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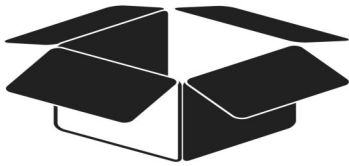
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God's Boxes

I have in my hands two boxes, which God gave me to hold.

He said, Put all your sorrows in the black box and all your joys into the gold."

I heeded His words, and in the two boxes both my joys and sorrows I stored.

But though the gold became heavier each day, the black was as light as before.

With curiosity, I opened the black box. I wanted to find out why, and I saw in the base of the box, a hole which my sorrows had fallen out by.

I showed the hole to God and mused, "I wonder where my sorrows could be?"

He smiled a gentle smile and said, "My child, they're here with me".

I ask God why He gave me the boxes, why the gold and the black with the hole?

"My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings. The black is for you to let go."

Heavenly Father, as I lay down to sleep, relieve the worries of my heart. Grant me peace throughout the night and protect me from all harm. May your angels guard me and bring me safely to a new day. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Yours In Christ,

Beverly Hoffman, SAM



Resolutions in Summer

When my kids were in school, I got in the habit of dividing the years by when school was beginning and when school was ending. In other words, for me, the new year did not begin on January 1st, but rather in August when school started. Surprisingly, I still tend to think that way. Perhaps it's because on January 1st, I am always too tired from all the Christmas preparations and celebrations to make, much less be successful at any New Year's Resolutions. But, in late August as school begins, I write out my goals and resolutions for the year. With this in mind, I'd like you to consider making some Summer Resolutions.

Your church needs your help. Every Sunday requires at least 9 volunteers to keep things going the way you like it to go. For example, we cannot have communion every week, without bread bakers and volunteers to set up the elements or acolytes to light the candles, read the prayers and pour the wine.

With God's Work, Our Hands Day coming in September, now is a good time to make some summer resolutions to invite your neighbors, friends and family to church, serve on the Sunday Worship Team at least once a month, and volunteer to serve during the week.

Acolytes, Greeters and Video Recording positions are greatly needed. Some of our workers have been serving so often and for so long that they are exhausted. So, let's serve one another in love, lending a hand to those who have been doing most of the work and together, serve and grow this church!



An orientation meeting on September 3rd at 7pm begins our 2025-2026 Preschool year at Messiah Lutheran. The following day will be the first official school day for our young students. We have 15 students scheduled to begin classes. This is a significant milestone for students and parents alike. Please pray for each student, their family, and our faithful teacher, Karen Smith.



Collection for Lutheran World Relief School Kits

School supplies are showing up everywhere you shop. Now is the time to find some deals! Notebooks are the first to sell out, so when in doubt, buy notebooks! We are hoping to collect all of the needed items by September so that the kits can be packed at our “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday. Don’t like shopping? That’s okay! You can donate money to W.E.L.C.A. and they will purchase the needed items for you. Our goal is 100 kits.

What We Still Need:

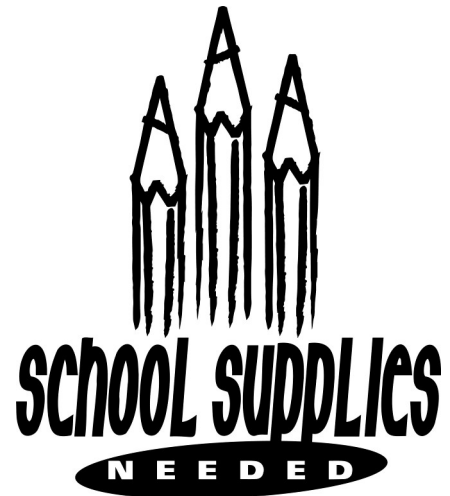
25 pencil sharpeners

41 rulers

172 #2 pencils, unsharpened

260 black or blue ballpoint pens
(no gel pens, please)

And notebooks, notebooks, notebooks!!



First Friday at The Museum

The New Berlin Heritage Association invites you to travel to the 2nd floor town museum in the old courthouse & post office to celebrate with neighbors, your community, and town history. First Fridays at the New Berlin Heritage Museum are a neighborhood Happy Hour of sorts...for all ages. Light food & libations offered.

