

# First News First

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It's Summer! School is out. A chance for a little break from the busyness of the program year. Fewer meetings. A little space for reflection, reading, and planning. Some time away.

But it is also a wonderful time for Christian growth.

- One of our young people is going to Confirmation Camp in June with kids from Evangelical Lutheran Church in Waynesboro.
- One of them is attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July with kids from Trinity Lutheran in Chambersburg.
- Our elementary age children are invited to attend Vacation Bible School at St. Luke's Lutheran in Chambersburg.
- And First Lutheran is inviting other churches to join us on August 11 for worship and a special production of "Mrs. Noah" performed by Karen Knight from Sight and Sound Theater.



Summer is turning out to be a fantastic opportunity to come together in different ways. I encourage you to:

- Join the Women of First Lutheran for a bring-your-own- picnic lunch at Memorial Park on Thursday, June 13 at 12:30. Bring a friend.
- Try something new and go to breakfast with the women on the third Wednesday in June. Bring a friend.
- Sign up for the church picnic and outdoor worship at Greene Township Park on June 23. Bring a friend.
- Relax and come to the Hagerstown Flying Boxcar game on July 7 with others from our church. Bring a friend.
- Want to try quilting? Men and women alike are welcome. Bring a friend.
- Details are not yet firm, but post-confirmation age youth are looking at a kayaking/fishing outing this summer. Bring a friend.
- The Faith formation committee is considering having a discussion group to look at the Civic Life and Faith Social draft statement put out by the ELCA. This relates to church and state and is very relevant to our upcoming elections. This is still in the discussion stage. We will give more details if and when we have it. And if we do?... Bring a friend.

This is a wonderful time to casually come together and get to know each other in a new way as we create and strengthen our faith community. Hope your summer will be meaningful and remember... Bring a friend!

Pastor Nicholson

P.S. If you have an interest in teaching post-confirmation age young people, elementary age children, or adults in the fall – please speak with someone on the Faith Formation Committee: Tim Gotwald, Joyce Ray, or Pastor Nicholson. Thank you for the prayerful consideration.



## Summer Worship

June 2	9:30	Communion
June 9	9:30	Worship
June 16	9:30	Father's Day; Communion; Rose Rent Sunday
June 23	10:45	Worship and Picnic at Greene Township Park
June 30	9:30	Worship
July 7	9:30	Brief presentation from Tree-4-Hope, Communion, Youth Gathering Sending
July 14	9:30	Worship
July 21	9:30	Communion; Bill Nienstedt preaching
July 28	9:30	Orchestra Sunday; Bill Nienstedt preaching
Aug 4	9:30	Communion; Angela Zimmann preaching
Aug 11	9:30	Mrs. Noah (Karen Knight) from Sight and Sound Theater presenting the message, WELCA Thank Offering Service
Aug 18	9:30	Communion
Aug 25	9:30	Orchestra Sunday
September 1	9:30	Communion

Newsletter deadline for the July/August newsletter is June 15.

## **Outdoor Worship and Picnic**

We hope you will join us at Greene Township Park Pavilion for Worship on Sunday, June 23 at 10:45. You may wish to bring a lawn chair. If you would like to help with the more causal worship that day, please be in touch with Pastor Nicholson. To help with music contact Freda Dorand.



*Church Picnic* The congregation picnic will follow. Menu will be posted at a later date in Memorial Hall. Please make your reservation for food by June 16th. Sign up in Memorial Hall after worship on June 9th & 16th, or by calling Mary Beth Warne at (717) 372-8282. Shorts and t-shirts are appropriate dress.



Back to School Event is on Saturday, August 24. We will be distributing new socks and underwear to elementary age students from 9 to 11 a.m. Please invite persons who may be in need of these items.



**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE** wishes to increase its membership. The committee develops the annual budget and provides financial advice to Council. A financial management background is not necessary. Monthly meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. The committee will not meet if there is no business to discuss. Usually there are six to seven meetings annually, primarily to develop the budget and conduct mid-year reviews. Please contact Tedd Sloan, Sally Herrit, Carol McCoy or Pastor Nicholson if you are interested in joining the committee.

## UNCLAIMED



Time to Check for Unclaimed Property Take a moment and check for unclaimed property being held by the Pennsylvania Treasury—Bureau of Unclaimed Property. It's quick and easy. Their website is [www.patreasury.gov/unclaimed/search.html](http://www.patreasury.gov/unclaimed/search.html). The service is free.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## BASEBALL GAME

Sunday, July 7  
5:00 p.m.

Sign-up by June 16 on sheet by office door or call or e-mail the office. Cost \$12.



## **FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS: 100% Chance of Rain (The Faith of Mrs. Noah):**

With delightful moments of music and humor, Mrs. Noah (Karen Knight from Sight and Sound Theater) will tell the story of how she coped with an overwhelming task in an unusual situation while finding the faith to overcome her life's unexpected storms. Mrs. Noah's message in story and song will make you laugh...move you to tears..... & leave you inspired in your faith.

