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June & July 2026

Laurel Mountain Lutherans

Messiah - Mt. Calvary - Samuels - St. Paul

For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Romans 12:4-8

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 126, Rockwood, PA 15557

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Office Email: nclutheran@newcentervillelutheran.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/laurelmountainlutherans

****In case of inclement weather, we will post closing information on Facebook and on the office answering machine!****

Emergency Contacts: If you or a member of your family has need of pastoral care, please contact Vicar Josh Spangler: Phone -(814-279-5152) or Email – josh_spangler@yahoo.com.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, the previous email used for the Bishop (bishop@alleghenysynod.com), will no longer be used nor monitored.

Bishop Kevin Shock will continue to use his previous Synod office email kevin.shock@alleghenysynod.com. We ask you to please update your email contacts accordingly.

The Next Newsletter We are going to try and do the newsletter on alternating months. So if you have any articles for in it please email to the office at nclutheran@newcentervillelutheran.org or contact 814-926-2215.

Council Meeting: The next scheduled Laurel Mountain Lutherans Joint Council meetings will be held on **Tuesday, July 14th at Messiah at 6:30pm** followed by **Messiah & Mt. Calvary's** congregational council meetings.

Joint Council Newly Elected Officers for 2026:

President: Laura Schiffhauer

Vice President: Susan Barclay

Secretary: Ann Ferry

Treasure: Betsy Kreger



June & July

Undesignated loose offering for the months of **June & July** will be split between **Theological Seminary in Chicago and Penn State Campus Ministry**



Messiah – Seeking Janitor/Cleaning Help!

For several years, Messiah has been relying on the excellent volunteer help offered by Ann Ferry & Rosemarie Younkin to ensure our building is clean and welcoming. We are so grateful

to both Rose & Ann for all their hard work, but Messiah's Council has decided that we can no longer take advantage of their kindness! During this period of volunteer help, we have continued to have a line item in our budget for custodial services with the thought that "someday" we would advertise to see if anyone is interested in doing this work for us and Messiah's Council would like to open it up to the Laurel

Mountain Lutherans

Congregations first: The Cleaning Person at Messiah would be expected to clean the sanctuary, the upstairs bathrooms and narthex of the church every other week to prepare for services on the second and fourth Sundays of each month and clean the other areas on the first and second floor at least once per month. We estimate that this would be approximately 8 hours of work per month and the budgeted pay for this is around \$291 per month.

If you are interested in cleaning at Messiah or if you know of a person or company that may be willing to take on these duties, please reach out to Betsy Kreger at 814-289-1838.



Parish Secretary Needed:

The secretarial position for the **Laurel Mountain Lutherans** will be coming open in early **June** and we are

looking for someone to fill the role! We are looking for someone available to work 3 days per week. Experience using Microsoft Word and Gmail email is beneficial. Our secretary is primarily responsible for answering phone calls and emails in a timely fashion; creating, editing and printing the weekly bulletin and bi-monthly newsletter; and tracking offerings among other tasks. If you are interested in learning more, please call **Laura Schiffhauer at (814) 279-2880.**

LAZARUS GATE SCHEDULE

June – 10th & 24th

July - 8th & 22nd



Food Donations

June: Peanut Butter / Jelly

July: Canned Soups

Mobile Food Bank: will be in Rockwood
June 25th and July 23rd, 2026 from 12:15-
12:45 across from Church in Rockwood.



We are asking for prayers
and get well wishes for **P.J.
O'Neil**. She suffered a mini
stroke and a fall.

Her address: O/O P.J. O'Neil
615 Dahlia Drive
Monroville, Pa. 15146



**Please consider becoming an
assisting minister!** We cherish
hearing different voices and having
many people help with worship. If
you are interested, join us for a

short training at 8:30 at Mt. Calvary on May
31st. This will be before our 10:00 service. If
you have questions, please reach out to
Vicar Josh.

