



THE LUTHERAN LETTER

NEWSLETTER

June 2023

"The Body of Christ, given for you."

"The Blood of Christ, shed for you."

In The Holy Communion, our union with Jesus and our brothers and sisters in faith reaches it's summit. Here, Jesus gives to us bread and wine, his crucified and risen Presence; his body and blood.

Unfortunately, not all of our Union Family can gather together in the Nave on Sunday mornings. However, this is where you can become involved as a Eucharistic Minister.

The **Eucharistic Ministry** provides communion for members of our congregation who are unable to attend worship. Following our worship services, Eucharistic Ministers distribute the elements of bread and wine to the sick or homebound.

Communion is delivered wherever the individual's reside. This currently includes homes, hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and assisted living communities. This process maintains a clear and strong connection between members of our congregation who are assembled in worship and those who are unable to be with us at our table of fellowship.

To become involved in this vital ministry to our sick and homebound members contact the church office 610-767-6884 or office@ulclv.org and plan on joining Pastor Camp after worship on Sunday June 25th for a time of training and question and answers.

Sacred Voices 2023

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!

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.



Form Registration deadline is June 1st.

[Click here for form!](#)

**YOUTH
GROUP**



**June 4—confirmation
Sunday!**

June 11—Youth Group party!

WOW Women
of the
Word

is taking a hiatus! Stay tuned for more information and future options for this Women's Bible Study Ministry.

Joyful Moments enjoyed a sunset dinner at Folino's Winery, in Kutztown. The food was divine and the company was very enjoyable. If you would like to join us, please reach out to Kate Geren or Kandy Lang! Ciao!



Junior Choir



The Junior Choir at their last their last rehearsal! Mrs. Frickert organized a pizza party and games for them! This group has doubled in size in the past year. I think you will agree, that when these kiddos are involved in worship, those are some of my favorite Sundays! Their innocence, joyful noise and eagerness to learn about the Lord is inspiring and makes me hopeful for the future!



VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL



JULY 17 - 21

5:00 FAMILY DINNER

5:45-8 VBS FUN

Click to participate

Click to volunteer



DO NOT WAIT SIGN UP TODAY



Social Ministry call to action!

Now —July 31st

School supply collection for
Northern Lehigh Food Bank

Northern Lehigh School District

Highlighters, Dry
Erase Markers, Cray-
ons, Colored Pencils,
Washable Markers,
Index Cards, 2 inch
binders, Notebook
Paper, Kid's Scissors,
Blue ink pens, Ear
Buds

To Our Church Family,

We just wanted to thank you again for the amazing support you have shown us over the years. We cannot thank you enough. You are the reason we are still standing. You helped me be the best mom I can be and I will be forever grateful to all of you.

We have exciting but sad news. We finally found our forever home. Since we sold our house 3,5 years ago, we have moved twice into rentals. Through the Grace of God and all of your help and support, we finally were able to purchase a home, The home is in Hatboro, Pa. It is closer to our family and Edward and Abby's college. We will miss all of you and you will always have a special place in our hearts. We truly would not be where we are today without all of you. We will keep in touch and ask for your continued prayers.

Abby is getting surgery on Thursday on her arm and leg. She is getting a tendon transfer and lengthening on her leg and a tendon lengthening on her arm. This will hopefully help her walk better and eliminate the night brace for her arm and leg. It will keep her arm and leg loose to eliminate botox every three months. Nothing is guaranteed but hopefully she has a positive outcome. She will be in a cast on her arm and leg for 6 weeks and a boot for six weeks. Also intense therapy throughout the summer. Lots going on and prayers are appreciated!

