Collaborating in Education

Upper Susquehanna Synod Council has affirmed a partnership with the Collaborative Mission Center between the Lower Susquehanna Synod, the Episcopal Diocese of Central PA, and The Dean T. Stevenson School for Ministry. The goal is to grow into an ecumenical theological formation center equipping leaders with the necessary spiritual training and essential ministry tools to address the urgent and practical realities of ministry. The collaborative goal is to grow missional leaders and nurture thriving ministries grounded in the life-saving work of Jesus Christ:

- who listen to God in community;
- who identify and lead missional opportunities that reflect our encounters with Christ; and
- who are fully committed to pursuing God’s mission in the world.

The Collaborative Mission Center is a cultivated collection of learning experiences designed for congregational use; five- and ten-week modules and courses are being designed to support ministry and spiritual formation in the ELCA and Episcopal Church. The coursework and faculty are guides, mentors, as well as teachers who intend to support a variety of ministries within the church.

There will be a new five-week online course offering to be led by Pastor Matthew Best on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning March 26. Titled: “Doing politics through the lens of faith”, the five sessions will explore politics through the lens of faith. Through real life examples, stories, and Scripture, students will examine their own beliefs about politics and faith and come away ready to “do” politics in a faith-filled way. The course is listed at https://tinyurl.com/vtl57dk

Synod Response to COVID-19

The synod is responding to the COVID-19 virus in a number of ways. The best place to get the latest information is on our webpage of resources to deal with this outbreak. Visit https://www.uss-elca.org/coronavirus/ to view those resources. They are updated frequently, so check our website and Facebook page for the latest information and updates on events and cancellations as things change.

Bishop Collins has met with the deans via Zoom conferencing and put into play our emergency response protocols. The deans are to be in touch with rostered leaders in their conference to address needs and provide support.

Rostered leaders are invited to join Bishop Collins for a weekly conference call. Contact Craig Miller for call-in information (prcmiller@uss-elca.org or call/text 347.327.3777).

We are taking measures in the synod office to limit contact. Our office hours have been cut back to 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday. Brenda will be there to cover necessary office tasks. Pastor Craig Miller and the bishop have the capability to work remotely from home but will not be planning to meet with folks face-to-face. Meetings are either being postponed or taking place via Zoom or conference calls – which works quite well. This schedule will be in place until the end of March.

Camp Mount Luther has developed a webpage where they will be posting some resources to help parents and kids affected by school and other closings. Set up a “camp-like” experience by using the new resources each day! You can also take family hikes at the camp. For more information on both, visit https://www.campmountluther.org/coronavirus/

With worship and other church activities being cancelled, Bishop Collins encourages us to continue to be in community. Look out for one another, your neighbors, and those most at risk. Make those phone calls, check in with folks, make deliveries, run errands. And with schools “on break” for at least two weeks…offer childcare for parents who still need to be at work.

This is a time to step up as the church, even if we aren’t gathering as the church. Keep one another in prayer. Remember, we are not alone. God is with us all.
Roux Represents USS

At the ELCA Churchwide Assembly this summer in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Noah Roux of Zion, Turbotvile (Pastor Erwin Roux), was elected to serve on the ELCA Church Council. Between meetings of the Churchwide Assembly, the Church Council provides guidance and leadership for the churchwide organization and the ELCA. The Church Council serves as the board of directors for the church. Its members include the churchwide officers, liaison bishops from each of the nine regions, and up to 45 other people elected by the Churchwide Assembly. They meet together at least twice a year and communicate by other means when necessary.

The Region 8 Bishops and Church Council members got together after February meetings of the Conference of Bishops and Church Council. This was the first time both bodies met jointly.

Prayer petitions for the next three months provided by the Global Ministry Team are posted on the synod website. Please use them in your congregation to lift up our companion synod program; for example, include them in your intercessory prayers, print them in your bulletin or newsletter.

Up and Down the Valleys

This year’s synod youth retreat, GROW in the Snow, was held on February 7-8, 2020, at Mount Luther. Over 55 youth and their adult leaders attended, exploring the theme “I Believe, I Do Believe.” The theme looked at the creeds of the church. There were games, a “campfire” program, and three rotating stations of Bible study, an interactive activity, and a craft. Worship, planned and led by Upper Susquehanna Synod Assistant to the Bishop, Rev. Craig Miller, concluded the event, and helped campers remember all that they learned during the weekend.

Lutheran Churches in Juniata County once again joined together for Ash Wednesday services. Last year’s first service was such a success, they made it a tradition. This year’s joint service was at Trinity, McAlisterville (Pastor Erin Bovendam), on February 26. Kevin Cunningham directed a joint choir and Bishop Collins preached the sermon. Mifflin County Lutheran Churches worshipped on Ash Wednesday at Evangelical, Reedsdale (Pastor Carla Volland), as pictured below.

United In Christ, West Milton (Pastor Justin Lingenfelter), and St. Paul’s United Church of Christ joined together for a study titled “Won’t You Be My Neighbor.” The four sessions in January and February looked at the faith lessons of Mr. Fred Rogers.
The Lay Ministry Institute of the Upper Susquehanna Synod is pleased to announce the following event:

THE STORY on STORIES
An Educational Session focused on Preaching the Gospel
presented by The Rev. Melody Sell

Saturday, May 2, 2020
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Washingtonville Lutheran Church

The Christian faith comes to us in story form – the Bible, preaching, Sunday school, Bible Studies, a parent’s lap and in many more ways. It is especially valuable in preaching, which is a great place to use stories. But when we use them, where do we find them and how do we use them?

This event will look at how to put together and tell stories for the purpose of sharing the Gospel for the day. Specifically, it will cover the following topics:

1. The Sermon and the Story
2. Learning to Tell Stories
3. Telling Bible Stories
4. Legends, Folktales and Stories from History
5. Biographical Stories, the Saints
6. Holiday Stories

All materials will be provided to participants on the day of the event. A registration fee of $20.00, made payable to the Upper Susquehanna Synod, is due by April 24, 2020. Use the tear off form at the bottom of this flyer and mail it with your check to: P.O. Box 36, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

This event is open to anyone interested in the topic. Authorized Lay Worship Leaders are encouraged to participate as the event qualifies for a total of 3 continuing education contact hours.

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Upper Susquehanna Synod Events

Conference Assembly Schedule
Voting members to the Synod Assembly are expected to attend their own Conference Assembly, held prior to the synod assembly. Conference Assemblies review and discuss any memorials/resolutions being proposed to the synod assembly, elect conference leaders, nominate conference members to the ballot for synodical elections, and conduct other business as needed by the conference. Please share the date/time/location for your own Conference Assembly with your voting members:
- Buffalo Valley: Sunday, April 26, 2:00 p.m., Zion, Turbotville
- Juniata Valley: Sunday, April 26, 6:00 p.m., Evangelical, Reedsville.
- Middle Creek: Sunday, April 26, 5:00 p.m., St. Matthew, Shamokin Dam.
- North Branch: Sunday, May 3, St. Peter, Columbia Hill, 2:00 p.m.
- Tulpehocken: Sunday, May 3, 2:00 p.m., Himmel’s, Rebuck
- West Branch: Sunday, April 26, 3:00 p.m., Garman, Jersey Shore

LBWs Available
Holy Spirit, Turbotville, would like to donate their set of LBWs, which are no longer being used in their church, to any congregation that is in need of hymnals. The set includes the following:
- 1- Altar Edition
- 1- Organist Edition
- 1- Organist Liturgy Edition
- 25- Congregational Edition
- 22- Select Hymns Supplement
- 118- Vigil of Easter Service w/ Organist Edition
- 22- Holy Communion Setting 2 (Contemporary Worship)
- 3- The Service – A Holy Conversation
If there are any congregations that are in need of any of these, please contact Jonathan Moser at jmoser00@gmail.com or 570-412-0127.