Keeping in Touch

At The Patriot

Mary Lou Stutzman—Room 222

495 W Patriot Street
Somerset, PA 15501

Jay Weimer —Room 236

495 W Patriot Street
Somerset, PA 15501

Prayer List

To add or remove names please notify the
Parish Office at 814-926-2215

Family of +Chris Barclay+, Family of +Grace
Svonavec+, Family of + Larry LaVigne+, Family of
+Gary Weimer+, Family of +Alan Mankamyer+
Family of +T.J. Ogline+, Family of +Nancy Miller+,
Family of +Gregory Harrold+, Family of +Mike
Waitlevertch+, Family of +Carol Hange+

Dick Ackerman

Barry Younkin, Curtis Tipton, Kayla Sarver,
Brian Walker, Jake Fotchman, Roger Stoy,
Karen Koozer, Sally Standquest, Dennis Diaz,
P.J. O'Neil, Jodi Revello, Michelle Emigh,
Aubri Boyer, Nick Coddington, Max Trimpy,
John Lynch, Tom Showman, Cheryl Bush,
Mary Stahl, Barb Sopich, Judy Glessner, Judy
McQueen, Bill Baker, Mary Ann Fundis. Chris
Cook, Charlie Barron, Eugene Barron, Easton
Pritts, Laura Green, Mark Ohler, Kristen
Armstrong, Bonnie Sechler, Mel Baughman,
Mary Ann Cramer, Unita Dull, Jim Harbaugh,
John Strandquest, Mary Lou Stutzman, Tess
Drake, Kyle "Ikke" Sterner, Bob Miller, Emily
Lemmon, Bill Stephens, Nancy Lynch, Ben
Waltermire, Maximillian Turley, Pat
Wickham, Kim Fagan, Michael Hagerty,
Jennifer Smith, Chris Brant, Lauren Pyle,
Stephanie Gebhard, Justin VanGilder, Kristy
Latuch Burkett, Jay Weimer

Active Military

Jered Henry, Zachary Boyer, Gabe
Bluebaugh, Katy Drake, Kurt May and
Maria Weimer

**Please remember all military personnel
and their families**



Quilting – For anyone who has been unable to quilt because you are busy during the day, if you would like to quilt in the evening we are willing to come quilt with you. Just give Rosemarie Younkin (814-233-9275) a call & we will figure out a weekday evening and time for anyone wanting to quilt in the evening. We are still quilting on Tuesdays from 1-3pm.



Messiah Members

A Sign up sheet has been placed on **Messiah's Narthex** door for anyone who can help with the mowing at the church this year. Weekly or monthly spots are available. **Thank You!!**



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone who has helped with Operation Christmas Child in 2025. We have received word that our boxes were shipped November 28-29, 2025. The boxes that we have tracked have gone to Tanzania and Ukraine. Thank you to all who contributed so that we could bring joy and help to children in need. Good News. Great Joy.

We are starting to prepare for Operation Christmas Child 2026. Be on the lookout for items for in the shoeboxes.



Join us for Vacation Bible School! This year we will be at **St. Paul's UCC Church** in Somerset joining us will be the Somerset Church of the Brethren and St. Francis in the **Fields Episcopal Church**. VBS will be **June 15-19 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon**. Lunch included! All are welcome to join! There are three ways you can register. Scan the QR code and complete registration online. You can also visit **<https://somersetcommunityvbs.mycokesburyvbs.com>** or **pick up a paper registration at any of our churches**. Hope you can be there!



School kits

With the gracious donations of fabric thru the years, my collection of fabric has yielded over **150 school bags** for the **Lutheran World Relief**

School Kits. With the help in sewing from my sister, she has sewn all of them and **Thrivent has also given a \$250 gift card** that has purchased the majority of items that go in the bags. (Pencils, pens, pencil sharpener, large eraser, scissors, ruler, notebooks, and crayons) After using the gift card, **I am short on crayons and one subject 70-page notebooks. (4 notebooks go in each school kit).** With **back-to-school sales coming before we know it, July/August**, would you help out with purchasing **24 pack crayons and one subject notebooks**? Crayons and notebooks might be on sale for approximately \$.50 during the back-to-school sales. Your help would be greatly appreciated to complete this project. **A box will be placed in each church for your donations.**



6/1 Karen Brugh
 Connie Crowley
 6/3 Gail Henry
 Judy Weimer
 Courtney Broadwater
 Jake Barkman
 6/6 Tom Shawley
 6/8 Mark Walker
 6/9 Sally Reese
 6/11 Marie Waltermire
 6/14 Torie May
 6/16 Linda Walker
 Kathy Waltermire
 6/17 Barrie Barron
 6/18 Luella McCormick
 6/19 Kameron Beener
 6/24 Laura Waltermire
 6/25 Steve Weimer
 Jessica Fundis
 Kaydence Ross
 6/27 Jill Barchuk
 6/28 Mila Shultz
 6/29 Sylvia Barron
 6/30 Merle Romesberg III