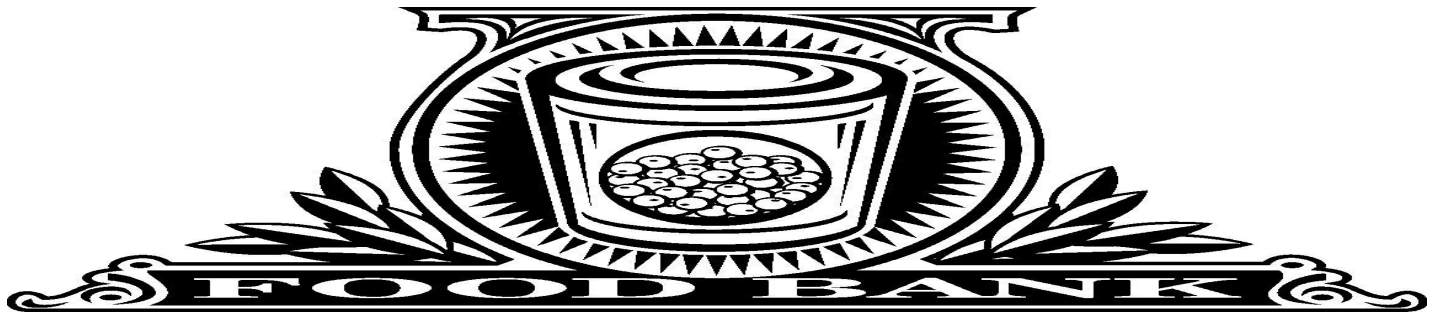
The new stair lift to The Museum level is now operational making The Museum and the new Gabriel exhibit accessible to all.

5:00pm..social gathering in The Museum

6:45pm...the Gabriel New Berlin story

7:00pm...program ends with a visit next door





When was the last time you bought meat, dairy and produce for 19 cents a pound?!???!!!

Well, believe it or not, that's what our Food Pantry pays for food through the Central Pa. Food Bank! Now you might think that's a deal and we don't need your donation to provide for those in need in our area. Oh, contraire! We have been providing to 100+ individuals every month. That means that although items are only 19 cents a pound, we still need to buy enough to meet the ever-growing amount of need. I hate to belabor this point, but, we obviously can't get this good deal if we don't have the money. So, let me show you some numbers: A gift of \$5.00 will get us almost 26 pounds of food. \$10.00 will buy us 52 pounds of food and \$20.00 will buy us 105 pounds of food!!! You can't find a better deal anywhere! Plus, we can get free stuff too!

Please give your monetary donations to the New Berlin Food Pantry through Messiah. If you are giving cash, please place it in an envelop designated for the Food Pantry. If you are writing a check, please make it payable to Messiah and note in the memo line that it is for the New Berlin Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity.

Also, another great way to be a good steward of your money and support the New Berlin Food Pantry is by purchasing gift cards for Weis, Giant and L & L markets. I know, a lot of us go to Walmart, but meat and produce are ALWAYS better at Weis and Giant. Even a purchase of a \$25.00 card helps the Food Pantry.

It's Always a Good Time to Update the Prayer List

Please review the prayer list and let Christine know whether prayers have been answered and those prayed for can be removed or whether we should move those needing more prayer onto the long-term list. Please email me your continued prayers and/or praises at:

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or put a note in my box.

Thank you for helping me serve the church better.



August/September Fellowship Schedule

Join us for fellowship every Sunday after worship.

August 10	Steve & Mary Eaton and Amanda Thomson
August 17	Council
August 24	???
August 31	???
Sept. 7	Ronald and Frances Blatchley
Sept. 14	???
Sept. 21	Choir
Sept. 28	Deb Boyer



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, Carole Jacka, Deb Wetzel, Clay Powel, Diane Walter, Randy Rim Fultz, Mary Lou Shoop, Mary Agnes Hackenberg

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 Gary Keister



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.



