

CHRIST MERTZ LUTHERAN CHURCH



Celebrating God's grace and sharing God's love with all people

June 2022

From the Pen of the Pastor

I am going to use my pastor's page during this Summer to answer some of the questions that I have heard since becoming your pastor. The questions are real, however, I will change the names to protect the innocent ☺.

First Question

Why does Pastor "cross" himself? Isn't that a "Catholic" thing?

Great question!

It's true. I do make the sign of the cross during worship. I make the sign of the cross both personal and corporately.

Personally, I "cross" myself during the recitation of the 3rd Article of the Apostle's Creed, *"the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting ..."* and also during our communion liturgy; both before and after receiving the Lord's body and blood as well as during the "Holy, holy, holy Lord." I also make the sign of the cross on my forehead, my lips, and over my heart before I read the Gospel.

Corporately, I make the sign of the cross at the beginning and end of each worship service as well as when offering absolution. These times, the sign of the cross is made when God's name is invoked; Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

Now, why do this?

First off, I wasn't raised doing this. My faith journey took me from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Allentown, to Christ Lutheran Church, Allentown, to the campus chapel at Thiel College, Greenville PA to the Church of the Abiding Presence, United Lutheran Seminary, Gettysburg PA. Until my time in seminary, making the sign of the cross was never part of my personal piety. However, it is now a very important piece of my Christian expression

In the ELW teaching document *The Use of the Means of Grace* it reads, "The sign of the cross marks the Christian as united with the Crucified." More simply put, making the sign of the cross reminds me I am a baptized child of God. The sign of the cross isn't just relegated to our corporate time worship. I make the sign of the cross more than just in church. From before eating to daily prayer, I make the sign of the cross as a way of consciously reminding myself that I am one of God's children. It helps me focus, keeps me centered.

Unsettling my spirit of late has been the mass shootings starting in Buffalo, NY and now this week at an elementary school in Uvalde, TX. Just in May alone, we have had 26 mass shootings across the United States; two in Philadelphia. We make the sign of the cross at baptism as a beginning, as a promise. No matter what, Jesus walks with me. Perhaps I need to think on THAT a bit more seriously.

It matters where I walk and from what I run away. Challenging times need the sign of the cross. Guess who bears that sign? We all do.

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2021-2022 CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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Jody Kemp	LuAnn Umberger
Tom Trupp	(Regina Sanders) Recording Secretary

Worship Schedule for June 2022

Service Time @ 9:00^{AM} ✕ Youth Sunday School after Children's Sermon

Date & Time	Happenings	Readings
Sunday, June 5 th	Service of Holy Communion The Rite of Confirmation	Acts 2.1-21; Psalm 104.24-34, 35b Romans 8.14-17; John 14.8-17[25-27]
Sunday, June 12 th	Service of Holy Communion Holy Trinity	Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31; Psalm 8 Romans 5.1-5; John 16.12-15
Sunday, June 19 th	Service of Holy Communion 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 65.1-9; Psalm 22.19-28 Galatians 3.23-29; Luke 8.26-39
Sunday, June 26 th	Service of the Word 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 19.15-16,19-21; Psalm 16 Galatians 5.1,13-15; Luke 9.51-62



You can watch, like and subscribe to our YouTube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJLsolffgF9bF2YRrQM1WCA>

June 2022 Monthly Remembrances

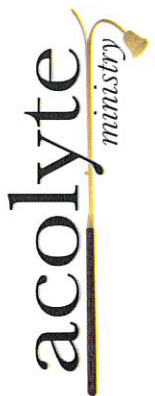
Date	Altar Flowers, Worship Bulletins, and Children's Bulletins
06/05/22	Altar Flowers and both bulletins are given by Barry and Linda Hilbert
06/12/22	Altar Flowers and both bulletins are given by Grace Bohn
06/19/22	Altar Flowers and both bulletins are given by Denise Williams
06/26/22	Altar Flowers and both bulletins are given by Susan and David Nace



2022 Flower/Bulletin Chart is now available!!

Flowers \$40 ✕ Bulletins \$20 ✕ Children's Bulletins \$3

Payments should be mailed in or dropped off at church office prior to the Sunday you are assigned.



Acolytes Needed for the Summer Months

With summer approaching, and family vacations are being planned, it will be a little more difficult to make an acolyte schedule. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for the summer months, so that you can sign your child up when you know you will be around.

Also, if plans change, and you plan on being in church, simply call the church office to see if an acolyte is needed for that particular Sunday.

