

Do you remember the first time you stepped into this church? Did you walk in feeling like a stranger, surrounded by unfamiliar faces, music, and traditions? What made you feel at home? What inspired you to come back again?

Each of us has been a “visitor” at some point, and that shared experience connects us all!

We’re a friendly and welcoming community that values real relationships with God and each other. Here, there’s no room for pretenses or fake piety. We recognize that we all need grace, and we’re eager to share it with everyone. We encourage participation and connection, supporting one another through both joys and concerns like a close-knit family. Our main focus is on serving others in Jesus’ name, putting their needs before our own. This spirit of love and service truly embodies what it means to be the body of Christ.

God invites us to help others join in on the wonderful things He is doing through us. While signs, websites, and events have their place, what truly makes our congregation special is love, friendship, and active involvement. Reaching out to our neighbors and coworkers is far more effective than any expensive advertisement. The warmth and care our members show to visitors and newcomers are much more impactful than fancy brochures. Let’s focus on building genuine connections and inviting everyone into our community!

Let us continue to dedicate ourselves to reaching out to those God brings through our doors on Sunday mornings. Here are a couple of ways you can help.

- When you see someone you don’t know, introduce yourself. If you forgot someone’s name, ask.
- Try sitting in different places so you can meet different people.
- Invite a visitor or someone you do not know to sit with you.
- Don’t ask, “Is this your first time?” Instead, just introduce yourself and say that you are glad they are here.
- Say hello to a few people you don’t know before spending time with your good friends.
- If someone wants to help, let them! If you can’t think of anything for them to do, then invite them to do what you were doing.

For bonus points, try contacting someone you recently met during the week instead of waiting until Sunday.

Churches and relationships grow with effort! I'm thankful that Jesus left His comforts to reach us.

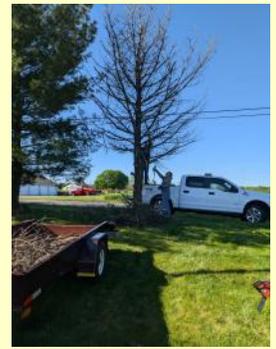


The Nurses and staff at Luis Ramos Elementary School and Jackson Early Learning Center in the Allentown School District send their love and gratitude for all of the supplies collected during our **Health Room Essentials Lenten Project!** Thank you so much for your generous support!

Thank you to everyone that helped at the ULC Spring Work Day!

A lot was accomplished, including:

- Taking down and storing outdoor crosses.
- Cutting down the dead pine tree and taking branches to the township.
- Cutting back some landscaping as well as little trees and weeds growing in the parking lot islands.
- Power washing the outdoor children's jungle gym set and picnic bench.
- Putting a screening stone in the sidewalk concrete gap by the church entrance and around the base of the free Food Pantry.



Why are we replacing the roof? It's not leaking, seems fine...

The roof is 25 years old, and it has reached the end of its lifespan.

Our insurance company said we must replace it, and they didn't give us much time to do it.

The good news—the project is moving along:

- We are using Bachman's Roofing to do the work. The quote is for \$159,947.
- We signed the contract and we paid a 10% scheduling fee of about \$16,000.
- We chose Pewter Gray for the color, which is similar to what is on the roof now.

Next steps:

- Get a building permit and schedule the work.
- We will need to pay 50% (about \$80,000) up front and 40% (about \$64,000) upon completion.
- We do not have a date scheduled for the work, but it will probably be in July or August.



We still need your help!

Right now we have raised \$52,000 which is a great start, but not enough. At this point, it is looking like we will need to take out a loan to pay for the work. Given that we paid off our mortgage in 2020, taking out another debt is not ideal. *If we do use a loan, the Raise the Roof campaign will continue after the roof is replaced, until the loan is paid off.*

Thank you to all who have given their support! Please prayerfully consider donating to the Raise the Roof campaign to help us reach our goal!



May 20th at
6:30pm—Eight Oaks
(7189 PA-309, New
Tripoli, PA 18066)

Last month, some of our congregation members helped to make opening night at the Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley a *homerun!*



ULC Puzzle Exchange



Starting July 20th: Drop off puzzles in the coat room at church

August 3rd: Come pick out puzzles after the service

Contact office@ulclv.org with any questions!

Board games, kids' & toddler puzzles, and puzzle accessories also welcome!

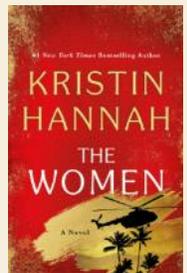
It looks like Mrs. Frickert had some guests at the final Junior Choir rehearsal of the season!



Join us in welcoming our newest member, Oliver Scott Henderschedt!

BOOK CLUB

Our next selection is *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. Women can be heroes. When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances “Frankie” McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path.



As green and inexperienced as the men sent to Vietnam to fight, Frankie is over-whelmed by the chaos and destruction of war. Each day is a gamble of life and death, hope and betrayal; friendships run deep and can be shattered in an instant. In war, she meets—and becomes one of—the lucky, the brave, the broken, and the lost.