June Anniversaries

6/2 Justin & Alisha Mirilovich
 6/8 Sheldon & Kandi Barron
 6/11 Zach & Jessica Fundis
 6/14 Ray & Veronica Murray
 6/17 Mark & Traci Gibson
 Nathan & Cheryl Phillips
 6/24 Randy & Jenna Harrold
 Ryan & Amanda Ford
 6/25 Kevin & Michele Beener



7/1 Steve Boucher
 7/3 Alex Ansell
 7/5 Brad Hay
 7/11 Jennifer Barkman
 7/12 Becky Barron
 7/18 Jodi Revello
 Derek Barron
 7/19 Tom Walker
 Mary Spangler
 7/20 Trudy Miller
 7/21 Jessica Wood
 7/22 Hunter Wood
 7/25 Kaitlyn Barron
 7/27 Ian Barron
 7/28 Jared Hay
 7/30 Ruth Drab

July Anniversaries

7/2 Merle & Hazel Romesberg
 Todd & Rosalie O'Brien
 7/5 Adam & Stacy Gibson
 7/7 Brad & Andi Cole
 7/8 Bill & Crissy Rose
 7/9 Jarred & Emily Barron
 7/12 David & Judy Weimer
 7/15 Josh & Stefanie Spangler
 7/21 Ben & Marie Waltermire
 Tyler & Andrea Ferry



Leah Bluebaugh married 5/1/26
 in Charleston SC.



Card Shower

**Lets shower: Sally Reese, She
 will be turning "93" on June 9th
 185 Reese St.
 Rockwood, Pa. 15557**

***Let's show her our love and shower her
 with cards for this milestone in life.***



**Friends,
Family, &
Community
Members:**

The Lavansville Lutheran Cemetery Association serves as a legacy for countless lives who have lived and served our community for many years. We are deeply grateful for the generations of individuals who have entrusted us with the care of their loved ones, and we remain committed to preserving the peaceful haven for generations to come.

The Lavansville Lutheran Cemetery Association is desperately seeking momentary donations for the upcoming years ahead. Each year, the cemetery must be maintained to preserve the grounds, infrastructure. The cemetery upkeep is made possible by the donations and contributions of individuals and businesses. Our funds are dwindling and not being replenished. We are reaching out to you, our valued community, to ask for your support in ensuring that the cemetery continues to thrive as a place of remembrance and solace.

Your generous donation, no matter the size, will help to make a tangible difference in our ability to maintain the beauty and serenity of the ground, and support ongoing operations.

Donations can be made by sending a check made payable to:
Lavansville Lutheran Cemetery Association, Inc

Send payment to:
708 Sportsman Road
Somerset, Pa. 15501



Lutheran Letter

Patrons

Thanks to these individuals
and groups for their generous donations,
which helped to make this issue of The
Lutheran Letter possible.

PATRONS: Kirby and Susan Barclay
- Bishop Emeritus Gregory and
Barbara Pile - The Rev. Susan Mazer
Winger and Mr. Larry L. Mazer

Thank you - to everyone who planned and helped with everything during our **Lenten journey! From Shrove Tuesday, to Ash Wednesday, to Wednesday soup and Holden Prayer services, through Holy week, and now this joyous Easter day**, we are so grateful for all the planners, cooks, the table movers, the dishwashers singers, musicians, altar guilds, to everyone who worked behind the scenes, and to all those who came and worshipped, prayed, and broke bread with each other, we are grateful! **Happy Easter Laurel Mountain Lutherans!**

Thank you to everyone who shares their **gifts and talents during worship in all ways including setting up the worship space, playing music, singing, reading, and so much more!** We are looking to set up a worship committee that will meet occasionally to plan worship, pick hymns, and share ideas to enhance worship. **Please consider joining us.** Stay tuned for the date and time of our first meeting. Also, if you are interested in becoming an assisting minister, to help with more parts of the worship service, please reach out to Vicar Josh. A brief training will be scheduled in the near future.