Support the Seminary in March
At their meeting in September, Synod Council passed a resolution to encourage congregations to designate a Sunday in the month of March for a special appeal for giving to United Lutheran Seminary. Our synod has several candidates in candidacy who are attending ULS. We may have up to 14 in the coming year and council felt the need to support the seminary with this appeal.

2020 Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends Announced
Give your spouse the gift of YOU at a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend! The Northeast US spring events are scheduled for April 24-26, at the lovely Country Inn & Suites in Ithaca, NY, and May 1-3, at the recently renovated Heritage Hotel in Lancaster, PA. (Applications are also being accepted for our fall Weekends: October 2-4, at the Comfort Inn just north of Albany, NY, and October 16-18, at the Ludlow, PA (retreat center 2 hours north of Pittsburgh.) Apply now at GodLovesMarriage.org. Scholarships are available for those in need of financial assistance--simply email or call us at the information below. Registrations are limited, so sign up today! For questions, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or fjschamber@comcast.net.

Churchwide Summer Internships
It is time to put the word out....2020 ELCA Churchwide summer internships are posted! Here are a few of the details:
- The ELCA summer internship program provides the opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students to develop and refine their professional skills in their areas of study while experiencing the work of the churchwide organization.
• Start date will be June 8, 2020 (end dates will be decided based on needs of the unit and the intern).
• Hourly rate is $14.00. Yes, they are paid internships!
• These are full-time, 40 hours/week internships.
• Interns will have the chance to join Bishop Eaton for lunch, participate in lunch and learn sessions with units and offices and attend a field trip or two to some of our local ministry sites.
• Prospective summer interns must be at least 18 years of age and should be enrolled in an undergraduate/graduate degree program.
• If selected, interns are responsible for securing housing for the summer.
• Individuals who have held internship positions with the churchwide organization in the past are not eligible.

If you know someone who might be interested, please feel free to share this information and the link to the job board (https://tinyurl.com/u46mgjj). Questions? Please contact Andrea Young at 773-380-2471 or andrea.young@elca.org

April 15, 2020: CML Early Registration Deadline
Register for summer camp at Mount Luther by midnight on April 15, 2020, to get a discount on your summer camp registration! Or, if you bring a friend to camp who’s never been there, you and the friend (or sibling or church buddy) can both get $25 off your registration! Or, first time campers who attend the Spring Open House on May 3 can get the same discount on their summer registration! Only one discount per camper.

Program information: https://www.campmountluther.org/programs/summer-camp/
Register online at https://www.campmountluther.org/online-registration/

April 21, 2020: GROW Writers’ Retreat
Anyone wishing to come and write devotions for Camp Mount Luther’s First Light Digital Devotions is welcome to join other writers on April 21, 2020. The retreat will be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Evergreen Center. It will be a day of writing and sharing resources for devotional writing. Please RSVP to the camp office at cml@campmountluther.org or 570-922-1587.

April 23, 2020: Preaching Perspectives “Preaching in the Purple Zone: Ministry in the Red-Blue Divide”
United Lutheran Seminary presents this program and participants can “Zoom” in from the Upper Susquehanna Synod office. Here’s the description: Red state/blue state politics threaten the foundations of our democracy and rend the fabric of our churches. Congregations and church leaders require new perspectives and insights for navigating this difficult time. Rev. Dr. Leah Schade will offer an overview of “the purple zone” based on her survey of 1200 mainline Protestant pastors. She will introduce a new method for engaging issues of public concern called the “sermon-dialogue-sermon” process which enables congregations to find the values that bind them together and respond faithfully to God’s Word. We will examine the upcoming lectionary texts (RCL) to see how God works in and through our complicated, messy, conflicted, and yet faithful conversations in order to bring about discernment, justice, healing and reconciliation. More here: https://www.unitedlutheranseminary.edu/calendar/preaching-perspectives-3

April 25, 2020: Generosity 365 Academy
(This event may be rescheduled to a later date because of restrictions related to the coronavirus. Registrants who cannot attend the new date will be able to request a refund.)

Academy attendees will have the opportunity to interact with keynote and workshop presenters with questions and comments on April 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Synod Office. In addition, participants will have ongoing and unlimited access to the presentation recordings following the Academy.
generosity365 Academies are fast-paced, workshop-based events on stewardship-related topics that every church should know more about, such as connecting mission, ministry, and money; annual, legacy, and major gifts; what clergy need to know about money; fiscal transparency and accountability; and much more. The April Academy includes the following keynote and workshops:

- **Keynote:** “Connecting Mission, Ministry, and Money” presented by the Rev. Dr. Janet Long, Generosity Coach for the Disciples’ Center for Faith and Giving
- **Workshop:** “Leading as Steward” presented by Davey Gerhard, Executive Director for the Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS)
- **Workshop:** “Cheerful & Creative Sparks: Engaging New Stewards” presented by Gretchen Colon, Senior Consultant for Cramer & Associates
- **Workshop:** “Offering Invitations that Ignite the Joy of Generosity” presented by Rev. Dr. Clayton Smith, retired Executive Pastor of stewardship & generosity for Church of the Resurrection, Leawood, Kansas
- **Workshop** “New Channels of Giving” presented by Keith Mundy, Assistant Director for Stewardship for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and Ken Sloane, director of stewardship & connectional ministries for the United Methodist Board of Discipleship

All participants attend all four workshops and the keynote. Register at [https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/1306253](https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/1306253) by April 20 for $25. Or, to pay by check, click here: [https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/1308887](https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/1308887)

**May 2, 2020: Creating Healthy Boundaries**
The Northumberland Presbytery is hosting a boundary training event from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on May 2, 2020, at the Montoursville Presbyterian Church. Cost is $30 per person and snack and lunch are provided. Registration is required in advance and the deadline is April 25. Make reservations by contacting the Presbytery Office at 570-368-3906 or presbynorth@comcast.net. This training is led by David Olsen, Executive Director of Samaritan Counseling Center in Albany, New York since its inception in 1985. He holds an M.S. in counseling from Oneonta State University, an M.S.W. from the University of Albany, and a M.Phil. and a Ph.D. in psychology and religion from Drew University. Dr. Olsen is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, and author or co-author of six books, including *Saying No to Say Yes: Everyday Boundaries and Pastoral Excellence.*

**May 3, 2020: Camp Mount Luther Spring Open House**
Have you ever wanted to see Mount Luther’s site and facilities? Do you miss camp and want to visit in the springtime? Are you interested in coming to camp this summer but want to get more information and see the place first? Well, this is your chance. The Camp Mount Luther Spring Open House will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2020, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. You can ask questions, tour camp, and see what it’s like to be a camper! First time campers who are not yet registered for the summer and who attend the event can get a discount on their summer registration! To download a flyer for the event, click here: [https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2020-Spring-Open-House-Flyer.pdf](https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2020-Spring-Open-House-Flyer.pdf)

