

Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. (Joel 2:13)

Summer is soon coming to an end. Time to close the pools, stop the vacations, and say goodbye to the sunshine. The month of September often means a “return” to many things. Children return to school. Parents return to a regular routine. The church is no different. With the start of September, the church returns for Sunday School, for choirs, for festivities, and for committees. For some, the month of September is also a return to church.

During the Summer, our schedules are often more flexible. We take time off to enjoy vacations and other activities. There is nothing wrong with this, it’s fun to do. Often, a casualty of Summer, though, is church attendance. Unfortunately, we may think, and even speak, of taking a “break” from Church during the Summer months. It is sad, but this is often the case. Good for us, though, is this fact – God does not take a break from you!

The prophet Joel once spoke to the people and reminded them who God is. God is “merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.” These are truly some of the most wonderful qualities of our God. We especially see these qualities fully displayed in the life of Christ, who suffered, died, and rose again from the dead all for us. Because our God is merciful, the prophet Joel encourages us to return to Him. Because our God is slow to anger, we should return to Him knowing He will never turn His back on us. Because our God is abounding in steadfast love, even when we return to Him at our very lowest, He will still receive us; that is just who our God is!

September is a time of year to return. We return to more regular schedules. We return to school. And because of the nature of our God (merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love) we can also return to Him, not just in September, but in every moment of every day to receive forgiveness, life and salvation.

"Sigh's Turned into Song"



DIRECTED BY SUSAN L. FRICKERT

Sunday, September 25, 2022 at 4:00 pm

**TICKET DONATION
\$10**

**UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH
5500 RT. 873 SCHNECKSVILLE, PA**

**610-767-6884
OFFICE@ULCLV.ORG**

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From the Cemetery Commission

Part-time employment opportunities are available for caring for the Union Church Cemetery. Duties include the mowing of the cemetery property, weed eating around the memorials, preparing for and oversight of burials and cremations, prepare foundations for memorials, and general maintenance of cemetery grounds and property.

Candidates shall enjoy working outdoors, in all weather conditions, be familiar with lawn mowing equipment, be able to lift 50 pounds and perform light digging and raking of ground. Please contact Union Church Cemetery secretary/treasurer Phil Wehr at 610-767-3657 for more information.

Book Fest 2022

Sunday, Sept. 11th

10-Noon

Family Life Center



Book donation times:

9/6 @ 6pm-8pm

9/8 @ 630pm-8pm

9/10 @ 9am - Noon
or deliver to the church office

Volunteers needed for set up:

9/6 @ 6pm-8pm

9/8 @ 630pm-8pm

9/10 @ 9am - Noon

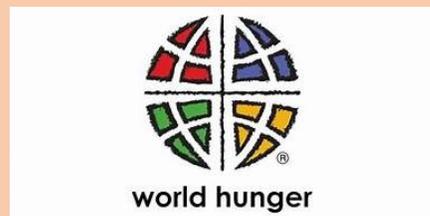
Event volunteers needed:

9/11 10am-12:30pm

Can you help with a volunteer shift?
email bjsm2@ptd.net or ministries@ulclv.org

ELCA WORLD HUNGER

Milwaukee



"Even in the midst of a pandemic, dreams may still come true," says Venice Williams, executive director of Alice's Garden in Milwaukee. Alice's Garden is a two-acre urban farm, community garden and gathering place for the ELCA worshipping community called The Table. It works with families, teaching them to grow their own food and build their own businesses, along with encouraging them to love and respect the land - to be caretakers of creation.

Your gifts to **ELCA World Hunger** help unique communities like The Table to thrive and adapt in a rapidly changing world. In the case of Alice's Table, you help worship to happen on a farm in urban Milwaukee.

During the pandemic, Alice's Garden and The Table provided a safe space. At the garden, neighbors participated in outdoor culinary classes, reading circles and yoga classes. At The Table - "a first-century style community in the 21st century" - people gathered to worship and share food.

COVID-19 has brought the community many challenges as well as heartaches, yet the slower pace of people's lives allowed them to see Alice's Garden more fully as a space to cultivate existing relationships and plant new ones. As the garden celebrates 50 years of urban farming, its work in the community is more important than ever. And your giving allows ELCA World Hunger to invest in the future of Milwaukee through the leaders and neighbors working together in Alice's Garden and gathered together at The Table.

Venice Williams says, "Engagement with World Hunger is always being reminded of the bigger picture; how we fit into it, how we are connected to it, and the strength of working together."

