



ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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From the Pastor's Desk – October 2026

"Christ in you, the hope of glory."
Colossians 1:27

In life, there is a difference between the people we know about and the people we know. For example, the world's foremost history experts might have learned a library's worth of facts about certain historical figures, but they do not know them like they know their good friends, their children, or their spouses. Knowing someone is more than just knowing facts; it involves walking alongside them, living with them, experiencing them. We can learn and share a lot of facts about people, but when we get to know them, we can share pieces of their story without words.

When most of us think of evangelism, I suspect that we picture it as telling people about Jesus: relating facts about what he did, taught, said, and so forth. Perhaps that is one reason why many people are reluctant to share their faith: they don't feel confident in their Biblical/theological knowledge.

But what if we approached sharing our faith not as an exercise in sharing what we know about Jesus so much as sharing him?

Maybe you don't feel like you know Jesus well enough to do that. Don't be so sure.

My father died in 2011, and I've occasionally shared some things about him in sermons and just in regular conversation. Those words are important. But there are ways in which he shaped my life that transcend words. The truth is that those things are so deeply ingrained in me that I am not always conscious of them. I only become aware of them when I retell the stories of his life, especially those that intersected with mine. And when I take the time to do that, I start to see the parts of my life that naturally tell his story.

There are already ways in which knowing Jesus has shaped your life, even if you can't immediately name them on the spot. But with prayer, time in the Word, and reflecting with one another, those ways begin to emerge.

In the 1970s, the former Lutheran Church in America (one of the predecessor denominations of the ELCA) developed an evangelism program known as "Word and Witness". It defined evangelism – or witness – as the point where God's story, My story, and Your story intertwine.

If you're interested in exploring ways in which you can share your faith story, I'd like to invite you to a study of a book called "Rockin' the Front Porch". It's all about sharing our faith by being able to see where my story, your story, and God's story intertwine. Times and dates for this study are TBA.

As we continue telling our story, there's always room for knowing more about Jesus, but this fall, let's explore the ways in which we already know him.

Jeff



ANNUAL HYMN SING
OCTOBER 11, 2026 AT 2:30 PM
OLD IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
IN MUNCY



Mr. Stuart Hague, Certified Lay Pastor, will lead the Annual Hymn Sing at Old Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2633 Lime Bluff Road, Muncy, on Sunday, October 11, 2026, at 2:30 pm. This year's theme is "God's Grace," with music and teachings focused on that topic. Joy Barto and Jeff Harvey will play the

antique pump organ, and the St. Andrew Lutheran Chancel Choir will sing "Grace Us, O Lord" by Joseph M. Martin.

Old Immanuel, founded in 1791, is known as the mother church of Lutheranism in Lycoming County. The first structure was a log building; the current brick building, dedicated in 1869, has two cornerstones (1832 in German, 1869 in English). The cemetery contains at least 9 Revolutionary and 5 Civil War soldiers. The church stands on land donated by Henry and Barbara Shoemaker.



At one time, there was a school associated with Old Immanuel, and the church contained a gallery, a wine-glass pulpit, and enough straight-backed pews to seat 600 people.

Old Immanuel closed its doors for regular services in 1920, after giving rise to 19 other Lutheran congregations. Some of these have also closed their doors, such as Trinity (Huntersville), St. Paul's (Millville), Germany Church (at one time known as St. John's), Katy's Church (at one time known as Immanuel Lutheran), Christ Lutheran (Montgomery), Messiah (Alvira), the Stone Church in Elimsport, and Zion's, also in Elimsport. Others, such as Moreland Lutheran (formerly known as St. John's) and St. Mark's Lutheran (Lairdsville), have adopted new identities as they have become home to other congregations.

Churches that have sprung up from Old Immanuel that continue with the Lutheran tradition include Trinity and Mount Zion, Hughesville; St. Andrew, Muncy; St. James, Muncy; Messiah, Clarkstown; St. John's, Gordner's Grove; St. John's (Brick), Montgomery; and Bethany, Montoursville.

Recently, the church's roof has received a new coat of paint. In addition, the church's bell tower has been renovated, and all the shutters have been repaired and repainted. Further projects include restoration of the windows, walls, and ceiling. A free-will offering will be taken to help offset the cost of these and other ongoing expenses.