Attendance & Giving at a Glance

	May 2022	May 2021
Income	\$23,756	\$26,137
Expense	\$31,417	\$29,445
Difference	(\$7,661)	(\$3,308)

Date	In-Person Worship	On-Line Worship
04/24/2022	101	31
05/01/2022	99	24
05/08/2022	89	24
05/15/2022	107	56
05/22/2022	115	

**Altar Guild
Helpers Needed!**

The church relies on Altar Guild to celebrate Holy Communion. Working on Altar Guild on a communion Sunday entails preparing elements prior to the service and helping with clean-up afterwards. Helpers work in pairs and are rotated on communion Sundays. If you are interested in serving in this way, please see Margie or any member of Worship and Music.

June Anniversaries

June 2	Jody & Craig Kemp
June 5	Joann & Bryon Oswald
June 6	Sandra & Van Frederick
June 11	Kathy & Troy Greiss
June 12	Judy & Kerry Freeby
June 14	Nicole & David Welsh
	Kristin & Tim Haring
	Regina & Scott Sanders
June 15	Theresa & Elton Bieber
	Marlene & Robin Snyder
June 16	Roberta & David Wagner
	Virginia & Richard Baker
June 17	Kim & Calvin Hess
June 21	Bonny & Richard Nester
	Doris & Jay Willard
June 25	Jacqueline & Leroy Brown
June 27	Dawn & Ronald Schwenk
	Kelly & Zachary Womack
June 28	Rosemary & Jay Drey
June 30	Diane & Dennis Grim



Mark your calendars
for September 18th!



We would like to represent the many eras our congregation has experienced. So check your closet or attic or pull out your needle and thread. It's all for a fun experience. And while you're there, perhaps you have an old picture or memento of a special occasion at church that you'd like to share.

ANNIVERSARY

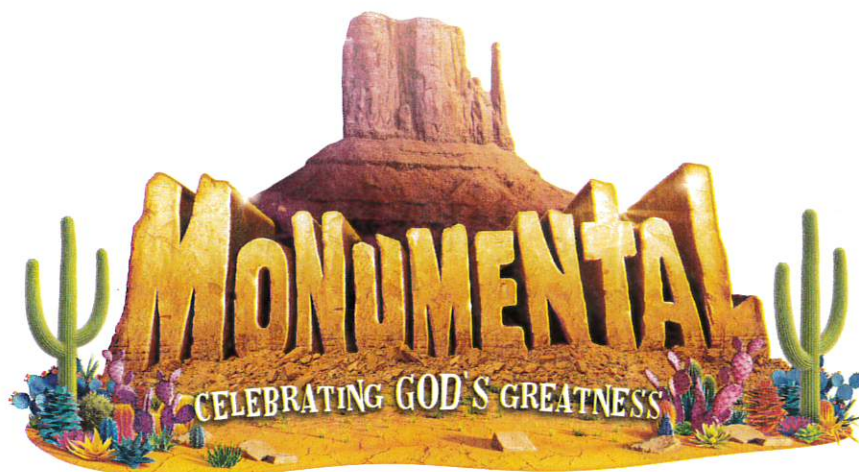
The 275th Celebration Committee

June Birthdays

June 2	Vicki Flicker
	Cindy Haring
	Lucas Hartman
June 3	Amanda Potteiger
	Sean Renshaw
June 4	Daniel Breidegam
June 6	Maria Hohl
	Madison Stump
June 7	Doris Koenig
June 8	Kyle Stoudt
June 9	Jacob Engbert
	Shannon Stump
June 10	Chris Acker
June 11	Patsy Greenawalt
June 12	Claire Bergstresser
June 13	Deb Adam
	The Rev. Matt Kayhart
June 15	Gary Herb
	Dale Stoudt
June 16	David Wagner
June 18	Ray Deeter
June 20	Kathy Umberger
June 21	Nicole Whitehead
June 24	Janet Hilbert
June 25	Joshua Geer
	Kathy Greiss
June 26	Jack Bertolet
June 28	Timothy Heffner
June 29	Patricia Sedler



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



July 18-22 ✕ 9:00^{AM} - 11:45^{AM}

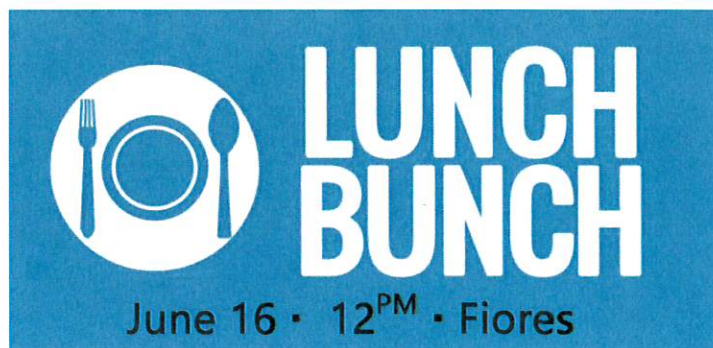
Register on-line

www.vbspro.events/p/christmertzmonumentalvbs

See Carla for more information

Are You Interested in Purchasing a Cemetery Plot?

