. Nesson in the June/July “Living Lutheran”:

“The doors of your church building have magical properties. You may not have noticed, but these magical effects play out differently for outsiders than for insiders.

When outsiders approach church doors, the magic repels them with thoughts that they aren’t good enough, knowledgeable enough, worthy enough or perfect enough to come inside. Many outsiders are rightly critical of the church they hear about in news headlines that symbolizes only judgment and intolerance.

For insiders, however, these magical properties have a different effect. Insiders pass eagerly through the doors of the building to find renewal and hope. But to return outside, these same insiders must fold up their Christian faith into a tiny bundle and hide it in their pocket or purse until they return to the church and take it back out. Insiders hide their faith in a compartment that is accessed only when gathered with other Christians in the church building.

Our dominant approach in responding to the magical doors is to double down on what we do inside our buildings. We search high and low for programs and activities that will attract and encourage outsiders to become insiders.

By doing so, we neglect the most critical factor: our baptismal calling as members of the body of Christ to take faith out of its hidden compartment and share it through our words and actions in our everyday roles and relationships.

At the time of the Reformation, Martin Luther proposed that all church members belong to a universal priesthood. This core teaching never became our normal way of being, but the ELCA Life of Faith initiative aims to equip all God’s people for the work of ministry (Ephesians 4:12) in the areas of daily life: family, work, school, local community, citizenship and care for creation.”



PRESCHOOL

It's time for Summer!

Our school year went by so fast! Even with Covid hindering us along the way. You will still see us around this summer. We have a week of school in June and July. Our summer classes will be days of summer fun and of course learning! Please pray for our children, past and future ones. And pray for their families as we go through the summer season.

Miss Shirley,
Director & Head Teacher

Accepting
student
applications
for the
2021/2022
school year.



GOOD & FAITHFUL SERVANTS

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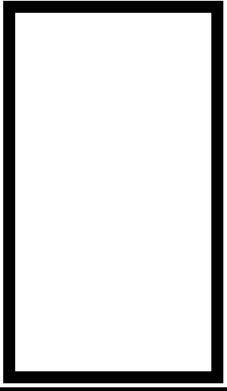
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

Welcoming all.

Reaching out in love.

Growing together in Christ..

Worshipping and serving in Jesus' name.