

St. Matthew's Newsletter

"We show our love for God by welcoming all to grow in faith, community and service."

Pastor Mindelle K. Bartholomew

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The Church office will be closed
Monday September 2nd
For Labor Day
We will be open
Wednesday September 4th
12 noon to 4pm
And
Thursday September 5th
9 am to 1

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Monday and Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday
12 Noon- 4:00 pm

**+WORSHIP+
SUNDAY
10:30 a.m.**

Greetings!

August, where has the summer gone. The same place it always goes. And it is not just the seasons that pass by quickly. Vacation time seems to fly by while the last week of school takes an eternity. To a child a week is a long time. To a young adult a month may pass slowly, especially when waiting for the birth of a child or to hear about a potential new job. For older adults, years seem to fly by, and we wonder how we got to be this age and may wish time would stand still.

We have no control of the seasons or the passing of time. And perhaps that is a good thing. Some want time to pass quickly when anticipating something good in their lives. Those preparing to face impending challenges want time to stop.

We have no control over seasons or time. In fact, there is so much of our world that is out of our control. Right now, the changes and chaos that surround us threaten to overwhelm us. Some may have lost hope. And we do not know where to turn.

As followers of the Living God. We have a place to turn. We have reason for hope. For God who knows us intimately also is the one who is in control. The God who created the world from nothing holds us tightly in the love shown through Jesus Christ. And God in the Holy Spirit sustains us no matter where we find ourselves.

In challenging times, we learn to trust in Almighty God to be present with us, no matter where we are and what is going on. Trusting means giving over to God those things beyond us. It also means doing the little things God calls us to do.

We cannot change the seasons. We cannot change our nation or our world. We can't change other people. What we can do is what Jesus did and taught us. We can treat our neighbor as we would treat ourselves. Every person is a child of God, everyone. We can learn to see God in every person we encounter whether in person, on a screen or even in print. We can be the one who shows kindness and compassion in the words we use. We can be the peacemakers we are called to be as children of God. Above all, we can pray.

We cannot change the seasons. We, as individuals, cannot change our country or the world. They are beyond our control. But we can change ourselves. Through the grace and guidance of our Creator, we can be the hands of God that our broken world so desperately needs.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Mindy

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS & MEETING DATE

The Congregational Council will meet on Monday,
August 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the church.

There was no meeting in July.

~Members Serving in August~

GREETER:

August 4—Vicki Troxell

August 11- Jane Barnasconi

August 18- Shawnie Sprengle

August 25- Carol Smith

LECTOR:

August 4— Michele Mitchell

August 11- Helle Derr

August 18- Anne Lawrence

August 25-Susan Fries

COMMUNION ASSISTANT:

August 4— Carol Smith

August 11- Susan Sidler

August 18- Michele Mitchell

August 25- Helle Derr

OFFERING COUNTERS:

August 4—Carol Smith

August 11- S. Sprengle/L. Fogel

August 18- J. Shotko/L. Fogel

August 25- H. Derr/ A. Olson

❖ Next campfire will be on August 11th. KJ will be our guest. Come out for a great night!

❖ If any member of our congregation has questions, comments, or suggestions; please feel free to bring them to the attention of any member of council: Leann Fogel (president); Deb Benner; Helle Derr; Angie Olson; JoAnn Shotko; Carol Smith; Shawnie Sprengle; or Don Wilhour



Thank you everyone for your generosity in giving school supplies for Snyder County Children and Youth. They will be greatly appreciated



In August, Summit Early Learning will be using the Rec Building Aug 5-9 and 12-15 daily for its summer day camp. Please refrain from entering the building (including the kitchen) while they are there.

BUDGET INFORMATION: JAN-JUNE 2024

Donations \$2,0145
Envelopes \$70,702
Rec. Building \$2,175
TOTAL \$75,022

Amount needed to meet budget \$60,326

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

6 Cindy Culp
15 Edie Wilhour
20 Joseph Cawthern
25 Jack Fries

A white rectangular card with blue cursive text that says "Happy Birthday!". The card is placed on a light brown, textured background.



