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TO THE MINISTRIES OF



ZION'S UNION
CHURCH MAXATAWNY

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The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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REMINDERS

- ◆ The cost for a vase of flowers is \$18.00 and the cost to be a bulletin sponsor is \$8.00. Payment may be given to Jane Warmkessel or put the money in one of the flower/bulletin envelopes found in the Gathering Area and place in the offering plate.
- ◆ Any checks written out for the offering, altar flowers, or bulletins should be made payable to **Zion's Union Church Maxatawny**.
- ◆ **Any checks for the cemetery should be made out to Maxatawny Zion Cemetery Company, Inc. not to the church.**
- ◆ We have DVDs of the worship services available for use at home. Contact the church office if you would like to borrow one.
- ◆ Let the church office know if you have been admitted to the hospital. The hospitals **DO NOT** notify the church if members have been hospitalized.
- ◆ Zion's Union Church Maxatawny's website is www.zionsunion.org. Check out our website.
- ◆ Zion's has a prayer chain. If you would like to add a name to the Prayer Chain call Marion Angstadt at 610-683-3918.
- ◆ Sports cleats are not allowed in the church.
- ◆ After church refreshments should be kept on the first floor of the church.

THE PASTOR'S PAGE



In last month's Pastor's Page, I promised to update everyone about our plans for re-opening our church and having in-person worship services again.

At its last meeting, our Church Board made the decision to comply with the directives of both the Bishop of the Northeast Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA and the Conference Minister of the Penn Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ, that we should not open our doors until our county is safely in the green phase for business and church re-openings. When our congregation does resume public activities, please know that we will do so through a careful process of discernment, with an abundance of caution and concern for those who are most vulnerable, upon consideration of the best scientific knowledge at our disposal, in accordance with all legal/governmental guidelines, and in the spirit of constant prayer and trust in God's guidance.

To that end, at its last meeting our Church Board voted to convene what we are calling the "Church Re-opening Task Force." We have now done that, and I am quite happy to announce that we have assembled a crack team of people from the Safety and Disaster committees as well as other pertinent people to devise our guidelines and procedures for re-opening. They are:

Dr. Kevin Krause (Safety and Disaster Committees), Kay Weidner (nurse), Diane Herber (nurse), Lori Arndt (chair, Safety Committee), Sherie Mohn (Safety and Disaster Comms. and technician at Lehigh Valley Hospital), Pat Kutz (Disaster Committee and Red Cross volunteer), Tim Haas (Worship & Music Comm.), Mandy Graff (Board liaison), Jim Laub (Board liaison), Diana Gehman (Sexton).

The task force met for the first time on June 15th and discussed a whole range of issues we will have to face as we re-open. Many issues are still being researched, but I can share with you the decisions that we have already reached. Please know that these decisions are being made first and foremost to protect everyone, but especially those who are most at-risk. Obviously, the last thing we want is for anyone to contract the virus in church, which could result in our having to close our doors again. Here are the policies the Task Force has already decided to put in place:

- Sunday School will not resume until at least September.
- No committees, organizations, or groups will be allowed to meet in the building until at least September.

- All pew cushions, hymnals, and paper will be removed from the pews (worshippers are invited to bring their own cushions/pillows).
- Ushers will direct you where to sit beginning in the front of the sanctuary. Every other pew will be empty (please be prepared that you will not sit in your usual spot). Families may sit together, but six-foot distance will be maintained between families and individuals.
- Everyone will be required to wear a mask.
- You will be ushered out at the end of the service beginning in the rear of the sanctuary.
- While the organ and piano will be played, and one or two choir members will sing, hymns will not be sung by the worshippers, but you are invited to hum along (singing is one of the most flagrant ways to disperse aerosol droplets into the air).
- No children's sermons will be done for a while.
- Offering plates will not be passed but will be stationed in the narthex for offering to be deposited. Cash should be placed in envelopes.
- Bulletins will be pre-placed in the pews and all hymns will be printed in the bulletin.
- Communion will be done single file at the altar rail maintaining six feet between members. Only wafers will be used (no bread, wine or grape juice) and the wafer will be placed in your hand with tongs.
- Sharing of the peace will be done standing in place without physical contact. Making appropriate signs of peace to those around you will be encouraged.
- A checklist of names of attendees will be kept in case the virus is contracted by someone in the church and contact tracing needs to be done.
- Those who wish to do so will be allowed to watch the service on the TV in the gathering area (again six-foot social distancing will be maintained).
- Sanitizer stations will be placed as necessary throughout the church.
- Finally, if you do not feel well please do not come to church. The health and well-being of all our members must always be our primary focus.