Your gifts to **ELCA World Hunger** accomplish these things. Use the envelopes in the pew racks or send your gift directly to our ULC Office.

The Baroque Baker is hosting a gourmet cookie decorating class at ULC. June is fully licensed by the Pa. Dept. Of Agriculture and owns **The Baroque Baker**, which specializes in custom decorated cookies, macarons and cupcakes. She is also the sister of our very own Valerie Snyder!!!



Halloween Cookie Decorating Class

September 24th

10am-Noon in FLC

(enter back of church)

Ages 12 and older

\$45/student

Beginner Class

Step by Step instructions

Seating is limited

RSVP call 610-349-5269

JOB POSTING

PT Faith Formation Coordinator -

Union Lutheran Church, Schnecksville, is seeking a part-time Faith Formation (Christian Ed.) Coordinator, for up to 25 hours per week. This person will oversee and work closely with the following: Christian Education Committee (Adult Sunday School, Catechetical Classes, VBS planning), Christian Life Committee, Youth Group. Applicants should have excellent organizational, computer, and communication skills. Must have initiative and the ability to work independently as well as part of a team. This person works closely with the Pastor and interacts with members of the congregation as well as the community, therefore, professionalism is essential. Attending Sunday morning worship most Sundays will be necessary. Salary range \$16-20 per hour. Some benefits provided. Background clearances are required. Resumes can be submitted to

unionlutheranchurch@gmail.com.

Your support helps!

Our Little Pantry is being used heavily and we couldn't do it without YOUR support!

From August 1st~15th

187 items were used within our community!

- 3** peanut butter
- 23** soup cans
- 9** fruit
- 46** rice and mac & cheese
- 4** sauces
- 16** misc. snacks
- 20** canned vegetables
- 30** canned meats
- 11** boxes of cereal
- 26** canned pastas

Our Lil Pantry

- . Canned Pasta
- . Cereal
- . Canned Fruit
- . Applesauce

Parkland Cares

- . Pasta
- . Hamburger Helper
- . Brownie Mix

NL Foodbank

- . Crackers
- . Hygiene products — soap deodorant, razors

No time to shop?

Look for an envelope in the pews or [click here](#) to donate!



BOOK CORNER

calling all kids!

Do you love to read?

Are you always looking for something new to read?

Did you know we have a fully stocked library where you can borrow books for **FREE?!?!?!?!?**

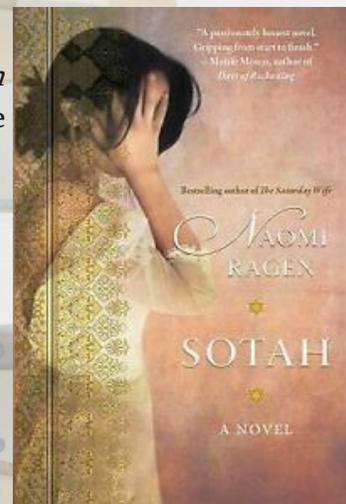
That's right. Visit our church library and check out a book today!

Great variety of fiction and non-fiction!



Our next book will be *Sotah* by Naomi Ragen. A glimpse into the ultra-orthodox world of the Haredim in modern Jerusalem.

Ninety three weeks on the best-seller list. *Sotah* introduces us to a family from Jerusalem's ultra-religious haredi enclave with three daughters approaching the age of marriage. In the strict orthodoxy of their world, a *Sotah* is a wife suspected of infidelity who can be tried by ordeal to prove she is guiltless. This is the story of beautiful, fragile Dina Reich who is accused of the community's most unforgivable sin: adultery. Although Dina was brought up to be an obedient daughter and dutiful wife, she has yearnings -- for knowledge, for romance, for excitement -- that she knows her life will never satisfy. In her willing, but arranged marriage, Dina finds these deeply repressed passions increasingly difficult to ignore. Even her loving and generous husband cannot completely satisfy her, and eventually, her frustration finds a dangerous outlet in a sudden and intense obsession with a married man. But when the flirtation is exposed by the community's self-appointed vigilantes, Dina is separated from her husband and child and forced to leave the country. In New York City, the freedom and the shallowness of modern American life appall Dina, but they also inspire her to fashion her own tradition, one that will enable her to confront her accusers and reclaim her life. Set against the backdrop of Jerusalem's ancient rituals, *Sotah* is a contemporary story of sacred and blasphemous love, and a young woman's struggle to reconcile tradition with freedom.



