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2024 NEWSLETTER (SUMMER EDITION)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven ..."
Ecclesiastes 3:1

For my entire adult life, the month of August has usually been a time of preparation. When I was a high school teacher, August meant that the school year was right around the corner. As soon as the calendar turned to the eighth month, it was time to start thinking about lesson plans and start looking at the new crop of class rosters.

When I started work at Lycoming College, the specific work changed, but August was no less a time to start gearing up for the fall. As the days started (almost imperceptibly) getting shorter, so did the time before students returned to campus, which meant preparing for First Weekend for freshmen, preparing for the Activity Fair, and communicating with student leaders to start making plans for the upcoming semester.

Now that I am back to being a pastor, the work has changed once again, but the month of August is once again time to start preparing for the fall. Two of the things that are shaping up to be a focus for me this year are the Blueberry Festival, and the JOY of Discipleship program. The Blueberry Festival has been moved later to serve as an end-of-summer/fall kickoff event on **September 15!** We will have one service that day at 10:30, and everyone is encouraged to come dressed for the outdoors to celebrate some of the last of the summer weather afterwards! It is my hope that we can all use this as an opportunity for invitation, not only to the afternoon's festivities, but also to the church service itself! Are there any neighbors, co-workers, or relatives that you could invite?

August will also be a time to gear up for the resumption of the “J.O.Y. of Discipleship” program this fall. Centered around St. Luke’s mission statement, this multi-level program helps us to explore what it means to be a disciple who puts Jesus first, which enhances our relationships with Others, and helps You to grow into the disciple God called you to be! Two levels will be offered this fall:

- “Strengthen” (**September – Mid-October**): the introductory level of the program for folks who are already members of St. Luke Church. It will invite people to dive deeper into the world of discipleship.
- “Serve” (**Mid-October – December**) is the next level of the program for those who have already completed “Strengthen”, and we will explore the “JOY” of serving in both the church and in the community. This program will be offered from mid-October through November.

Meeting times and dates will be determined once groups are formed for each of these sessions. If you are interested in either of these groups, contact the office or communicate with me directly.

As the days become, almost imperceptibly, shorter, we move closer to another season of Autumn ministry. Thanks be to God!



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**FROM THE OFFICE**

- **Business Manager**, *Melissa Eshleman* will be out of the office from Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> through Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>. During this time Church Treasurer, *Hanne Schuman* will help assist you.
- **Office Manager**, *Sarah Young* will be out of the office from Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> through Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>. During office work hours Pastor Jeff and a volunteer will assist you.  
*AFTER hours: If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, please call Pastor LeCrone directly at 570-220-3631.*
- **Music Director**, *Becky Ciabattari* will be out of her office from Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> through Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>. *Carol Waltz* will be substituting at both services on Sunday, Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>.



## **Serving in August at the 9:30 am worship service**

**Altar Care:** Nancy McCarty

**Greeters:** 4<sup>th</sup> Janice and Richard Ogurcak; 11<sup>th</sup> Sandy Lentz Strother and Rod Strother; 18<sup>th</sup> Sue Beidler; 25<sup>th</sup> Hanne Schuman

**Ushers:** 4<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Eshleman; 11<sup>th</sup> Ray Schrengast; 18<sup>th</sup> Charles Mahler; 25<sup>th</sup> Bob Larson

**Live Stream Assistant:** 4<sup>th</sup> Charles Mahler; 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Bob McCullough; 25<sup>th</sup> Brad Nason

**Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30 am Lector – Sue Duchman

Assisting Minister – Mark Bergren

Communion Assistant – Karen Baldy's

**Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30 am Lector – Mary Lou Byerly

Assisting Minister – Allen Husband

Communion Assistant – Sue Beidler

**Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30 am Lector – Cheryl Newburg

Assisting Minister – Deb Smith

Communion Assistant – Nancy Wood

**Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30 am Lector – Wilma Reeder

Assisting Minister – Melaina Taormina

Communion Assistant – Hanne Schuman

### **Offering Counters**

4<sup>th</sup> Nancy McCarty & Sondra Fisher

11<sup>th</sup> Ray Schreckengast & Janice Ogurcak

18<sup>th</sup> Sue Beidler & Ray Schreckengast

25<sup>th</sup> Terry & Nancy McCarty



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### **SERVING**

*(Lectors, Assistant Minister, or Communion Helper)* If you would like to help serve in our 8:00AM or 10:30AM worship service(s), please contact Diane Kohler at 570-419-7085 or email [kohlerdede@gmail.com](mailto:kohlerdede@gmail.com) or Pastor Jeff at 570-323-7309.