Finally, once we have ascertained when we can safely re-open, a letter will be sent to all members and announcements and updates will be put on our church website: zionsunion.org. And please be aware that when we do re-open there will surely be times of frustration, disappointment, and grief. We may make mistakes along the way. There will likely be awkward moments as

we adjust to new protocols and practices. But there will also be blessings. We will have countless opportunities to exercise the spiritual gifts of patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control. There will be wonderful surprises, great celebrations, and moments of deep satisfaction. Let us be faithful, then—to God and to one another—as we work through the challenges of this time. Let us be guided by the Word, responsive to the Spirit, and open to the grace of God. And let us always remember that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus!

Peace, blessings, and good health to you all!

Pastor Jeff

Because no committees, organizations, or groups will be allowed to meet in the building until at least September, no monthly calendars are included in the newsletter.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We ask God's blessings upon those who are ill, recovering from surgery, homebound, or have asked for our prayers:

Loretta Flicker, Ralph Noll Sr., Dale Bennecoff, Marlene Costello, Elaine Berger, Todie Schell, Barry Miller, Lisa Walker, Kay Weidner, Bill Howard, Nikki Phillips, Arlene Oswald, Joe Karaisz, Janet Fegely, Anna Bortz, Lucille Zettlemoyer, Leon Neimeyer, Gloria Haas, Richard Warmkessel, Steve O'Neil, Karen Weaver, Beatrice Bennecoff, Helen Noll, Mary Kutz, Lowell Thomas, Marilyn & Bill Bird, Richard Derr, Sylvia Heckler, Gladys Leibold, Ruth Siegfried, Althea Moyer, Mary Jane Williams, Leora Haas, Ed & Donna VanDeCar, Donna Slotter, Penny Keller, Tom Seifert, Eva Aguilar, Ian Miller, Victoria Slotter, Donna Rabert, Elia, Deb, Lisa Szarko, Christopher Mercardo, Niki Nolte, Arthur Sell, Jo Corrado, Herbert Noll, Jamie Jordan, Michele Rodriguez, Kathy Noll, Rayann Roth, Sue Zimmerman, Kim Markham, Valerie, Renee Wolfe, Drew & Mary Jane Stump, Caitlin Dickey, Frank Knight, Christy Ryan, Lorraine Miller, Larry Hockman, Judy Redman, Mary Fox, Mary, Betty Houck, Betsy, Gary Deder, Gary Sell, Russell Peden, family of Irvin Miller, family of John Knabb Sr., family of Nettie Herman, family of Cynthia Schwenk, family of Jeanette Ebert, family of Charles Schuler.

JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

July 5	Fifth Sunday After Pentecost	SS 9:00	church 10:15
July 12	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	SS 9:00	church 10:15
July 19	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	SS 9:00	church 10:15
July 26	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	SS 9:00	church 10:15
August 2	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	SS 9:00	church 10:15
August 9	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	SS 9:00	church 10:15
August 16	11 th Sunday after Pentecost	SS 9:00	church 10:15
August 23	12 th Sunday after Pentecost	SS 9:00	church 10:15
August 30	Sunday School Picnic & Rally Day (tentative)	10:00 A.M.	
September 6	14 th Sunday after Pentecost	SS 9:00	church 10:15
September 13	15 th Sunday after Pentecost	SS 9:00	church 10:15
September 20	16 th Sunday after Pentecost	SS 9:00	church 10:15
September 27	17 th Sunday after Pentecost	SS 9:00	church 10:15