**May 6-8, 2020: Bishop’s Retreat**
Reflection, Rest, and Renewal: A time away along streams of living water
*Camp Hebron* ([www.campherebron.org](http://www.campherebron.org)) 957 Camp Hebron Road, Halifax PA 17032
The Bishop’s Retreat for 2020 will be held May 6-8 at Camp Hebron in Halifax, PA. Nestled along the Appalachian Trail just north of Harrisburg, they have 340 acres of wooded sanctuary. Camp Hebron is only 8 miles northeast from the bridge at Duncannon and just a few miles from the junction of Routes 147 and 225 south of Halifax. We will stay in the Sylvin View all-in-one retreat center, which features 35 comfortable motel-style rooms accommodating up to 4 people each. There is a private bath in each room and linens are provided. The camp has hiking and walking trails for various abilities. Other possibilities include walking the Prayer Labyrinth, a full-size gymnasium, bike riding, and sitting by a campfire.
Our Retreat begins on May 6 at 9:30am and concludes at 11:30am on May 8. The agenda includes worship, prayer, group discussions, conversation with the bishop, and plenty of time for personal and group reflection and recreation. You will have opportunities for spiritual direction and massage at an additional cost. This year we will be joined by colleagues from Lower Susquehanna and Allegheny Synods.

Jn 7:37b "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"

How do you make space for creativity and imagination? Are there practices that you can experience that will allow you to make space for inspiration and writing? Are there ways to dialogue with a scripture text that will open you to the movement of the Spirit to spark your own creativity in inviting others to hear the word of God’s promises in Christ along with you. We want to invite you to a time away for reflection, rest, and renewal that will have a two-track approach to opportunities for experiencing creative, reflective writing and poetry and concrete dialogues with texts for deepening approaches to preaching and teaching. We are pleased to welcome Rev. Kevin Shock from the Allegheny Synod to facilitate the track on dialogues with the text. Kevin is one of the contributors to the Sundays and Seasons and has a passion for thinking deeply about scripture texts. Barb Debski and Rev. Robert Doll will facilitate the creative writing track as ones who have a love for poetry and the spiritual practice of writing.

Cost for registration by April 15, is $310 single; $200 double; $70 commuter. Registration before March 1 will receive a 10% discount – use code RENEWAL. Online registration is now open! To pay by credit card use this link: https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/1170589 To pay by check (to Upper Susquehanna Synod) use this link: https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/1170642. (Before March 1 make check out for $279, $180, $63 respectively)

Click here for a schedule

May 10-16, 2020: Spring Mission Trip
Susquehanna Interdenominational Network For Disaster Relief, made up of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, ELCA, and Northumberland Presbytery PCUSA, will go back to the continuing work in hurricane ravaged Eastern North Carolina. ALL SKILL LEVELS ARE NEEDED and you can learn new skills by helping. All work is coordinated by North Carolina UMCOR in coordination with other denominations and agencies. Travel on Sunday, work Monday-Friday, then return on Saturday. Cost is $100 plus travel. For more information, contact Doug Orbaker at 570-768-6436 or dougorbaker@yahoo.com.

May 11, 2020: Bishop's Open Golf Classic
The annual Bishop Open's Golf Classic is set for May 11, 2020, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club in Shamokin Dam. The tournament benefits Camp Mount Luther and the camp’s annual fund. A flyer/bulletin insert containing information and registration form is available here: https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/2020-Golf-Tournament-Flyer.pdf. The camp’s golf tournament committee is currently looking for hole sponsors, door prize sponsors, silent auction items, and golfers. If you can help, please contact the camp office at 570-922-1587 or cml@campmountluther.org. Congregations are also encouraged to become hole sponsors. Get involved and help our synod’s outdoor ministry!

May 16, 2020: CML Spring Work Day
Practice stewardship through service at camp at our work day on Saturday, May 16, 2020, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We need your help getting the camp grounds and facilities ready for summer. There will be plenty to do and everyone in the family can help! Please bring supplies to do cleaning, mulching, raking, and light construction projects such as step ladders, buckets, rakes, etc. A light lunch will be served. RSVP by May 11 if staying for lunch to cml@campmountluther.org or 570-922-1587. A bulletin insert/flyer will be available on the camp website.
May 18, 2020: Lutheran Day at the Capital
Lutheran Day at the Capital is set for Monday, May 18, 2020. Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in PA invites you to save the date and start promoting the event in your congregation. Bring your faith to the table and join Lutherans from around the state for worship, learning, advocacy and action. Learn more at https://www.lutheranadvocacypa.org/event/save-the-date-for-lutheran-day-2020-bring-a-team/

June 12-15, 2020: Naming Project Adult Camp
July 26-31, 2020: Naming Project Youth Camp
The Naming Project, a leading LGBTQ youth and faith-based organization, has announced its first-ever summer camp for adults taking place from June 12-15 at Bay Lake Camp in Deerwood, MN. After fifteen successful summers providing a place for LGBTQ youth to explore their identities and religion, The Naming Project will expand to serve adults over 21. The expansion comes after years of adult interest in The Naming Project and will serve as a fundraiser for the ongoing ministry of The Naming Project, benefitting the youth camp as well as consultation for LGBTQ-inclusive youth ministry. To learn more, visit: https://www.thenamingproject.org/adult-camp/. The theme for the inaugural adult camp is ‘Believe the Truth.’ Campers will explore the beautiful truth about who they are, and reveal the truth of God’s love to the rest of the world. Camp-goers will experience large and small group conversation, personal quiet time as well as campfires, crafts, swimming, games, and summer camp fun.

The Naming Project also announced that it will hold its trademark youth camp from July 26-31. The youth camp is designed for 14-18 year-olds or those who have completed 8th-12th grades who are of any sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. Campers are interested in discussing and understanding sexuality and gender in terms of their own spiritual journey and are excited to spend time with other teen campers and staff while canoeing, swimming, hiking, singing, doing arts and crafts. Since its founding, The Naming Project Summer Camp has hosted over 200 campers from 21 states and was the focus of the award-winning documentary ‘Camp Out.’ For more information on the youth camp, visit: http://www.thenamingproject.org/summer-camp

June 19-20, 2020: Synod Assembly
Now is the time to register for this year’s Synod Assembly. The registration mailing has been sent from the synod office. The 2020 Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly will take place on the campus of Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, on June 19-20, 2020. Our ELCA Representative will be Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop. Special attention needs to be made to the meal registrations. Meal tickets will not be available after the late registration date or at the door on the days of the assembly. All reports will again be available online. More detailed information will be provided as it becomes available and will be posted at http://uss-elca.org/assembly. All rostered leaders and voting members from every congregation are expected to attend. Clergy need to write an excuse to the bishop if you cannot attend. Visitors are always welcome and encouraged to attend. This year’s theme will be “Discipleship Now.” This focus area lifts up that we are a church called to lead others to the profound grace of Jesus and that we are to recognize leaders in our congregations and beyond. With that as a focus, you will experience opening worship led by confirmation youth from across the synod, Bible studies with The Rev. Cheryl M. Peterson, Ph.D. (who is the Associate Dean for Academics and Professor of Systematic Theology at Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University), reports from newly established ministry teams of the synod, and the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women in the Lutheran Church. There will also be workshops to attend and information-packed displays to visit, a Friday evening barbeque…and of course worship together. You and your congregation can add to the excitement and focus of this assembly by lifting up leaders to attend as voting members, maybe for the first time, and to encourage others to attend as visitors – there is ample space to fill up in Weber Chapel! Be intentional about inviting youth and young adults, new members of your congregation, and those who have served in years past to come and be part of Discipleship Now!
Spring Open House Set

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Bring Friends!