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### **USHERS**

Anyone interested in serving as an usher, please contact the office or email or call Nancy McCarty at: [nmac7149@gmail.com](mailto:nmac7149@gmail.com); (570) 419-7827).

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## GREETERS

Anyone interested in serving as a greeter, please contact the church office or Debra Smith at 570-762-3308 or email at: [mdtmom4@gmail.com](mailto:mdtmom4@gmail.com)

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## FROM THE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

**Please consider volunteering for Coffee Hour!** All coffee, tea, paper products, etc. are in the kitchen. Volunteers are asked to provide snacks, such as muffins, donuts, cookies, etc. Please contact a member of the Fellowship Ministry if you would like us to help you set up for Coffee Hour or if you have any questions. Ruth Croyle at 570-433-3873 or Jeanne Yaggi at 570-329-6980. *A **signup board** is located in the West Hall!*

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## \*\*UPDATE\*\* FROM THE OUTREACH MINISTRY

As many of you may have heard, our missionary, Rev. Stephen Deal, from Costa Rica, will not be visiting due to health and travel restrictions.



**FELLOWSHIP AND BASEBALL** If you are still interested in a night of fellowship and baseball, please sign up on the sheet located in the West Hall.

- The Williamsport Crosscutters vs. The Trenton Thunder.
- Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> first pitch at 6:35pm

**A signup sheet is located in the West Hall!** Please contact Deb Smith as soon as possible if you have any questions at 570-762-3308 or email her at [mdtmom4@gmail.com](mailto:mdtmom4@gmail.com).

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## BLUEBERRY PICKING



Jere Eshleman is holding his annual “Berry Picking” **now through August 10<sup>th</sup>**. For more information, please contact Jere Eshleman at 570-322-5202. A sign-up sheet is located in the West Hall.

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**CHURCH COUNCIL** meets next on **August 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** in Bell Hall.

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## ST. LUKE BLOOD DRIVE

The Annual Blood Drive is set for **Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from Noon – 5:00 PM** in Bell Hall.

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

School Kits - Our goal for LWR School Kits this year is to fill as many school bags as possible – 75 school bags have been sewn by Judy Keller, for this project. Items needed to fill the school kits are as follows :



- 70 sheet notebooks of ruled paper, 8”x 10 ½”
- Ruler (centimeters on one side and inches on the other)
- Pencil sharpeners
- Eraser 2 ½”
- Blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades)
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- Crayon Box of 16 or 24-count

These school kits are assembled in October for early delivery, along with the quilts made by the (SFQ) Sew Fine Quilters of St. Luke.

## HARVEST HOME SUNDAY



Our St. Luke canvas food bags will be made available for members to fill with **non-perishable food items through August**. Please return them filled for Harvest Sunday on September 22, 2024.

We are a small group – always looking for new committee people. The Service Ministry meets the **first Tuesday of the month at 3:00pm in the church lounge**. Have a blessed summer!

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## CHOIR & HANDBELLS



Greetings! I am looking forward to the upcoming year, as we have many exciting musical opportunities to worship at St. Luke Lutheran Church.

All members of Choir and Bells are welcome to join us for a fellowship hour on **August 29 at 6:00pm in the Chapel**. In addition, even if you might not have been part of our musical groups before, but might have musical interests, feel free to join us for some treats and good-natured fun for the fellowship hour. No need to RSVP, just come!



**Join the Choir...**  
**You'll Be Glad**  
**You Did!**

Our first Choir practice will be happening directly following that fellowship time **August 29 from 7:00-8:00pm.**

Bells practices will resume the first day we go back to our fall/spring schedule, which will be **Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:15-10:00am** (between services).

