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July 2025 Newsletter

July 4th commemorates the day in 1776 that our nation declared itself to be an independent nation, and no longer a colony of England. On that date, a number of our leading citizens signed what is known as the Declaration of Independence, stating our determination to become a free country.

Our independence did not come easily; only after several difficult years of war would it finally be won. Nor were our first years as a nation free from problems and controversies as is still true. But our forefathers were determined to establish a free and democratic system of government, and the Declaration of Independence together with our Constitution and the Bill of Rights became the foundation for this. They stood the test of time, and on July 4th we give thanks for the wisdom and faith and courage of those leaders.

Although it is not a religious holiday like Christmas or Easter, for many Americans July 4th is a time to reflect on God's goodness to us as a nation. Molded into the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia (which proclaimed our independence) are these words from the Bible "proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" (Leviticus 25:10, KJV) Our legal system reflects our Judeo-Christian roots.

While we look with gratitude to the past on this July 4th, may we look in faith to the future, and commit it and our lives to God and His Will. The ancient words of the Psalmist are still true: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. (Psalm 33:12)

Dear God, it's on this day we celebrate our independence as a free nation. But, as followers of Christ, You are at the center of all our festivities. We wouldn't have a Fourth of July to celebrate if it wasn't for Your grace and blessings. So, with a humble heart, we offer up our thanksgiving and praise to You. It's in Your name we pray. Amen.

May you find peace with God.

Bev Hoffman-SAM



Sign-Up Deadline is July 1st!!
That is next Tuesday!!

CarolAnn Miller has offered to drive any Messiah kids whose parents are unable to get them out to Milton themselves.

Camp Luther News

Do you know that Messiah Lutheran sponsors a Camp Luther counselor? We do! This year we are sponsoring Ali Wyland. You will notice she is on our short term prayer list. Please pray that she connects with each camper and is able to teach each one of them about Jesus in both word and action. Being a camp counselor can be **EXHAUSTING!** Pray for good health, enough sleep and extra-ordinary energy. She will definitely appreciate these prayers.

Another thing that would be greatly appreciated are cards and care packages letting her know how much we appreciate her doing, (let's face it), what most of us can no longer do. Ali was asked what kinds of snacks she enjoys and although we can no longer run around the camp playing, "Capture the Flag", we can send cards and care packages. Here are some of her favorites:

Goldfish crackers, Granola bars, Blue Gatorade drinks, Fruit snacks, Celsius energy drinks, Kit- Kats, Pop-Tarts, Pretzels, Applesauce, Chocolate pudding, Cool Mint Listerine, and Sheetz gift cards. There will be a collection box in the Narthex if you would like to donate any of these items.

There have been some exciting things happening in support of the New Berlin Food Pantry.

First, we are very thankful to this year's Union County Dairy Princess, Dallas Goodyear. Miss Goodyear raised \$168.00 for the New Berlin Food Pantry. Of coarse, a Dairy Princess is going to want her donation to go toward the purchase of milk. So, our Food Pantry friends will love receiving fresh milk, something that rarely happens!

And as if raising \$168.00 wasn't enough, Miss Goodyear, gathered 2 other Dairy Princesses and a Dairy Maid and helped distribute food on June 19th! What fun that must have been to see these young gals wearing their tiaras giving back to their community!

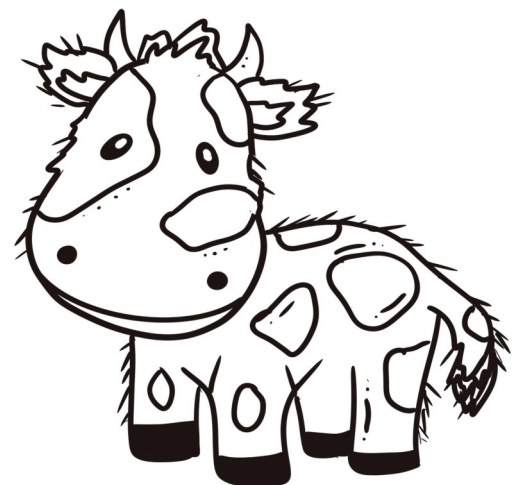
Another wonderful blessing came from Jenny Mapes, who operates Mapes Dairy Fresh on Rt. 304, just west of New Berlin. She sold us 60 quarts of milk and then threw in pints of chocolate milk for free! Be sure to go by Mapes, pick up some ice cream and thank them for their generosity.

Also...

Now these two men don't want us bragging on them and giving all the specifics, so we'll control ourselves and not gush, *but....* We have to give a shout out to John Showers and Dennis Spangler who have blessed the New Berlin Food Pantry. Of course we'd like to say more, *but....*

All donations whether large or small are greatly appreciated.

If you have a business or know someone who would be willing to donate to the New Berlin Food Pantry, please let us know.





Ms. Jenny Mapes of Mapes Farms and Mrs. Miriam Milbrand.

Mapes Farms sold us 60qts of milk and gave us pints of chocolate milk at no charge to distribute to our Friends in need at The New Berlin Food Pantry.



