

*You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don't let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love. All the Law has been fulfilled in a single statement: Love your neighbor as yourself. But if you bite and devour each other, be careful that you don't get eaten up by each other!*

*...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified self with its passions and desires.*

(Galatians 5:13-15, 22-24)

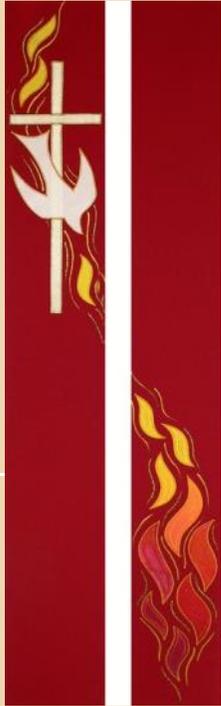
We Christians have great freedom from government restrictions. It is in love we have chosen to gather in safer ways; either by video or in the parking lot. St. Paul reminds us that Christ Jesus frees us to make choices that hopefully show the love of God in all of our actions.

We are still living in a time of pandemic. There are signs of new life emerging, but we still need to be careful, especially for the sake of others. As a part of the body of Christ, we choose to live in ways that show our love for all our neighbors, putting our selfish desires aside so that the world will see that life in Christ means life for all people.

We can speed along the days of gathering together safely by following the latest public health guidance, encouraging one another and those in our communities to receive a vaccine; and maintaining the COVID protections until most of the population has received the vaccination and the rates of transmission begin to decline substantially.

So let's get the darn shots and let's kick this thing to the curb!

WISDOM  
 understanding  
 counsel knowledge  
*Confirmation*  
 fortitude piety  
 fear of the Lord



*Not Present in group photo*

Douglas Peter Bell & Michael James Leuthe

# 2021 CONFIRMATION CLASS

*Reid Anthony Andrush*

*Grace Rebecca Bauer*

*Douglas Peter Bell*

*Kylie Danielle Braker*

*Addison Jane Cieri*

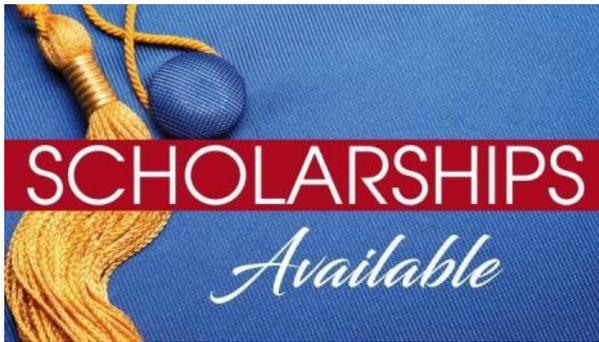
*Abigail Rose Fussleman*

*Jarett Lynne Graham*

*Todd Joseph Graham*

*Michael James Leuthe*

*Cody Anthony Mazzocca*



## Attention post-high school students

Scholarship money is available through the Klotz Scholarship Fund. This is a one-time scholarship that will be awarded on a competitive basis by a selection committee who will review applicants from our church family.

Eligible candidates must be active members of Union Lutheran Church and be enrolled in a post-secondary program and have completed at least one year of school to apply.

All post-high school students enrolled in any post-high school education college, trade school or technical school are invited to apply.

Please contact the church office at [office@ulclv.org](mailto:office@ulclv.org) for an application.

Family Reconnecting With Your Church

Miss seeing your church family? Wondering how they have been doing with all of this pandemic stuff? Missing the fellowship after worship? Well...we would like to invite you to get together and some spend time with your church family.

Simply gather in the outdoor seating area after worship.

*Enjoy the weather and company.*



Sing and make  
**MUSIC**  
 from your heart to the  
 Lord.  
 Ephesians 5:19

Let us take a moment to recognize our musical groups! We would also like to recognize all soloists, instrumentalists, Duets and Quartets. What a year they have all had, and they have just done such a wonderful job, under the Direction of Susan Frickert. As they take a well deserved Summer break, we will excitedly welcome them back for our Fall worship services. Susan will continue to work with soloists, small vocal groups and instrumentalists so that music remains plentiful in our Summer worship services.



# Glory Ringers



Kandy Lang, Debra Grundstrom, Debra Geiger, Shirley Reynolds, Kate Geren, Cindy Camp, Graeme Camp, Doug Kuhlman, Liz Markovits, Susan Frickert (Director and fellow Ringer)

# Union Chorale



Catherine Masetti



Susan Frickert (Director), Lois Shaffer, Sherwood Geiger, Audrey Marsteller, Bill Beck, Shirley Rennolds, Robert Krause, Gail Lafferty, Sandy Mosser, Ann Kern, Grace Sell, Lynne Banzhoff, Shirley Schneck, Gail Allison

# THE PRAISE BAND



Justin Kuhlman



Rob Drews, Brian Bucks, Kim Kuhlman, Terry Hoffman, Rebecca Stump, Cathy Shaffer, Susan Frickert (Director), Hannah Geiger, Kaiti Snyder, Patti Hoffman, Kandy Lang

## Take a moment to see how the ministries of ULC are thriving!

**Review of finances**- April experienced a gain of \$5,388 vs. last year's gain of \$8,456; however YTD 2021 gain of \$14,699 compares favorably to a gain last year of \$7,909.

