



THE LUTHERAN LETTER

NEWSLETTER

May 2023

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (John 14:27)*

So much to celebrate!

May is filled with anticipation for the summer to begin. Flowers break forth and birds return and finally, Memorial Day marks the safe weather for planting. May Day on the 1st, Cinco de Mayo on the 5th, Mother's Day on the 14th and I celebrate my father-in-law's ninety-first birthday on the 30th. Literature refers to the Merry, merry month of May.....

We celebrate the Easter season all month— Christ is Risen, He Is risen Indeed! Alleluia! and the scriptures record the post-resurrection appearances during our worship time together.

What will you celebrate this month? Perhaps celebrating is not the word...

What will you remember: perhaps with joy, perhaps with sadness, perhaps with regret? Christ came into the world to share a message of Peace. His parting words were: Peace I leave with you... not as the world gives...but a peace that passes understanding... a Profound peace in the midst of LIFE.

Let us pray for peace in Ukraine.

Let us pray for Peace in the halls of our children's schools.

Let us pray for Peace with justice in our communities.

Let us pray for Peace where there has been racial violence, gun violence, and sexual violence.

Let us pray for Peace in the centers of government.

May your joy be profound. A celebration of Life. For Christ is Risen, He Is risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Peace in the name of the Risen Lord,

Pastor Camp

Ten Things You Need to Know About World Hunger

1. 16.6% of the world's population is undernourished.

Undernourishment or Chronic Hunger is a state, lasting for at least one year, of inability to acquire enough food, defined as a level of food intake insufficient to meet dietary energy requirements. This means that worldwide 1 in 6 people are hungry.

2. One billion people are living in extreme poverty.

Extreme poverty means that all of these people are deprived of their basic human needs, such as food, safe drinking water, sanitation, education, information, health, and shelter.

3. \$1.25 per day.

More than a billion people live on less than \$1.25 a day, which totals to \$8.75 a week. This means that people in poverty can only spend \$455 a year, whereas the average American spends \$7,852 a year on food alone.

4. 1/8 of Asia is hungry.

As the largest and most populated continent, Asia is home to approximately 4.427 billion people. Unfortunately, more than 550 million people of that population suffer from hunger.

5. Hungry means consuming less than 1,800 calories a day.

A healthy amount of calories is 2,100, however, most people who are chronically hungry eat even less than 1,800 calories a day. For example, in Ethiopia, a child will only receive one piece a day of Injera, a traditional Ethiopian bread, which only has 166 calories and no nutritional value.

6. Hunger is the cause of 45% of all children's deaths.

Each year, 3.1 million children die from hunger-related causes, which include diarrhea and malnutrition. Every 10 seconds a child dies from hunger

7. More than 99 million children under age five are undernourished and underweight.

As a result of hunger, children experience poor health, low levels of energy, and a reduction in mental functioning. Hunger can lead to even greater poverty by reducing people's ability to work and learn.

8. Almost 25% of India is undernourished.

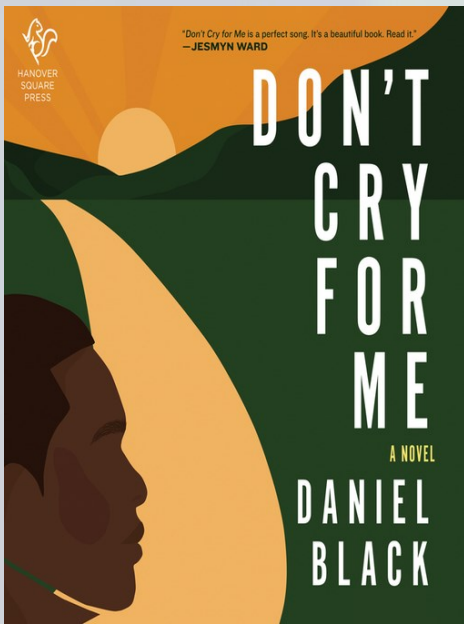
India has a population of 1.1 billion and 230 million are undernourished. This makes India the hunger capital of the world. The prevalence of underweight children in India is among the highest in the world.

9. Rising global food prices will cause 1.5 million more children to be undernourished.

These rising prices are caused by the increase demand for food by the continually growing population and the under investment in agriculture. This demand takes away the only food source for those in need.

