

# MAY 2025 DAYS PRING

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The **Stewardship Team** would like to remind you of our month-long **Special Offering Option**

## May 2025 Faith Community Nurse Enid Rank

Please ensure your giving envelope and/or check is clearly marked with your intentions.

*Electronic giving is also available via Vanco on our website [www.clcht.org](http://www.clcht.org)*



## Saucon Valley Community Yard Sale

at Christ Lutheran Church • 69 Main Street • Hellertown

Saturday • June 7th • 8am - 2:30pm

**Space Rental - \$20.00**

6' Table - \$5.00 Additional • 8' Table - \$7.00 Additional

Contact Lenore Spohn to reserve your spot today:

610-573-8736 • [lenore.spohn@yahoo.com](mailto:lenore.spohn@yahoo.com)

Sunday, May 18  
12 Noon to 4PM  
**Handwriting Analysis**  
15 minute slots available  
Sign up Here  
<https://tinyurl.com/k69wwkva>  
See your personality in a new light!

*Tax deductible donations welcomed!*

**With our Guest  
Certified Master Handwriting Analyst  
Debbie Berk, MA**

Debbie has recently partnered with **American Friends of the Parents Circle-Families Forum (AF-PCFF)** who share the human side of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict with the American public in order to foster a peace and reconciliation process. All proceeds from Debbie's handwriting analysis goes to this amazing foundation

<https://parentscirclefriends.org>, and  
<https://www.facebook.com/ParentsCircleFamiliesForum>

Contact Judy 610-657-2607, [jbird1952@yahoo.com](mailto:jbird1952@yahoo.com)

**Thank You for Your Kindness...**  
to my Christ Lutheran Church Family for all your cards, phone calls, visits, well-wishes and prayers as I continue to heal from my surgery. Although the recuperation and recovery process isn't going as fast as I would like, I continue to improve gradually. It is such a comfort to know that I am a member of this Community of Faith. I look forward to returning to in-person worship once I can stand it or sit it!

Showers of Blessing,  
**Sandy Moran**



**Children's Learning Center**  
610.838.9790  
Monday - Friday 7:00am - 5:00pm



**Church Office**  
610.838.0400  
Monday - Friday 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Closed for Lunch Noon - 1:00pm



# Connections for the Journey...

## Pastor Phil

### *What's wrong with DEI?*

You might have heard that there is concern about DEI, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, in our culture today. DEI is nothing new. It's been around a long time, since the Civil Rights years of the 1960's.

I have read that DEI was created because marginalized communities have not always had equal opportunities for jobs. How are minority people integrated into a work force? Does it just happen? Have you ever been in a minority? The single woman in a male-dominated workforce? A white person in an all-black church?

Change happens when you consciously focus on something. As a nation, we realize the future of America is not solely white Christians of European descent. Can we do better at integrating different people, for the health of America?

The church has a role to play in this, but critics argue that Sunday Mornings are the most segregated hour of the week! Whites like to worship with Whites, and Black like to worship with Blacks.

Elon Musk, who last year called DEI "just another word for racism", makes an interesting point. If diversity in the work place is forced, is it racism? Would I want my heart surgeon to be accepted into medical school solely because he is Irish? Of course not. What about his other qualifications? DEI is not about throwing important qualifications aside.

The classic Bible passage on the importance of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, is the passage written by the Apostle Paul. He is writing to a church in which people are arguing because they don't all agree. His point is to appreciate difference, and to include that difference.

**1 Corinthians 12:14-16, 19, 25-26** — <sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many members, yet one body. But God has so arranged the body, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Whenever I don't appreciate difference, I remember this passage. I like my whole body. I appreciate the difference between my thumb and my nose, and I want both included in my body.

Can we think of humanity the same way... rich in diversity, all people created equal in the eyes of God, and all included in a greater whole?

We know that diversity is vitally important for life. Thank God we have more to eat than prunes. We all want to be included. We are all equal in regards to our humanity.

I've heard it said that the opposite of DEI is, Uniformity, Inequality, and Exclusion. Is that what we want to be about?

St. Paul points us in the right direction as followers of Jesus. We can make a better church and a better world when we appreciate difference, include all people, and value them as Children of God, as we ourselves are.

**Know God loves you! Pastor Phil**

## Council Corner

Council Corner

Your Church Council met on April 15th. Agenda Items included:

- Meet the Confirmands
- Scholarship Recommendations
- Church Bell Repair Request
- Grant Application Aptitude
- Solar Panel Team Update
- Internal Audit Report

The highlight of our April council meeting was a visit by the 2<sup>nd</sup> year confirmands. They are an articulate, involved and thoughtful group of individuals. Each of them was comfortable presenting to us and later offering their ideas about how to get and keep young people interested in the church. We are listening! Thank you all for taking the time to meet with us. It was the perfect conversation as we begin the process of creating our Strategic Plan for the next 5 years. We achieved many of the goals we set forth in our 2020 plan. We will use that base of learning to help determine what we want to focus on over the next 5 years. The makeup of our congregation is different from 5 years ago. We need to elicit and listen to one another's thoughts and ideas from all perspectives to help us set our future goals.