But war is just the beginning for Frankie and her veteran friends. The real battle lies in coming home to a changed and divided America, to angry protesters, and to a country that wants to forget Vietnam.

Join us July 13th to discuss this historical novel about deep friendships and bold patriotism. *The Women* is a richly drawn story with a memorable heroine whose idealism and courage under fire will come to define an era.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER— Hungary

In rural western Hungary economic opportunity is limited, especially for women and the marginalized Roma people.

In partnership with **ELCA World Hunger**, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hungary helps members of these vulnerable populations to access the tools they need to build community and enhance their livelihoods. Program participants have learned to grow fresh vegetables and cultivate mushrooms. They have attended workshops that teach basket-weaving, pottery-making and other crafts that they can put up for sale. In addition, the program helps older adults by providing social groups they can join. Young mothers and their babies are also given special training and help, all because of your generous giving to **ELCA World Hunger**.

Please continue to support **ELCA World Hunger** with your gifts by using the pew envelopes or bringing/sending them to our ULC office. Be sure to clearly mark them **ELCA World Hunger**.

Youth Group:

Thanks for everyone who helped make the Yard Sale a success! We raised about **\$1,400 for the Youth Group!**



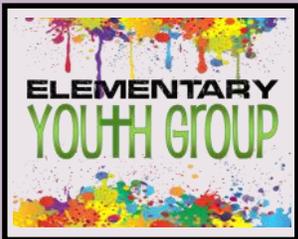
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We've had a many interesting discussions and a lot of fun this year in Faith Forum!



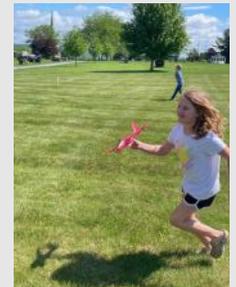
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Outdoor Movie Night
at Becky's Drive-In
Saturday, July 12th,
8pm

Summer Splashdown at ULC
Sunday, August 24th, 3-5pm

Our Sunday School friends had a party to fly into summer.



We will see you in September!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our annual Designer Purse Bingo a roaring success! With your help we raised an additional **\$4,000 for our Raise the Roof campaign!**



There is a lot to look forward to during worship this summer!

Celebrating Inspiring Lesser-Known Women of the Bible

- **June 15: Call the Midwife** - Join us as we honor Puha and Shipra, two courageous women who stood firm in their faith against the most powerful ruler.
- **June 22: Hulda** - Discover how this prophetess's bold message was pivotal in King Josiah's transformative reforms and sparked a spiritual revival in Judah.
- **June 29: Joanna** - Celebrate Joanna, who, along with Mary Magdalene and other devoted women, was among the first to witness the empty tomb. It is to these women that Jesus chose to reveal himself and send them forth with a vital message.
- **July 6: Tabitha** - Reflect on the life of Tabitha, a compassionate seamstress whose acts of service profoundly impacted the community in Joppa, illustrating the vital role women played in the early church.

- **July 13 - "Mike's New Car"**
This episode illustrates the Parable of the Rich Fool, highlighting the risks of prioritizing desires over true needs.

- **July 20 - "San Jay's Super Team"**
Sanjay balances his love for cartoons with his father's wishes to embrace their Hindu traditions. His journey transforms reluctance into shared wonder, reflecting Deuteronomy 6's call to love God and teach His commandments.

- **July 27 - Christmas in July!!!**

- **August 3 - "Partly Cloudy"**
This short shows that perseverance and friendship can overcome adversity, 1 Corinthians 13 emphasizes the primacy of love.

- **August 10 - "Snack Attack"**

Our annual Youth Sunday service was bundles of fun!



June 26th at 6pm

Berlinsville Hotel
4588 Lehigh Drive
Walnutport



RVSP in the church office!

Look at the fun we had in April!

Looking for part-time work?

Part-time employment opportunities are available for caring for the Union Church Cemetery. Duties include mowing 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.

Contact Phil Wehr at 610-267-3657 for more information



Candidates should 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 the ground.



YOU ARE CALLED TO LEAD

The Journeymen is the men's ministry group of Union Lutheran.

We believe in putting God's word forward, and also have a good time doing it.

This is a great way to meet other men in the church. We provide help throughout our Church Community as we can, from cash donations to helping a member in need with a project.

We meet the second Saturday of the month in Room 102, downstairs in the church. If you have any questions, please give [Ron Pugh](mailto:RonPugh@rcn.com) a call (610-442-9170) or an email (RonPugh@rcn.com) and he will be happy to discuss the Journeymen with you!



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ULC VBS 2025
TRUE NORTH

Sunday August 10th -
Thursday August 14th

5pm-8pm
(dinner 5-5:45pm)



3 years old - 6th grade

Register on our website
or sign up in the office!

Volunteers are needed!
Sign up in the office.

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