-Reinvesting endowment funds to gain a higher income return while matching low risk tolerance

-Offering \$1,000 scholarship(s) for ULC member(s) using monies from the Klotz and Lloyd Endowment Funds

**New Business** - President, Patti Hoffman, is forming a Task Force to plan the celebration of paying off our church mortgage!

**Pastor's report** - Thank you to Patti & Terry Hoffman who volunteered to represent ULC at the upcoming Synod Assembly; 10 youth completed their Confirmation studies & are ready to be Confirmed; planning & video recording for virtual & in-person VBS is underway

**Christian Life Committee** – planning video to encourage giving to the Future Building Maintenance Fund; planning Fall Stewardship Emphasis – “Reconnecting”

**Property Committee** - – studied the effectiveness of our HVAC's filter & air ventilation rates; taking old electronic devices to recycling event; reported status of the 10 HVAC units w/ estimated replacement costs to Finance Committee

**Social Ministry Committee**- collecting supplies for the NW Township Soldier Campaign & Bingo prizes for Daybreak Program (helping clients with drug/ alcohol dependencies & mentally impairment)

**Worship/Music Committee** - planning 3 summer indoor worship services; Susan is working with soloists for summer worship; planning to start Junior & Teenage Choirs in Fall; Praise Band will lead music at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church outdoor worship service in August; following parking lot worship, folks will be encouraged to socialize with their church family

**Next Meeting June 21, 2021 at 7 pm** via Zoom

# ELCA WORLD HUNGER

Milwaukee, Wisconsin



At Hephatha Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, a city with high rates of both poverty and lead exposure, leaders are working hard to keep children safe. The congregation, with support from **ELCA World Hunger**, provides lead-free kits with water filters, tape and mops.

As the kits are shared, it is explained that the tape can be used to cover lead paint that is chipping, and the mops can be used to clean up dust from the paint so that children and adults don't inhale it.

The congregation also helps adults learn about the dangers of lead, which can cause serious health problems and is especially dangerous for children and pregnant women. Exposure to lead can cause severe, long-term effects ranging from behavioral problems to anemia and kidney damage.

But filters, tape and mops can go only so far. The issue of lead — and the crisis of unsafe water, more generally — is an issue of justice. Environmental policies, housing regulations and health care access are all woven together when it comes to keeping people safe from lead poisoning. That's why Hephatha also worked with neighbors to start an advocacy group to talk with legislators about keeping the community safe.

Pastor Mary Martha of Hephatha links this work to the calling of the church. She says, "Advocacy and education bring us back to the baptismal font, where we stand with people by the holy water that makes us God's children and sends us out to serve God's justice."

This is just one of many **ELCA World Hunger** projects around the world ensuring people have access to safe water. Thanks to your support, children such as those in Milwaukee can access the safe, clean water they need to thrive.

# Reopening Team Update

- Encouraging vaccinations
- Monitoring the Lehigh County Vaccination Rate goal being 75%
- Tracking Covid cases unsafe to gather when cases are greater than 10 per 100,000

The reopening team will meet June 6th, their regularly scheduled meeting.

## Calling all Youth!

Grade 7th-12th

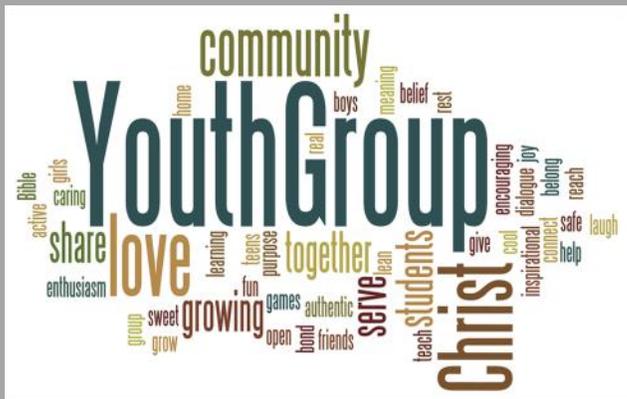
June 23rd - Dorney Park

July 17th - Knoebel's Grove

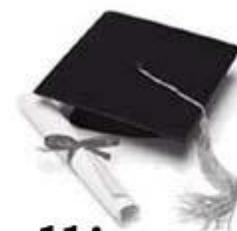
August 14th - Blue Mountain

Zip lines/wall climbing/much more

1. Curious about ULC's Youth Group?
2. Like any of these activities?
3. Interested in joining us?



Call the office  
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[office@ulclv.org](mailto:office@ulclv.org)



## Calling all graduates

HIGH SCHOOL GRAD?

COLLEGE GRAD?

TECHNICAL SCHOOL GRAD?

We want to recognize YOU and share in your accomplishments.