So much fun will be had and music will be made all for the Glory of God! Hope everyone has a great remainder of the summer and I look forward to seeing you soon. Becky

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### ONGOING COLLECTIONS AT ST. LUKE

**THE FOOD PANTRY** Below is a list of items the UCLC Food Pantry is in need of. *Updated 7/16 - These items are collected in our West entryway*

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| Canned Tuna                    | Relish              |
| Cream of Mushroom soup         | Ketchup             |
| Canned Cream of Chicken soup   | BBQ sauce           |
| Canned Chunky soups            | Ramen Noodles       |
| Canned Pears                   | Boxed Potato Flakes |
| Canned or pouches of beef stew | Elbow Macaroni      |

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### SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS

Items needed are of regular sizes: Deodorant, Diapers, Wipes, Shampoo, Powder, Oil, Q-tips, Soap, Shaving Cream and Razor, Tissues, Shampoo and Conditioner, Toilet Paper, Women's Hygiene Products, etc. *These hygiene items are collected in the West entryway.*

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### DANIEL'S CLOSET

Needed are fall/winter seasonal clothing (*please NO hangers*) for infants, children, and adults, as well as accessories (belts, ties, shoes, purses, backpacks/bags, suitcases, etc.). All clothing must be bagged, no loose clothing, please. A collection box is located in our West Hall or items can be taken directly to Redeemer Lutheran Church at 1101 Washington Blvd., Williamsport.

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Dear Friends,

Bonnie, Tim, and I want to thank you for the gracious reception you hosted for the fiftieth anniversary of my ordination. It was an honor to preside at Communion and share those moments with Pastor LeCrone and Deacon Byerly. The reception which followed the Service was an even greater surprise. To be greeted so warmly and affirmed in my calling by so many of you made the day even more special. I am deeply grateful for your kindness and generosity in your support of my ministry. It was much more than I could have expected.

We are all blessed to be part of the St. Luke family, and your warm hospitality for my family and me is ample evidence of the spirit of Christ which lives among us. Here, in this place, we are all the children of God, and it is good to know that we can truly share in each other's joy and celebration. May all God's gifts continue to grow among us! Thank you again.

In Christ's love I remain your brother in faith and practice,  
Ted Cockley



## CML STAFF SPOTLIGHT

GOOD SOIL - *By Jim Vitale*

If you really want someone to do something for you, sometimes you just have to bug the heck out of them. That's how Ali Wyland started working at Camp Mount Luther.

Or, at least, that's how she tells it. Ali has been involved in the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the ELCA for many years. Her mom is a deacon and highly involved in synod ministries; and so it was only natural, I suppose, that Ali would end up taking

on some responsibilities in the church. For the past several years she helped manage the voting process at synod assemblies, running around helping people sort out the voting app on their phones (among many other things). Executive Director Chad Hershberger, seeing Ali's leadership in the synod, thought she would be a welcomed addition to the summer staff. So Chad asked. And asked. And asked. And didn't stop asking until Ali finally said yes. Pressure from Ali's mom didn't help her cause.

"Also," Ali says, "I needed money." So last year Ali joined us for her first year on summer staff—apparently a begrudging victim of peer pressure.

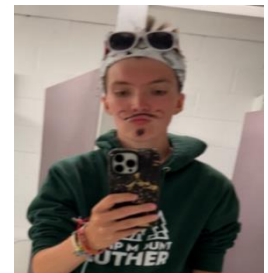
But if you watch Ali at work here at camp, her posture is nothing like that of a begrudging employee. She's energetic, enthusiastic, articulate, funny, and kind. Which leads me to believe that the story she tells might not be the whole truth.

Ali is an athlete. Ever since she was young, she has loved sports and wanted some sort of career in sports management (either managing a team or working in sports marketing). She pursued athletics throughout her school years, even majoring in sports management at Penn Tech. "I don't think I'd be the person I am today without track," she says. "My sprint coach in high school was one of my biggest mentors. She helped me build a sense of confidence I'd never experienced before."

The close community she found on the track team also had a positive influence on her. So much so that she did a little coaching herself, "I went back to coach for a couple years so that students could feel the same sense of community I felt." Ali's passion for sports led her to the track team, but she found far more than just a place to run: she found a community, a mentor, and more of herself.

In 2022, Ali went to the ELCA's churchwide assembly and there, she says, her faith was reignited. It was partly this, she admits, that led her to work at camp. I suspect her experiences at churchwide opened her eyes to the way she might share what she experienced on the track team with others less-inclined to sprint.

One of Ali's favorite memories from camp comes from her time last year, when she was working with some of high school SALT campers. They were goofing around together and somehow, by the end of the day, she ended up with a mascara goatee. Later, as the campers were enjoying an evening swim in the pool and sundaes in the pavilion, someone flipped Ali's ice cream up into her face, adding a nice foundation to the mascara goatee.



These are the moments that build community and this is what makes Ali such a gifted cabin leader. On or off the track, Ali works to bring people together, to build community, and to remind people of their immense value.