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BIRTHDAYS

August 3 Megan Hampshire
 August 11 Alicia Saxon
 August 14 Nancy Morgan
 August 17 Philip Heggenstaller
 August 20 Joshua Hauck
 August 22 Benjamin Reilly

August 23 Camille Dando
 Quentin Pilko
 August 28 Owen Dando
 August 30 Mary Agnes Hackenberg
 Debra Boyer
 August 31 Julia Hauck



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anniversaries

August 1 Brian and Janine Fee
 August 15 Bill and Suzanne Stackhouse
 August 17 Tom and Miriam Milbrand

Birthday and Anniversary Updates

If you would like to see your birthday or anniversary listed in the monthly newsletter, please email your details to Christinerowe@newberlinlutherans.com. Unless you are really proud of your age, you don't have to include the year you were born.

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, August 10

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

Sunday, August 17

Presiding: Beverly Hoffman
Greeter/s: Emily Moyer
Lector: Deb Wetzel
Acolyte/s: Audrey Resseguie
Cantor/s: Alicia Saxon
Music Dir.: Frank Shue
Video Op.: Nancy Morgan
Altar Flowers:

Sunday, August 24

Presiding: Beverly Hoffman
Greeter/s: Mim Keister
Lector: Kathleen Ferster
Acolyte/s: Desiree Brown and Mea Long
Cantor/s: Ronald and Frances Blatchley
Music Dir.: Frank Shue
Video Op.: Kay Trick
Altar Flowers:

Sunday, August 31

Presiding: Beverly Hoffman
Greeter/s: The Heggenstallers
Lector: Nancy Morgan
Acolyte/s: Nancy Morgan/CarolAnn Miller
Cantor/s: CarolAnn Miller
Music Dir.: Frank Shue
Video Op.: Kay Trick
Altar Flowers:

Sunday, September 7

Presiding: Beverly Hoffman
Greeter/s: The Mitchell Family
Lector: Deb Boyer
Acolyte/s: Ava and Emma Mitchell
Cantor/s: JR Erdley
Music Dir.: Frank Shue
Video Op.: Nancy Morgan
Altar Flowers: Bob and Jean Sauers

Sunday, September 14

Presiding: Beverly Hoffman
Greeter/s: Desiree Brown
Lector: Katie Brobst
Acolyte/s: Desiree Brown and Mea Long
Cantor/s: Alicia Saxon
Music Dir.: Frank Shue
Video Op.: Kay Trick
Altar Flowers: Kay Trick

Communion Bread Bakers for August: Steve and Linda Resseguie
Communion Volunteer for August: Steve and Linda Resseguie

Communion Bread Baker for September: ???
Communion Volunteer for September: ????

Calendar of Events for August 2025

Sunday, August 10	9 am	Service of Holy Communion Fellowship
<i>Tues. August 12</i>	<i>6:30 pm</i>	<i>Council</i>
Sunday, August 17	9 am	Service of Holy Communion Fellowship
<i>Wed., August 20</i>	<i>6 pm</i>	<i>Theology on Tap @ Rusty Rail, Mifflinburg</i>
<i>Thurs. August 21</i>	<i>10 am</i>	<i>Food Pantry</i>
Sunday, August 24	9 am	Service of Holy Communion Fellowship
<i>Wed., August 27</i>	<i>11:30 am</i>	<i>XYZ Luncheon @ TBA</i>
Sunday, August 31	9 am	Service of Holy Communion Fellowship

Can't make it to church in-person?

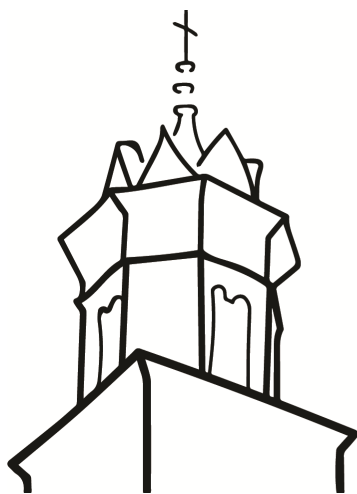
Attend remotely on Facebook, YouTube and the phone.

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

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