The Union County Dairy maids, princesses and ambassadors helped out our volunteer staff on June 19 by handing out bags of food to those in need.



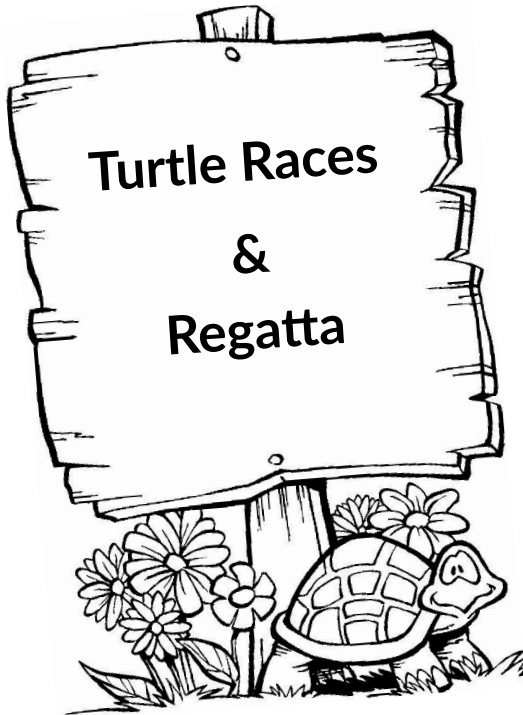
Miss Dallas Goodyear, Union County Dairy Princess presenting a check for \$168.00 to our Food Pantry volunteers.

New Berlin Firemen's Carnival

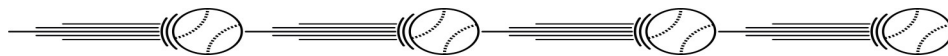
July 9-12

Messiah Lutheran Church will be operating the Ice Cream Shoppe at the Firemen's Carnival. Help is needed to staff the Shoppe. It's a fun way to engage the community, work alongside friends and family and help raise money for Messiah's general fund. A

sign-up sheet is located on the main bulletin board in the social hall. If you have any questions please call Kay Trick @ 570-847-4500.



The Carnival includes a parade on Wednesday and on Friday, a talk on turtles by Ranger Kiley from Poe Valley State Park, a turtle race, followed by the Cardboard Boat Regatta. You can find more info about these events in the church bulletin.



Lutheran Night at the Park

Crosscutter's Game

Join United in Christ, Milton Lutheran and Christ's Evangelical

Sunday, July 20 @ 4:05pm

Ticket Price: \$6/Person

Signup Deadline: Sunday, July 6th.



In our prayers

Healing, wholeness, and encouragement

Long Term

Alicia Saxon, Noah Navickas, Matthew Myers, Steve Boonie, Lori Haines, Jeffrey Ames, Oliver Auman, Aimee Erdley, Bev Fausey, Christine Koons, Darrell O'Bryant, Robert "Butch" Hestor, Betty Reber, Michael Callahan, Angela Golfieri, Todd Miller, John Hollenbach, Eric Brosious, Kay Fleming, Taryn Myers, Brantley Herman, Timothy Shomper, Jane Ohlidia, Weston Treas, Trudy Livingston, Mick Hauck, Lark Springer, Logan Roush, Katelyn Mattison, Tena Decker-Norman, Mary Hoover, Laurie Thomas, John Wagner, Beth Ann Troutman, George Hauck, Sandy Raymond, Kathy Spangler, Dianne Bailor, Doug Aikey, Loretta Weatherill, Melissa Boonie, Adam Guzinski, Julia Hauck, Ellie Crane, Jami and Dylan Crane, Tracy Sassaman, Paul Burkholder, Sue Ulrich, Charlie Stabler, Shawna St. Claire, Stanley St. Claire, Larry St. Claire, Daytona Wentzel, Tim Walsh, Ted Kolvich, Ron Trick, Cameron Osgood, June Bingaman, Michelle (Pam Erdley's friend), Grant Snyder, Robert Sauers, Rick Slear, Joe Hoffman

Short Term

Mary Wagner, Ken Walter, Deb Wetzel, Clay Powel, Diane Walter, Logan Hollenbach, Randy Rim Fultz, Mary Lou Shoop, Ali Wyland, Mike

Providence and protection for first responders and military service men and women

Stanley Miller, Benjamin Pilko

Companionship and support for our homebound

Carol McJilton, Valda Sassaman, Julia Fetter, Mick and Mary Hauck, Nancy Hummel, Carole Jacka

Comfort for those who grieve

For the family and friends of Dick Devitt, Bill Roush,



Have a prayer request?

Fill out the yellow Prayer Request card and drop it in the offering plate or use the form on the website.

Need immediate prayers? Contact Tom Milbrand (570-966-1352), Diane Walter (570-966-0333), or Frances Blatchley (570-966-0288) to have prayers shared on the prayer chain.