Call the office 610-767-6884

or [office@ulclv.org](mailto:office@ulclv.org)

1. Grads name
2. Accomplishment
3. We want to see photos!

Graduates will be recognized in

the June 20th

Virtual Worship Service



Join the ULC Youth Group for a  
Day at Knoebel's Grove  
Saturday, July 17, 2021 12-9pm

**FREE** Parking **FREE** Admission  
**FREE** Pavillion  
We are in Pavillion Q.

Ride Tickets: 20% discount  
\$20.00 book for \$18.00

Sales to begin soon through the church  
office at

610-767-6884 or Email [office@ulclv.org](mailto:office@ulclv.org)

Tickets are good forever.

Tickets are limited and will not be availa-  
ble at the park.

**WILL HAVE INDIVIDUAL SNACKS AND  
BEVERAGES AVAILABLE AT THE PAVILION  
AS WELL AS MASKS, HAND SANITIZER  
AND FIRST AID KIT.**

**PACK YOUR LUNCH OR EAT IN THE PARK.**

**GREAT VARIETY OF FOODS AT GREAT  
PRICES.**

**YOU MAY LEAVE YOUR COOLERS, ETC.  
AT THE PAVILION.**

Join us at the pavilion Q at 5:00 –  
5:15 pm for Evening Vespers

[www.knoebels.com](http://www.knoebels.com)

800-487-4386

391 Knoebels Blvd,

Route 487, Elysburg, PA 17824



**Mortgage Burning Celebration**

**Planning is beginning.**

**Stay tuned for exciting details!**



Pastor Camp and Mr.  
Josh recording virtual  
VBS skits.



Edith Luers

Lewis Whitaker, Jr.

Wow

WOMEN OF THE WORD

**WOW (Women of the Word) Bible Study** will be taking a short hiatus and resume in September when, maybe, just maybe, we'll be able to meet in person! Let's pray and keep our fingers crossed! Thanks to everyone for their support and participation.

Linda Rebeck



**ULC @ IronPigs** – Please join us Friday, September 3, 2021 for a night at CocaCola Park to watch the Lehigh Valley IronPigs face off against the Syracuse Mets. This event is back again by popular demand. First pitch is thrown at 7:05 pm and there are fireworks that night! The Lehigh Valley IronPigs have a complete listing to addressing COVID while at the park. Please referer to their website for the specifics and search for [IronPigs Readiness Plan](#). Tickets are \$12 and there will be gift card raffle again this year. Please call or email the office to RSVP by July 26<sup>th</sup>. [office@ulclv.org](mailto:office@ulclv.org)

# Book Club book:

*The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah.*

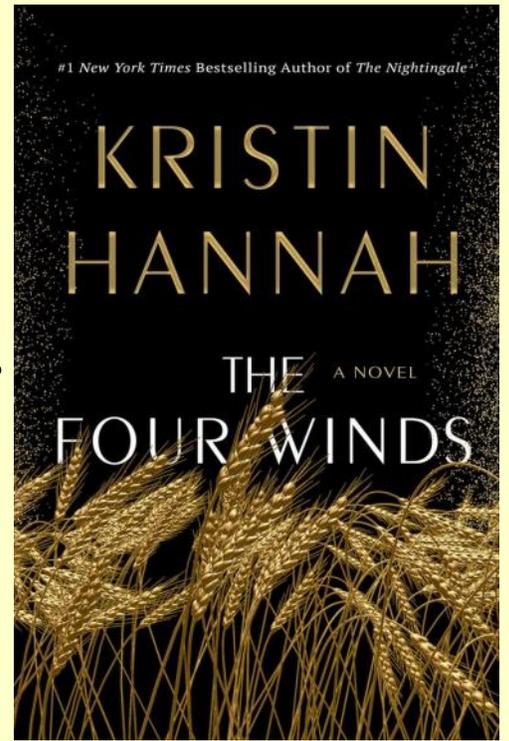
An epic novel of love, heroism, and hope that is set against the backdrop of one of America's most defining eras—the Great Depression.

*Texas, 1921. A time of abundance. The Great War is over, the bounty of the land is plentiful, and America is on the brink of a new and optimistic era. But for Elsa Wolcott, deemed too old to marry in a time when marriage is a woman's only option, the future seems bleak. Until the night she meets Rafe Martinelli and decides to change the direction of her life. With her reputation in ruin, there is only one respectable choice: marriage to a man she barely knows.*

*Texas, 1934. Millions are out of work and a drought has broken the Great Plains. Farmers are fighting to keep their land and their livelihoods as the crops are failing, the water is drying up, and dust threatens to bury them all. One of the darkest periods of the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl era, has arrived with a vengeance.*

In this uncertain and dangerous time, Elsa—like so many of her neighbors—must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or go west, to California, in search of a better life. *The Four Winds* is an indelible portrait of America and the American Dream, as seen through the eyes of one indomitable woman whose courage and sacrifice will come to define a generation.

We will meet to discuss this book on Monday, June 21 @ 7 pm via Zoom. Email Barb Mahoney at [bjsm2@ptd.net](mailto:bjsm2@ptd.net) or call the church office to receive the Zoom invitation.





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***"Our Mission is to follow Jesus and serve as He would."***