

LUTHERAN LETTER



Union Evangelical Lutheran Church

October 2021

Now that the weather has cooled down, we'll be sitting out by our fire pit a bit more often. Have you ever watched a fire begin to burn down to the point that all you have left are coals? It looks as though there is no fire actually left, because the coals may be under a layer of ash. You can't really see much. But when you take a fresh log and toss it on top of those coals and stir it around a bit, suddenly it ignites, and you have a whole new fire going.

Paul wrote to Timothy, "Stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands" (2 Timothy 1:6). That phrase, stir up the gift, means to fan it into full flame. There may be live coals in your life, but you may have allowed the fire to go down. Perhaps you haven't been using the gifts that God has given you, the talents He has given you, as much as you could. Now's the time to fan them into full flame again. It's time to be reignited. It's time to say, "Lord, how can I use what You have given me to share the Good News?" We need to take advantage of the opportunities that are out there.

What if we humble ourselves and take what we've been given and offer it in service to God? If we are willing to do what God has set before us and be faithful in the little things, then He will give us so much more. Let's throw a log on those seemingly dormant coals and see just what happens!

God bless each of you this fall!



Thank you

Thank you so much for the scholarship money. I am so thankful to have received it and it helped so much with my school expenses this year.

Thankful,
Sarah Lang



CHURCHWORKDAY
VOLUNTEER TODAY

Outdoor Work Day

November 13th

8:30-11:45am

Sign up with
the office.



Join us October 24th

as we honor

Ann Kern and Lois Shaffer
for their years of singing
with the Union Chorale.



Apple Sunday

October 17th

Enjoy an Apple Treat
after Worship.

Happy Hour

9:45-10:30 am	Presenter	Topic
10/3/21	None	No class today-Enjoy the Mortgage Burning Celebration
10/10//21	Nancy Clee, RN-BC, MSN Memory Care Specialist Fellowship Community	Dementia Friends Information Session Dementia Friends is a Global movement to help people in the community have a greater understanding of dementia. It emphasizes 5 key messages about dementia, how it affects people, and how we each can make a difference in the lives of people living with the dementia.
10/17/21	Pr. Jim O'Connor	Theodicy – a defense of God's goodness even when innocent persons suffer; <i>(a child with cancer – where is God?)</i>
10/24/21	Kate/Brian Geren	Rob Bell – let's watch one of Bell's videos and discuss!
10/31/21	Pastors Camp, Gifford and O'Connor	Reformation...Where do we go from here?
11/7/21	Susan Frickert Director of Music	Everything's Better with Music!!



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting on Wednesday, October 27th at 6:45pm in Room 202. If you are interested in joining us, everyone is welcome. We can teach you to knit or crochet if you don't know how to. Any questions, please call me at 484-262-0425 or text me 631-697-3078.

Sandy Castaldi.



Bible Study

Come join us as we embark on a three-month study (Oct/Nov/Dec) looking at **“The Women of Christmas”** (Elizabeth, Mary and Anna).

We'll be using the book of the same name by Liz Curtis Higgs (a favorite author of many of our women).

Books will be provided. Bring your coffee, etc., if you'd like. Please also wear a mask for entering church and participating safely in our discussion.

Questions? Call Linda Rebeck at 610-613-6196.

Council Report Highlights from September meeting

FINANCIAL UPDATE -

Givings for August were higher than last year by 1.2% Total givings for August YTD 2021 is higher than last year by 5.5%. Last May we recognized \$44,538 in miscellaneous income due to the PPP program. As a result, total income for the month of August YTD 2021 is lower than last year by 7.5%.

Expenses for the month are lower than last year by 12.1% mainly due to much lower property expenses and YTD expenses are higher than last year by 8.6%. YTD personnel expenses are much higher than last year due to a full complement of salary personnel. As a result, August experienced a gain of \$5,773 vs. last year's gain of \$2,328 YTD 2021 gain of \$15,535 is lower than last year's gain of \$50,457 due to PPP income recognized in May 2020.

Substantial changes are being made on the balance sheet as explained by Cathy as we have invested most of our previous CDs in either a money market fund or mutual funds with Thrivent in order to attempt to earn a better return on our investments.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rally Day Success-great Turn out for Sunday School, Youth Group, Happy Hour and Confirmation alike; planning underway for Sunday School Christmas Pageant

CHRISTIAN LIFE -"Re-connecting" videos in progress for Stewardship Campaign

LIBRARY COMMITTEE-Book Fest well attended; Free Library available for use.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Flu Shot Clinic October 17th; Ingathering December 1st; continue to work with Northern Leigh Food Bank and Parkland Cares; Trunk or Treat October 23rd (encourage volunteers to decorate trunks and dress up)

JOURNEYMEN-Served meal at Daybreak; will return to Daybreak in October

PROPERTY COMMITTEE -Outdoor workday/cleanup day -November 13th

WORSHIP AND MUSIC-Mortgage Burning planning underway

FELLOWSHIP-Basket Party 135 baskets to date

Next meeting is October 18th



Please note: Per CDC Guidelines, all unvaccinated individuals (including children) need to be masked indoors. We highly encourage everyone to wear a mask inside!