JULY

BIRTHDays

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| July 2 | Kelly Erb | July 18 | Heather Heggenstaller |
| | Linda Zimmerman | | Kellie Reilly |
| July 8 | Gaye Wetzel | | Robert Woodling |
| July 9 | Mea Long | | Steve Bowersox |
| July 14 | Loren Bachorski | July 23 | Suzanne Stackhouse |
| July 15 | Alexis Dando | July 29 | Brian Fee |
| | Michael Wetzel | | Mikayla Keister |
| | | July 30 | William Stackhouse |
| | | July 31 | Julie Keister |



JULY

anniversaries

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| July 12 | Jon and Jennifer Hampshire |
| July 13 | George and Marilee Hauck |
| July 15 | Michael and Mary Hauck |
| July 16 | Michael and Kelly Erb |

Worship Leaders 6 weeks out!

Please remember, if you cannot attend worship the day you are scheduled, please find a replacement (switch with someone or find someone to fill in for you) and notify the church office of the change. If you are not currently on our list of worship leaders, and would like to be, please, contact the church office.

Sunday, July 6

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| Presiding | Beverly Hoffman |
| Greeter/s | The Mitchell Family |
| Lector | Katie Brobst |
| Acolyte/s | Ava and Emma Mitchell |
| Cantor/s | Ronald and Frances Blatchley |
| Music Dir. | Frank Shue |
| Video Op. | Kay Trick |
| Altar Flowers | Kay Trick |

Sunday, July 13

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| Presiding: | Beverly Hoffman |
| Greeter/s | Frances Blatchley |
| Lector | John Showers |
| Acolyte/s | John Showers and Mea Long |
| Cantor/s | JR Erdley |
| Music Dir. | Frank Shue |
| Video Op. | Nancy Morgan |
| Flowers: | Mick and Mary Hauck |

Sunday, July 20

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| Presiding | Sister Marianne Brock |
| Greeter/s | Emily Moyer |
| Lector | Tom Milbrand |
| Acolyte/s | Tom Milbrand and Mea Long |
| Cantor/s | Miriam Milbrand |
| Music Dir. | Frank Shue |
| Video Op. | Philip Hegginstaller |
| Altar Flowers | Desiree Brown |

Sunday, July 27

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| Presiding: | Pastor Wayne Muthler |
| Greeter/s | Mim Keister |
| Lector | Nancy Morgan |
| Acolyte/s | Nancy Morgan & CarolAnn Miller |
| Cantor/s | CarolAnn Miller |
| Music Dir. | Frank Shue |
| Video Op. | Kay Trick |
| Altar Flowers: | |

Sunday, August 3

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|----------------|------------------------------|
| Presiding: | Pastor Wayne Lupole |
| Greeter/s | The Mitchell Family |
| Lector | Katie Brobst |
| Acolyte/s | Ava and Emma Mitchell |
| Cantor/s | Ronald and Frances Blatchley |
| Music Dir. | Frank Shue |
| Video Op. | Nancy Morgan |
| Altar Flowers: | |

Sunday, August 10

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| Presiding: | Beverly Hoffman |
| Greeter/s | Paul Kaler & Ginny Engel |
| Lector | John Showers |
| Acolyte/s | John Showers and Mea Long |
| Cantor/s | JR Erdley |
| Music Dir. | Frank Shue |
| Video Op. | Kay Trick |
| Altar Flowers: | |

Communion Bread Baker for July: Emily Moyer
Communion Volunteers for July: ???

Communion Bread Baker for August: Steve and Linda Resseguie
Communion Volunteers for August: Steve and Linda Resseguie

Calendar of Events for July 2025

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| Sunday, July 6 | 9 am | <i>Service of Holy Communion Fellowship</i> |
| Tues., July 8 | 6:30 pm | <i>Council</i> |
| July 9-12 | | <i>Firemen's Carnival</i> |
| Sunday, July 13 | 9 am | <i>Service of Holy Communion Fellowship</i> |
| July 14-18 | 9am—3pm | <i>Summer Day Camp @ Milton Lutheran</i> |
| Tues., July 15 | 12:30 pm | <i>Quilt Tying</i> |
| Thurs. July 17 | 10 am | <i>Food Pantry</i> |
| Sunday, July 20 | 9 am | <i>Service of Holy Communion Fellowship</i> |
| | 4:05 pm | <i>Lutheran Night @ The Park Crosscutters Game</i> |
| Sunday, July 27 | 9 am | <i>Service of Holy Communion Fellowship</i> |

**Your church secretary will be on vacation from
June 29th thru July 8**

Can't make it to church in-person?

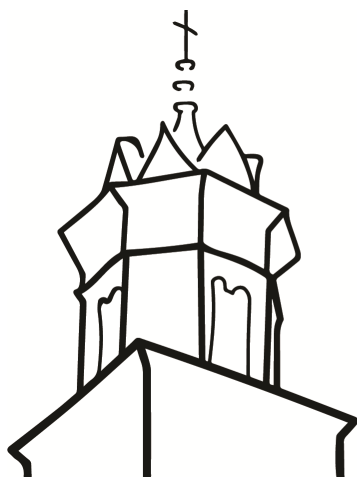
Attend remotely on Facebook, YouTube and the phone.

To listen in on the phone, call 570-989-8899.

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