	<b>Church</b>	<b>Learning Center</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Receipts	\$166,158	\$199,138	\$365,296
Expenses	<u>-\$145,491</u>	<u>-\$204,632</u>	<u>-\$350,123</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 20,667</b>	<b>-\$ 5,494</b>	<b>\$ 15,173</b>
		<b>Budgeted Giving</b>	<b>\$112,747</b>
<i>Year to Date thru March 2025</i>		<b>Actual Giving</b>	<b>\$120,274</b>

MAY VOLUNTEERS	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	Pacesetters	Mother's Day	Brunch	Men's Group
<b>SOUND TECH</b>	Kurt Rank	Kurt Rank	Kurt Rank	Kurt Rank
<b>AV TECH</b>	Ken Doremus	Mark Stana	Kevin Gough	Ken Doremus
<b>COMMUNION</b>	Communion Class		Quiet Communion Enid Rank	
<b>GREET/USHER</b>	Kim & Corky Blake	Jodie & Scott Raab	Barbara & Bob Pasternak	Alice & Mike Karpa
<b>READER</b>	Dave Kubisek	April Rose	Tiffany Wilten	Glenn Butterfield
<b>WORSHIP ASST</b>	Kevin Gough	Angela Drake	Anne Baum	Carolyn Raudenbush

# 2025 SUMMER MUSIC SERIES Is Just Around the Corner....

Bonnie Banks-Beers, Assistant Minister of Music

Realizing that we are blessed with many new members (and even more new faces!), I thought I'd take some time to explain what summer service music is about, for those who may not know.

**WHO** – Starting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in June, we will have 12 different summer music guest Sundays. Some Sundays, our guests are individuals; other Sundays, our guests are groups.

**WHAT** – This is our 10<sup>th</sup> year in a row of a Summer Music Series. (Even during “covid summer” of 2020, music guests recorded in advance of their Sunday, and new services were edited and live streamed weekly.) These are worship services, not concerts.

**WHERE** – In the church sanctuary.

**WHEN** – June 8<sup>th</sup> – August 24<sup>th</sup>, starting 10AM. Thank goodness we voted to maintain a 10AM start time (rather than 9:30 or even 9 AM). Many of our guests travel to Christ Lutheran from outside the Hellertown area. They not only have to get up and get ready for the day, but they often warm-up (vocally or instrumentally), perhaps pack instruments and gear to their cars and subsequently carry them into the sanctuary after driving here, set-up, tune-up, and run a sound check on one or more songs. Lots to do before the service even begins! However, rest assured that we do our best to end the services before 11AM, knowing that many congregants (and guest musicians, no doubt) want to get on with their day!

**WHY** – Jesus, as Pastor Phil teaches, practiced radical inclusion in his ministry, and thereby broke boundaries of convention. In the summer, our service music reflects this inclusiveness by including various genres of music. We may hear styles of music in the summer that we do not hear in church on a typical Sunday during the school year.

**HOW** – Most Sundays, there will be these five standard music elements:

Prelude, Opening Song/Hymn, Anthem, Closing Song/Hymn, Postlude. In general, the Opening and Closing Songs are meant for congregational singing. The Prelude, Anthem, and Postlude are times for congregational listening. Often, the Anthem ties in with the Gospel reading or theme for that Sunday. Extra music will be included for Communion Sundays (1<sup>st</sup> Sundays of July and August); if it is vocal music, the congregation is invited to sing along.

*... Stay tuned for the June DaySpring, when the names and musical styles of our summer music guests are revealed!*

# 5 Ways to Give Without Changing Your Will or Trust

Would you like to leave a gift to Christ Lutheran Church Hellertown in your will or trust, and avoid a big legal bill? Here are 5 easy and free ways to make a gift without changing your will or trust:

1. Name Christ Lutheran as a beneficiary of your IRA, 401(k), 403(b), or other retirement plan.  
These are tax-heavy assets. Taxes can eat up a large part of your hard earned savings when you give these assets to loved ones. A charity won't pay tax on your gift. Your entire gift can help to protect and preserve our church.
2. Name Christ Lutheran as a beneficiary of your Donor Advised Fund (DAF).
3. Name Christ Lutheran as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy.
4. Give your remaining bank funds to Christ Lutheran. This is a POD or payable-on-death account.
5. Transfer your remaining investments to Christ Lutheran. This is a TOD or transfer-on-death account.

All you have to do is complete a beneficiary form with your financial institution. You can change your mind at any time by completing a new beneficiary form.

Please contact Chris Myers ([cdmdad4@aol.com](mailto:cdmdad4@aol.com)) or Brad Wagner ([bwagner@bdwagnerlaw.com](mailto:bwagner@bdwagnerlaw.com))

## CHRIST LUTHERAN BOOKCLUB

BookClub Meets June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
"Yellowface"  
by R.F. Kuang



7:00pm in the Church Library or Zoom

**COMPLIMENTARY COPIES**  
*available while supplies last*

INSTANT *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLER • A REESE'S BOOK CLUB PICK  
"Hard to put down, harder to forget."

— Stephen King, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author  
Authors June Hayward and Athena Liu were supposed to be twin rising stars. But Athena's a literary darling. June Hayward is literally nobody. Who wants stories about basic white girls, June thinks.