The church will be decorated for fall, and the weather should be ideal for touring the church and walking the historic cemetery. Light refreshments will be served on the church lawn after the service. Please note that the church does not have running water or electricity, and is not fully handicap accessible. For more information, or to follow Old Immanuel more closely, "Like" "Old Immanuel Lutheran Church" on Facebook!!!



SERVING DURING WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

8:00 AM:

Lector/Administrant: Oct 4th – *Jeanne Yaggi*; 11th – Ed Kelley; 18th – Ed Kelley;
25th – Nancy McCarty

10:30 AM:

Altar Care: *October – Jannine Monness ~ November – Charles Mahler*

Assisting Ministers: Oct 4th – *Marilyn Eshleman*; 11th – Melanie Taormina;
18th – Charles Mahler; 25th – Mark Bergren

Lectors: Oct 4th – *James Donnell*; 11th – Sandy Lentz; 18th – Cheryl Newburg;
25th – Melanie Taormina

Communion Helpers Oct 4th – *Karen Baldys*; 11th – Nancy Wood; 18th – Patricia Durand;
25th – Daniel Lamade

Greeters: Oct 4th – *Becky & Jim Donnell*; 11th – Jan Matz; 18th – Cindy & Terry Belles;
25th – Patty & Doug Durand

Ushers: Oct 4th – *Keith Wood*; 11th – Samuel Mahler; 18th – Samuel Mahler;
25th – Chip Edwards

Acolyte Oct 4th – *Lily Judge*; 11th – Daniel Taormina; 18th – Luke Edmonds; 25th – Choir

Live Stream Assistant Oct 4th – *Dan Taormina*; 11th – Charles Mahler; 18th – Brad Nason;
25th – Daniel Taormina

Offering Counters Oct 4th – *Sondra Fisher & Jannine Monness*;

11th – Ray Schreckengast & Janice Ogurcak;

18th – Nancy McCarty & Marilyn Eshleman; 25th – Terry Belles & Pat Kelley



ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUTREACH MINISTRY – Our next meeting will be the First Thursday, **October 1st at 6:00PM** in the library. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome to attend. Upcoming events. Any questions call. Jan Ogurcak, at 570-772-8196 or email jlo1956@gmail.com.

PARISH VISITATION CORP (PVC) – Next meeting will be on the first **Tuesday, October 6th in the Library at 2:00PM**. Any questions, please contact Cindy Belles at 570-419-1363.



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, October 12th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm in Bell Hall**. Come and go as your time permits. No quilting experience is needed! **BYOB** – *Bring Your Own Bag* packed lunch – beverages will be provided by the church.

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. If you know of a member, relative, or friend who could use the comfort of a prayer shawl, please contact



Nancy McCarty @ 570-419-7827 or nmac7149@gmail.com. Shawls can be knitted at monthly meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month (Sept.- May) or any time at home. **The next meeting is on Tuesday, October 20th from 9:30 am -12 noon in the Lounge. All are welcome!**



The Central Susquehanna Valley Chapter of Project Linus will be holding a *Make A Blanket Day* on **October 24th 9:30am to 2:00pm at Faith**

Lutheran Church, 2349 Old Turnpike Road, Lewisburg. Lunch will be provided. We need help hand-tying fleece blankets and assembling quilts. We also need help sewing labels on completed blankets. This will be an extra drop-off day for completed blankets. For more information call Dawn Nau at 503-686-4968.

Additionally, we really are in need volunteers to help on our regular drop off/workdays which are the First Saturday and Third Wednesday of the month. The hours are 9:30 to noon at the church. If you have free time or are looking to volunteer with a great group of people, please consider Project Linus. Our blankets give sick, injured, and traumatized children a warm hug when they need it the most.

SUPPORT MINISTRY UPDATE – COMMITMENT SUNDAY – The Support Ministry has been meeting in preparation for our **ANNUAL CAMPAIGN**. We are seeking not only your monetary pledges but also your contributions of time and talent in the support of St. Luke and the wider community. Campaign materials will be distributed in early October. This year **October 25th** will be **COMMITMENT SUNDAY**.



PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE If you or someone you know needs prayer, please call Cindy Belles at 570-419-1363 or Karen Bergren at 570-220-3201 to start the prayer chain. If you want the name to be on the bulletin prayer list call the church office at 570-323-7309.

SERVING (Lectors, Assistant Minister, Communion Helper, or Live Stream Assistants) If you would like to help serve in our 10:30AM worship service(s), please contact Diane Kohler at her email kohlerdede@gmail.com or call 570-419-7085 or Pastor Jeff at 570-323-7309.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE DEADLINE is October 31st. Please notify the church office if you have any changes in your contact information (name, address, phone numbers, email, family additions). We keep the directory updated and as accurate as possible. Thank you. _



USHERS Anyone interested in serving as an usher, please contact Nancy McCarty - nmac7149@gmail.com , 570- 419-7827 or church office at 570-323-7309.

GREETERS Anyone interested in serving as a greeter, please contact the church office at 570-323-7309.

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 Ruth Croyle at 570-433-3873 or Jeanne Yaggi at 570-329-6980 if you would like us to help you set up for Coffee Hour or if you have any questions.



WEIS MARKET SHOPPERS – The Pre-School at St. Luke is again partnering with Weis Markets in the annual Weis 4 School program. Informational flyers are located in the West Hall. Please register your Weis Rewards card online at weis4school.com. You can also pick up a flyer in the West Hall that has a QR code on it. Just scan the code to register. If you registered last year, please register again this year. To participate in the program each shopper needs to register their Weis card each year. Thank you for your continued support of our Pre-School.

ONGOING COLLECTIONS AT ST LUKE

DANIEL'S CLOSET - Clothing and accessories are needed for all ages, from infant through adult. **Seasonal clothing (*no summer clothing at this time and 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.





SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS - Items needed are of regular sizes **not trial size**: Deodorant (men/women), Toothbrushes & Adult Toothpaste (adults/kids), Q-tips, Band-Aids, Tissues, Combs (men, women, children), Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Laundry Pods, Sunscreen, Twin, Full & Queen Sheet Sets (new/slightly used), Pillow Cases (new/slightly used). *These hygiene items are collected in the West entryway.*

THE FOOD PANTRY – Your help is desperately needed! Food supplies are very low. Below is a list of items that the UCLC Food Pantry needs:



Granulated White Sugar	Boxed Potatoes
Small ketchups	Canned Pineapple
Wide Egge Noodles	Alfredo Sauce
Saltine & Ritz Crackers	Canned beets & white Potatoes
Pork & Beans and SPAM	Tea bags & Coffee
Ramen & Chicken Noodle Soup	Mandarin Oranges
Condiments (Ketchup, BBQ, Mayo, Mustard, Mayo	



Also, in need of: Plastic bags and egg cartons

These items are collected in our West entryway.

After office hours' drop-offs: Bell Hall foyer entrance.

**IMAGINE
more**

SYNOD GROUP TO GO TO THE 2027 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING:

The Synod Youth Team is putting together a group to attend the 2027 ELCA Youth gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The theme for the Gathering is IMAGINE MORE.

The dates of the Gathering are **June 28 through July 2, 2027**. All youths in 8th through 12th grade in 2026-2027 are invited to join the group. The cost to go with the group would be \$1,650.00. That cost covers registration, travel costs, hotel costs, and meal costs. Youth would need extra spending money for snacks and souvenirs. The plan is to meet on Sunday, June 27 at Camp Mount Luther. The group would fly out on the 28th early in the morning, attend the gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and then return to Camp Mount Luther sometime on July 2nd. If youth want to go with the Synod group, they need to register by November 6th. A deposit of \$250.00 would be due then. There will be a registration page on the Camp Mount Luther Camp Brain website. If youth decide they want to go after that the cost will increase by \$100.00, and the last day to sign up is February 8th.

If you have any questions, you can contact Charlene Rineer at 570-524-0745 (Christ's Lutheran, Lewisburg) or charlene@campmountluther.org.