We are excited for the future and will always remember the impact you had on our past. We are here till the end of the school year, then we will move for the last time! Thank you so much for all you have done. Words cannot express the impact you had on our lives! We will keep in touch! Our new address is

2502 Horsham Rd
Hatboro, Pa 19040

*Love - Stacy, Edward,
Abigail, Todd & Jarett*



Gourmet Cookie Decorating Class

June 21 from 6-8:00 pm

Family Life Center

\$65 per person



Theme is *Summer Fun!*

**Palm Tree, Bathing Suit,
Glasses, Sun Hat, Straw
Hat**

www.thebaroquebaker.square.site



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

Parkland Cares - Granola bars and single serve beverage pouches

Our Little Pantry - Vegetables and cereal

[Click here to donate and we will shop for you.](#)

Welcome to our New Members

Donald & Adele Bush

Donald Klingeman, Jr.

John, Megan, Isabelle & John Bush

Summer Sessions

June 14-17

10-Noon

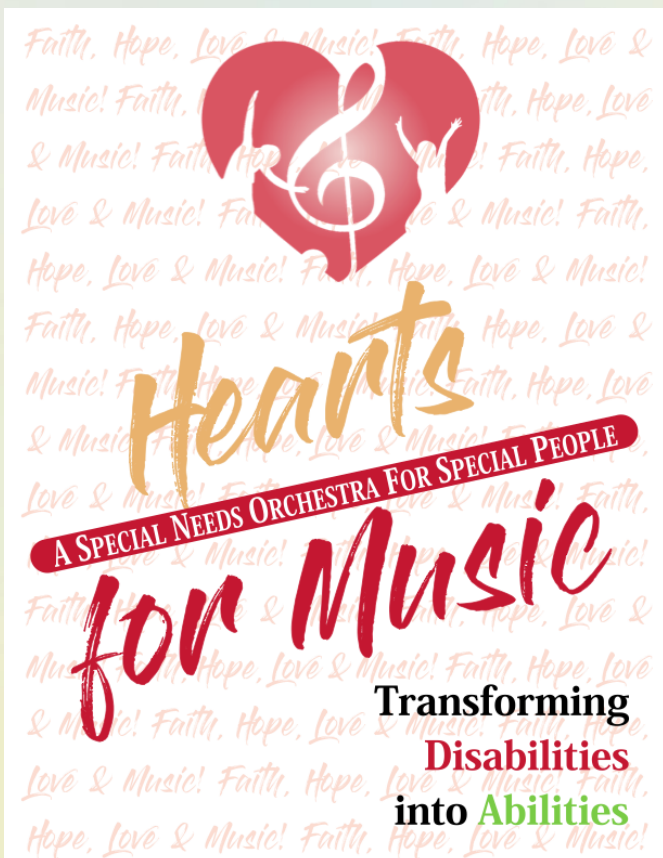
[https://www.heartsformusic.org/
orchestra-participation.html](https://www.heartsformusic.org/orchestra-participation.html)

Click on the location for PA and please indicate
that you are participating in

the Hearts for Music Summer Camp at Union Lu-
theran Church

Schnecksville, PA

Fall Session will begin in
September, more information to
follow soon!





Prayer Shawl Ministry

We will meet on June 13 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.



John Joel Semanchik

Baptized May 21, 2023

John is the son of John &
Megan Semanchik

As we prepare to take a break from regularly scheduled
music rehearsals, we would like to thank each and every-
one of the musicians and vocalists for all of their hard
work and dedication to the music ministries
of Union Lutheran Church.

*thank
you*

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Pastor & Susan

Book Club

Our next selection is *Other Birds*

by Sarah Addison Allen.

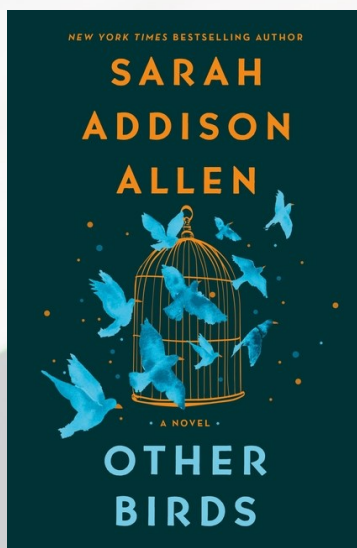
Down a narrow alley in the small coastal town of Mallow Island, South Carolina, lies a stunning cobblestone building comprised of five apartments. It's called The Dellawisp and it is named after the tiny turquoise birds who, alongside its human tenants, inhabit an air of magical secrecy.