So, when June witnesses Athena's death in a freak accident, she acts on impulse: she steals Athena's just-finished masterpiece, an experimental novel about the unsung contributions of Chinese laborers during World War I.

So, what if June edits Athena's novel and sends it to her agent as her own work? So, what if she lets her new publisher rebrand her as Juniper Song—complete with an ambiguously ethnic author photo? Doesn't this piece of history deserve to be told, whoever the teller? That's what June claims, and the *New York Times* bestseller list seems to agree.

But June can't get away from Athena's shadow, and emerging evidence threatens to bring June's (stolen) success down around her. As June races to protect her secret, she discovers exactly how far she will go to keep what she thinks she deserves.

With its totally immersive first-person voice, *Yellowface* grapples with the questions of diversity, racism, and cultural appropriation, as well as the terrifying alienation of social media. R.F. Kuang's novel is timely, razor-sharp, and eminently readable.



# NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## Saying Yes to God: A Personal Witness to Licensed Lay Ministry

*Written by: Michael Haspe, Licensed Lay Ministry Candidate*

I am a lifelong member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tamaqua, PA, where I currently serve as the Christian Education Director. I felt my strongest pull to ministry during the pandemic. It was during the shutdown that God began to utilize me in new ways. I was one of four people—including the Pastor, camera operator, and organist—tasked to broadcast our services live. During this time, I learned to serve as a Cantor, Lector, and Communion Assistant, and I found I really enjoyed being a part of worship leadership. When the congregation came back, the anxiety I had previously experienced that kept me from serving (even though I really wanted to) was gone. I finally felt free to step into the roles God had been preparing me for all along.

Yet how did I get here? Near the end of 2020, I witnessed an unexplainable life-saving miracle. It was then I felt the urge to share my testimony and to preach. At the time, there was no Synodically Authorized Lay Minister (SALM) or Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) program in place, and I didn't feel called to rostered ministry. I wasn't sure what path was right for me, but the desire to be in deeper service was undeniable.



Then, in 2023, my partner of 19 years was diagnosed with Stage 4 colon cancer. My world collapsed. I had a good cry with my Pastor and told her that even though I trusted God, I was afraid. She encouraged me to go home and rest and assured me we would talk more the next day. The very next morning, she called me with news: the synod had approved the LLM program. I knew in that instant it was God commanding my attention.

It felt as though God was saying, "Michael, during this time of uncertainty and fear, YOU WILL FOCUS ON ME." I shared this with my Pastor, and no sooner did it come out of my mouth than my fear turned to calm. There aren't words to describe the sense of peace and clarity that followed.

So that's what I did. I enrolled in the LLM program and kept my eyes LASER focused on God. The anxiety didn't return. Late last year, my partner underwent major surgery to remove the cancer. The pathology report stunned the medical team—what had looked and behaved like Stage 4 cancer was downgraded to Stage 2. Today, my partner is cancer free. While doctors still can't explain it, I can. I had just witnessed a second miracle.



So that is why I am here, and that is why I am so passionate about the Licensed Lay Ministry program. It has given me a pathway to serve others and to share the good news of Jesus Christ, while I continue to discern whether rostered ministry might be the next step. For years, people in my church and community have said to me, “Michael, you are a Pastor.” And whether that becomes a career goal for me or not, this program enables me to explore ministry in meaningful ways. Through it, I can share the Gospel and lead others to Christ.

It’s no secret there is a shortage of Pastors. Being a Licensed Lay Minister allows me to serve in ways that are within my current gifts while also challenging me to grow in areas I may have once feared. LLMs can help address the pastoral shortage across our synod. No congregation is too large or too small to benefit from the presence of a lay minister. I believe the LLM program can be a catalyst to grow our churches, open new doors, and revitalize ministries.

The LLM retreats have been one of my favorite parts of this journey. The preaching retreat especially stands out. It provided me with practical tools to write and deliver sermons with confidence. I now feel my preaching is more focused and effective because of what I learned there. Pastor Peggy Wurtele has been a huge inspiration to me. Her motto—“Proclamation, Proclamation, Proclamation!”—encourages us to seize every opportunity to proclaim the Gospel and remind people that grace is FREE and abundant through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As a perfectionist, I hold onto her other phrase too: “...and Jesus loves us anyway.” It helps me focus less on small details and more on the heart of the message. That reminder has been freeing and empowering.

I want to leave you with a few questions. Ask yourself honestly: “Do you love Jesus Christ? Do you believe in the free gift and promise of grace and eternal salvation? Do you love telling others about Jesus? Do you love people?” If you answered yes to any—or all—of these questions, then the LLM journey might be right for you. Talk to your Pastor or the LLM Coordinator. Take time to pray and discern if this is your next faithful step.

One excuse I frequently hear is, “I would love to do this, but I’m too old.” Let me tell you—you are NEVER too old to proclaim the Good News! Your ministry could change someone’s life. If you’re even a little bit curious about LLM, talk about it. Ask questions. You might be surprised where God is leading you. The most surprising thing I’ve learned is the impact one message can have. I’ve preached dozens of sermons, and the most humbling moments come when someone quietly tells me that something I said encouraged them, gave them hope, or inspired them to try something new. That’s the greatest reward of all.