SAVE THE DATE! You are cordially invited to join us for a special concert to support dialysis patients and their families of the Independent Dialysis Clinics. This Dialysis Benefit Concert was begun by Richard “Dick” Lakey over 30 years ago. Dick organized, facilitated and provided glorious music at concerts that raised funds to provide direct support to dialysis patients. The concert will be held on **Sunday, October 4, 2026, at 2:30 pm in the sanctuary of St. Luke Lutheran Church.** This year’s program features the Lycoming Low Brass Collective. A reception will follow the concert in the Bell hall.

Concert proceeds support the patients of the Susquehanna Valley. Dialysis is a life-sustaining treatment which, despite technological and clinical advances, requires patients to spend four hours a day, three days a week, connected to a machine that cleans their blood and removes excess fluid. The treatment is rigorous for both the patients and their families.

The concert proceeds help provide unique individual assistance to the patients through:

- 1) a cookbook designed to help maintain the special diet that is required;
- 2) a nutrition supplement such as “Nepro,” a high calorie, high protein drink which helps meet the increased daily protein and calorie needs of dialysis patients and gift cards to grocery stores;
- 3) materials to augment the educational and psychological needs of patients and their families;
- 4) and through support for transportation and physiological needs.

Donations will be accepted as a free will offering at the concert. If you would like to write a check, please make it out to “Memorial Dialysis Fund.” If you are unable to attend the concert but would like **to make a donation to support the dialysis patients, please send your donation to:**

Memorial Dialysis Fund
C/O Emily Nichols
1660 Sycamore Road
Montoursville PA 17754

We hope that you will plan to attend the 31st Dialysis Benefit Concert at 2:30 pm on Sunday, October 4, 2026.

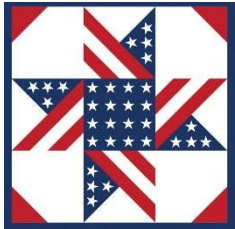


BLANKET SUNDAY

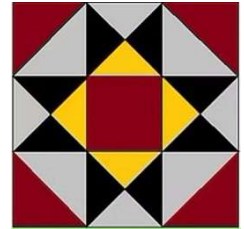
OCTOBER 4TH

This past year (Sept '25 – June '26) was a banner year for making quilts! Sew Fine Quilters were able to produce 247 quilts.

The quilts have been or will be distributed as follows:



Lutheran World Relief (LWR) –	60
Shepherd of the Street (SOS) –	30
Project Linus –	73
Gatehouse (local Hospice) –	44
Williamsport Home –	<u>40</u>
Total –	247



A HUGE thank you to all who made this possible! Thanks to all who donated fabric, sheets, thread, and especially the hours and hours of Labor and Love to produce them.

SPECIAL THANKS to
Thrivent and to the St. Luke Fund
who provided money to purchase needed items.



LET'S DO IT AGAIN THIS YEAR!
Come join us Monday October 12th – 9:00AM – 3:00PM



BLANKET SUNDAY, October 4th
Some of the 247 Quilts will
be on display in the
Chapel & Nave





BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE – Wednesday at 9AM

All article information and materials for the bulletin or newsletter must be submitted using WORD or PDF format. Please email to info@stlukeweb.com.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - The 15th of each month at 9AM

MINISTRY MEETING MINUTES FOR CHURCH COUNCIL -

Thursday at 9AM before Mtg. Council meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month.



DEADLINE FOR NOV NEWSLETTER is OCT 15th

FOR UP COMING...

**HAPPENINGS, MEETINGS, CELEBRATIONS, EVENTS,
OR FUNDRAISERS for OCT, NOV or DEC**

USS YOUTH
FELLOWSHIP • RECREATION
OUTREACH • GROWTH

EVENTS 2026-2027

Event	Date	Time	Location
PING PONG TOURNEY	11/8	2-4PM	Sharon Lutheran Church Selinsgrove, PA
SELF CARE SANCTUARY SERVICE PROJECT	1/3	11AM	Milton Lutheran Church Milton, PA
LOCK-IN	FEB 12-13		Beaver Lutheran Church Beavertown, PA
TALENT SHOW	4/11	2-4PM	St. John's Lutheran Church Northumberland, PA
HALLOWEEN PARTY	10/11	2-4PM	St. Mark's Lutheran Church Williamsport, PA
CHRISTMAS PARTY	12/13	2-4PM	Camp Mount Luther Mifflinburg, PA
WINTERFEST	JAN 8-10		Wyndham Resort Lancaster, PA
MOVIE NIGHT	3/14	2-4PM	Milton Lutheran Church Milton, PA