10. Some good news: There has been a reduction of more than 34% in global hunger since 1990.

However, there's still so much more we can do. ELCA World Hunger is actively engaged in helping to end global hunger through a wide variety of resources - both programs and people. Your generous gifts to ELCA World Hunger will accelerate our Church's efforts to minister to those in need. Please use the special envelopes in the pew racks or send your gift directly to our Church Office.



Our next selection is *Don't Cry for Me* by Daniel Black.

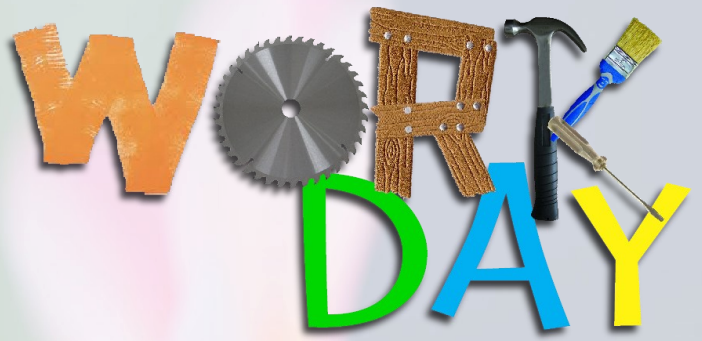
As Jacob lies dying, he begins to write a letter to his only son, Isaac. They have not met or spoken in many years, and there are things that Isaac must

know. Stories about his ancestral legacy in rural Arkansas that extend back to slavery. Secrets from Jacob's tumultuous relationship with Isaac's mother and the shame he carries from the dissolution of their family. Tragedies that informed Jacob's role as a father and his reaction to Isaac's being gay.

But most of all, Jacob must share with Isaac the unspoken truths that reside in his heart. He must give voice to the trauma that Isaac has inherited. And he must create a space for the two to find peace.

With piercing insight and profound empathy, acclaimed author Daniel Black illuminates the lived experiences of Black fathers and queer sons, offering an authentic and ultimately hopeful portrait of reckoning and reconciliation. Spare as it is sweeping, poetic as it is compulsively readable, *Don't Cry for Me* is a monumental novel about one family grappling with love's hard edges and the unexpected places where hope and healing take flight.

May 21st Discussion Date



Spring Clean Up Day

Saturday, May 13th at 8:30 am - Noon.

Bring your gift of time, rakes, gloves, dust rags, wheel barrows, muscles or just your love of our church to the Spring Clean Up Day as we freshen up our beautiful building/grounds and prepare it for God's wonderful spring weather! Come for a little or the entire time.



is taking a hiatus!

Stay tuned for more information and future options for this Women's Bible Study Ministry.



VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL



JULY 17 - 21

5:00 FAMILY DINNER

5:45-8 VBS FUN

Sign up to participate

Sign up to volunteer



DO NOT WAIT SIGN UP TODAY



Social Ministry call to action!

May 1—July 31st

School supply collection for
Northern Lehigh Food Bank
Northern Lehigh School District



We welcomed 5 new families into our church!
Please show them some ULC family love next time
you see them at church!



Tim &
Debbie Holt

Scott, Nicole,
Elijah, Isaac &
Abel Perin

Bill & Toni
Casaceli

Mindy &
Emaline
Lowe

Michael
& Carla
Holdridge

On this special evening, we will be assisting the
players of the Giants, Rangers and Iron Pigs as

"Angels in the Outfield"

Volunteers need to be 12 and old to participate.

Can't volunteer...just come to cheer on the players!

May 19
6pm



[Click Here to Sign Up to Volunteer!](#)

Happy Hour

May 7

Youth Sunday, and Happy Hour will be spending time with the Youth. Happy Hour will be meeting in the Youth Group room downstairs to host a fun, engaging, and enlightening conversations about a myriad of topics. Please join us!

May 14

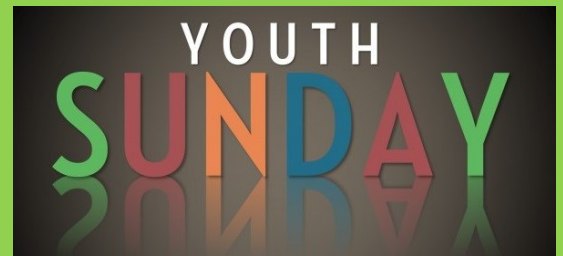
Today is Mother's Day and it has us asking, "what is Mom?" Join us for a deep dive into the concept of Mother's Day and what it truly means to be "Mom". We would love to get your opinion!