*Discover how Licensed Lay Ministry is equipping lay leaders for faithful service. Learn more at [godslove.org/LLM](https://godslove.org/LLM), or email Licensed Lay Ministers Coordinator, Pastor Jira Albers at [llm@nepsynod.org](mailto:llm@nepsynod.org)*

**DID YOU KNOW** that your Mission Support helps fund areas of the synod like this one and many other important initiatives? Your contributions are making a significant impact and helping others grow in faith, supporting the synod’s lanes of Growing Young, Gaining Strength, and Going Beyond Death to Life, along with the directions of loving like Jesus, healing like Jesus, and engaging like Jesus. To learn more, visit [godslove.org/missionsupport](https://godslove.org/missionsupport)

Christ Lutheran Church  
69 Main Street, Hellertown  
brings its Congregants *AND* Community...

# Reiki



*COMPLIMENTARY* Half-Hour Sessions

with a Reiki Master

*APPOINTMENTS* highly recommended and greatly appreciated

Monday, May 5th, 5:30 - 7:15pm

Contact Judy Chernikovich-Clemens for details and to schedule your appointment today!

☎ 610-657-2607 ✉ [jbird1952@yahoo.com](mailto:jbird1952@yahoo.com)



## Hellertown-Lower Saucon Heritage Day

Saturday, May 17th, 10am - 3pm

[hellertownhistoricalsociety.org](http://hellertownhistoricalsociety.org)

**DRIVER NEEDED:** The Historical Society will be utilizing our Learning Center van to run periodic shuttle service from The Grist Mill to The Lime Kiln Burial Ground on Creek Road throughout the day. Please contact the Church Office if you are interested in this opportunity to serve your faith community.

10am to Noon - Josh Gulotta

**Noon to 3pm - DRIVER NEEDED**

## FROM YOUR ECO TEAM

Maybe it's time to do an ECO check up on your habits and recent purchases. I think it's a good practice to do an annual check up. Here are some questions to consider: Did you check out alternatives to large plastic jugs of laundry detergent? I notice that the local Giant has several alternative choices these days so you can buy locally rather than mail order laundry sheets. There are more choices for ecologically sustainable options for many products in stores these days. Have you tried to reduce your use of paper towels? Have you looked at more sustainable choices? Try cloth napkins? Have you tried to eat less beef as it uses much more resources than other meats? Even one less beef meal a week is a great start. I occasionally make a meal without a meat component. There are many meatless or vegetarian recipes out there! Do you buy organic produce when possible? Organic produce is generally better for you and tastier while harming the environment less with pesticides and other chemicals. Have you grown your own vegetables yet? At least, eat seasonally and locally as that reduces the energy footprint and has the benefits of fresher produce. Are you trying to reduce your waste by recycling, reusing and upcycling? We have two stores right here in town, and occasionally you come across a real treasure! When you buy new appliances, are you buying ones that are more energy-efficient? There is a label on each item as to energy efficiency. Have you considered getting solar energy for your home as a supplemental energy source? When buying a car, are you looking at cars with better-than-average mileage and at hybrid vehicles that are versatile, yet energy saving? That's a big list of questions about options or things that you can do to reduce your environmental impact. Do whatever you can when buying, to spend responsibly, and be open to alternatives and options that help our world ecologically. We all need to do our part, however small. Together we can make a difference in our world!

*Angela Drake, ECO Editor at Large*



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Come join the journey.

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Get Involved**

**Volunteer  
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**Talk the Talk  
Walk the Walk**



**God's Work  
Our Hands**



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## • Sunday Morning Activities •

### • Acolytes - Alice Karpa

610-838-4843      [karpamt@gmail.com](mailto:karpamt@gmail.com)

*Boys and girls in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grade, to light and extinguish candles before and after worship.*

### • Adult Christian Education - Pastor Phil

610-838-0400      [pspohn@clcht.org](mailto:pspohn@clcht.org)

*Meets Sunday mornings from 9:00am - 9:45am in Church Library and on Zoom.*

### • Altar Guild - Alice Karpa

610-838-4843      [karpamt@gmail.com](mailto:karpamt@gmail.com)

*Men and women to prepare Altar for worship services.*

### • Audio Visual Assistants - Kurt Rank

610-393-9039      [kerank@ptd.net](mailto:kerank@ptd.net)

*Run PowerPoint as needed. Sound Engineer as needed.*

### • Chime Choir - Bonnie Banks-Beers

484-707-0970      [bbanksbeers@clcht.org](mailto:bbanksbeers@clcht.org)

### • Coffee Hour - Coordinator OPEN

610-838-0400      [churchoffice@clcht.org](mailto:churchoffice@clcht.org)

*Help provide and serve coffee following worship.*

### • Communion Servers - Enid Rank

610-349-2970      [nurse@clcht.org](mailto:nurse@clcht.org)

*Help serve communion bread or wine at either service.*

### • Confirmation Class - Josh Gulotta

610-838-0400      [yfm@clcht.org](mailto:yfm@clcht.org)

*7th & 8th Graders meet on the third Sunday of the month from 11:30am to 12:30pm.*

### • Greeters/Ushers - Enid Rank

610-349-2970      [nurse@clcht.org](mailto:nurse@clcht.org)

*Welcome worshippers, distribute bulletins, count attendance, collect offerings, and offer assistance.*