We are excited to be back together for Sunday School! Our Sunday School format will look similar to our Vacation Bible School. We will meet as a whole group together in the Family Life Center from 9:45-10:30. We will be singing, dancing, playing, learning, and most importantly: having fun! We will try to go outside for activities whenever possible.

All youth in Grades 7 – 12 are welcome to join us! We hang out every Sunday right after worship (9:45 – 10:30 AM) in our very own room (downstairs Room 101). We serve smoothies, milk shakes and snacks each week.

Watch out for our fun events: snow tubing, laser tag, rock wall climbing

Come join us for service events: food bank, baking cookies for homebound, ushering...

Contact Cathy Shaffer for more details:
610-767-6884, office@ulclv.org.



ELCA WORLD HUNGER

Naples, Italy



world hunger

Last spring, Italy was one of the first countries hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. Hospitals filled up, and Italy recorded the highest death toll in the world in the months after the pandemic was declared.

One of these hospitals was L’Ospedale Evangelico Villa Betania, a Lutheran institution in Naples, Italy. The hospital is a key provider of health care to people in the community experiencing poverty. But a shortage of personal protective equipment put both patients and caregivers at risk and made it more difficult to provide support to neighbors in need.

Lutheran Disaster Response provided a grant to help the hospital get the personal protective equipment it needed, along with other critical supplies. “More so than the amount of the donation, it was the timing that was perfect,” explained Dr. Antonio Sciambra, the hospital’s medical director. The grant “arrived when it was needed most.” The hospital was also able to continue providing health care to people experiencing poverty in its community, a key part of the hospital’s work.

“With our church’s foundation we helped the people of the center of Naples with care packages,” said Cordelia Vitello, president, Fondazione Evangelica Betania, which manages the hospital as part of its broader work in the community.

Cordelia reflected on what the pandemic had taught her and her fellow Italians. “It taught us ... that we should always be grateful for what we have and to be grateful for each other. Sometimes we forget these things.”

Thanks to your generosity, Lutheran Disaster Response has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic with more than \$1.8 million around the world, and has also been able to respond to disasters that have continued to take place during the pandemic, such as wildfires and hurricanes.

Your gifts to **ELCA World Hunger** enable the mission of our church to reach out to people in need both at home and abroad. Thank you for your faithful support.



Social Ministry

October Mission:

We will be making Fabric Kits for Lutheran World Relief

Sewing is a valuable skill that can help men and women earn reliable income. Fabric Kits provide fabric and thread for vocational training programs teaching sewing, and for newly trained tailors to launch their sewing businesses.

Here is how you can help:

Purchase two pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester) Each piece should match one of the sizes below - Pieces do not need to match

-2 1/4 yards of 58"-62" wide fabric
or

-3 yards of 42"-45" wide fabric
or

- 4 yards of 34' - 37" wide fabric

- 2 spools of matching or neutral-colored general purpose thread 250-300 yards each

*Once again we are asking for your help to make this mission a success!
Thank you in advance ULC for your generosity*



Friday October 15th

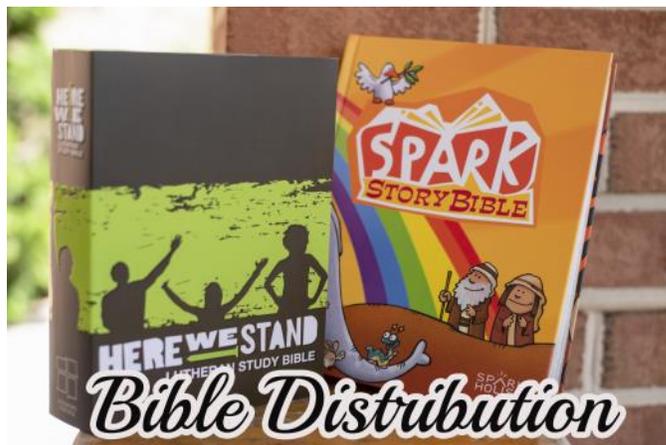
Mark your calendars-

More details to follow



Jack Krisko

Joyce Shankweiler



13 children received
Bibles at Worship on
September 19th.

*“Receive this gift of this Bible so that the
story of God and God’s people may be with
you at home, church, or wherever you shall
choose to carry it.”*

Catechetical Students

Mark your calendars:
Sunday, October 17th
9:45-10:30am
in the Worship Area.
See you there!