When Zoey Hennessey comes to claim her deceased mother's apartment at The Dellawisp, she meets her quirky, enigmatic neighbors including a girl on the run, a grieving chef whose comfort food does not comfort him, two estranged middle-aged sisters, and three ghosts. Each with their own story. Each with their own longings. Each whose ending isn't yet written.

When one of her new neighbors dies under odd circumstances the night Zoey arrives, she is thrust into the mystery of The Dellawisp, which involves missing pages from a legendary writer whose work might be hidden there. She soon discovers that many unfinished stories permeate the place, and the people around her are in as much need of healing from wrongs of the past as she is. To find their way they have to learn how to trust each other, confront their deepest fears, and let go of what haunts them.

Delightful and atmospheric, *Other Birds* is filled with magical realism and moments of pure love that won't let you go. Sarah Addison Allen shows us that between the real and the imaginary, there are stories that take flight in the most extraordinary ways.

Join us in July to discuss this book. Watch for the exact date in the weekly bulletin.



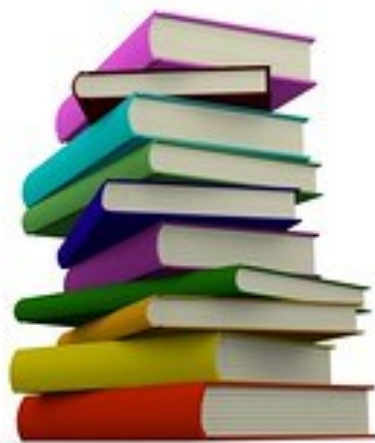
SAVE THE DATE

Book Fest

September 10th

If you are doing any late Spring cleaning, save those books!

Donation times and dates yet to come.



REMINDER

We do not accept:

**Encyclopedia,
National Geographic,
Magazines,
Cook Books,
Stephen King,
Adult content**

ELCA WORLD HUNGER—St. Paul, Minnesota

Rice Street Gardens in St. Paul is the second-largest community garden in the state of Minnesota, with over 250 plots for local families.

Your generosity to **ELCA World Hunger**, paired with the hard work of gardeners and volunteers, enables this garden to thrive.

Each gardener contributes by volunteering during the year, keeping it clean and well-organized, and donating money to buy supplies. In exchange they get to enjoy time in the garden and all the fresh veggies they grow.

A gardener at Rice Street named Elodie came to Minnesota as a refugee from the Congo five years ago. Living in Minnesota was hard for her and her daughter. They were lonely and had trouble finding jobs.

One day the Rev. Dana K. Nelson, pastor of Galilee Lutheran Church, visited Elodie at her home and invited her to join Rice Street Gardens, within walking distance of her apartment. Elodie accepted.

Now Elodie grows all kinds of vegetables at Rice Street and cooks them every day for herself and her daughter. In fact, Elodie has so many vegetables that she can keep her freezer full all winter. Yet to Elodie the garden means more than this. “When I plant my vegetables I feel at home,” she says. “I feel like I have food from my country.”