The Camp Board has decided to offer a new incentive this year for campers to bring a friend to camp. If you come to camp and bring TWO friends, who have never attended Mount Luther before, all three of you will receive 25% off your camp registration fee. You must send the three applications together. This offer cannot be done online. So, start asking your friends to come with you to camp and you’ll all save! If you have questions about this new offer, contact chad@campmountluther.org.

During February Weekend, Youth Explore Faith & Beliefs

This year’s Upper Susquehanna Synod Youth Retreat, GROW in the Snow, was held on February 7-8, 2020, at Camp Mount Luther. Over 55 youth and their adult leaders attended, exploring the theme “I Believe, I Do Believe.” The theme looked at the creeds of the church. Those in attendance participated in an opening “campfire” program, complete with skits and songs, following a time of ice breakers. They also participated in worship, hearing scripture and stories and singing songs around the weekend’s theme.

On Saturday, three rotating stations were done. Those included Bible study, an interactive activity, and a craft. During the interactive activity, each group wrote their own statement of faith. Following lunch, the campers had the opportunity to do an All-Camp Activity which included challenges for three teams, similar to “Minute to Win It.” Worship, planned and led by Upper Susquehanna Synod Assistant to the Bishop Rev. Craig Miller, concluded the event, and helped campers remember all that they learned during the weekend.
2020 Campersons

The following persons are registered to be a camperson for this year and qualify these congregations for a special incentive of Camel Bucks for their campers to use in the camp store:

Christ's United, Millmont- Barry Spangler
Christ’s, Lewisburg- Thomas Stahlecker
Messiah, Mifflintown- Kate Swailes and Tawny Mummah
Messiah, New Berlin- Frances Blatchley
Salem, Selinsgrove- Eileen Stauffer
Sharon, Selinsgrove- Carol Hanson
St. John, Belleville- Michele Harshbarger
St. John, Bloomsburg- Merrill Smith
St. John, Leck Kill- Jodi Ellis
St. John, Lewistown- Susan Phillips
St. John, Potts Grove- Mark Zimmerman
St. John, Watsontown- Tina Cotner
St. Luke, Williamsport- Sandy Strother
St. Paul’s, Erdleys- Sue Ellen Heimbach
St. Michael, Cogan Station- Heather LeBlanc
The Table, Bloomsburg - Erin Hayes
Trinity, McAlisterville- Malea Haflett
Zion, Sunbury- David Reier

Register Now for Summer!

Mount Luther is gearing up for our summer camping season for 2020 and we are accepting registrations for all programs until they are filled. Campers who register before April 15th will receive a discount on their camp fee. This year’s camping season will begin on June 14, 2020. Resident and Day Camps run until August 4. There are programs for all ages from kindergarten to senior high, adults, and families. Most sessions run for one week, but there are also half-week, day-only, and ten day sessions.

New programs this year include Confirmation Camp for students in their church’s confirmation program; Elective Explosion, a week featuring more sessions of elective activities; New Things, a new joint week between the camp, Upper Susquehanna Lutheran Synod, and the Episcopal Diocese of Central PA; Off-Site Adventure, a new trip camp held jointly with Camp Krislund and featuring climbing, hiking, and kayaking; Outdoor Quest, featuring canoeing, hiking, and biking; and Retro Day Camp where young campers will do activities that we used to do “back in the day.” For more information on this summer’s programs, call the camp office at (570) 922-1587 or visit the camp’s website at http://www.campmountluther.org.

This year’s theme is “From Generation to Generation.” Campers will explore the stories of familiar Bible characters and their responses to God’s call and promised faithfulness in their lives. They’ll see how the enduring love instilled in the promise to Abraham and Sarah continues through Old Testament characters, to Jesus, to the early church, and on to them!

Board Starts Planning for New Facility

In their continuing efforts to provide more accommodating facilities, the Camp Mount Luther Board has begun the process of planning for a new bathhouse in Maple Village. They are working with Don Main of MM Architects to design the new facility. It is hoped that we can share final conceptual designs later this year. The new facility will feature self-contained private shower, toilet, and sink stalls as well as a common area for handwashing and teeth brushing. Stay tuned!
Mount Luther takes seriously our mission from God of sharing Christ and planting seeds! We work hard to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, in the beauty of creation, and serve the people of Central Pennsylvania. That is done mostly through worship, study, recreation, and Christian fellowship in a place set apart by God. 2019 was our 57th year of ministry and another good one!

Around 500 participants took part in programs during the eight-week session. Before campers arrived, the staff participated in two weeks of intense training. Upper Susquehanna Synod Bishop Barbara J. Collins installed staff during the Synod Assembly held in mid-June at Susquehanna University.

This summer, 248 campers enjoyed on-site programs including adventure, mini, day, extreme, and family camps. Campers got to do crafts, go swimming, play games, camp out, hike, and sing during their time at Mount Luther. This year’s theme at Mount Luther was “Transformed Community: God’s Agent of C.H.A.N.G.E.” Campers looked at five Bible stories to see how they can be “superheroes” and change the communities where they live through their actions of generosity, inclusion, compassion, justice, and forgiveness. Through the camp’s method of studying the Bible, called “GROW Time,” staff will help campers Gather and Reflect On the Word throughout their day, culminating in an evening worship service.

Some highlights from this summer included: “Scooby Doo Week,” where campers solved the Mystery of the Swashbuckling Pirate; Fishing Adventure, which went to the Eastern Shore of Maryland to fish; “X-Teen,” LEADS, and interns for senior high-aged campers; “Night Owls” when kids stayed up later each night to do nighttime activities; and Tracks, a week where kids could engage in specialty areas, including nature, water activities, STEM, and music and drama. A Family Camp was also held for participants of all ages. The adult Bible studies were led by Rev. Andrew Weaver of Sunbury. The camp also did several joint camps with their counterparts at Krislund Presbyterian Camp and Wesley Forest Methodist Camp, including CLAWS camp, featuring Crafts, Legos, and Wild Sports and High Adventure which included climbing and rappelling.

In addition to High Adventure, new programs this year included Buffalo Gap Adventure, a camping and hiking trip in the Bald Eagle State Forest; and Paws, where the youngest campers chose from five activity areas to focus their attention during the week.