***ALL LOCATIONS TENTATIVE

MORE INFO:
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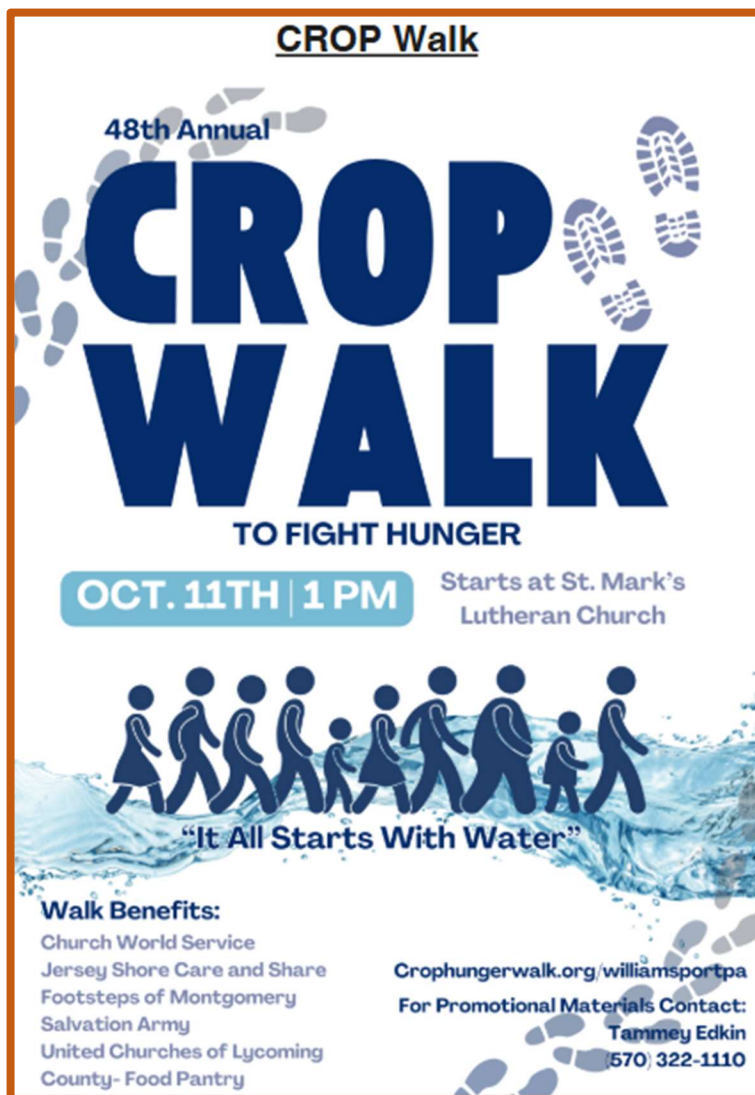
A bus trip to **Stone Gables Estate* in Elizabethtown, PA** is being organized by Cheryl Williams. This trip is being planned for **Wednesday, November 18, 2026**.

The bus will be pulling out around 10:30 AM from Beiter's parking lot. *The trip will include bus fare, a meal catered by "Food for Thought Catering", a ride on the Santa Express train, and the National Christmas Center, followed by the Christmas light drive-thru.* All are included in the price of \$151.00 per adult, children are \$107.00.

If interested, please contact Cheryl at (570) 327-1627; **reservations are due by October 5, 2026.**

* Stone Gables Estate is a biblical faith-based ministry/business. Their mission is to donate 100% of net profits to aid abandoned children worldwide.





Our community's annual walk to fight hunger, **CROP Walk**, is scheduled for **Sunday, October 11, 2026**. Registration and Walk will begin at 1:00 p.m. in front of St. Mark's Lutheran Church (142 Market Street, Williamsport).

Walkers can walk 3, 6, or 9 miles on the River Walk. You, or members of your congregation, may wish to walk on your own instead. This year is our 48th Walk, and to date, we have raised over 1 million dollars to help stop hunger! Last year we raised over \$5,000. We hope we can count on your congregation's participation in an effort to make this the best Walk ever!