Contact the church office by June 30, 2022 to get the current prices. New pricing will take effect on July 1, 2022. Our office administrator will be pleased to assist you.



2022 Graduation Gallery

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2021 graduates. We celebrate with their friends and families. We share in their joy and offer them our heart-felt prayers for their futures.



Evin Philip Deeter

son of Ray and Kathryn

Graduating school - Brandywine Heights High School

Future plans - Following graduation on June 1st, 2022, Evin will continue his education at Brandywine.



Jacob Matthew Engbert

son of Jessica and Jonathan Engbert

Graduating school - Fleetwood High School

Future plans - Following graduation, Jake will be attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania to study city planning.



Anna Elizabeth Grube

daughter of Kristin and Bryan Grube

Graduating school - Brandywine Heights High School

Future plans - Following graduation, Anna plans to attend Shippensburg University majoring in history with a public history focus, minor in museum studies. Anna is interested in becoming a museum director or a park ranger with the National Park Service managing a historic site.



Rebecca Grace Hohl

Parents: Keith and Maria Hohl

Graduating School - Fleetwood High School

Future plan - Rebecca plans to attend Kutztown University majoring in Art and Design and hopes to have a career in Art and Set Exhibit Design.



Aubree Dawn Lutz

daughter of Tisa Franks

Graduating school - Shippensburg University with a BSBA in Management with a concentration in Human Resources on May 7th, 2022

Future plans - Aubree hopes to start a successful career in Human Resources. Aubree has hopes to specialize in Employee Engagement.



Cassandra (Cassie) Jenne Peck

daughter of Barbara and Steven Scicchitano

Graduating school - Agora Cyber Charter School

Future plans - Cassie will be attending Reading Area Community College in the fall and she will continue figure skating.

2022 Graduation Gallery (con't)



Julian Robert Sahaydak

son of Walter and Karen Sahaydak

Graduating school - Centennial School, Bethlehem.

Future plans - After graduation, Julian plans to work in a co-op for career development.



Owen Michael Schmaldinst

son of Cory and Gina Schmaldinst

Graduating school - Emmaus High School

Future plan - After graduation, Owen will be attending Bloomsburg University to major in Accounting with a minor in Finance.



Olivia Kai Wanner

daughter of Faith and Michael Wanner

Graduating school - Kutztown Area High School

Future plan - After graduation, Olivia will be attending Cedar Crest College where she plans to major in Criminal Justice; 4 + 1 program and play Field Hockey. I will be graduating in 5 years hoping to have receive my masters and eventually attend law school at Dickinson University.

Jennifer Wagner

daughter of David and Roberta Wagner

granddaughter of Georgianna Weidele

Graduating school - Manchester University with a double major biology/chemistry and for vocal performance.

Future plans - She will be attending University of North Colorado to earn her master's in music.



Praying for Our 2022 Confirmands

The entire community of faith is asked to pray for:

Madison Jol-Ann Haring

Ella Elizabeth Potteiger

Emma Marie Schmaldinst

Jacob Alan Schmaldinst

Owen Patrick Tomasi

Tyler Evan Wicke

Nathan James Winkler

June Worship Assistant Schedule

	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
Lector	Dan and Nicholas Winkler	Bill Koch	Bonny Mensch	Nadine Hoffman
Communion Ass't	Sue Smith June Heller	Lori Stoudt Faye Strachan	John and Jeanette Tomas	
Council	Grace Bohn	Grace Bohn	Grace Bohn	Grace Bohn
	Bonny Mensch	Bonny Mensch	Bonny Mensch	Bonny Mensch
Acolyte	Austin Stump	Will Womack	Owen Tomasi	Elena Welsh
Usher	Kathy Greiss	Megan Trupp	Linda Hilbert	Faye Stoudt
Altar Guild	Margie Miller Denise Williams	Linda Hilbert Pete Flemming	Sherry Rogers Sue Smith	
Greeter	Kevin and Dee Reinert	Sue Koch Megan Trupp	Tom and Sue Trupp	Jody and Craig Kemp

If you have a conflict for the Sunday you are scheduled to serve or if you find a substitute and/or replacement, please let Stef in the office know - 610-682-7664 for christ@christmertz.org.

275th Anniversary "Did You Know?"

In September 2022, we will celebrate our 275th anniversary as an established congregation. In the newsletters leading up to September, there will be a feature section in our newsletter entitled "275th Anniversary – Did You Know?"

And this month's "Did You Know?

... we have a cookbook!!! The Women's Missionary Society became the United Lutheran Church Women (ULCW) in 1956, which later became Women of the Evangelical Church in America (WELCA) in 1987.