Again, this summer, there were several off-site Camps at local churches, led by Mount Luther staff. This year, 258 campers were able to experience camp through these off-site opportunities. Off-site day camps were held at Centre Lutheran, Mifflintown; Trinity and Pine Street Lutheran, Danville; Grace Lutheran, Shamokin; St. Peter Lutheran, Kreamer; Emmanuel Lutheran, Middleburg; Zion Lutheran, Turbotville; Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fairport, NY; Trinity Lutheran, Lost Creek Presbyterian, Pine Grove United Methodist and McAlisterville United Methodist, McAlisterville; and Zion Lutheran, Sunbury. Staff also provided games at the Vacation Bible School for Messiah Lutheran Church, South Williamsport.
List of Other 2019 Accomplishments and Activities

- Raised funds to build new free-standing benches at the Amphitheatre of the Living Christ.
- Celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Lutheran Outdoor Ministry at the Family Camp annual campfire/talent show.
- Longtime Office Manager Linda Aurand retired at the end of the year, continuing as our part-time bookkeeper in 2020.
- Started the "Reach 25" program, providing camperships to first time campers. Summer campers helped raise funds for this effort.
- With the help of the Disaster Relief Team from Zion, Turbotville, and men from the Middle Creek Conference, replaced the porch boards on the cabins of Maple Village.
- Held the third Circle of Faith Giving Club dinner and presented the Cloud of Witness Award to Rev. James Park Bricker.
- Paid off the debt from sewer improvements made after a bear damaged the lagoon.
- Continued First Light digital daily devotions.
- Had several Thrivent Action Teams do work for camp during the year.
- Sponsored the Synod Chrism Mass, Spring Open House, Spring Work Day, the Bishop’s Open Golf Tournament, Women’s Retreat, and Breakfast with Santa (with Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village).
- Hosted the synod youth retreat, “GROW in the Snow,” around the theme of the Ten Commandments.
- Celebrated the sixteenth synod-wide Mount Luther Sunday on Transfiguration Sunday.
- Participated in the sixth Raise the Region, an effort to raise awareness and giving of non-profits in the Central Susquehanna Valley. Donations totaled $18,881.
- Held the annual Dandelion Trail Run, a 5- and 10-kilometer run, held in memory of Rev. Glenn Heasley.
- An Evening at Shade Mountain Winery was held for the eighth year as a fundraiser, this year featuring the musician KJ Reimensnyder-Wagner.
- Hosted a Whoopie Pie stand at the Selinsgrove Market Street Festival and a Volunteer Brainstorm in the fall.
- Held our second ever “Summer Brochure Release Party” and annual Camperson Meeting with about 60 people in attendance.
- Executive Director Chad Hershberger was among nearly 550 camp professionals and board members to attend “The Great Gathering” of multi-denominational outdoor ministry folks.
- Sent Christmas and birthday cards to each summer camper.

Camper Statistics

A list of where our 248 summer campers came from in 2019.

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Top churches sending campers:

- Trinity, McAlisterville: 16
- Trinity, Milton: 13
- Messiah, Mifflintown: 12
- Christ’s, Lewisburg: 11
- St. John’s, Lewistown: 10
- The Table, Bloomsburg: 10

Use of Camp Mount Luther

We had about 2,962 people use camp during our retreat season in 2019, including:

We are grateful to those who serve year-round and during our summer camp program, providing governance, hospitality, and quality programming and facilities.

**Board of Directors**

**President:** Rev. Bill Henderson, Selinsgrove (Term ends 2020, Buffalo Valley)

**Vice President:** Ms. Nancy Wood, Williamsport (Term ends 2020, West Branch)

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**Treasurer:** Mr. Terry Gardner, Muncy (Synod Council Representative)

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Mrs. Malea Haflett, Harrisburg (Term ends 2022, Juniata Valley)

Mr. Sam Leister, Mifflintown (Term ends 2022, Juniata Valley)

Mr. Bob Kilp, Lancaster (EDCPA Council of Trustees Representative)

Mr. John Knouse, Lancaster (Term ends 2022, At-Large)

Mrs. Sandra Lentz Strother (Term ends 2021, West Branch)

Mr. Ty Turner, Mazeppa (USS Bishop’s Representative)

Rev. Kenneth Wagner-Pizza (EDCPA Bishop’s Representative)

Mrs. Truly Zimmerman, Selinsgrove (Term ends 2021, Buffalo Valley)

**Year Round Staff**

Executive Director: Chad Hershberger, Mifflinburg

Office Manager: Linda Aurand, Mazeppa

Site Manager: Tom Watters, Mifflinburg

Hospitality Manager: Toni Gessner, Mifflinburg

Kitchen Staff: Eric Gessner, Mifflinburg; Kyle Gessner, Mifflinburg; Ryan Gessner, Mifflinburg; Amanda Yoder, Mifflinburg; and Levi Yoder, Mifflinburg

**Summer Ministry Team 2019**

Assistant Director: Charlene Rineer, Lewisburg

Co-Program Directors: Anne Harshbarger, Belleville; Noah Roux, Turbotville

Director of TLC: Tori Callahan, Bloomsburg

Craft Director: Allison Beaver, McAlisterville

Counselors: Marie Barnard, Millerstown; Alex Beaver, Shamokin Dam; Kailey Betz, Turbotville; Maddie Hunt, Mickleton, NJ; Carlie Lepley, Troxelville; Joey Martin, Milton; Grace Roux, Turbotville; Sarah Schaech, Pennsdale; Cassidy Stumpf, Selisgrove; Zack Zimmerman, Yeagertown; and Trevor Dinsmore, Ridgway.

**Summer Volunteers**

**Chaplains** - Rev. Lisa Barnes, Selinsgrove; Sherry Bingaman, Shamokin Dam; Rev. James Park Bricker, McAlisterville; Rev. Christine Kirchner, Bloomsburg; Rev. Justin Lingenfelter, West Milton; Rev. Martha Sue Moll, Elysburg; Rev. Ela Robertson, Belleville; Rev. Erwin Roux, Turbotville; Rev. Stina Schaeffer, Selinsgrove; Deacon Gary Schaeffer, Selinsgrove; Rev. Ken Wagner-Pizza, Williamsport; Rev. Andrew Weaver, Sunbury; and Rev. John Yost, Mifflinburg.

**Health Officers** - Amy Gearhart, Selinsgrove; Shirley Heasley, Mifflinburg; Carol Hanson, Selinsgrove; and Sharon Truitt, McAlisterville.

**Program Volunteers** - Amy and Mike James, New Cumberland
Welcome to Mount Luther’s Annual Giving Report. This report will give you an update on some of the fundraising activities of the camp in the past year, as well as list the donors of record for 2019. We are grateful for your support so we can do ministry in this place! Giving that grows out of our relationship to God is part of living as faithful servants and stewards. Evidence that the camp is part of people’s stewardship is here in this report. Please take time to read these pages and find out more about the development activities of the camp. We thank you for your continued support, through financial giving and your prayers.

Ways You Can Help Mount Luther

It’s Raise the Region Time!

Camp Mount Luther is participating in “Raise the Region” on March 11-12, 2020. The event, coordinated by The First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania, helps the community support local nonprofit organizations’ fundraising efforts. FCFP, in partnership with Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships, will be launching the 30-hour fundraising event starting at 6:00 p.m. on March 11 and ending at 11:59 p.m. on March 12. Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships has donated money that will be used to stretch a portion of donations made to pre-registered nonprofits. Additional monetary prizes and incentives will be awarded throughout the entire event. This program is designed to help organizations, like Camp Mount Luther, kickoff 2020 fundraising campaigns and increase donor bases. Proceeds from this event will go to camp’s Annual Fund, unless a donor gets in touch with the camp office to designate it for another camp cause. How It Works:

1. On March 11 and 12, donors will visit www.raisetheregion.org from a computer, smart phone, iPad, etc. to learn more about the nonprofits participating and how their work is impacting our community.

