

THE ECHO
OF
ST. JOSEPH'S HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Faith active in love and service to others.

What if we decided to use a theme as our new school year? If I suggested faith active in love, would that mean something to you? The phrase is one I learned in college, when studying Lutheran theology. In college I read *The Theology of Martin Luther* and *The Ethics of Martin Luther*, by Paul Althaus. Exciting titles right?! In these books I learned that if you want to talk about Luther's ethical imperative it was "our faith is active in love" and by love he is using the meaning "service to others".

If we look at how we organize our churches around faith active in love we can see a multi-directional meaning. Faith formation is the basis of what we do as parents who are the very first models of a love to children, as Sunday school teachers who tell the Biblical stories to our children, as church members who welcome and share their faith with children, teens, and visitors to our church. Faith formation is a lifelong process that involves prayer, worship, reading the Bible, Bible Study, fellowship, and service which is our faith in action.

Sunday worship is a time to renew and refresh our spirits. In worship we sing biblical stories and songs of faith, we learn to pray, we learn our creeds and what we believe and we learn there is a lot of standing and sitting down. There is faith formation in worship, in the sermons, in the reading of scripture and its interpretation, in the modeling of prayer, in the passing of peace. The liturgy is repetitive because that's how small children learn. Bringing your children to worship over time, teaches them how to connect to God and the main stories of how God acts in our lives.

What do we do with our faith? Faith can comfort us in times of trials, faith can help us to comfort others who are struggling, faith can help us face and recover from grief, faith can help bring us joy when it's visible in our lives helping those in need. In July we had a chance to put our faith in action by the simple action of making hoagies. I was really impressed by the group who came out. The teens were given jobs the adults did. They were included because they are part of this community and it's so important in the lives of our teens to have caring adults in their lives outside of their families. Don't get me wrong parents are the most influential in a

child and teens life, but youth need to also feel valued and part of something larger than themselves.

We pass on our faith to our teens and youth because it has been a meaningful part of our own lives. As parents and grandparents we know we won't always be available to answer questions or navigate with them through life. We know too that God is always present and we hope that thriving communities of faith will continue to be there for our kids when we are gone. Passing the faith on to our kids is planting seeds that will hopefully see them through every stage of life. Faith formation is the base of what we do as church, as parents, as grandparents. All that we do is an example to our children and grandchildren of God's love. We are walking, talking, living examples of God's love in action in our lives. Our faith is read by everyone we meet and most especially by those in our families.

So much our churches DNA is in service. How would suggest we continue to serve in the upcoming year? What aspects of your faith are active in love and service to others?

God's Peace
Pastor Kim

The August edition of the **ECHO** is sponsored by
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August Worship Opportunities

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| August 7 | 9 th Sunday after Pentecost
9 AM Worship Service & Holy Communion
9 AM Zoom |
| August 14 | 10 th Sunday after Pentecost
9 AM Worship Service & Coffee Hour following.
9 AM Zoom |
| August 21 | 11 th Sunday after Pentecost – Blessing of the Backpacks
9 AM Worship Service & Holy Communion
9 AM Zoom |
| August 28 | 12 th Sunday after Pentecost
9 AM Worship Service & Coffee Hour following.
9 AM Zoom |



CHRISTIAN ED NEWS Rally Day will be held on Sunday, September 11 with the start of our new in person Sunday School. Sunday School is available for anyone from kindergarten through adult. We will start classes at 9 AM and end at 9:45 AM. Children from kindergarten through grade 6 will be in one classroom using “One Room Sunday School” materials. There will also be a Jr and Sr High class and an adult class. If there is an interest in preschoolers attending Sunday School, we may also have a preschool class. There will be no service project this year. If there is anyone interested in teaching Sunday School for any age group, please contact Lucy Hartman at luc19009@windstream.net.



Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to take Claudia to free community events. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Marcia Kurtz for a list of what is available.

Thank you to all who came out to help with the yard work; Bud and Diane Heller, Michelle Andre, Vicki and Tim Bentz and the front loader, Carol Barton, Chris and Jenna Kline, Ken Kurtz, Dave Reichert, Robin Schmale, Mark Robertson and Deb and Rick Geesey.

And a big thank you to the Beekman's for the donation of impatiens and removing the yard waste and the tree stump.

Echo/Eblast/Bulletin: Did you know that anyone one of you can place information in the ECHO, EBLAST and BULLETIN? Do you have a thought, encouraging words, information, or announcement? Please send me exactly what you want to say in an email at secretary.stjosephshill@gmail.com for the following month. Articles are due mid-month, each month.

September 11, 2022: The Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit Remembrance Concert is being held at the Boyertown High School auditorium at 2 PM.

Confirmation classes: begin again in September. Open to all youth in grades 7 and above who have not been confirmed. Please RSVP to Pastor Kim kymi94@comcast.net by Aug 21, 2022

Oley Cluster is inviting all members who enjoy planning events or are interested in what we do together to attend our next meeting Aug 24, 7 PM at St. Paul’s Lobachsville.

Atville Hawk's funeral is Saturday Aug 6th at church. Viewing begins at 9:30 AM Service at 10:30 luncheon to follow.



We continue to keep in our hearts those who have recently passed and their families: **Atville Hawk** May 19th; **Allen Hobert** June 4th, and **Richard Szilli** June 26th. Please keep in your prayers: Atville's brother Allen and Claudia; Allen's wife Marguerite and their kids Judy, Dean, and Neal; Richard's wife Joleen and their kids Michelle and Thomas.