There have been three editions of this cookbook, the first edition being 1960 and the last being run in 1991.

After looking through our second edition copy (1962), we thought it would be fun to share the recipe of Filled Noodles or "Boova Shenkel" from Mrs. Homer Henry. The name of the dish means **boys' legs**, because the dumplings resemble thick and short legs. Please enjoy the recipe!

Filled Noodles or "Boova Shenkel"

Filling:

4 cups mashed potatoes	2 T. minced parsley	3 eggs, well beaten
5 T. butter, melted	2 onions, minced	1 1/2 tsp. salt
5 c stale bread	1/2 c. diced celery	Pinch of pepper

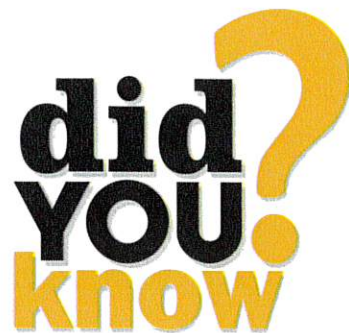
Mix potatoes, parsley and eggs. Melt butter in a pan, add onions and saute until slightly brown. Add to potatoes and mix. Add bread, celery and pepper. Add milk to make good and moist.

Noodles:

3 eggs	1/2 tsp. baking powder	1/2 tsp. salt
2 T milk	Flour (about 1 1/2 cup)	

Beat eggs, add baking powder, salt and milk. Mix, then add enough flour so dough can be rolled out thin on a floured board. Cut rolled out dough into pieces large enough to hold about 4 of potato filling. Seal dough. Boil in salt water or chicken broth.

You may want to serve fried ham with this dish. Arrange filled noodles on a platter and pour ham broth over noodles. Top with bread crumbs fried in butter. (Ham broth is optional).



June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 CHANGE FOR CHANGE The Rite of Confirmation 9:00 ^{AM} Worship Service of Holy Communion	6	7	8 6 ^{PM} Yoga	9 5 ^{PM} Yoga CCCC Graduation	10	11
12 Holy Trinity 9:00 ^{AM} Worship Service of Holy Communion	13	14	15 6 ^{PM} Yoga	16 12:00 ^{PM} Lunch Bunch	17	18
19 2 nd Sunday of Pentecost 9:00 ^{AM} Worship Service of Holy Communion	20 7:00 ^{PM} Congregation Council	21	22 6 ^{PM} Yoga	23	24	25
26 3 rd Sunday of Pentecost 9:00 ^{AM} Worship Service of the Word	27	28 6:00 ^{PM} Reading/ Berks Intergroup	29 6 ^{PM} Yoga	30		

**Christ (Mertz) Lutheran Church
Scholarship Applications**

All applications MUST include:

**Phone #, email address and physical address
Scholarship applications are due by June 30th**

The Christ (Mertz) Lutheran Church is pleased to be able to offer two unique scholarships to assist congregation members in their pursuit of higher education as they gain insight to better themselves, community and connection to Christ.

THE MARJORIE BAILEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Submit application: <http://tiny.cc/MBscholarship>

1. For use as financial assistance in the pursuit of higher education, defined as but not limited to, college, seminary, or technical institute.
2. The candidate must submit and the committee shall use the following criteria:
 - a. Full-time student with letter of acceptance
 - b. Must be an active Christian
 - c. Submission of an open essay to contain, in part, the following; ambition, goals, accomplishments, community service, and a brief description of his/her relationship with God
 - d. An interview with the committee may be requested
 - e. Applications accepted until **June 30th**, any exception must be requested in writing prior to the deadline
 - f. Notification of award(s) by first week of August
3. Disbursement of funds to be based on the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee, with council's approval.
4. Fund availability to be up to, but not exceeding 20% of the total fund as of May 31 of each year.
5. Limited to two awards per year (totaling 20%).

THE LINDA POTTEIGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Submit application: <http://tiny.cc/LindaPotteigerScholarship>

1. For use as financial assistance in the pursuit of higher education, defined as but not limited to, college, seminary, or technical institute.
2. The candidate must submit and the committee shall use the following criteria:
 - a. Must be an active member of Christ (Mertz) Evangelical Lutheran Church
 - b. Description of career pathway and personal reason for choosing major/career
 - c. Full-time student with letter of acceptance to a post-secondary school
 - d. A copy of applicants most recent grades
 - e. An interview with the committee may be requested
 - f. Applications accepted until **June 30th**, any exceptions must be requested in writing prior to the deadline
 - g. Notification of award(s) by first week of August
3. Disbursement of funds to be based on the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee, with council's approval.
4. 80% of interest and donations will be the available funds for the year (year-end May 31).