2. You can then make an online donation to support one or more of those nonprofit organizations on the Raise the Region website. Running totals will be shown throughout the day at the Raise the Region website.

3. At the end of the donation period, a pro-rated match per gift will be determined and the Community Foundation will send checks to all participating nonprofits with the amount raised, the pro-rated match, and any EXTRA money from prizes awarded throughout the day.

Camp Mount Luther has participated in Raise the Region for seven years and has garnered about $100,000 in donations during this event. The camp hopes you will help us to have another successful year!

Thrivent Choice is a charitable grant program that gives eligible Thrivent members the power to recommend Thrivent Financial distribute some of its charitable funds each year to Camp Mount Luther or other enrolled non-profit charities. Last year, Camp Mount Luther received $9,275 in Choice Dollars. If you are an eligible member, please consider us when directing Choice Dollars. To learn more about Thrivent Choice, visit www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

The Camp Mount Luther Endowment Fund was established with hopes that it would grow enough to have a significant annual distribution that would benefit camp programs and facilities. The camp’s Development Team oversees the distribution of funds and regularly reviews its progress. At the end of 2018, the fund totaled $112,584. To donate to the endowment fund, send a check to the camp marked “Endowment.”

Web search and shopping are another way you can help camp. Camp Mount Luther is part of Goodsearch.com, where your internet searches can earn us about a penny per search. We are also part of Goodshop.com, which gives donations to organizations, including Mount Luther, when you shop online via GoodShop. And, Mount Luther is part of Amazon Smile! Visit www.smile.amazon.com, designate us as your charity and a portion of your purchase will come to camp! To date, AmazonSmile has donated a total of:

- $446.38 to Camp Mount Luther
- $156,109,909.51 to all charities
Join the Circle of Faith Club
Support the Outdoor Ministry of Camp Mount Luther

It takes people, prayers, and gifts to make our year-round ministry thrive. The staff and the Board of Directors of Camp Mount Luther are pleased to extend to you this invitation to become a member of the Circle of Faith Giving Club. As you accept this invitation you will become part of this special group of leaders who care about the spiritual growth and development of people, particularly children and youth. You will also show your appreciation for the ministry that Mount Luther offers.

The Circle of Faith Giving Club helps assure this vital and effective resource continues and expands to meet the growing needs of the people who use our facility.

It is an informal association of people who provide leadership through their financial support. Circle of Faith Giving Club gifts, as part of the Annual Fund, are used to help provide annual operating funds, to provide capital equipment and repairs, to launch new programs and to cover miscellaneous expenses.

Membership in the Circle of Faith Giving Club begins with an annual gift of $100. There are also other membership levels of $250, $500, $1,000 and $5,000 for those wishing and able to do even more to assist us.

You may honor a friend or loved one with an honorary membership in the Circle of Faith Giving Club. Memorial Memberships are available. Members of the club are listed in the Circle of Faith Giving Club honor roll, and are invited to participate in a special dinner. Above all you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping support an important organization.

Please make check payable to Camp Mount Luther, 355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844. For further information or to arrange for a credit card payment, please call (570) 922-1587. All gifts are deductible for tax purposes to the full extent provided by law.

Consider a Planned Gift to Mount Luther!

Planned Giving and the services of the Central PA Gift Planner are available through a partnership of the ELCA Foundation and Camp Mount Luther. Our ELCA Gift Planner can help you arrange planned gifts and estate gifts.

What is the ELCA Foundation? The ELCA Foundation is a financial ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America which offers investment opportunities to both congregations and planned giving services to individuals. Among the planned giving services are the ability to donate stock, create a Donor Advised Fund or Charitable Trust or Charitable Gift Annuity, and estate planning.

What is a Gift Planner? A Gift Planner helps congregations manage, establish and grow their Endowments; assists a follower of Christ plan the wise distribution of their wealth through current, special and legacy gifts; manages Major Gifts for ELCA ministries including congregations; and guiding capital campaigns. The gift planner services are free of charge, because of the partnership with local ministry partners, including synods. Working with a Gift Planner ensures that one has had the opportunity to consider the entirety of their spiritual journey and passions in their gift plan. If you’d like to talk to an ELCA gift planner, contact Chad Hershberger in the camp office.

A Special Partnership! The services of the Foundation and Gift Planner for Central Pennsylvania are free of charge to congregations and givers through a special partnership between the ELCA Foundation and local synods, agencies and institutions. Those Central PA ministries include: Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministry, Allegheny Synod, Camp Mt. Luther, Diakon, Lower Susquehanna Synod, Lutheran Camping Corporation, Lutheran Campus Ministry-Penn State, United Lutheran Seminary, Luthercare, Sequanota Camp and Conference Center, SpiritTrust Lutheran, and the Upper Susquehanna Synod.
Do an Action Team

Through Thrivent Action Teams, Thrivent members can apply with Thrivent Financial to lead a volunteer team in a one-time fundraiser, service activity, or educational event. Once your project is approved, you'll receive a Thrivent Action Kit, including a promotional banner, invitations, thank you cards, T-shirts, and a $250 Community Impact Card that you can use as seed money to purchase project supplies and create promotional materials. To learn more, go to www.thrivent.com/actionteam. We had several Action Teams help camp and have compiled a list of more action teams:

- Garden
- Work Day
- Buy mulch for the camp flower beds
- Golf Tournament support
- Dandelion Run prizes
- Breakfast with Santa supplies
- Build a display case for camp at church
- Host a meal at your church to raise money for camperships
- Valentine’s “I Heart Camp” camper drive
- St. Patrick’s Day “Be Green” go to camp dinner
- Penny Wars- challenge another church to raise pennies (or nickels, dimes, quarters) for camp
- Provide first aid supplies for summer
- Spruce up your “Adopted Cabin”
- Go on a camper drive in your neighborhood and promote camp
- Host a “tell your camp story” night at church for first time campers
- Host a community yard sale to raise money for camperships
- Paint!
- “Thank you for sending us to camp” ice cream social
- Host a Raise the Region house party
- Host a fundraiser to adopt a counselor
- Host your church picnic at camp
- Build/buy new rocking chairs for Evergreen
- Buy mattress covers or mattresses for beds
- Sponsor a youth event (mystery dinner, retreat, service project) at camp
- Purchase craft supplies for summer camp
- Sponsor camper Lego sets for Elective Explosion camp
- Sponsor the buying of supplies for Christmas and Birthday cards
- Help plan and sponsor an All-Camp Activity during the summer
- Host a special event for staff during staff training, like a pizza party

Camp Seeks Campership Gifts

Each year, Camp Mount Luther provides funding so that those who have financial need can attend camp. This year, 12 campers received money from The Rev. Conrad B. Youse Fund to attend a summer program. Our executive director, Chad Hershberger, received these letters this year from one of our campers and her mother, who requested a campership:

From the mother: Thank you for allowing my girls to come camping. I really appreciate it. They learn a lot while they are there. I’m sorry I can’t afford to send them every year, but you are sweet enough to help us out. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

From one camper: Thank you for sending me to camp. It’s really, really fun. I am really happy that I can go to camp this year. I can hardly wait to see you again! I am really looking forward to seeing who my camp leader is this year! You are nice and helpful. Camp Mount Luther is super awesome. It’s the best thing ever! The first time I went to camp I was really scared but now I’m not. All the camp leaders there are the best!