Nursery Care We would like to restart nursery care at our 10 AM service. Many of the people who helped in the past are no longer active in our congregation, so we need new volunteers. If you are interested, contact the church office and let Jill, our secretary, know.



The Children love surprises and where children get excited... adults get anxious. The center is awaiting the surprise of a playground and it keeps getting delayed. Thus, our teachers are restless anticipating when will the project be complete? Meanwhile, the children enjoy watching the process of the build; the heavy equipment pushing dirt, the plastic ties going in overnight (thank you boy scouts) and the tractor & trailer with a mountain of mulch overflowing their playground (not to mention the parking lot). The MJ Memorial Playground will now be installed in August (we hope) and so "good things come to those who wait".

August is also an exciting time for our school age children as they anticipate "Back to School". The daycare vans will begin to transport the kiddos to Earl Elementary on Monday August 22nd and an Oley School District bus will pull in our parking lot, to pick up the children on Tuesday, August 23rd. In the last weeks of summer, we will continue to play outdoors, run through sprinklers and say goodbye to fieldtrips.

The Center will be participating in the Church's Pantry Drive for the Salvation Army. A box for our daycare families will be placed near our entrances for collection of requested toiletries. Late August we will again be doing our fall Corbi's Pizza Sale. Our church family is always welcome to participate. Of course, proceeds will go to our playground. Enjoy your Summer!

Blood Drive Thank you for your continued participation with mission blood drive. If you have not already signed up, please contact Kathee Rhode to get scheduled for the **August 8TH** Blood drive in the parking lot.



Choir Begins Soon September is around the corner and that means that it is time for the choir to begin rehearsing. Our first rehearsal is scheduled for August 31 at 7:00. The choir is a mini family, and we look forward to singing together again. If you enjoy singing and would relish being part of a small group within the congregation, please stop in on the 31st and see what we are all about.

To our teenagers... you are also welcomed to join the choir. Don't miss the opportunity because of a busy schedule. There are ways that we can accommodate you.

We would also love to rebuild a children's choir this year. If you have a child or grandchild who loves to sing and is in first through sixth grade, please let Marcia Kurtz know. We would need at least 4 or 5 children to make this happen.

Pantry Drive I was inspired by the sermon on Sunday and Ed's temple talk mentioning the Salvation Army. I called the captain in Boyertown, and he sent me a list of high-need non-food items. I would like to have a month-long pantry drive for these items and apply for a \$250 Thrivent gift card.

NEEDS: toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant (men and women), feminine hygiene, shaving cream, soap, bodywash, shampoo and wet wipes. A box is set up in the Narthex for your generous donations. Peace, Kathee Rhode.

We will continue to have special music as a part of our summer services in August. We thank the following musicians in advance for sharing their talents.

- August 7 – Dennis Weller on trumpet
- August 14 – Kailey Reinboth will sing “Lord of the Dance.”
- August 21 – Madalyn Bollard
- August 28 – Ron and Sandy Seasholtz will sing “Because He Lives.”

We also want to thank Ty Botts for presenting “Let There Be Peace on Earth” as a piano solo on July 17th and for the group Finely Fluted for playing during the service on July 24.

Blessing of the Backpacks Please have your children bring their back packs for a blessing during the August 21st Service. The Hymn Sing begins at 8:55 AM and worship service begins at 9 AM. This service will be full of joy as Madalyn Bollard will also be singing solo!

August Anniversaries

Louise & David Hoch	54 years	Edward & Rosemarie Hantwerker	51 years
Duane & Michelle Bialek	15 years	Esther & Don Hendricks	58 years
Frank & Mindy Morgan	29 years	Beverly & Raymond Groff	55 years
Michael & Lucille Steffy	59 years	Lily & William Renninger	49 years
Leroy & Darlene Weidner	51 years	Jean & Garry Botts	58 years
Vicki & Randy Botts	31 years	Christine & Harry Sheetz	48 years
Patricia & Ted Kazmierczak	28 years		

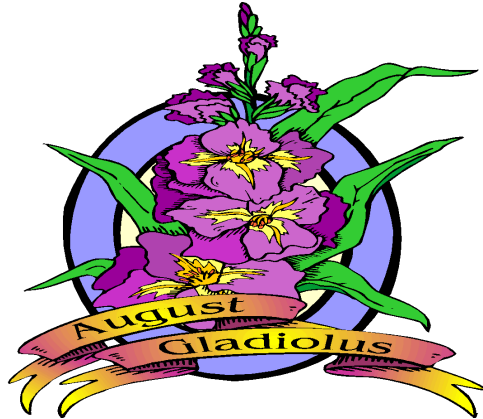
August Birthdays

Penny Tracy	Tammy Benfield
April Moser	Sean Schaeffer
Philip Nunan	Rose Henderson
Amber Glucksnis	William Renninger
Lindsey Moyer	Maya Hartman-Moyer
Cathy Lorah	Earl Gamler
Conner Longacre	Brenda Moyer
Kelsey Lewis	Edwin Dierolf
Shawn Corkran	Mabel Hess
Kayla Miller	Elizabeth Albrecht
Jean Stauffer	Ava Moyer
Ken Yerk	Owen Bice
Tanya Chambers	Marcy Meitzler
Curtis Seyler	Ty Botts
Louella Garris	Rick Geesey
Mackenzie Kluk	David Moyer
Jessica Romanowski	Lillian Leh
Elizabeth Tracy	

Romy Tressler
Deb Geesey

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Mrs. Marcia Kurtz, Music Director.....

Mrs. Robin Schmale, Daycare Director.....

Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday.....10:00 AM–2:00 PM

Daycare hours Monday – Friday.....6:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Time Value: 7/27/22