Please join us as we finish out the year STRONG!

See you in September!!!!

SUNDAY School

Join us for the final month of Sunday School! The last day of Sunday School will be Sunday, May 21st, as we celebrate the final day with a SWEET SURPRISE!! Then, prepare an OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD EXPERIENCE over the summer as we blast back to VBS. VBS will be held July 17—July 21.



MAY 7th is Youth Sunday!!

The Youth has been hard at work crafting a great church service for all to enjoy. Inspired by their recent retreat at High Point camp, come and enjoy a service filled with great music and an even better message.

A HUGE thank you to Terry & Patti Hoffman along with the many, many, many dedicated members who helped to make the Lenten Soup Suppers possible. Whether you chopped, stirred, peeled or scrubbed **THANK YOU to EACH.AND.EVERY.ONE.OF.YOU!**

Special thanks goes out to

Mr. Bill's Poultry, Crystal Spring Farm and Geiger Family Farm for your generous donations of many of the cooking ingredients.



Northern Lehigh - Shampoo, bar soap, toilet paper, mac & cheese, jelly, canned meats

Parkland Cares - Mac & Cheese, Applesauce cups and pouches, Canned Soups, Granola Bars and Tuna and Chicken Snack Pouches

Our Little Pantry - Vegetables and cereal

Joyful Moments shared lots of laughs and great food at our meeting while watching 80 For Brady.

Our next get together is May 18th at 5:30pm. If you would like to join us, please contact Kate Geren or Kandy Lang at



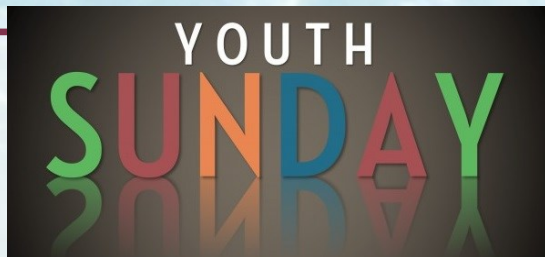


Prayer Shawl Ministry

Next meeting May 9th at
1pm

Do you know someone who could use some support or comfort in their life? We have prayer shawls that could be the support and comfort they need. Please contact me to arrange to receive a prayer shawl.

Sandy Castaldi
phone – 484-262-0425 or
text – 631-697-3078.



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BAPTISM



Elianna Saige Clifford

Baptized March 26, 2023

Daughter of Jason Clifford &
Kristin Lobach-Clifford



Everett Timothy Badesso

Baptized April 2, 2023

Son of Dustin Badesso &
Lillie (Geiger) Badesso

First Communion

Claire Ellie Bleiler

Hunter Matthew George

Thomas John McGowan, III



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.



ULC night at the IronPigs

June 16, 2023

Game time 7:05 pm

IronPigs vs. Toledo Mudhens

***\$12 ticket with Fireworks after
game***

***Sign up in the office by
May 14th***

office@ulclv.org

Journeymen

May 13th at 7 am

Coffee, bagels, friends & service!

Rm. 103-014

*You are cordially invited to sing in
ULC's Sacred Voices this summer!*

Founded in 2002 by ULC's Director of Music, Susan Frickert, Sacred Voices is an ecumenical choir that rehearses only during the summer months: Thursdays 7 p.m.- 9 p.m., June 22 through August 24, culminating in a formal September concert on Sunday, September 24. No auditions required. Last summer 49 singers participated in Sacred Voices, and we anticipate an even larger turnout this summer!

Our singers include people of faith from many Christian denominations including Lutheran, UCC, Moravian, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Methodist. Geographically they live in and around the Lehigh Valley, including several surrounding counties. Some are professional singers or choral directors themselves; some sing during the school year with larger choral organizations such as the Bethlehem Bach Choir, Camarata Singers, Concord Chamber Singers, and Lehigh University's Choral Union. For others, this has been a new and exciting choral experience at a more demanding level than their small church choir provides.

