

Office Hours

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Notes From the Director of Music

A Reflection on "I Love to Tell the Story"



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we gather each week in worship, we are continually reminded of the power of music to uplift our spirits and deepen our faith. One hymn that holds a special place in our hearts is "I Love to Tell the Story." This timeless piece not only embodies the essence of our Christian journey but also enriches our collective worship experience.

Written by Katherine Hankey in the late 19th century, "I Love to Tell the Story" was inspired by her deep love for the Gospel and her desire to share it with others. The hymn's verses resonate with many of us, reminding us of the joy and importance of recounting the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Each time we sing this hymn, we declare our commitment to sharing the Good News, not just within the walls of our church but also in our daily lives.

In our Lutheran tradition, music plays a pivotal role in worship, serving as a vehicle for expressing our faith and connecting with God. "I Love to Tell the Story" invites us to reflect on our personal testimonies and the transformative impact of Jesus in our lives. As we sing, we are encouraged to embrace our calling as witnesses of His grace, sharing the story of salvation with enthusiasm and authenticity.

During our recent worship services, the energy in the congregation has been palpable as we lift our voices together. It's a beautiful reminder that we are not just individuals but a community united in faith, bound together by the stories we tell and the love we share.

As we continue to explore the themes of storytelling in our worship, I encourage each of you to think about your own faith journey. What has God done in your life that you want to share? How can you tell your story in a way that invites others to experience the love of Christ?

Let us embrace the opportunity to tell the story of Him—through our hymns, our testimonies, and our everyday actions. I look forward to seeing how our collective voices can inspire and uplift one another as we embark on this journey together.

In Christ's love,

William Jacavage (Bill)

Director of Music Ministries

2025	ACTUAL	BUDGET
May Income:	\$ 17,493.01	\$21,209.76
Year to Date Income:	\$100,493.61	\$ 108,798.80
May Expenses:	\$ 18,157.36	\$ 20,238.57
Year to Date Expenses:	\$ 108,525.38	\$ 112,193.60
Income Less Expense – May		-\$ 664.35
Year to Date		-\$8,031.77

Still Time to Join WELCA for Summer Picnic !!

All ladies are invited to join WELCA for their summer picnic on **Monday, June 23rd at 6:00 p.m.** at the Shikellamy Marina (near the point). Join us for a time of fellowship and meal. Please bring a dish to share, BBQ and paper products will be provided. Please rsvp to Brenda Herbert, 570-743-7678 or the church office, in order to prepare enough bbq.



Pastor Karla will be on vacation July 11th -18th.

Reverend Ann Zimmerman will preside at worship service on July 13th.

Pastor Beth George, Zion Lutheran Church, will cover all pastoral emergencies.



Pastor Karla will also be at Camp Mount Luther from July 27-August 1 as the camp Chaplain and Nurse.

NEWS FROM KATE'S KUPBOARD

Kate's Kupboard was open on **May 17, 2025**.

We helped **588** people by distributing **181** household/personal care bags, **181** produce boxes, **181** packs of meat and **312** bags of groceries. We helped **107** babies and provided adult care products to **24** people.

The total cost was **\$5,377.98**

Thank you to **ALL** the volunteers who helped with this Kate's Kupboard in any way.

Between our April and May Kate's Kupboard we helped **1** family (**2**people). We gave them **1** household bag, **3** bags of groceries and **3** packs of meat. We also gave each member of the family adult care products. We help people through NEIGHBORLYPA. Com.



PRAYERS: Dana Jaegers; Robert T.Snyder, Jr.

HOMEBOUND Jason Gulden; Helen Snyder; Doug Manning; June Diehl; Mary Rogers; Mike Payne; Nevin Brungard; Elaine Kohl; Nancy Hendricks; William Wagner; Betty Yerg; Jane Ressler; David Bartholomew; Marti Row



Vacation Bible School Wishlist

The following items are needed for VBS this year. If you would be willing to donate any item(s), please contact the church office, so we can keep track of what is being donated and what will need to be purchased. Donations can be dropped off in the kitchen by July 16th. Thank you.

Craft Supplies

15 empty toilet paper rolls
4 sponges
1 bag yellow feathers
1 ball white yarn
Beeswax sheets
Wicks (for candles)
1 lb. beeswax
Lanolin
Muffin tin liners
Bubble wrap
Brown & White construction paper
1 bag balloons
Elastic cord
Pink paint
1 pack of paper plates
Googly eyes
Glue sticks
Narrow paper bags

Snack Supplies

3 (8 oz) tubs Cool Whip
1 box on Nerds candy
1 gallon Whole Milk
1 quart Goats Milk
1 case (16 oz) Bottle Water (30-34 count)
1 bag of Thin Pretzel Sticks
50 (9 oz) Plastic Cups, punch style
75 Plastic spoons
50 Snack-size Plates
Large Tub of Clorox Wipes
1 Pump bottle Hand sanitizer



St. John's Lutheran Church

300 Queen Street, Northumberland

Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 20-Thursday, July 24

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

CRAFTS

**AGES
Pre-school-5th Grade**

God's Good Creation

Helping children learn about hunger, hope and the work to which God calls us in the world is key to ending hunger for good. This program celebrates the gifts that God has created – gifts that can help build a world where all are fed. Working together with all of creation, we can look forward to the future God has promised.

SNACKS

GAMES

Vacation Bible School Registration Card

Child's Name _____

Birth Date _____ Last Grade Completed _____

Known Allergies or Medical Concerns: _____

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Emergency Contact & Phone _____ Phone# _____
(if parents cannot be contacted)

Brothers and Sisters (names and ages, if attending VBS) _____

Would your child/children be able to participate on Sunday, July 27 VBS Program at 9:00 a.m. worship?

_____ Yes _____ No

Please register by July 13, if possible, in order to gather enough supplies. Registration will also be held

July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Bishop's Day 9 a.m.-3 p.m. AA 7:00 p.m.	2	3 Al anon 7:00 p.m.	4 	5
6 Worship w/Comm. 9:00 a.m.	7	8 AA 7:00 p.m.	9 Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	10 Al anon 7:00 p.m.	11	12
					Pastor's Vacation	
13 Worship w/Comm. 9:00 a.m. <i>Rev. Ann Zimmerman presiding</i>	14 Finance 7:00 p.m.	15 AA 7:00 p.m.	16 Messenger Folding 9:00 a.m. Blood Drive 1-6:00 p.m.	17 Al anon 7:00 p.m.	18	19 Kate's Kupboard 9-11:00 a.m.
			Pastor's Vacation			
20 Worship w/Comm. 9:00 a.m.	21	22 AA 7:00 p.m.	23	24 Al anon 7:00 p.m.	25	26 
		Vacation Bible School 5:30-7:30 p.m.				
27 Worship w/Comm. 9:00 a.m.	28 	29 AA 7:00 p.m.	30	31 Al anon 7:00 p.m.	August 1	2
		Pastor @ Camp Mount Luther				