### • Musicians - Steve Wysocki

267-424-9721      [swysocki@clcht.org](mailto:swysocki@clcht.org)

*Vocalists and instrumentalists interested in solo and ensemble participation for Sunday worship services.*

• **Praise Band - Steve Wysocki**

267-424-9721 [swysocki@clcht.org](mailto:swysocki@clcht.org)

• **Summer Music Series - Bonnie Banks-Beers**

484-707-0970 [bbanksbeers@clcht.org](mailto:bbanksbeers@clcht.org)

• **Readers/Worship Assistants - Angela Drake**

610-838-1009 [angeladrake1225@gmail.com](mailto:angeladrake1225@gmail.com)

*Read lessons/lead prayers at worship services.*

• **Sunday Brunch - Lee Wagner**

610-905-5426 [lawagner250@gmail.com](mailto:lawagner250@gmail.com)

*Help prepare and serve brunch once a month.*

• **Sunday School - Josh Gulotta**

610-838-0400 [yfm@clcht.org](mailto:yfm@clcht.org)

*Classes for Pre-K thru 6th Grade. Children dismissed from Sunday worship at 10:20am. Class ends at 11:20am.*

• **Committees • Clubs • Groups •**

• **Bible Study - Pastor Phil**

610-838-0400 [pspohn@clcht.org](mailto:pspohn@clcht.org)

*Meets Thursdays 12:15 - 1:30pm in the Church Library and on Zoom*

• **BookClub - Nancy DeVogel**

610-984-3173 [ndevogel@gmail.com](mailto:ndevogel@gmail.com)

*BookClub meets on the last Monday evening of the month in the Church Library or via Zoom.*

• **Bunco Group - Louise Wagner**

610-597-2521 [louiseaw48@gmail.com](mailto:louiseaw48@gmail.com)

*12 women gather monthly to play Bunco, socialize and make small contributions to church-related programs.*

• **Chair Yoga - Nancy DeVogel**

610-984-3173 [ndevogel@gmail.com](mailto:ndevogel@gmail.com)

*Meets Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:30am in the Narthex.*

• **Driver Volunteers - Enid Rank**

610-349-2970 [nurse@clcht.org](mailto:nurse@clcht.org)

*Transport those in need to appointments, church services, groceries and local errands.*

• **Dungeons & Dragons - Sam Raup**

484-707-7545 [samuel.raup@gmail.com](mailto:samuel.raup@gmail.com)

*Come learn "the world's greatest roleplaying game!"*

• **Eucharistic Ministry - Enid Rank**

610-349-2970 [nurse@clcht.org](mailto:nurse@clcht.org)

*Serving communion to our homebound community.*

• **Food Bank - Corky Blake**

610-462-2356 [corkyb1313@aol.com](mailto:corkyb1313@aol.com)

*Advertise, collect, and deliver donated food on a regular basis to the Hellertown Food Bank at New Jerusalem Lutheran Church.*

• **Gardeners - Angela Drake**

610-838-1009 [angeladrake1225@gmail.com](mailto:angeladrake1225@gmail.com)

*Interested in having a garden here at church, raising produce for yourself and the Hellertown Food Bank?*

• **GIGGLES - Enid Rank**

610-349-2970 [nurse@clcht.org](mailto:nurse@clcht.org)

*This women's group meets Wednesdays at 10am... Girls In God Growing Loving Eating Sharing.*

• **Men's Group - Kelly Meyer**

610-838-8334 [km77RU@gmail.com](mailto:km77RU@gmail.com)

*Men on a spiritual quest meet every Tuesday from 12 - 1pm in the Church Library and on Zoom.*

• **New Bethany Food Delivery - Corky Blake**

610-462-2356 [corkyb1313@aol.com](mailto:corkyb1313@aol.com)

*Organize a group of members to pick up food donated by Hellertown Giant Food Store and deliver them to New Bethany in Bethlehem.*

• **New Bethany Lunch Service - Corky Blake**

610-462-2356 [corkyb1313@aol.com](mailto:corkyb1313@aol.com)

*Organize a group of members to prep food and serve lunch on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 10am to 1pm at New Bethany in Bethlehem.*

• **Pacesetters - Diane Stehly**

610-838-8334 [dlstehly@msn.com](mailto:dlstehly@msn.com)

*Social activities for our seniors 55 and over.*

• **Prayer Shawl Ministry - Enid Rank**

610-349-2970 [nurse@clcht.org](mailto:nurse@clcht.org)

*Gifting of prayer shawls for baptism, marriage, illness, and sympathy.*

• **Quilters - Mary Ann Horvath**

610-838-8026 [mahorvath2020@gmail.com](mailto:mahorvath2020@gmail.com)

*The Quilters meet on Wednesdays from 8:30am - 1:00pm, and on Thursdays from 5:30 - 7:30pm. All skill levels.*

• **Prayer Chain - Enid Rank**

610-349-2970 [nurse@clcht.org](mailto:nurse@clcht.org)

*Phone and e-mail network for those in need of prayer.*

• **Reiki - Judith Chernikovich Clemens**

610-657-2607 [jbird1952@yahoo.com](mailto:jbird1952@yahoo.com)