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

Through the end of July, due to the tremendous need in our communities because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the board continues to match donations dollar for dollar up to \$5,000. Receiving the aid will be the Salvation Army, Helping Harvest of Berks County, and Second Harvest of Lehigh County. These groups provide fundamental resources for people in need. You are asked to prayerfully consider contributing. Mark your donations to Mission Outreach COVID-19 and mail to the church. As of June 11th, the total we have collected is \$3,565.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

While we are not holding our traditional VBS this year, the Sunday School is offering families 'VBS IN A BAG'. Any interested families should email

Courtney.kellum@verizon.net by **July 18th** with the ages of your child(ren), and we will put together a bag of lessons,

activities, and crafts (similar to what we would have done during our normal VBS program). Arrangements will be made for pick-up or porch drop off of the bags prior to the start of our VBS which would have been July 27th.



OUR GRADUATES

On Sunday, June 14, 2020, Zion's Union Church Maxatawny honored our graduates for the year 2020 including December 2019 graduates. Congratulations graduates!



KUTZTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Kaylen J. Leiby, daughter of Kevin and Melissa Leiby. Attending Lebanon Valley College in the 5-year Master's Program in Speech Language Pathology.

Connor D. O'Neil, son of Andy and Cindy Parks O'Neil. Attending Kutztown University majoring in Public Administration.

Nicholas A. Perella, son of John and Renee Perella. Attending Penn State University majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Sydney A. Sheetz, Class President, Salutatorian, daughter of Brian and Charlene Sheetz. Attending Franklin and Marshall College majoring in Neuroscience.

FLEETWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Steven E. Gehringer, son of Shane and Traci Gehringer. Gap year and then attend trade school for metal fabrication and welding technology.

Mitchell D. Grim, son of David and Wendy Grim. Joining the work force.

Zachary W. Haas, Salutatorian, son of Gregory and Patricia Haas. Attending Syracuse University majoring in Aerospace engineering.

HAMBURG HIGH SCHOOL

Caleb M. Krause, son of Kevin and Lisa Krause. Attending Ursinus College majoring in Computer Science and Business.

BRANDYWINE HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL

Adam D. Noll, son of Judy Noll and Randy Noll. Studying to be an auto mechanic.

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

MacKenzie L. Sheetz, daughter of Brian and Charlene Sheetz. Degree in Biobehavioral Health and a Minor in Global Health. Going to the Physician Assistant School at Salus University.

SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

Julia K. Mohn, daughter of Robert and Sherie Mohn. Master of Arts Degree in Speech-Language Pathology with a Specialization in Bilingualism. Plans to return to PA and get a speech-language pathology job working with bilingual population in secondary schools.

MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY

Katie M. Ballew, granddaughter of Linda Ballew-Johnson. B.S. in Sports Medicine. Attending Highpoint University for a Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

INGATHERING

On the first Sunday of each month the Mission Outreach Committee will continue to collect items to fill bags with food staples for needy children and their families in the Kutztown, Brandywine, and Fleetwood School Districts. Please participate by dropping off non-perishable items from the list below in the container provided in the Gathering Area.



single serve size macaroni and cheese	peanut butter	fruit cups
single serve size applesauce	canned tuna	canned soup
single serve cereal	granola bars	fruit snacks
oatmeal packets		

NEWS FROM THE MISSION OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Despite not seeing each other in church on Sunday mornings, the congregation continues to serve those in need in our community. In April and May a total of 29 bags of grocery items were delivered to the Kutztown Area High School for distribution. In June 44 bags of nonperishable food items were delivered to Friend Inc. Thank you to all who donated, shopped, provided monetary donations, and delivered the bags to Friend Inc.

A July in-gathering for Friend Inc. is scheduled for 7/5 and 7/6. Canned vegetables are in great demand. If you are interested in participating please deliver your bag of non-perishable grocery items to Cindy O'Neil's residence at 250 Church Road. Gift cards and monetary donations are also welcomed! Questions? Please contact Cindy at (610)-683-5412. Thanks for your continued support of the Mission Outreach Committee!

LUNCHEONS

Due to the coronavirus the Women in Zion will not serve at any church luncheons through the rest of 2020. We need to know that everything is safe. It has been recommended that, for now, even at picnics, people do not handle anyone's trash and do not share table food or finger foods. For those serving, these concerns are real and make up the bulk of the work we do. We are concerned about the health and safety of all.