Watch for the discussion date in the weekly bulletin and October newsletter.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Highlights from the August 15th meeting.

-Financial Update - Givings for July were higher than last year by 1.5%. YTD expenses lower than last year by 15.4% due to lower personnel expenses. We are still in a strong cash position and our finances should improve as the year unfolds. Our investments with Thrivent dropped rather dramatically for the 2nd quarter ending in June by 9.5% due to the large drops in the S&P 500 and the DJIA.

-Volunteers are needed to serve as greeters and Communion Assistants during worship. Folks are encouraged to sponsor the weekly worship flowers and worship bulletins. A letter will be sent to families with young children to encourage the young children to be helpers during service. Emphasis on involving children & youth along with their families in weekly worship - contact office to volunteer

-Congratulations to Klotz Scholarship winners Jordan Bucks and Pierce Bell.

-Parking lot surface maintenance has begun. Final preparations are being made for the outdoor LED Sign, being funded by the David Geiger Memorial Fund.

-Thank you to the families that donated school supplies during VBS. Please consider donating food for the food pantries that ULC serves.

-Job Descriptions for the Treasurer and Faith Formation Coordinator have been reviewed and approved.

-CDC Guidelines have changed in regards to COVID. Reopening Team is monitoring the guidelines and no changes to service will be made at this time.

-Members of the church that have been inactive for a period over 2 years will be given a period of one year, then moved to the Inactive Member list. They will no longer receive regular mailings, only special postcard mailings announcing special events at ULC. If there is still no activity from those members, they will be moved to an Affiliate Member list and no longer receive mailing information.

-The WIFI system will be getting an upgrade including a new guest log on portion and WIFI will be extended into the FLC.

-Pictorial directory - pictures will be taken by ULC volunteers in November

-Lil Pantry food is in great demand - thanks to all who are donating food

-Homebound members were visited and received cookies and goodies from our Social Ministry Team

-College care kits will be mailed to our students this fall

Next meeting will be September 19th at 7:00pm



Fall Prevention Tips

Here is a list of safety tips you can follow to prevent falls:

Remove Clutter ALL OVER YOUR HOME

Secure or remove throw rugs

Keep stairs clear and in good repair

Keep frequently used items in waist level cabinets

Keep sturdy step stool with handle available.

Put non-skid mat on shower/bath tub floor.

Install grab bars in tub area and by toilet.

Exercise to keep strong and help balance.

Have pharmacist or physician check meds to ensure there are no interactions.

Yearly eye exam.

Sit up and sit down slowly.

Stay hydrated.

Ensure proper lighting and leave light on night for bathroom use.

Invest in medic alert system and wear locator.

For more information on Fall Prevention contact

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation

1-888-44 REHAB

[Good Shepherd Rehab](#)



Lutheran Disaster Response
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

God's Work Our Hands Skills Day

Join us on **September 11, 2022 from 12:00pm -3:00 pm** at Northeastern Synod Office of the ELCA at 2354 Grove Road, Allentown, PA for lunch and skills demonstrations and learn how you can volunteer for missions and ministries involved in relief efforts.

Kids projects will also be available!

To register, email Heidi Shilanskas hshilanskas@gmail.com.

We've also compiled a list of ways you can help those served by Lutheran Congregational Services. By putting together bereavement care packages or raising money for Journeys Through Grief support groups, you bring comfort to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. When you volunteer at a work site or assemble clean out buckets, you offer hope to those trying to rebuild following a disaster.

No matter what you choose to do in the name of Jesus, all of life -every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life- flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

[Explore Ideas for Service Projects and Fundraisers](#)

TRUNK or TREAT

For all of you ghosts, goblins, princesses and pirates it's that time of year again to plan our annual Trunk or Treat to be held Saturday, October 22 from 1-3 in our lower parking lot. This is a free, fun, family event providing a safe (parking lot will be closed to traffic) alternative from door to door trick or treating. Neff's UCC Church will be hosting a trunk or treat in the Grove so families can walk through our parking lot, take a stroll through the cemetery and back for lots more treats. To make this a success we will need lots of decorated car trunks. Costumed trunk owners will fill your bags with lots of goodies. Last year we had the most trunks decorated, (even had Neff's firetruck) let's make this another record breaking year. We need volunteers to donate candy, decorate their trunks and hand out candy or treats and of course LOTS of trunk or treaters. The sign up sheet for trunk decorating is in the office or you can call Cathy Smith 215-872-4013 with any questions.