Strong Christian faith and a love for the great music of the Church have been the common denominators for these enthusiastic singers. Participants especially love the musical and spiritual growth they experience during the process of preparing the September concert, also the warm camaraderie of this diverse group.

This year's concert theme, "From Lament to Praise: The Psalms", will include unique settings of some of the Bible's most beloved psalms, written from the 18th through the 21st centuries. The centerpiece of the concert will be composer Dan Forrest's "Hallelu Yah: Three Psalms of Praise", written in 2022 and based on the final three psalms (147, 148, and 150). Professional instrumentalists will join us for a unique concert that explores scriptures celebrating God's eternal love, providence and grace. Contact Susan Frickert for more details and a registration form. Registration deadline is June 1st.





DESIGNER PURSE



Coach Michael Kors Kate Spade Vera Bradley

SUN, MAY 21, 2023

Doors open 11:30 am - Bingo Starts at 1 pm

Presale: \$25/20 games

At the door: \$30 (limited availability)

Special games, basket raffle tickets and food available for purchase the day of the event

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

**WWW.ULCLV.ORG
610-767-6884**

Funeral Luncheon Hospitality – with the help and leadership of *amazing* volunteers, ULC has been able to offer luncheon opportunities to the families and guests at funerals. Jane Borbe has led this amazing service for 20+ years. At this time Jane will be stepping down as lead for this ministry. We are currently looking for an individual to take over. There are wonderful volunteers that will help to make the luncheons happen. The need is for someone to order the food, pick up the food and coordinate volunteers. Contact the office or talk to Pastor if you are interested.

A New and Exciting Ministry at Union Lutheran Church

By Jackie Bucks

Music has always been an important part of my life and I especially enjoyed being able to participate in an orchestral setting. I have a few students with special needs and was hoping to find a way to share that experience with them. After a serious amount of prayer, I felt God calling me into this ministry.

From previous experience, I know that when the time is right, God will provide the path! I started to research online and found the Hearts for Music Special Needs Orchestra. I contacted Kitrael Chin, the President and Artistic Director, and he graciously offered to meet on Zoom with the team I had gathered.

I sent him some questions ahead of time thinking that he could offer us advice on how he got started. To our surprise, he offered to take us under the umbrella of his non profit organization!

I presented the information to Pastor Camp who brought it to the church council for their approval. I am both blessed and excited to say that we are now the home for Hearts for Music PA!

On Saturday, May 27th Kitrael will be presenting two information/demonstration sessions for the special needs community and the day will end with a benefit concert with proceeds supporting our ministry. Kitrael and I will be at worship on Sunday, May 28th to explain more about our program. Please see the attached flyers for more information about this important event and help us spread the word about our exciting new ministry! If you would like to learn more about Kitrael and this program, please visit heartsformusic.org.



...is a special needs orchestra
in which its members
utilize digital Ipads,
acoustic instruments
& keyboards to learn
& perform
simplified orchestral
& symphonic works.

Kitrael Chin - President & Founder
Jackie Bucks, - PA Director



Demonstration/Information Sessions

@ Union Lutheran Church

5500 Route 873
Schnecksville, Pa

**May 11 - Noon &
27 1:30 - 2:30
6-8:00 pm Concert**

Tickets \$10: www.ulclv.org

610-767-6884 - hfmppa@heartsformusic.org



**Hearts
For Music**
A SPECIAL NEEDS ORCHESTRA
TRANSFORMING DISABILITIES
INTO ABILITIES

A musical opportunity
for children and adults
with special needs.

Kitrael Chin - President & Founder
Jackie Bucks, - PA Director



A benefit concert featuring

Hearts for Music, Special Needs Orchestra

with guest artists;

**Dolcetto - The Glenn Hofmann Trio,
Valley Voices Community Choir,**

**Members of Young People's Philharmonic of the Lehigh Valley,
Union Lutheran Praise Band**

and many more!

Union Lutheran Church 5500 Route 873
Schnecksville, Pa

May

27

6:30 pm

Tickets \$10

www.ulclv.org - click on "Tickets"

610-767-6884 - hfmppa@heartsformusic.org

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Barbara Mahoney	Christian Life Committee
Jason Marakovits	Finance Committee

A copy of the monthly Council Meeting Minutes can be found on the bulletin board in the upstairs hallway or in the church office.