Join us at worship on August 11 as the Women of the ELCA provide leadership for our worship together. Feel free to invite friends.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Vacation Bible School

@ St. Luke

**July 7-11**

5:30 - 8:00 pm

Ages 4-12 years

Sign up online via St. Luke's website  
[stlukechambersburg.org/2024-vbs](http://stlukechambersburg.org/2024-vbs)

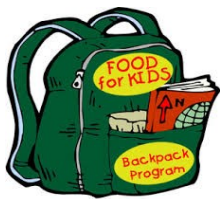


**St. Luke 2695 Luther Dr. Chambersburg PA 17202**

## WELCA



All women are invited to come to Memorial Park in Chambersburg for a picnic on Thursday, June 13 at 12:30 p.m. Bring your own lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Enjoy fun games and fellowship.



The gathering of individual serving items for the backpack program continues as a project for the women's group. All members are invited to contribute to this project with contributions of spaghetti and meatballs, ravioli, beefaroni, and lasagna as the suggestion for June. These items are provided for the elementary school children who lack adequate nutrition on weekends.



### Ladies' Breakfast

#### The Women's Fellowship Breakfast

will be held at Texas Lunch  
8:30 a.m. on  
Wednesday, June 19

**ALL LADIES ARE  
WELCOME.**

# NEIGHBORHOOD TASK TEAM

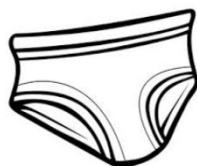
*Sharing God's love in our community*

Catching up with the Neighborhood Task Team June 2024  
“We are at our best when we are serving others”.

## How Can You Help NTT?



Occasionally drop non-perishable food in the container in Memorial Hall for the Give and Take Box. Food is a great need for our neighbors.



Donate by cash or check or purchase new underwear for the elementary children in our community. Small, Medium or Large boys and girls briefs.



Volunteer to help at the Back to School Event-  
Contact Beth Fairchild at  
717-816-8122 or email at fairchildbeth@gmail.com  
Volunteer hours 8:30-11:30 am on Saturday Aug 24.



Drop used clothing items and/or household items into the bin for Little Daisy's Closet.



Purchase Laundry pods for our Laundry Events.



# NEIGHBORHOOD TASK TEAM

*Sharing God's love in our community*



Volunteer to help a school district child with specific needs through the SCAN program. Contact Kim Martin to sign up and for information. You may choose how much you want to donate and how often you want to donate. Kim's phone 717-446-0842 or email her at [kmartin\\_898@hotmail.com](mailto:kmartin_898@hotmail.com)



Use your Thrivent Dollars Grant Money to support NTT.

We will help you through the short process.

Contact Tim Gotwald for information.

Phone 717-264-4759 or

email [tgotwald@embarqmail.com](mailto:tgotwald@embarqmail.com)



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

St Seraphim Soup Kitchen Open date June 29  
for 2 volunteers Please consider volunteering .

The hours are 9am-1pm. Call or email

Mary Gotwald for information



Please pray for the NTT team and the work they are doing, sharing God's love and care. We appreciate all of your support. We can't do this without your help. Everyone is on the team. Join us!

# SpiriTrust Lutheran

**The Village at Luther Ridge  
Annual Community Yard Sale**

**Sat. June 24<sup>th</sup> - 8am to 2pm**

(near Chambersburg Mall)

Food Available All Day

\$5 per space

Call 717-267-1665, 8-4pm, to reserve a space



# HELPING HANDS

## 2024 Council

President: Joyce Ray  
 Vice President: Marlin Maclay  
 Secretary: Mary Beth McGraw-Warne  
 Treasurer: Sally Herritt  
 Pastor: Jane Nicholson  
 Deacon: Freda Dorand  
     Martha Carbaugh  
     Jeff Dorand  
     Barb Evans  
     Gerry Wilson  
 Financial Secretary: Carol McCoy



## PRAYER CHAIN

May we include you in our prayers? Do you have a prayer need that we can help you with? If so, please call our prayer chain group leader:

Marcia Hunt @  
 717-263-0781

Names are kept on the prayer chain for 1 month. After that month, please contact the office again if you would like to have a name on for another month.

June Diehl	6/1	Jean Reed	6/18
Martha Umbrell	6/3	Preston Friend	6/19
Robert Willits	6/4	Monica Willits	6/21
Beverly Rebok	6/5	Chad Lensbower	6/23
Shirley Pugh	6/5	Shirley Martin	6/23
Amber McCoy	6/13	Denny Love	6/24
Gregory Plasterer	6/14	Sharon Hammond	6/24
John Sekel	6/15	Ashley Peters	6/26
Nancy Hamilton	6/15	Blaine Wilson	6/27
Thomas Kriner	6/15	Karen Naus	6/27
Kristen Potts	6/16	Dale Forrester	6/29
Diana Umbrell	6/18		

## TRANSPORTATION

### Need a Ride?

Our church provides transportation to church on Sundays!

Please call if you need a ride. Church office: 717-264-2015



**Deadline for  
 the July/August  
 Newsletter  
 will be  
 June 15**



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**Church Office Hours**  
Monday-Thursday  
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE	717-264-2015
Parish Administrator	ext. 1
Director of Music	ext. 3
Pastor	ext. 4



**Outdoor  
Worship**

Sunday, June 23 at 10: 45 a.m.  
Outdoor worship at Greene Township Park in Scotland

*Church Picnic*



Following Worship  
Service