From another camper: Thank you for sending me to camp this year. I am really looking forward to seeing you. It is super fun up there with you and the others. I can hardly wait to see who my counselor is. My sister and I might have bad moments this year, but I still love her no matter what!

Know that when you give a gift to Camp Mount Luther, you are helping to make Christ known through outdoor ministries. Your campership fund donations allow us to serve children who otherwise couldn’t come to camp due to financial difficulties. Consider a gift today! You can donate on-line through our website at www.campmountluther.org.
Donor Honor Roll

Listed on the following pages are those individuals, churches, and organizations that donated to Camp Mount Luther at the various giving levels during calendar year 2019. Gifts include those made to the Annual Fund, Designated Gifts, Youse Campership Fund, Doyle Campership Fund, Synod Congregation Mission Support, Endowment Fund, Sewer Upgrades, Wish List items, and Adopt-A-Building donations. Gift totals below also include donations during last year’s Raise the Region. We carefully record all donations and information. However, if for some reason we have inadvertently omitted your name or gift from any of these lists, please contact the camp office and we will make the correction. Unless otherwise noted, churches listed are Lutheran congregations. We appreciate all that you do and have done for our ministry.

CIRCLE OF FAITH GIVING CLUB

Camper’s Club
Gifts totaling between $100-$249

- Jody and Laura Adams
- Cheryl and Alex Anderson
- Timothy & Carol Apple
- Nancy Aard
- MeeCee Baker
- Gary and Jean Barnard
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- Rev. Cheryl Berner
- Art and Karen Bowen
- Nancy Boyer
- Donald and Esther Bratton
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- Susan Phillips
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- Robert Reitz
- Seth and Heather Reitz
- Charlene Rineer
- Robert Rocco
- Dan and Sharon Rusnock
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- Rev. Hugo & Evelyn Schroeder
- Vanessa Sherman
- Susan Shultz
- Richard and Cynthia Skelton
- Rev. Gordon and Merrill Smith
- Richard and Jennifer Smith
- Judy Snook
- George and Rose Snyder
- Samuel and Eileen Stauffer
- Neil and Danielle Strine
- Sally Stroup
- John and Cheryl Stumpf
- Andrew & Carrie Therwechter
- Dora Vande
- Darlene Rowe & Robert Varney
- Rev. Carla Volland
- Robert and Trudy Watts
- Wendy Wehr
- Michael and Lynette Weisner
- Gregg Wetzel
- Rev. Rick and Judy Whitehill
- Troy Whitehill
- Lainey and Diana Wise
- Philip and Teresa Wolf
- Rev. Ann Zimmerman
- Cami Zimmerman
- Robert & Rebecca Zimmerman
- Anonymous
- AmazonSmile Foundation
- Backyard Broadcasting
- Big Boys NAPA
- Botschaft, Mt Pleasant Mills
- Bowen Agency, Inc. Realtors
- Camp Mount Luther Board
- Christ, Milton
- Christ United, Catawissa
- Collins Insurance
- Commonwealth Security
- Evangelical, Reedsdale
- First, Watsontown
- Grace, Berwick
- Herrin, Roll, and Solomon
- Himmel's, Dornsife
- Hoffman Advertising
- Huntington National Bank
- i3 Verticals, LLC
- Juniata Valley Bank

- Krautheim Auto Sales
- Law Offices of Diehl, Dluge, Michetti and Michetti
- Meck-Tech, Inc.
- Mountain Grove Parish
- Network for Good
- Profit Development Partners
- Racing Stable
- Salem, Selinsgrove
- Service First
- Sharon, Selinsgrove
- St. John’s, Jersey Shore
- St. John’s, Leck Kill
- St. John’s, Mt Pleasant Mills
- St. Matthew, Bloomsburg
- St. Paul's, Gowen City
- St. Paul's, Nook
- Sunbury Broadcasting
- Sunbury Motors
- The Eye Center
- The Partner Agency
- Trinity (Oak Grove) Church
- Trinity, Bloomsburg
- Trinity, Hughesville
- Trinity, Northumberland
- Twin River Wealth
- Management
- Women of the ELCA - St. Mark’s, Williamsport
- Wolfe Brothers
- WQSU Radio
- Zartman Construction, Inc.
- Zion, Renovo

- Mark and Truly Zimmerman
- Groveburg Corp
- Lamar Advertising
- Messiah, Mifflintown
- PA Church Insurers, LLC
- Redeemer, Williamsport
- Service Electric Cablevision
- St. John’s (Lewistown)
- Barnabas Brothers
- St. Mark, Williamsport
- St. Paul, Allensville
- St. Paul's (Eldery's)
- T-Ross Brothers Construction
- Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women’s Organization

Directors’ Club
Gifts totaling between $500-$999

- Linda Aurand
- Thomas and Rita Avery
- Ron and Frances Blatchley
- Terry and Linda Brown
- Kirk and Sondra Fisher
- Steven and Kathryn Fisher
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- Rev. Bill & Margaret Henderson
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- Delmar Ritter
- Rev. Erwin and Beth Roux
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- Michael and Florence Schrey
- Joel Stahl
- Terry Trutt
- Jeffrey and Kathy Whitesel
- Gene and Charlotte Zartman
- AgChoice Farm Credit
- Christ, Montgomery
- Endowment
- Christ’s, Lewisburg
- Folmar Lutheran Church
- Grace, Shamokin
- Keystone Building Products
- Mid Penn Trailblazers
- Mifflinburg Bank and Trust
- Pine Street, Danville
- Purdy Insurance Agency
- Shade Mountain Winery
- St. James, Jersey Shore
- St. John, Richfield
- St. John’s, Bellevedere
- St. John’s, Northumberland
- St. John’s, Pottsgrove
- St. John’s, Watsontown
- St. Michael’s, Cogan Station
- St. Peter’s, Kreamer
- Susquehanna University
- Trinity, Milton
- Zimmerman Enterprises

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Gifts totaling between $250-$499

- Andrew Daron
- Robert and Janis Daron
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- Rev. Robert Driesen
- Rick and Lori Dyer
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- Terry and Ann Gardner
- Andy and Ruth Gates
- James Gates
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- Lois Hoffmann
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- William Alton Lauver
- Todd and Ursula Leinbach
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- Rev. Carl and Nancy Miller
- Pegge Mixer
- Rev. Martha Sue Moll
- Patricia Morone
- Chris and Megan Sands
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- Jocelyn Zimmerman
President’s Club
Gifts totaling between $1,000 - $4,999