Loretta Flicker and Linda Ballew-Johnson, co-chairs of WIZ

SPECIAL MUSIC

Anyone who would like to sing or play an instrument for the recorded Sunday services contact Theresa Grim at 610-683-5090.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Blood Mobile is tentatively scheduled to be at Zion's on **Tuesday, August 11th** from 3:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. (This all depends on the COVID-19 regulations). You can sign up online at giveapint.org (Group ID: 3303).



SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC AND RALLY DAY



The Sunday School officers have discussed this, and while we would like to host our Rally Day, at this time it is too early to confirm an event like this. If the opportunity arises that makes this possible, we will look into making this happen.



CHOIR NEWS

No choir practice during the summer. Sr. Choir practice is tentatively scheduled to begin **September 3rd**.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay for Life has been rescheduled for **September 19, 2020 at William DeLong Park, Bowers**. Opening ceremony is tentatively scheduled to begin at 10:00 A.M. Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, is about celebrating survivorship, remembering those we've lost, and bringing awareness to our community. Relay for Life involves teams of 10-15 people, asked to raise \$100 each for the American Cancer Society. Anyone interested in being a part of the team please see Sue Haas.



WOMEN IN ZION

*A group of Christian women in service, mission, and study for the benefit of all.
Meetings are open to all women of the congregation.*

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| September 11 | Ice Cream Social at 6:30 P.M. All welcome. (tentative) |
| September 14 | Meeting at 1:00 P.M. Support the Troops service project. (tentative) |
| September 20 | Hand out soup containers. |



*For more information contact Linda Ballew-Johnson (484-553-1981)
or Loretta Flicker (610-683-3627).*

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Activity Schedule:

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| August 22 | Canoeing. TBA. (tentative) |
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Offering Schedule:

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| July 5 | Sydney Sheetz and Ethan Weidman |
| July 12 | Katelyn DeLong and Caleb Krause |
| July 19 | Nick Perella and Kelly Leiby |
| July 26 | Cayden Ciccone-Haas and Emily Bortz |
| August 2 | Connor O'Neil and Sarah Grim |
| August 9 | Carson Sheetz and Lizzie Schell |
| August 16 | Ashley DeLong and Andrew Haas |
| August 23 | Maisy Kellum and Autumn Edelman |
| August 30 | Archer Scaffidi and Andrew Schell |
| September 6 | Jonah Shorette and Owen Shorette |
| September 13 | Julia Perella and Paige Carvalho |
| September 20 | Steven Gehringer and Ben Heffner |
| September 27 | Mitchell Grim and Jewel Karaisz |



SENIOR FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Senior Fellowship Group is tentatively scheduled to meet **September 28th** at 12 noon. Persons attending should bring a bag lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided. Games will provide entertainment for the afternoon. Guests are welcome.



CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Cancer Support Group will meet the second Monday of the month at 6:30 P.M. See Loretta Flicker for more information.

PRAYER SHAWL



Comforting wraps are still available to all who are in need. Please alert the church office or talk to Loretta Flicker or Karen Howard if you or someone you know would benefit from this ministry.

SCRABBLE

Scrabble will meet the third Monday of the month at 1:30 P.M. at the Lutheran Home in the social area near Sylvia's room. See Ellie Merkel if interested.

CHURCH BOARD

The meeting was held via Zoom technology on May 26, 2020.