*Complimentary, half-hour sessions with a Reiki Master.*

• **Meal Ministry - Enid Rank**

610-349-2970 [nurse@clcht.org](mailto:nurse@clcht.org)

*Monthly, lite fare, food deliveries to the homebound.*

• **Thirsty Thursday & THEOLOGY - Pastor Phil**

610-838-0400 [pspohn@clcht.org](mailto:pspohn@clcht.org)

*Third Thursday of the month at Braveheart Highland Pub Lowlands Bar. Community discussions on relevant topics.*

• **Yoga - Lenore Spohn**

610-838-6718 [lenore.spohn@yahoo.com](mailto:lenore.spohn@yahoo.com)

*Every Saturday morning at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall.*

## • Ministry Teams •

• **CARE GIVING - Enid Rank**

610-349-2970 [nurse@clcht.org](mailto:nurse@clcht.org)

*The Care Giving Team sows seeds of love through caring. We care for one another and seek ways we might care for our members, families and others in need in our community.*

• **CONNECTIONS w/Each Other - Team Lead OPEN**

610-838-0400 [churchoffice@clcht.org](mailto:churchoffice@clcht.org)

*The Connections with Each Other Team hosts events for our church members to get to know one another.*

• **CONNECTIONS w/Our Community - Kelly Suarez**

954-461-8109 [Kelly-Anne.Suarez@lvhn.org](mailto:Kelly-Anne.Suarez@lvhn.org)

*The Connections with Our Community Team maintains a visible presence in our faith community as well as a core of volunteers.*

• **FAITH FORMATION - Bre Barket**

570-640-2989 [brianne.barket@gmail.com](mailto:brianne.barket@gmail.com)

*The Faith Formation Team is responsible for providing education, encouragement and opportunities for the congregation and community to grow in their faith journeys.*

• **FINANCE - Jim McCallister**

215-272-8865 [jwmccallister5@gmail.com](mailto:jwmccallister5@gmail.com)

*The Finance Team ensures that our church is a good steward of the financial resources it manages. We provide leadership for all accounting and financial affairs.*

• **MUTUAL MINISTRY - Lou Savant**

610-248-4459 [lousavant4@gmail.com](mailto:lousavant4@gmail.com)

*The Mutual Ministry Team manages Human Resources for church and learning center staff.*

• **OUTREACH - Kim Blake**

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*The Outreach Team's "Feed the Hungry" program focuses on those who need food assistance.*

• **PROPERTY - Mike Karpa**

610-838-4843 [mike.karpa@gmail.com](mailto:mike.karpa@gmail.com)

*The Property Team oversees maintenance and new projects pertaining to our buildings and grounds.*

• **STEWARDSHIP - Team Lead OPEN**

610-838-0400 [churchoffice@clcht.org](mailto:churchoffice@clcht.org)

*The Stewardship Team is responsible for enriching the congregation's understanding of Christian stewardship, encouraging the offering of treasure, time and talent.*

• **WORSHIP & MUSIC - Kurt Rank**

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*The Worship & Music Team is responsible for making sure our worship services are relevant, meet the broad needs of the community, and exceed people's expectations.*

# Food Bank • • Collection

*Specially Requested Items for May:*

**Canned Corn**  
**Canned Peas**  
**Canned Fruit**

## RED WAGON

Drop-Off  
in the Volunteer Room



**Big THANK YOU to our Children's Learning Center which collected 623 food items during March that were recently delivered to the Hellertown Area Food Bank**

# Take a hike!

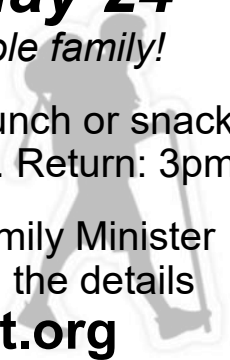
Join Josh for a Jaunt  
**Lehigh Gap**  
Appalachian Trail

Come join our confirmands for a moderate hike along the scenic Appalachian Trail in Lehigh Gap.

**Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup>**  
*Great for the whole family!*

Bring water and a light lunch or snack.  
Depart church lot: 10am. Return: 3pm.

Contact Youth & Family Minister  
Josh Gulotta for all the details  
**yfm@clcht.org**



**CHRIST LUTHERAN  
YOUTH VOLUNTEER  
2025 SCHOLARSHIP  
RECIPIENTS**

**Congratulations!**

**MADELEINE KARES &  
RUTH STERNER**

**THEY EACH RECEIVED \$3,000!**

Youth and Family Ministries



8 sessions from  
June 15 to Aug. 8  
BEAR CREEK



[bearcreekcamp.org](http://bearcreekcamp.org)

Bear Creek Camp's overnight program is centered on spiritual growth, outdoor living, and small group development for all children who have completed grades 1-12. Each age group experiences a mix of small-group and all-camp activities throughout the week to meet their group's spiritual, social, and developmental needs.

For Youth Completing grades 1-12

**\$100 Scholarships**

Available for all church members.