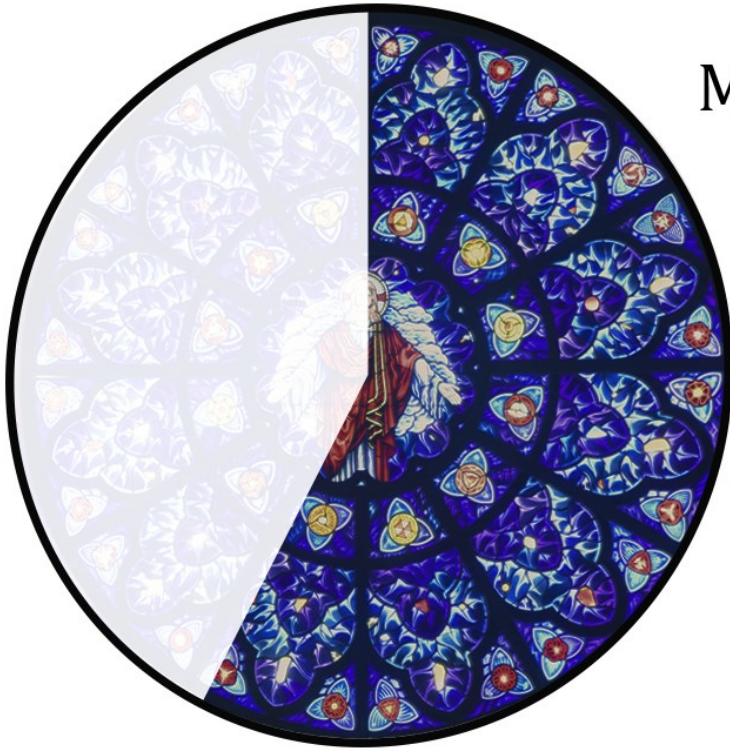
At the garden Elodie met a young man named Grace, who also came to the United States as a refugee from the Congo. Grace grows vegetables that he remembers from the Congo, especially a dark, leafy green called cassava leaves. Grace and Elodie tend each other’s gardens, and Elodie even keeps vegetables for Grace in her freezer so that he can have them to eat during winter too.

Rice Street Gardens provides a place where newcomers to the United States, such as Grace, Elodie and her daughter are welcomed and find connections. They make new friends; stay connected to their food, culture and people. They find ways to support their neighbors, just as Elodie does by storing Grace’s vegetables in her freezer.

The gardeners and volunteers supported in part by your gifts to **ELCA World Hunger** are growing more than food — they are planting seeds for the kind of world God wants for us, a world where everyone has enough to eat, food they love, support when they need it and a strong community that welcomes and loves them.

Use the pew envelopes or send your offering for ELCA World Hunger directly to our ULC office.

Thanks to your support
of the Future Building
Maintenance Fund and for
your generous
giving, we have
\$29,751.06 of the
\$47,000 needed
to replace the HVAC unit
in the
Family Life Center.



63.3% of our goal WAY TO GO!
as of May 14, 2023



**There will be a Happy Hour
Planning Meeting on June 4th
at 10:15sam. We will be plan-
ning content and ideas for
next year's Happy Hour.
Don't miss your chance to
throw in an idea!**

UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP GUIDELINES

GREETERS/USHERS RESPONSIBILITIES

- Arrive 45 minutes early
 - Ask Pastor for any special instructions for the day's service.
 - Organize regular and children's bulletins.
 - Greet worshipers and hand out bulletins.
- When the service starts
 - Close all doors to Nave.
 - Turn off Gathering Space lights.
 - Count all congregants-including all children, pastor, acolytes, choir, organist, vocalists, instrumentalists.
- When communion begins
 - Ushers' direct congregants by row to the communion table.
 - 15-19 at a time from each side to a table via the center aisle.
 - Do not split families.

***Note: Sections to left side of center aisle (facing altar) will go to the left side of the altar rail. Sections to the right side of the center aisle will go to the right side of the altar rail. Communicants will return to their seats by exiting down the side aisle of the section in which they are seated.**

- When communion is over
 - Ushers gather the offering plates from the front of the Nave and present them to the acolyte(s).