At the end of the summer our friend Ali will move to Ohio. We will miss having her here on staff, and we know that she goes on to build loving communities and do incredible things. And we know that she leaves behind a profound impression, especially on the hearts of those campers she encouraged, mentored, and loved.

Maybe she came to camp just so Chad would stop asking.

Or maybe, just maybe, she came to camp because God has given her an incredible gift for loving, motivating, and connecting people.

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**2024 SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORTS - by Deb Smith and Becky Lewis**

I had the opportunity to attend the thirty-seventh Annual Assembly of the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the ELCA on June 14 and 15. I attended with Pastor Jeff and Becky Lewis. Having attended Synod Assemblies in Northeastern Pennsylvania I was familiar with the process. I found the USS Assembly informative and enjoyable. Having never been on the campus of Susquehanna University, I found the atmosphere beautiful and relaxing.

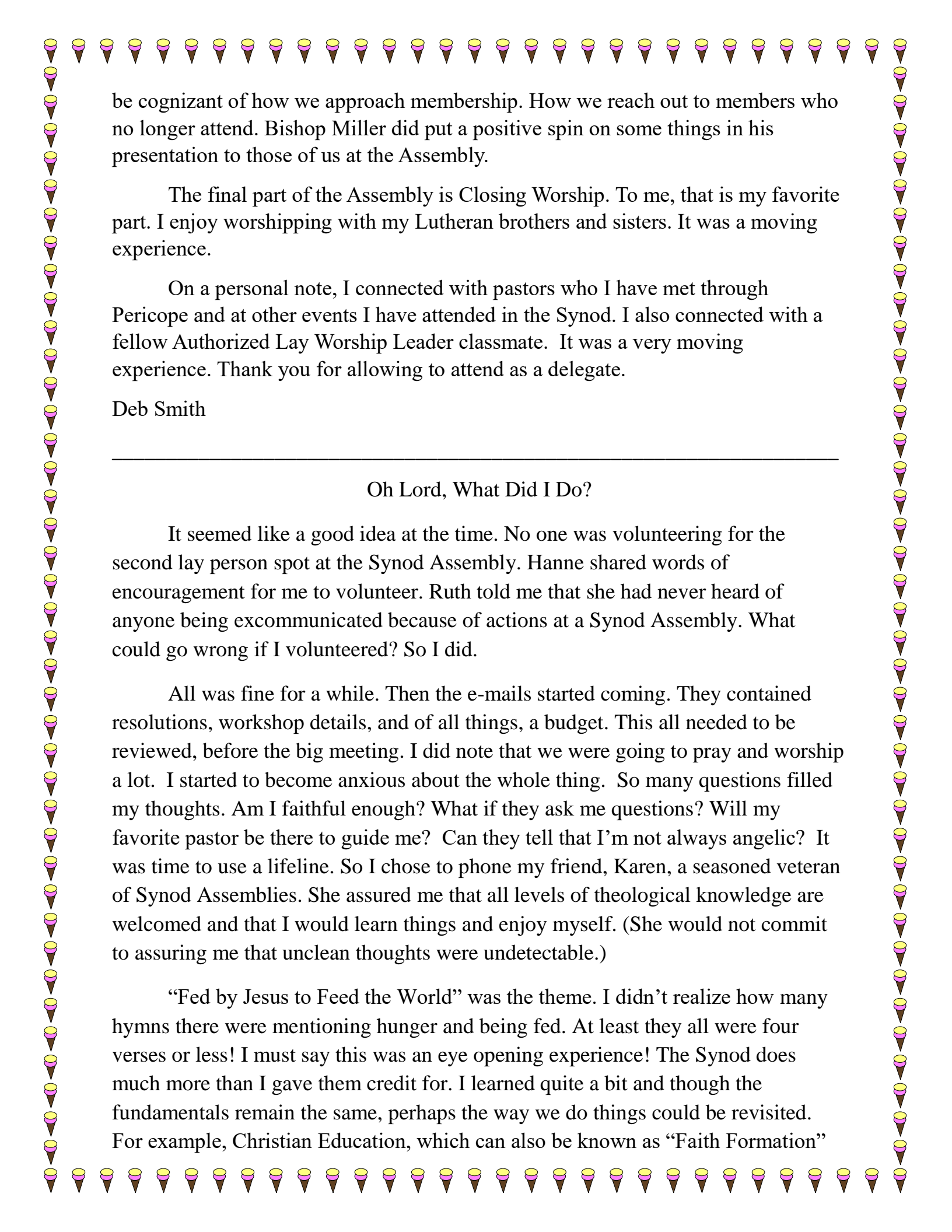
On Friday, I attended a workshop entitled “Ministry in Divided Times” led by Rev. Scott Kershner, the chaplain of Susquehanna University. I found this workshop enlightening. Rev. Kershner made quite a few points. A few that stuck out to me are: Paul never stepped back from a fight, courage to navigate the difficult conversations, churches are cautious about difficult topics, the work of Christ was to reconcile—break down the dividing wall, we should do the same.