Contact church office for scholarship code & application. [churchoffice@clcht.org](mailto:churchoffice@clcht.org)



**Coming Soon!  
Trainers Wanted**

**Pokemon Go Club this  
Summer at Christ  
Lutheran.**

**Contact youth leader Patrick  
Taylor for more details  
Yfm@clcht.org**

# **DUNGEONS & DRAGONS**

**THE WORLD'S  
GREATEST  
ROLEPLAYING  
GAME!**

**SUNDAYS MAY 11TH & 25TH  
FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

**CONTACT SAM RAUP  
SAMUEL.RAUP@GMAIL.COM**

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Creative Arts Camp**

**June 21st, 22nd, 28th and 29th  
10:00 am to 12:30pm.**

**Registration on website:  
<https://clcht.org/youthandfamily/>**



## *Confirmation News* **Orientation Day**

**June 1st from 11:15-11:45  
in the Sanctuary  
For students in 6th & 7th grade  
AND their parents.**

Sign-Up  
in the Narthex

Spring  
CLEAN UP

Saturday, May 3rd

8am to Noon

Rain Date: May 24th

Rake, Leaf Blower, Wheelbarrow, anything you might use for outside, lawn, or garden sprucing... Bring It!

Mike Karpa 610-838-4843 [mike.karpa@gmail.com](mailto:mike.karpa@gmail.com)

## Thirsty Thursday & THEOLOGY

Third Thursday of the Month

May 15<sup>th</sup> 2025

7:00-8:00pm

Join Pastor Phil for his Topic of the Month...

**Pope Francis**

**“Prophet or Politician”**

Should religious leaders criticize governments?

*All 2025 sessions will be held at Braveheart Highland Pub in the downstairs Lowlands Bar*

*First Wednesday  
MEDITATION*

*September 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*at 7pm*

*in the Sanctuary and on Zoom*

Contemplation

Introspection

Listening

Silence

Light

Centering

# May Birthdays

Sheryl Caliguire 1st  
Regina Savant 2nd  
Michael Ivenz 3rd  
Robert Pasternak 3rd  
Abigail Shankweiler 3rd  
Gail Varady 3rd  
Jessica Flok 4th  
Suzanne Opitz 4th  
Kelly Raab 5th  
Caroline Clifford 6th  
Joie Meier 7th  
Jack Savant 7th  
Grace Kulp 8th  
Phillip Taylor 8th  
Jack Whalen 8th  
Jonathan Blake 9th  
Robert Uttard 9th  
Phil Cheung 10th  
Hayden Barket 11th  
Andrea Cooney 12th  
Angela Traub 13th  
Felix Davila 14th  
Barry Kovacs 14th

Mark Milla 14th  
Colby Myers 14th  
Patrick Taylor 14th  
Lucas Werbisky 14th  
Owen Bauer 15th  
Sarah Beers 15th  
Ronald Jacoby 15th  
Kayleigh Ackerman 16th  
Donna Benza 16th  
Callie Spirk 16th  
Weston Doklan 17th  
Andrea Fleming 17th  
Conor Gawronski 17th  
Carolyn Brzezicki 18th  
Trudy Doll 18th  
Kim Harte 19th  
Craig Haytmanek 19th  
Taylor Lasky 19th  
Mason Anthony 20th  
Amanda Borovies 20th  
Jeffrey Laub 20th  
Laurie Berkheimer 21st  
Jonah Harley 21st

Olivia Harley 21st  
Aubrey Braxmeier 22nd  
Audrey Frederick 22nd  
Michael McNeish 22nd  
Rebecca Phetsavanh 22nd  
Peggy Eure 23rd  
Joseph Weaver 23rd  
Kevin Kichline 24th  
Trent Pepper 24th  
Rick Ackerman 25th  
Nicolas Dries 25th  
Lucas Doll 26th  
Calliope Brown 28th  
Lisa Cawley 28th  
Kathy Rambo 28th  
Terry Long 29th  
Wesley Burnett 30th  
Megan Daly 30th  
Mary Ann Horvath 30th  
Mackenzie McCallister 30th  
Makenzie Mayer 31st

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

**Jim & Joann Koller 5/3/1997**

**Jim & Rachel McCallister 5/6/2017**

**Jeff & Kim Kluska 5/16/1987**

**Chris & Mai Shunk 5/20/2017**

**John & Kathy Seasholtz 5/24/1980**

**Andy & Kelly Staruck 5/28/2006**

# Faith Community Fellowship Friday

## Baseball is now in FULL SWING!

Mark your calendars for a fun night with FIREWORKS at Coca-Cola Park.

# IronPigs

vs.

# Red Wings

## June 20<sup>th</sup>

## 7:05<sup>pm</sup>



**\$30.00** tickets available in Church Office

Cash in exact amount. Checks to 'Christ Lutheran Church' Memo: IronPigs

# Annual Church Social

Newcomer Social  
Celebration of Ministry

Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup>

6:00 - 8:00pm

Saucon Valley Country Club

2050 Saucon Valley Road, Bethlehem, PA 18015

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres

• Credit Card Only Bar • Country Club Casual Attire •

No Sign-ups/No Tickets/No Reservations



## A MATTER OF BALANCE

MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

Mondays starting June 2nd thru July 21st, 2025

10:00 am - 12 noon

Location: Christ Lutheran Hellertown, 69 Main St  
Narthex & South Lounge

A Matter of Balance is an evidenced based national program designed to prevent falls and increase activity levels through education and teaching the Matter of Balance exercises.