Thank you for doing your part to fight hunger both locally and globally. Of the money we raise, 25% goes to our community and is distributed equally among Jersey Shore Share and Care, Footprints of Montgomery, the United Churches of Lycoming County's Food Pantry, and the Salvation Army. The other 75%

is distributed by Church World Service nationally and internationally to help people who are food insecure.

Questions? Contact Tammey L. Edkin (570-322-1110, office@uclc.org). CROP Walk materials may be found at www.crophungerwalk.org/williamsportpa. You may also contact the office of United Churches of Lycoming County for physical materials. Please return all collected funds by the end of October to United Churches of Lycoming County.



UPPER
SUSQUEHANNA
SYNOD

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 4, 2026

- **Dinner Church (CaTALYST)**
 October 4, 2026 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm
 Faith Lutheran Church, 2349 Old Turnpike Rd, Lewisburg, PA 17837,

USA

Join us for a time of fellowship, food, and faith as part of Mount Luther's faith community. Questions? Contact catalyst@campmountluther.org.

October 8, 2026

- ***Bishop's Day**
October 8, 2026 9:00 am - 3:00 pm .

October 10, 2026

- **A Variety of Gifts**
October 10, 2026 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sharon Lutheran Church, 120 S Market St, Selinsgrove, PA 17870, USA
Everyone is invited to join for a day of learning and fellowship, sponsored by the Lay Ministry Institute on October 10, 2026, from 9-3 at Sharon, Selinsgrove. Dan May will present the keynote "Transformation" and workshops will include two tracks:



Transformation

- Storytelling with Holly Fry
- Change Begins With "M" with Pr. Diane Booth-Bubb

Faith Formation

- YOU Can Lead Bible Study with Sherry Bingaman
- Saint Paul and Spiritual Gifts with The Rev Dr. Tom Martin

A worship service will be held at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary. Cost is \$10 per person to cover lunch. Pre-register by contacting the Synod Office at [\(570\) 524-9778](tel:5705249778) by October 2, 2026.

October 11, 2026

- **Youth Halloween Party**
October 11, 2026 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
St Mark's Lutheran Church 142 Market St, Williamsport, PA 17701, United States

The synod's YouthMinistry Initiative, led by youth from around the synod, will meet in October for a Halloween Party! It will be held on October 11, 2026, from 2-4 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Williamsport. Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to solve a mystery, carve pumpkins and eat pizza.



- **Old Immanuel Hymn Sing**
October 11, 2026 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Mr. Stuart Hague, Certified Lay Pastor in the Presbyterian Church (USA) will be leading the Annual Hymn Sing at Old Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2633 Lime Bluff Road, Muncy, Pa, on Sunday, October 11, 2026, at 2:30 pm. The theme of the service this year is "God's Grace," and the music, hymns, and teachings will center around that topic.

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permanently in 1920, after giving rise to 19 other Lutheran congregations.

Light refreshments will be served on the church lawn after the service. Please note that the church does not have running water or electricity and is not fully handicap accessible.

October 13, 2026

- **Fellowship and Faith (Catalyst)**

October 13, 2026 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Join us on Discord for a time of fellowship focused on faith as part of Mount Luther's faith community. Questions?

Contact catalyst@campmountluther.org

October 17, 2026

- **Service Project (Catalyst)**

October 17, 2026 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Join us for a service project as part of Mount Luther's new faith community. Questions? Contact catalyst@campmountluther.org

This month it will be the NAMI walk in Lewisburg at 11 a.m.

October 24, 2026

- **USSWO Fall Event**

October 24, 2026

The USSWO Fall event will be a bus trip, set up through Boscov's Travel, on October 24th. Contact Kathy Whitesel at katydid337@gmail.com for an online flyer.

- **Walk for Mental Health Awareness**

October 24, 2026 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Pawling Athletic Complex, 400-611 N Fairground Rd, Lewisburg, PA 17837, USA

The Table, Bloomsburg, and CaTALYST are partnering with **NAMI Susquehanna Valley, PA** for the NAMI Walk on **Saturday, October 24, from 11 a.m.–2 p.m.** at the Pawling Athletic Complex behind Lewisburg MiddleSchool.