I also attended a workshop entitled “The Changing Landscape of Christian Education” led by Deacon Chelle Huth from United Lutheran Seminary. She is the Director of Contextual Formation, Certificate Studies, TEEM Candidates & Adjunct Faculty for Faith Formation. Her presentation was informative. Christian Education is now known as Faith Formation which isn’t just about education. Faith formation is a journey not a process. One suggestion Deacon Huth made was to place two questions on each table during a coffee hour or dinner. “Where did you see God in your world this week?” And “Where did you see somebody hurting this week?”

Another question she also suggested was, “Where did you see or find joy this week?” These will lead to discussion and develop relationships. Another point I found interesting is that the average Lutheran invites someone to worship every 27.3 years. Invitation and connection equals faith formation. Yes, you make sure children hear the Bible stories, but it’s also about developing a relationship with the Triune God.

At Synod Assembly, we also conduct business of the Synod. We heard various reports. These included: the vice president of Synod Council, Mr. Noah Roux, the Committee on Candidacy, Report of the Treasurer, Mount Camp Luther, Campus Ministries, the ELCA Foundation, the Churchwide Representative, Synod Youth Ministry, Susquehanna Interfaith Network for Disaster Response, Seafarers International House, the Proposed Budget, and Bishop Miller.

To be very honest, I read Bishop Miller’s report before attending the Assembly. I found it disheartening. If any of you have a chance, please read it. Particularly, the statistics on the how many rostered leaders we have and the average age of all rostered leaders. Also, the state of our congregations. We need to



be cognizant of how we approach membership. How we reach out to members who no longer attend. Bishop Miller did put a positive spin on some things in his presentation to those of us at the Assembly.

The final part of the Assembly is Closing Worship. To me, that is my favorite part. I enjoy worshipping with my Lutheran brothers and sisters. It was a moving experience.

On a personal note, I connected with pastors who I have met through Pericope and at other events I have attended in the Synod. I also connected with a fellow Authorized Lay Worship Leader classmate. It was a very moving experience. Thank you for allowing to attend as a delegate.

Deb Smith

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### Oh Lord, What Did I Do?

It seemed like a good idea at the time. No one was volunteering for the second lay person spot at the Synod Assembly. Hanne shared words of encouragement for me to volunteer. Ruth told me that she had never heard of anyone being excommunicated because of actions at a Synod Assembly. What could go wrong if I volunteered? So I did.

All was fine for a while. Then the e-mails started coming. They contained resolutions, workshop details, and of all things, a budget. This all needed to be reviewed, before the big meeting. I did note that we were going to pray and worship a lot. I started to become anxious about the whole thing. So many questions filled my thoughts. Am I faithful enough? What if they ask me questions? Will my favorite pastor be there to guide me? Can they tell that I'm not always angelic? It was time to use a lifeline. So I chose to phone my friend, Karen, a seasoned veteran of Synod Assemblies. She assured me that all levels of theological knowledge are welcomed and that I would learn things and enjoy myself. (She would not commit to assuring me that unclean thoughts were undetectable.)

“Fed by Jesus to Feed the World” was the theme. I didn't realize how many hymns there were mentioning hunger and being fed. At least they all were four verses or less! I must say this was an eye opening experience! The Synod does much more than I gave them credit for. I learned quite a bit and though the fundamentals remain the same, perhaps the way we do things could be revisited. For example, Christian Education, which can also be known as “Faith Formation”

is an area ripe to be explored for new options. One suggestion was engaging in faith building conversations during coffee hours (or Giant chicken dinners!) We Lutherans do like to gather for a feeding!

Another area addressed was “Ministry in Divided Times.” It is easy to say how “those other people are a bunch of sinners”, but as our Pastor Jeff pointed out, we are all both saints and sinners. Perhaps, we need to keep that in mind as we work to heal divisions. Let us be mindful that we are daily fed by Jesus.