This 8-week free program is designed to benefit older adults aged 50 or older, who are concerned about falls, have sustained a fall in the past or restricted activities because of concerns about falling and for those who are interested in increasing their activity level.

Participants will learn about different ways to view falls, control their fear of falling and set realistic goals for increasing physical activity, and reducing fall risk factors.

Direct Questions or Sign-up Enid Rank 610-349-2970

Visit our Information Room off the Narthex for Educational Materials

*Lupus*  
AWARENESS MONTH



# Enid Rank

## Faith Community Nurse

If you have any questions or would like any additional information on anything listed on this page, please don't hesitate to contact me.



[nurse@clcht.org](mailto:nurse@clcht.org)

610-349-2970

# Meal Ministry Monday May 19th

*Lite fare delivery to the homebound*

# GIGGLES

## Women's Group

Girls In God Growing Loving Eating Sharing  
Wednesdays with Enid  
10:00am in the South Lounge



Easter Blessings  
THANK YOU...

for the donations of Easter cards,  
treat bags and Bunny Baskets  
for our Homebound and Seniors

Care Giving Team  
Faith Community Nurse

## Communion Service Saucon Valley Manor

1050 Main Street  
Hellertown, PA 18055


## Thursday May 15th 2:00pm



**SAUCON VALLEY MANOR**  
— SENIOR LIVING CARE —

# MAY CALENDAR

**SUNDAY      MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY      SATURDAY**

				<b>1</b> 10:30am Chair Yoga 12:15pm Bible Study 5:30pm Quilters	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 8am-Noon Spring Clean-Up 9:30am Yoga
<b>4 COMMUNION</b> 9am Adult Education 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Conf Class 2 11:30am Pacesetters Spring Brunch <i>Yianni's Taverna</i>	<b>5</b> Reiki 5:30-7:15pm 7pm Chime Rehearsal	<b>6</b> 10:30am Chair Yoga Noon Men's Group	<b>7</b> 8:30am Quilters 10am GIGGLES	<b>8</b> 10:30am Chair Yoga 12:15pm Bible Study 5:30pm Quilters	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:30am Yoga
<b>11 MOTHER'S DAY</b> 9am Adult Education 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Dungeons & Dragons	<b>12</b> 7pm Chime Rehearsal	<b>13</b> 10:30am Chair Yoga Noon Men's Group	<b>14</b> 8:30am Quilters 10am GIGGLES	<b>15</b> 10:30am Chair Yoga 12:15pm Bible Study 2pm Communion <i>SV Manor</i> 7pm Thirsty Thursday <i>Braveheart</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:30am Yoga 10am-3pm Hellertown-Lower Saucon Heritage Day <i>Grist Mill</i>
<b>18 LEARNING CENTER SUNDAY</b> 9am Adult Education 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Conf Class 2 11am Brunch Noon-4pm Handwriting Analysis Fundraiser	<b>19</b> 11am Meal Ministry 7pm Chime Rehearsal	<b>20</b> 10:30am Chair Yoga Noon Men's Group 7pm Church Council	<b>21</b> 8:30am Quilters 10am GIGGLES	<b>22</b> 10:30am Chair Yoga 12:15pm Bible Study 5:30pm Quilters	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:30am Yoga 10am Confirmation Hike <i>Lehigh Gap</i>
<b>25</b> 9am Adult Education 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Quiet Communion 11am Dungeons & Dragons	<b>26 MEMORIAL DAY</b> 	<b>27</b> 10:30am Chair Yoga Noon Men's Group	<b>28</b> 8:30am Quilters 10am GIGGLES 10am-1pm Lunch Prep & Serve <i>New Bethany</i>	<b>29</b> 10:30am Chair Yoga 12:15pm Bible Study 5:30pm Quilters	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9:30am Yoga 6-8pm Annual Church Social <i>SV Country Club</i>

Youth & Family Minister

Josh Gulotta



Email: [yfm@clcht.org](mailto:yfm@clcht.org)

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 9am to 2pm

# Sign Up for Summer Fun!

Summer's almost here, and now's the time to sign up for our summer clubs sponsored by the Faith Formation Team! Indoors and outdoors, we've got a group for you.

**Vacation Bible School:** This year's VBS is a **Creative Arts Camp** that uses theatre, music and visual arts to answer the question "Who Is My Neighbor?" Camp days are **June 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>** from **10:00am to 12:30pm**. Register online or at the Church Office!

**Pokemon Go Walks:** Catch 'em all with friends and family on our weekly Pokewalks! Our club is open to trainers of all ages (and their parents) and there's a place for everyone, whether you're a seasoned player or just picking your starter! Email Josh for more info: [yfm@clcht.org](mailto:yfm@clcht.org)

**Dungeons & Dragons:** Unleash your imagination! Forge friendships! Embark on thrilling adventures with The World's Greatest Roleplaying Game... all from the comfort of the Church Library! Join us after church on the **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays** of the month. Ages 10+.

**Bear Creek Camp Scholarships:** If outdoor adventures are what you're looking for, don't forget Christ Lutheran offers **\$100 Scholarships** for all students going to Bear Creek Camp. Check out their Summer Schedule at: [bearcreekcamp.org](http://bearcreekcamp.org)

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