You can support the effort by **registering a walking team, becoming a sponsor, hosting a vendor table, or supporting CaTALYST members** who are participating and raising funds.

Supported by a **Synod Bold Ideas Grant**, The Table is working to raise awareness and reduce the stigma surrounding mental illness. They are also establishing a **FaithNet group** to help faith communities become more welcoming and supportive of people and families living with mental illness. The group will launch at the NAMI Walk.

Come walk, learn about resources, connect with others, and share your story. Questions? Contact Robin Callahan at robinlynncallahan@gmail.com. Learn more and register at NAMI SVPA



October 27, 2026

- **Game Night (Catalyst)**

October 27, 2026 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Join us on Discord for a time of fellowship and games as part of Mount Luther's new faith community. Questions? Contact Jim at jim@campmountluther.org

November 1, 2026

- **Dinner Church (CaTALYST)**

November 1, 2026 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Faith Lutheran Church, 2349 Old Turnpike Rd, Lewisburg, PA 17837, USA.

Join us for a time of fellowship, food, and faith as part of Mount Luther's faith community. Questions? Contact catalyst@campmountluther.org.

FOLKLORE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Warm October, cold February



If it freezes and snows in October, January will be mild



Fat birds and badgers in October mean a cold winter



Gray-coated deer in October signal severe weather



Gnats in October mean long, fair weather





**UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION
CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY
PHILADELPHIA, PA**

Saturday, October 24, 2026

As America's birthplace, Philadelphia will be the centerpiece of the United States' 250th birthday celebration. The Semiquincentennial is the 250th anniversary of America's Founders declaring the country's independence, in Philadelphia. In 1776, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and delegates for the Thirteen Colonies signed the Declaration of Independence at Independence Hall.

YOUR CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY IN PHILADELPHIA TOUR INCLUDES

- Round trip transportation via private motorcoach equipped with reclining seats and restroom.
- Colonial costumed step-on guide for a (3) three-hour tour. Experience history where it actually happened, where you will explore the sites in the "most historic square mile in the United States". (Exterior sights as time permits): Liberty Bell Center, Independence Hall, Congress Hall, Franklin Court, Betsy Ross house and Christ Church. Sites along the Benjamin Franklin Parkway such as Logan Circle, the Rodin Museum and the Philadelphia Museum of Art with its "Rocky" steps. You'll drive through the center of the city to view City Hall with the statue of William Penn as well as sights along Broad Street (the Avenue of the Arts). Also, a drive through Society Hill to see a bit of this charming 18th century neighborhood.
- Lunch and shopping on your own at the Reading Terminal Market. The Market dates back to 1893 and is housed in a National Historic Landmark building. Explore Philly's oldest public markets with over 75 diverse, small family-owned businesses providing local produce, meats and cheeses along with many restaurants.
- All taxes and gratuities including the gratuity for the local guide and the motorcoach driver.

Depart Boscov's in Susquehanna Valley Mall, Selinsgrove, PA at 7:00 am, return by 8:45 pm

COST PER PERSON

\$83





To our members celebrating a birthday in October

Robert Marquardt	October 02
Dan Taormina	October 02
Charleen Whittaker	October 04
Jan Matz	October 06
Brooks Durand	October 07
Kristin Beck	October 10
Julia Desisto-Peters	October 10
Margot Briggs	October 12
Christine Pysker	October 13
Wanda Gardner	October 14
Judi Yanosky	October 14
Deb Bernocco	October 16
Daniel Taormina	October 16
Bob Borch	October 17
Carl Hiller	October 17
Dawn Nau	October 18
Mary Beth Kibbe	October 20
Becky Lewis	October 20
Trish Whelan	October 20
Kaye Blair	October 24



To our members celebrating an anniversary in October

Roger & Shelby Wyland	October 04
Andrew & Elizabeth Harris	October 07
James & Kristin Beck, Jr.	October 12
Chuck & Peggy Yohn	October 13

*We're sorry if we missed anyone. If we did,
please contact the office so we can add you to our records at 570-323-7309.*

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REMINDERS: Office hours – M - F 9:00AM-1:00PM

Bulletin **deadline** – **WEDNESDAY 9:00AM**

Spectrum Newsletter **deadline** – **15th of each month**

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