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Centre, Mifflintown
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St. Luke’s, Williamsport
St. Stephen’s, Licking Creek
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Trinity, McAlisterville
United, Sunbury
Zion, Sunbury
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Carl and Nelia Jenkins
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Darrell and Ann Johnson
Donald and Janet Johnson
Kerrin Kampa
Paul and Nancy Kaufman
Kenneth & Kathy Kaufmann
Clair Keefe
Justin and Beth Keister
Joseph Keller
Kent and Melissa Kilgus
Gregory and Krista Kimmel
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Leonard and Anne Lawrence
Heather LeBlanc
Scott and Diane Leinbach
Edward and Marcia Leister
Linda Lewis
Charles and Dorothy Long
David Longacre
Nate Lucre
Charles and Melissa Mahler
John and Nancy Marr
Shirley McBryan
Dennis and Bonnie Meckley
Annette Mellman
Matthew and Vicki Miller
Rev. Ronald & Eileen Montgomery
Wayne and Patti Murray
Esther Page
Jordan and JaTanna Parrish
Aliena Reed
Bennett & Courtney Remmey
Pam and Craig Rhoades
Rev. Ela Robertson
James and Judy Robinson
Rebecca Roth
Shirley Rowe
Nan Ryde
Jim and Rev. Leah Schade
Trudy Schell
Rev. Theodore & Doris Schneider
William Sherwood
Marjorie Shrawder
Rev. Janis Sloka
Carol Smith
Donald and Rosalie Smith
Sandra Smith
Barry Spangler
Vera Stelfox
Joseph and Amanda Stoudt
Rick Stringfellow
Grace Stropp
Rod and Sandra Strother
Adam Swenson
Holly Tagliaferri
Mary and Stephen Tiffin
Christopher and Kris Triolo
Emily VanScy
George and Kay Varner
Carol Waltz
Bryan and Karen Wang
Rev. Andrew & Meghan Weaver
Linda Weaver
Bob & Pam Wehler
Rev. Kristin and Steven Woelk
Daniel and Linda Wolfe
Gary Womelsdorf
Keith and Nancy Wood
Alice Yeakel
Grace, Northumberland
Grace, Sunbury
Little Valley Presbyterian
Middleswarth Potato Chips
Nottingham Village
St. Paul, Mill Hall
Sunshine Circle WELCA
(Salem, Selinsgrove)

2019 Golf Tournament
Silent Auction Donations
Alhena Curve
Best Authentics
Commonwealth Security
Dunkin Donuts
Fike Brothers Carpet One
Greater Susquehanna YMCA
Harrisburg Senators
Middleswarth Potato Chips
Mount Nittany Winery
Nottingham Village
Penn State University
Philadelphia Phillies
Pittsburgh Pirates
Pepsi-Cola
Karrie Ravert
Rev. A. Donald and Carol Main
Rev. Wayne Muthler
Shade Mountain Winery
Susquehanna Valley Chorale
Tulpehocken Spring Water

OTHER GIFTS

Supporters
Gifts Under $100

Joyce Adamczyk
Lucille Aldinger
Elinor Allison
Rev. Nathan & Jennifer Baker-Trinity
Rev. Lisa Barnes
Dan Barrile
Mindelle Bartholomew
Carol Bartoe
Mark Bergren
Deborah Bernhisel
Kaley Betz
James and Carol Black
David Bomboy

Thrivent Choice
Those who designated Choice dollars to CML

Betty Longfield
Carol Black
Andrew Haussmann
Andrew Moschitta
Ann Zimmerman
Bethanie and Nick Reward
Cark Ruck
Carol and Paul Kampa
Chad Hershberger
David Gunther
Darwin Guyer
David and Donna Rothermel
David Herbert
David Sloat
Debbie and Guy Winey
Deborah Chubb
Dennis Metz
Donna and William Samuelson
Dorothy Beaver
Gale Buck
Gene Roberts
Genevieve McCardu
George and Rose
Harry Wolfe
Harvey Ilgen
Jacqueline Benscoter
James Metz
Jeffrey and Kathy Whitesel
John Collins
John Warfel
Johnathan Westover
Judy and Ronald Updegrove
June Kauffman Diehl
Karen Scholl
Linda Fisher
Linda Wolfe
Lindsey Marolf
Linwood Hill
Lois Buck
Louise Nogle
Marie Klinger
Marion Spenkle
Maryann Reier
Matthew and Vicki Miller
Melitta Hagenbuch
Mervyn Reedy
Nancy Ard
Nancy Wood
Nancy Zeiders
Neil Raup
Pastor Detlef Huckfeldt
Paul Aungst
Rebecca Wagner-Pizza
Rebecca Zimmerman
Rev. A. Donald Main and Carol Main
Rev. Gordon Smith
Rev. James Park Bricker
Rev. Karl-Don Stone
Rev. Mary Peterhaensel
Richard Sands
Richard Smith
Roger Snook
Sally Stroup
Shirley Heasley
Shirley Rowe
Susan Atney
Susan Brandau
Theodore Menges
Thomas Parker
Thomas Watters
Timothy Dutrow
Timothy Hettinger
Timothy Von Neida
Virginia Moyer

In honor of:
Anne Harshbarger
Evangelical, Reedsdale
Chad Hershberger’s Birthday
Network for Good
Charlene Rineer
Roland and Helen Bostian
Reach 25 Continues

As part of our initiative we launched last year, we are continuing our “Reach 25” program in 2020. Over the years, we have seen that the hard part of recruiting campers is just to get them to camp. Once they come, most are sold on the experience and want to come back! In an effort to help encourage new campers, we are looking for 25 individuals to give $500 each to pay for a new camper to come this summer. Or, a group of people or a congregation could sponsor one child. Then, we can offer 25 new campers the opportunity to come to camp for FREE thanks to those generous enough to give to this program. If you are interested in contributing to Reach 25, please contact the camp office! Last year, we were able to fund seven new campers.

Mark Your Calendars!

Work Day
Practice stewardship through service at camp at our work day on Saturday, May 16, 2020, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We need your help getting the camp grounds and facilities ready for summer. There will be plenty to do and everyone in the family can help! Please bring supplies to do cleaning, mulching, raking, and light construction projects such as step ladders, buckets, rakes, etc. A light lunch will be served. RSVP by May 1 if staying for lunch to cml@campmountluther.org or 570-922-1587.

Bishop’s Open Golf Tournament
The rain-or-shine event on May 11 at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club features a four-person scramble with three flights, a free putting contest, mulligans, and forward tees; and a silent auction. Registration starts at 11 with lunch following and a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Snacks and prizes after golfing. We are looking for sponsors and golfers for this event. For more information visit our website or call the camp office.
2020 Wish List

Running church camp is expensive and most often we are scratching to bring income up to expenses. You can help by donating some supplies that we could use this year or donating money for any of the following. Or, maybe you know someone (like a contractor or store owner) who could donate items. If you have any questions, just contact Chad at chad@campmountluther.org.

- New propane stove for Pine Lodge
- Stain for the Evergreen Center exterior
- Soffit and Fascia for Pine cabins, pavilion, and A-Center
- Paint for Pine cabins
- Playground balls and volleyballs
- Lego bricks
- White and color copy paper
- Brooms and dustpans
- White flip charts
- Aim n Flames

For summer crafts:
- Acrylic paint
- Fuse Beads
- Circle Key Chains
- Elmers glue bottles
- Colored pencils
- Glue sticks
- Pony beads

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2019 Camp Mount Luther Budget Summary
(Note: the following are unaudited amounts for the year ending December 31, 2019)

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