Seafarer's Christmas Bags are available on the Fellowship Table. The list of items to be included is inside. Please sign out each bag you take and return them by October 27th

PRAYER LIST



Lisa Yeager oversees the prayer chain. If you have a prayer request, please call or text Lisa at 570-743-7158 or email her at jmlvay@ptd.net. (Please leave a message if Lisa cannot make it to the phone.) **Current Prayer List:**

Jane and Dan; George and Sharon Lawer; Henry K.; Family and friends of Alice Longenberger; Todd B.; Andrew Loss; Nancy Schuetze; Ed M; Charlie; Ray Short; Kelly; Pete; Judy W.; Jack Fries; Linda; Tana Christine; Tanner; Ellen; Carey; Mike Sholley; Jeremy H.; Randy N.; Brian K; Carol; Tim; Gloria Kerstetter; Joyce Olson; Our Israeli and Palestinian siblings; Ellie Crane and her parents, Jamie and Dylan Crane; George Wilhour; Edie Wilhour; Brenda Enfield; Rusty Kerstetter; Pearl B.; Anita; Jo Bailey; George; Alea; Anna and Don Fausey; Donna Marcinko; Gene; LeaRae Lewis; The Lewis family; Jude S.; Carol H.; Charlotte Zartman; Marian Beaver; Scott Hummel; Gene Christine; Ethel Broschart; Dennis Fausey; People of Ukraine; Henry K.; Chris Becker; Brielle Caponera; Richard Saxton; Palmar Woodcock; Ben Keiser; Kenny Smith Jr.; Archer; All front-line workers and first responders and their families; St. Matthew's Church; America; and persecuted Christians around the world.



Final Campfire Night :

Sunday Evening at 6:30 pm August 11th

Kj Reimensnyder-Wagner will provide Special Music

Invite friends and family. We will be in the Rec Building if the weather isn't nice.

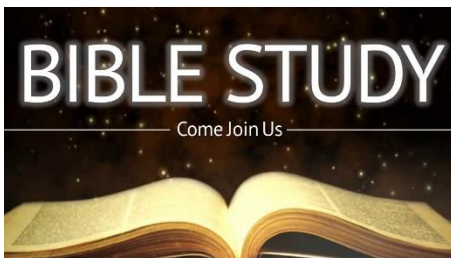


Blessing of the Backpacks

Pastor Mindy will be blessing all backpacks, students, teachers, and staff during worship on August 18, 2024

God's Work, Our Hands Day is
September 8th, 2024.

Watch the Weekly Announcements for
more information.



CHILDREN'S
Sunday School

Children's Sunday School with Pastor Mindy will resume September 8th at
10 am before worship.

Adult Bible Study will resume Wednesday September 11th at 1 pm.



Camp Mount Luther will be hosting a benefit 5- and 10- kilometer trail run race, **"The Dandelion Run"** on Saturday, August 31, 2024. This is an entry-level trail race starting at 9:00 a.m. with "day of" registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. The 10k distance is part of the 2024 Rocksylvania Trail Racing Series (Sandstone Division).

All miles for the course will be marked, and there is one water stop on the course. There will be no changing of race distance after the race starts. If you registered for the 10k and aren't sure you can finish it on race day, please change to the 5k prior to race start. 10k runners who stop after one loop will be a DNF.

The event will also feature a one-mile fun walk on a dirt road with the same registration fees and amenities. Following the race, there will be a Kids Fun Run! The age groups are 6 and under and 7 – 10. Special awards will be presented to every participant in the fun run.

To register, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Mifflinburg/DandelionRun5k10kTrailRace>. Fee is \$35. You must be registered by midnight, August 11, to receive a hoodie. There will be an awards ceremony following the races.

The Dandelion Run, begun in 2002, is organized by Joel and Shelley Heasley of Middleburg, assisted by Shirley Heasley of Mifflinburg. The family started the race in memory of Rev. Glenn E. Heasley, Jr., former Assistant to the Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Glenn's favorite "flower" was the dandelion, because no matter what you do with them they always rise again!



Join the work of
welcome.



Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service is now Global Refugee, a faith-based nonprofit serving newcomers seeking safety.

For 85 years, we have welcomed more than 750,000 immigrants and refugees from around the globe, upholding a legacy of compassion and grace for people in crisis.

At Global Refugee, welcoming newcomers isn't just our duty—it's an inherent part of our identity, rooted in our Lutheran heritage and serving as a testament to our unwavering commitment to those in search of refuge.

Every day, our volunteers from around the country dedicate their time to welcoming new neighbors and educating their communities on how to support immigrants and refugees. From airport pickups to educational opportunities, there are plenty of ways to get involved!



Augustine, Aline, and their six children spent years in a refugee camp before being resettled by Global Refugee in Fargo, ND with help from St. John's Lutheran Church.

God is our refuge
and strength, a
very present help
in trouble.

Psalm 46:1



Global Refugee

Welcoming Newcomers Since 1939

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