Did You Hear That?



Yes, that noise? Someone’s calling
you to come have breakfast with
the Journeymen!

The Parkland Diner
The 2nd Saturday of the
month at 7am— first
breakfast is FREE!



YOU ARE CALLED TO LEAD

For all of you ghosts, goblins, princesses and pirates it's that time of year to plan our annual Trunk or Treat. It will be held Saturday, October 23 from 1-3 in our lower parking lot. This is a free, fun, family event for the community providing a safe alternative from door to door trick or treating. Neff's UCC



Church will also be hosting a trunk or treat in the Grove at the same time so families can go between the churches through the cemetery. We are hoping to make this the year of the most decorated trunks. They don't have to be elaborate just some Halloween decorations will do. If you are decorating a trunk we ask you be there at 12 so you can get it decorated before the families come. We need your help to make this a success. **We need volunteers to donate candy, decorate their trunks, hand out candy or treats and of course LOTS of trunk or treaters.** You can call Cathy Smith 215-872-4013 to sign up or if you have any questions.

Food Bank Needs:

Northern Lehigh -

condiments such as Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo, Relish (plastic containers please)

Parkland Cares - Jars of Salsa, Granola Bars - regular size boxes, Jelly in plastic jars, Cereal - regular size boxes



Ingathering 2021

Union Lutheran Church is sponsoring:

RIPPLE COMMUNITY CENTER



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COMMUNITY INC.

Nurturing Community and Connection

"Ripple Community Inc. nurtures community and connection in Allentown by fostering a sense of community among our neighbors who have traditionally been marginalized and by cultivating connections across social boundaries." INFO@RIPPLECOMMUNITYINC.ORG

Individually wrapped:

Cookies
Chips
Crackers
Applesauce
Fruit cups

Other Food:

Ramen noodle cups
Mac N Cheese
Juice boxes
Coffee
Tea
Creamer
Sugar
Hot chocolate packets

Small or travel size toiletries:

Shampoo & Conditioner
Body wash
Razors
Body lotion
Deodorant
Powder
Shaving cream
Small packs tissues
Chapstick

Misc. Essentials:

Batteries – AA, AAA, D
Blankets
Tarps
Hot hand warmers for hands, feet
and body
Flashlights
Candles
Feminine Hygiene Products
Depends
Bottled water

Gift cards:

\$5.- Wawa, Dunkin Donuts,
McDonald's
\$25.-\$100. Weis, Giant, Target or
Walmart

New Men's and Women's:

Underwear
Hats
Scarves
Gloves
Heavy long socks
Rain ponchos

Collecting all donations until November 22nd.

Please drop off at the church during office hours or after a Sunday worship service.

VIRTUAL
Basket Party
5500 Rt. 873 Schnecksville, Pa



October 13 - October 29

Winners announced October 30th



Minimum
Basket values
of \$25



View our
event



Purchase
Chances
and play



Pick up your
lucky winnings

www.unionlutheranchurch.ourraffle.org



610.767.6884 office@ulclv.org
or Patti Hoffman 484.223.5760

Pick up
Baskets

Oct. 30 1pm-4pm
Oct. 31 10am - Noon
Nov. 1 and 2 4pm - 7pm

Event details have all been altered to adhere to physical distancing. Contactless payment options available.



Where:

UIC

When:

10/17/21



Time and details TBD

Drive
Thru
Event



OCTOBER 17TH

1-2PM

Welcome New Members

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7



Benjamin Scott Kosman

Baptized 8-29-21

Parents: Charles Kosman and Megan Mertz

Sponsors: Rachel Prutzman and Melissa Smolick



Sueann Hregician

Received 9-12-21



Tim, Mary, Tala and Milena Peters

Received 9-12-21



Susan Frickert

Received 9-12-21



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Miller-Keystone Blood Center #1258 - ULC

Staff	
Pastor	The Rev. Gordon A. Camp
	pastor@ulclv.org
	Cell 610-554-8061
Pastor Emeritus	The Rev. Dennis W. Moore
Asst. to the Pastor	Cathy C. Shaffer
Director of Music	Susan Frickert
Asst. Office Administrator	Katie Stauter
Sexton	Terry P. Hoffman
Parish Nurses	Dorothy Bealer
	Jane Borbe

Congregation Council Members			
Officers		Committee Liaisons	
President	Patti Hoffman	Worship and Music	Lynne Banzhoff
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Secretary	Kandy Lang	Property Committee	David Geiger
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		Comm. & Reopening Team	Brian Geren
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Member	Sally Grim	Social Ministry	Kandy Lang
Alternate 1	Lynne Banzhoff	Fellowship	Jason Marakovits
Alternate 2	Debra Grundstrom		

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