1. Due to the Covid-19 shut-down, the clever students and parents at Kutztown High School created a virtual Baccalaureate Service. Pastor Butz created an introduction and address for the Baccalaureate Service.
2. The board has agreed to provide graduating gifts to this year's graduates. Congratulations to all the graduates.
3. A task force currently in formation will develop a process for reopening the church. As recommendations for opening changes from city to state to federal we want to be certain we are reopening safely.
4. So far, we have received \$1,500 towards the matching funds outreach program that will aid the Salvation Army, Helping Harvest of Berks County and Second Harvest of Lehigh County. We will continue to receive funds through June and July.
5. Due to ongoing health problems, Tim Miller of Miller Masonry has withdrawn his contract to complete various repairs to the gutters and downspouts. He has returned our down payment. The project will need to be rebid. Please keep Tim in your prayers.
6. Jim Laub will install the vapor barrier in the dirt crawl space under the Sunday School room as recommended by Ehrlich.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Sydney Sheetz was Salutatorian and Class President of the Senior Class at Kutztown Area High School.
- Zachary Haas was Salutatorian of the Senior Class at Fleetwood Area High School.
- Steven Gehringer and Zachary Haas were two of the 14 graduates from Fleetwood High School that were Eagle Scouts.
- Connor O'Neil and Kaylen Leiby were pictured in the Northern Berks Patriot Item during their graduation events.
- Archer Scaffidi was recognized by Brandywine Heights Area Middle School for achieving honor roll all 4 quarters.
- Archer Scaffidi received the Healthy Living Award by Senator Judy Schwenk.

FROM THE RECORD BOOK

FUNERALS: *Irvin L. Miller*, 94, of Kutztown, died May 19, 2020 in Kutztown. Graveside service was held May 23, 2020 in Zion Maxatawny Union Cemetery by Rev. Jeffrey J. Butz.

John R. Knabb, Sr., 91, of Kutztown, died May 20, 2020 in Kutztown. Graveside service was held May 26, 2020 in Zion's Union Cemetery by Rev. Jeffrey J. Butz.

Cynthia J. Schwenk, 66, of Coopersburg, died May 27, 2020. Services were private.

Jeanette J. Ebert, 88, of Mertztown, died June 10, 2020 in Allentown. Private memorial service was June 19, 2020. Inurnment was in New Bethel Zion Cemetery, Kutztown by Rev. Jeffrey J. Butz.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO

... the family of Irvin Miller.	... the family of John Knabb, Sr.
... the family of Nettie Herman.	... the family of Cynthia Schwenk.
... the family of Jeanette Ebert.	... the family of Charles Schuler.

SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

More Stories of Being the Church in a Time of Pandemic

Holy Trinity Memorial of Catasauqua

In the letter to the church in Rome, St Paul writes, "The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet, and any other commandment, are summed up in this word. 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.'" (Romans 13:9-10, NRSV). This has been the source of inspiration for Holy Trinity Memorial of Catasauqua

Over the past eleven weeks, Holy Trinity has turned God's abundant giving toward the neighborhood. The love of Christ, which is the fulfillment of the law, has freed us to boldly live in love with this world. The call to do God's Work with Our Hands has pushed us to our sidewalk.

How are we loving this world while on our sidewalk? By trusting that God has provided and cared for us so we can walk humbly with our neighbors. God has abundantly poured over \$15,000 into a Community Help fund at Holy Trinity. We have purchased \$1,000 worth of food from restaurants and cooked \$500 worth of raw food each week for a Catasauqua food giveaway. We can't wait to see what ventures God has planned for us once the strong need for food is able to be handled by the local food bank.



St. James, Hobbie

St. James Lutheran church in Hobbie continues to hold food distribution during these trying times. The distributions of produce, milk, eggs, and other goods have been occurring weekly as an outreach to anyone in the community - no questions asked. God's work. Our hands.



FROM THE MAILBOX

Thank you for all the cards and well wishes I received. I really appreciated it.

Dale Bennecoff



Zoom Meeting with Bishop Zeiser

On Tuesday, June 9, over 160 rostered ministers and others joined Bishop Zeiser in a Zoom meeting to receive updates on several matters relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Bishop opened the meeting with a brief homily based on Jer. 31:15-17: *Thus says the Lord: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more. Thus says the Lord: Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for there is a reward for your work, says the Lord: they shall come back from the land of the enemy; there is hope for your future, says the Lord: your children shall come back to their own country.* [A link to view the homily is available on the home page of the synod website at godslove.org.]

The Bishop then introduced Collin Grooms, Executive Director of Bear Creek Camp. Collin announced that summer camp has been cancelled; however, family camping and a Bear Creek Camp Conservation Corps will be available. [See the camp website for more information at bearcreekcamp.org.] The Camp will face difficult financial challenges in the coming year, but Collin is confident that the Camp will continue its ministry.