COMMUNION ASSISTANT RESPONSIBILITIES

Altar Communion Procedures

- Communion Assistants proceed to the Chancel prior to the start of communion.
 - You will be administering the wine – following the pastor's distribution of the bread
- The pastor will present you with a pouring Chalice pre-filled with wine to administer to communicants.
- As you distribute the wine, please say the words of institution, **"the blood of Christ shed for you"**.
- When all have received communion, the pastor, acolytes, and communion assistants will receive communion together. The pastor will administer the elements to everyone and one of the communion assistants will administer the elements to the pastor.
- Pastor will take care of the elements after all have been communed.

Non-Altar Communion Procedures

- Communion Assistant will proceed to the middle of the altar rail with the pastor.
- Take communion kits from the basket and distribute to each communicant saying the words of institution **“the body and blood of Christ is given and shed for you”**.
- When all have communed, the pastor will administer communion to the Communion Assistant and acolyte. The Communion Assistant will administer communion to the pastor.

ALTAR GUILD RESPONSIBILITIES

Routine Weekly Checklist - for any service

1. Arrive 30 minutes early.
2. Change paraments for appropriate Sunday/Season.
 - a. See Church Year Calendar for proper color paraments to be used.
3. Check oil in altar candles and Christ candle.
 - a. Altar candle oil should last 2+ months.

WHITE and RED SUNDAYS, check oil in candelabras – it should last through two (2) services.

Altar Communion Sundays - (first Sunday of the month)

- Review Routine Weekly Checklist.
- Fill 10 communion trays (8 during summer) with cups. Fill very center cups with grape juice.
- Place communion trays on stands on either side of the center aisle.
- Place a receiving basket on stands at side aisles for used cups.
- Fill two (2) Flagons with wine – place one under altar.
- Place bread on tray (slice in half lengthwise) and cover with cloth and place under altar.
- Fill one Chalice with wine, cover with Pall and place under altar, along with extra cups.
- Place an empty Chalice on altar along with bread and cover with Burse and Veil.
 - Place three (3) sanitizers in Burse.

Non-Altar Communion Sundays

- Review Routine Weekly Checklist.
 - Adjust as necessary
- Fill basket with communion kits and place on table between altar rail at the steps.
- Place a receiving basket on a table at each side aisle for used kits.

Post-Service Altar Guild Clean-Up Routine

1. Any leftover wine should either be drunk or poured outside into the ground.
2. Any leftover bread should either be taken home and eaten or placed outside on ground for the birds.
3. Wash/dry all Chalices, Flagons and store in their respective bags and placed in the cabinet.
4. Clean up sink and countertops.
5. Take linens home, remove the stains and wash and press. Be sure to return them to the Sacristy.

Baptism Procedures

- Fill baptismal font half full with warm water.
- Place shell and oil ring on font along with sanitizer.
- After service, empty water from font outside.
- Thoroughly dry font bowl.

Committee members are:

Lynne Banzhoff, Chairperson
Sherwood Geiger, Council Liaison
Sandra Mosser, Notetaker
Bonnie Krause
Gail Lafferty
Gail Allison
Shirley Rennolds
Pastor Camp
Susan Frickert

If anyone would like more information or would like to review these guidelines, please email Lynne.cheers@gmail.com. I would be glad to help you.

These guidelines will be posted in a booklet on the Usher Podium in the Gathering Space.



Worship & Music Committee

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Union Lutheran Staff

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Sexton	Terry P. Hoffman
Faith Formation Coordinator	Josh Dietz
Parish Nurses	Dottie Bealer and Jane Borbe

Congregational Council Members

Charles Mosser, III	Council President/Union Board Member
Kandy Lang	Council Vice President
Valerie Snyder	Council Secretary & Christian Education/Union Board Alt.
Cathy C. Shaffer	Council Treasurer
Robert Drews	Library Committee/Union Board Member
Debra Geiger	Fundraising Committee/Union Board Alt.
Sherwood Geiger	Worship & Music Committee
Brian Geren	Property Committee & Mentoring Committee/Union Board VP
Sally Grim	Social Ministry Committee/Union Board Secretary
Debra Grundstrom	Staff Support Committee
Patti Hoffman	Fellowship Committee
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.