Dementia Care-Partner Support Group

In September, Memory Specialist Nancy Clee RN-BC, MSN will be starting a new 10-week Dementia Care-Partner Support Group. This is a wonderful opportunity for individuals who are caring for loved ones with dementia to learn more about the illness and how to better communicate and care for their loved one. The group will be using the "Dementia Care-Partner's Workbook- A Guide for Understanding, Education and Hope". The author, Edward Shaw, M.D., M.A., cared for his wife who had Alzheimer's disease and he offers wonderful insights to help other caregivers. The support group will start Tuesday, September 13th at 3:00 pm in the Villa Board Room of Fellowship Community (Whitehall). You will need to purchase the book prior to the beginning of the support group. Contact Nancy Clee at 610-769-9193 or nclee@FellowshipCommunity.com to register for the Dementia Care-Partner Support Group or if you have any questions.

COLLEGE STUDENT



The Social Ministry Team would like to show some ULC family love and send your student (s) a care package while they are away at college.

Please reply with your student's name, institution they are attending and a mailing address.

PACKAGES WILL INCLUDE AN ASSORTMENT OF GOODIES ALONG WITH A SCARF MADE BY ULC'S VERY OWN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY!

office@ulclv.org

Oktoberfest

2022

Sunday, October 2, 2022

3 - 6:30 pm

Menu:

Pork Schnitzel

Soft Pretzels w/ Mustard & Cheese

Turkey Sauerbraten

Wurst & Wine Kraut

Green Beans & Spaetzel w/ Browned Butter

Hot German Potato Salad

Carrots Cooked in Beer

Fresh Fruit

Lemon Tarte

German Chocolate Cake

Molasses Cookies

Apple Streudel

Live Music:

Come dance the polka, sing along to the Bavarian tunes, or just listen and enjoy as the

Happy Dutchmen Band

provides our entertainment

[Order Oktoberfest Tickets -Click Here](#)

Tickets 610-767-6884 or office@ulclv.org

*Adults \$20; Children 4 - 12 \$5; under 4 free

*\$25 after Sept. 23rd

Lehigh Valley Pops Orchestra

with director George Fennell

present

BENEFIT CONCERT

All proceeds going to
ABIGAIL GRAHAM



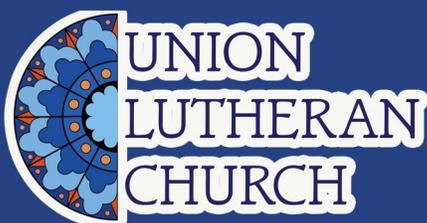
Sunday, October 23rd

3:00 pm

Union Lutheran Church, Schnecksville

FOR TICKETS CALL 610-767-6884

OR EMAIL OFFICE@ULCLV.ORG



Tickets are \$10 each
Children 12 and under are free

RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 11, 2022

10:15 am after worship

“Happy Hour”

(Adult Sunday School)

Meet in Rm. 206-207

Sunday, September 18, 2022

10:15 am after worship

Children’s Sunday School

(Ages 3 to 5th Grade)

Meet in Family Life Center

Youth Group

(6th to 12th Grade)



15th Anniversary UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Basket Party
5500 Rt. 873 Schnecksville, Pa



October 28 5-8pm & October 29 9am-3pm Winners selected at 3 pm

Pre-order Tickets
5 sheets for \$20
or
\$5 sheet at
the door

Tickets on sale 10/1
-www.ulclv.org
(Fundraisers Page)
-Office hours
-after worship

Bag of personal care
of non perishable
food
items get 1
FREE sheet of tickets

Kids-
come in costume
for a chance to win
Giant Kids Basket

Special Raffles for High Priced Items! Coach, Vera Bradley, FREE tickets and more!!!

? | 610.767.6884 office@ulclv.org
or Patti Hoffman 484.223.5760

Pick up Baskets | Oct. 29 3-5pm Family Life Center
Oct. 30 10am - Noon Family Life Center
Oct. 31 4pm - 7pm Front Dor

Kitchen will be open.

We are going to celebrate. Lots of supprises!

Mum Sale 2022

\$7.50 each or 3 for \$21

White, Yellow, Bronze, Burgundy, Purple

Order by Sept. 7 & Pick up Sept. 25

[Click Here to Order](#)

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| Director of Music | Susan Frickert |
| Communication Specialist | Katie Stauter |
| Sexton | Terry P. Hoffman |
| Parish Nurses | Dottie Bealer and Jane Borbe |

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