Overall, attending the Synod Assembly was a very good experience. I recommend that everyone try it at least once. I may not have come home more pious, but I am filled with many things to ponder. Please prayerfully consider putting this on your bucket list for next June. You won’t regret it!

Becky Lewis

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### **ST. LUKE YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2024**

Our St. Luke Youth Group had an amazing time on our recent trip to Gettysburg, PA. We stayed at the Campus of U.L.S Gettysburg at the beautiful and historic Singmaster House. The attendees were Jacob & Luke Edmonds, Wyatt Judge, Pastor Jeff, and Patty & Doug Durand.

While there, we completed a beautification project at the home, creating two new landscaped areas with flower beds, and a perennial Hydrangea garden. (You can see the project pictures on the bulletin board in the Nave.) Other activities included an e-bike battlefield ride and tour, and a visit to the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center Cyclorama showing of The Battle of Gettysburg.

In the evenings, we had devotionals that included discussions about Slavery and its relation to the Civil War, biblical times, and the world today.

We are grateful to the church for supporting our Youth and its focus on service to others.

Doug Durand

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# REMINDER



**Bulletin Announcement Deadline - Wednesday at 9:00 am**  
*All article information and materials for the bulletin or newsletter must be submitted using WORD or PDF format. Please email to [info@stlukeweb.com](mailto:info@stlukeweb.com).*

**Newsletter Deadline - The 15<sup>th</sup> of each month at 9:00 am**  
**Ministry Meeting Minutes for Church Council - Thursday at 9:00 am before Mtg.** *Council meetings are held on the second Monday of each month.*

\*If you would like to receive the newsletter (in color!) via email, please contact the church office at 570-323-7309 or by email at [info@stlukeweb.com](mailto:info@stlukeweb.com). Thank you.



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**FREEDOM FROM LIFE'S  
HURTS, HABITS & HANG-UPS**

*United Churches of Lycoming County  
is seeking nominations for our  
2025 Board of Directors*

- Members at large serve a one-year renewable term with nine Board Meetings which are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 10 a.m.-noon.
- We want to hear your voice
- You can chair an event(s) or create event(s), if desired
- We desire people from throughout the county, not just the Williamsport area

If you are interested or have any questions,  
please contact  
United Churches at 570-322-1110



# Remembrance Day

August 6th at 6 p.m.

at the Yasui Peace Tower on the corner of Pine Street and Little League Blvd to mark the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings in 1945

Dr. Robert S. Yasui commissioned the Peace Tower in the mid-1980s. He hoped that it would provide a place of meditation for the community, a place where those struggling with obstacles in their life might find rest. If you happen to find yourself in the area, listen for the beautiful chimes that play. At night, the Tower is well lit and seems to beckon you to come and take a minute to reflect on the bench that surrounds it. The plaque on the Tower reads, "Dedicated...to the humanity that makes us all one."

From August 6th to the 9th, 1945, more than 200,000 people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki lay dead from the use of the first atomic bombs. Since August 1945, many thousands more have died, and continue to die, from the radioactive fallout of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.



Hosted by The Christian Social Concerns Committee of the United Churches of Lycoming County



## The Dandelion Run

Camp Mount Luther will be hosting a benefit 5K and 10K trail run race, "The Dandelion Run" on **Saturday, August 31, 2024**. This is an entry-level trail race starting at 9:00 a.m. with "day of" registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. The 10k distance is part of the 2024 Rocksylvania Trail Racing Series (Sandstone Division).

All miles for the course will be marked, and there is one water stop on the course. There will be no change in race distance after the race starts.

If you registered for the 10k and aren't sure you can finish it on race day, please change to the 5k before the race start. 10k runners who stop after one loop will be a DNF. The event will also feature a one-mile fun walk on a dirt road with the same registration fees and amenities. Following the race, there will be a Kids Fun Run!

The age groups are 6 and under and 7-10. Special awards will be presented to every participant in the fun run.

To register, Visit

<https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Mifflinburg/DandelionRun5k10kTrailRace>.

The fee is \$35. You must be registered by midnight, August 11, to receive a hoodie. There will be an awards ceremony following the races. The Dandelion Run, begun in 2002, is organized by Joel and Shelley Heasley of Middleburg, assisted by Shirley Heasley of Mifflinburg. The family started the race in memory of Rev. Glenn E. Heasley, Jr., former Assistant to the Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Glenn's favorite "flower" was the dandelion, because no matter what you do with them they always rise again!