The Bishop lifted up the Online Baccalaureate Service for graduates in our synod, which was put together by Sammy Kelly and the Youth, Young Adult, and Family Ministry Team. He then introduced Julia Menzo, from Lutheran Congregational Services, who spoke about the various outreach efforts underway. [See her article below.]

The Bishop also addressed the status of Assembly 2020. Because of concerns for the safety and well-being of delegates, the Assembly will not be held at Kalahari in October as previously announced. The Assembly Planning Team is considering several options, including the possibility of an online Assembly. A recommendation will be presented to the Synod Council at their meeting on July 14, and their decision will then be announced to the synod.

Finally, the Bishop addressed challenges the church will face in the weeks and months ahead. These include the role of online worship, communion practice in a time of social distancing, and the need to confront racial injustice in our land.

Spiritual and Emotional Care in the time of COVID-19

The routines of work, school and simply running errands have been disrupted by COVID-19. The rituals we practice in worship, grieving, marriage, baptism, and more have been put on pause. These disruptions can impact our emotional and spiritual health. To meet these disruptions church leaders have offered creative worship, prayer, and fellowship opportunities; many of us have developed new routines at home and for everyday life.

Lutheran Congregational Services is partnering with a number of organizations to meet needs during COVID-19. Many offer spiritual and emotional care.

Keystone Disaster Interfaith Network has established a Spiritual Care Call Line to provide appropriate and respectful disaster spiritual care to people of all ages, races, and religions, especially in the midst of COVID-19. Call 888-255-6520.

American Red Cross's Virtual Family Assistance Center offers an Integrated Condolence Care Program. Please visit redcross.org/virtual-family-assistance-center.html. Of course, a number of resources are available through the ELCA at elca.org/publichealth.

Lutheran Disaster Response is creating a spiritual and emotional care training, with a focus on COVID-19, which will be available in the coming months. Please also feel free to reach out to Lutheran Congregational Services to talk to Sylvia Havlish, our bereavement counselor, about upcoming programs and services.

Email jmenzo@libertylutheran.org for more information.

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HONOR ROLL

If you would like a name included, please email the church office or put a note in the secretary's mailbox in the Gathering Area of the church.

Archer Scaffidi

CARD SHOWERS

We are listing those couples married 50 years or more and those people 70 years or older. If we are missing anyone, please call or email the church office.

July 2	Richard Warmkessel
July 6	Nancy Fulton
July 10	Marlene Costello
July 10	Sandra Leiby
July 12	Dianne Angstadt
July 14	Carolyn Wilttrout
July 14	Gloria Haas
July 15	Arlan & Elaine Berger (53 wed)
July 18	William Howard
July 19	Janet Geiger
July 21	Beatrice Bennecoff
July 21	Clair Seidel
July 22	William & Marilyn Bird (59 wed)
August 3	Ruth Siegfried
August 4	Marvin Christman
August 6	Ruth K. Miller
August 15	Paul & Elaine Heffner (50 wed)
August 20	Lowell Thomas
August 27	Walter & Doris Dietrich (66 wed)
August 31	Glenroy & Patricia Miller (52 wed)
September 6	Kenneth Angstadt
September 7	James Laub
September 8	Linda Ballew-Johnson
September 18	George Leiby
September 20	Jean & Richard Harter (51 wed)
September 20	Bettina (Tina) Ehrig
September 22	Dave Merkel
September 24	Evelyn Dietz
September 27	Barry Miller
September 27	David Ehrig



Our apologies to David and Bettina (Tina) Ehrig for missing their 51st wedding anniversary on June 21st.

MEMBER UPDATES

Losses: John Knabb, Sr., Irvin Miller, Cynthia Schwenk



MISSION STATEMENT

Energized by the Spirit! Humbled by Christ's Grace! Working for God's glory!

UPCOMING HOLY COMMUNIONS

You are invited by Jesus Christ to this awesome feast of the Children of God.

July 5

Altar Holy Communion

August 2

Altar Holy Communion

September 6

Altar Holy Communion



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next issue of the newsletter will come out the beginning of September. If you have any information to be included in the September newsletter, please have it in the church office by **August 15th**.