# GOLFERS!

## Reserve your foursome today!

If you do not have a foursome, we can help arrange one for you!

**Friday, September 27, 2024**

**Vintage Course  
White Deer Golf Course**

8:00am Registration  
9:00am Shotgun Start  
Four Person Scramble

**Call or email for more info!  
570-322-1110  
director@uclc.org**



The United Churches of Lycoming County

We thank you for helping us to discover new ways every year to work together to share God's love.



## OUTDOOR SERVICE

**Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am**  
*(the 8:00 am service will be held indoors)*

## SUNDAY WORSHIP TIME CHANGE AT ST. LUKE

Please mark your calendar for **Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**. Our 8:00 am service time will remain the same; however, the 9:30 am service time is changing back to 10:30 am.

\*Bells practices will also resume on **Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:15-10:00am** (between services).

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## SEW FINE QUILTERS

Come join us for a fun day starting our new year of making quilts for Lutheran World Relief, the Gate House, Shepherd of the Streets, and Project Linus. Please join us on **Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am -3:00 pm in Bell Hall.**

Lunch will be provided at noon. Come and go as your time permits. No quilting experience is needed!



## SHAWL MINISTRY

When members or friends of the congregation experience trying times or milestones of great joy, we present them with a prayer shawl as a visible sign of our prayers for them. Shawls can be knitted at monthly meetings held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month (Sept.- May) or any time at home.

**The first meeting is on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am -12 noon in the Lounge. All are welcome!**

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Save the date for the Annual Williamsport Make a Blanket Day for Project Linus hosted by St. Luke Church. The event will take place on **Saturday, September 28th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in Bell Hall**. Lunch and snacks will be provided for all volunteers.

Project Linus provided 995 blankets to the Williamsport Area in 2023, and this number continues to grow each year. In addition to hospitals and foster care agencies, Project Linus now provides blankets to local elementary school guidance departments in Lycoming County.

Make A Blanket Day is crucial for two reasons:

1. It helps replenish the inventory for the fall and winter
2. It brings volunteers together, enjoying each other's company.

Alongside making blankets, we will be collecting supplies for our blankets on the 28th such as:

- completed blankets (knitted, crocheted, quilted, or hand-tied fleece) in any size, fabric for quilts
- batting for quilts
- yarn in bright colors
- fleece blanket kits
- at least 1 1/2 yards of fleece fabric
- quilting thread in any color
- gift cards to Hobby Lobby or JoAnn's fabrics
- your time on the 28th to help make blankets, scan blankets for pins, and sort and bag blankets for transport to the Lewisburg Chapter Closet.

For more information, please contact Dawn Nau at 503-686-4968 or email [nauhill2@comcast.net](mailto:nauhill2@comcast.net)

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*To our members celebrating a birthday in August ....*

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| William Hutchison | August 01 |
| Macie Confer      | August 03 |
| Emily Wood        | August 05 |
| Kim Fremberg      | August 07 |
| Becky Donnell     | August 09 |
| Patricia Kelley   | August 09 |
| Carol Steck       | August 09 |
| Bella Young       | August 11 |
| David Shade       | August 12 |
| Sally Robbins     | August 17 |
| Barbara Coates    | August 18 |
| Quinn Smith       | August 18 |
| Braden Beck       | August 19 |
| Phil Harvey       | August 21 |
| Mary Lou Byerly   | August 22 |
| David Horn        | August 22 |
| Gabrielle Sims    | August 24 |
| Dillan Read       | August 27 |
| Franciska Seyler  | August 27 |
| Roseann Husband   | August 30 |
| Joan Knaus        | August 30 |
| Barbara Lamade    | August 30 |
| Theodore Cockley  | August 31 |

*Happy Wedding Anniversary.....*

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| Briggs, David & Margot     | August 02 |
| Scampane, Chris & Karen    | August 02 |
| Donnell, James & Becky     | August 09 |
| Fisher, Kirk & Sondra      | August 13 |
| Durand, Douglas & Patricia | August 18 |
| Bailey, David & Diana      | August 24 |
| Ogurcak, Richard & Janice  | August 27 |
| Confer, Schane & Stephanie | August 31 |
| Hutchison, William & Mary  | August 31 |

*(We're sorry if we missed anyone. If we did, please contact the office so we can add you to our records.)*

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