A Big Thank you to the Parish for the bag of goods and cards. Your thoughts and prayers are sincerely appreciated. **Barb Miller**

Thank You to everyone for your prayers and concern and your cards during my hospital stay and recovery. I appreciate them very much. **Rodney Barkley**

Thank You all for the very helpful and thoughtful bag that we received from you for Easter. God Bless You All!!! **Lisa Mosholder & Sons**

Dear Friends and Family of Laurel Mt. Lutherans, Your support in calls, texts and best wishes of support in your prayers through my recent surgeries has made me feel so close to everyone as you are also in my daily prayers. It is so comforting and uplifting to be a part of this Parish. The faith and energy we have together is amazing and immeasurable. Thank you for the beautiful cards as well. **In Christ Larry Crawford!!**

Thank you very much for the gift cards and food you sent me before Easter. May God Bless you for all your kindness. **Jean Conn**



Big Thank You – to Jay Fisher for providing American Flags for the service at Mt. Calvary.

Sequanota Events



The Tend Festival **June 25-28, 2026**

Where are you filling up your faith? As the church begins to shift to live in our new post-Christian culture. God's people still need a place to be inspired and grow in faith. It is hard to do weekly Sunday school or Bible study. Come to the Tend Festival to share in intentional time of faith discussions, good music, art, worship, ecology and fellowship. We all still need community support and nurture and this event has been a great way to find that community. This event will have an open schedule allowing participants the freedom to pick what is right for them. It will include options for multiple workshops, open recreation & hiking, food and time to refresh yourself and the family.



Summer Pool Passes June - August 2026

Cost: \$100/individual or

\$175/family

Pool passes will be valid June 15, 2025 - August 14, 2026.

The pool will be open most days from 1:30 - 4:00 PM. but will be adjusted for swimming lessons or other events as needed.

July 19 - August 1 the pool will be closed for open swim.

Daily sign in will be required.

Adults will be required to obtain and submit free background checks prior to using the pool when summer camp is in session.

Save the date and come enjoy
an evening of fun, food,
and fellowship!



Lutheran Day at the Altoona Curve

Sunday, August 16

Game begins at 6 pm

Watch for
registration details
coming soon!





Go Tell It Initiative Updates

By **PASTOR JOHN H. KRATZ**

Initiative Director

Go Tell It IN the Mountains is thrilled to announce that our new resource, the Preacher to Pulpit app, is now available to all Allegheny Synod congregations.

This platform facilitates efficient scheduling for congregations in need of leadership.

Congregations are listed by conference with all available dates and times.

Once a request is submitted and uploaded to the app, registered users can complete scheduling in just a few clicks.

The app allows Pastors and Lay Leaders to easily manage their own schedules, saving congregations valuable time!

For congregations without a designated person to submit information via email, we remain available by phone to input details.

Congregations will also continue to receive print versions of fulfillments via postal mail.

The Pulpit Supply section is located at the top of the Go Tell It website.

We encourage Pastors and Lay Leaders to register on [our website](#) to explore these features and begin scheduling.

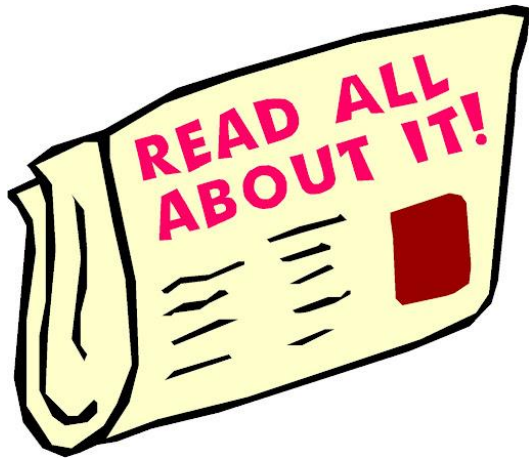
Please note that access to scheduling is limited to Pastors and Lay Leaders. Scan the QR code to connect to the Pulpit Supply App!

As a reminder, congregations should submit specific requests to Susan Glad at susieglad@gmail.com. †



The first edition of The Lutheran Letter, featuring a lead message from Bishop Gregory Pile on the cover.

Congratulations to the Allegheny Synod on 20 years of publication of the Lutheran Letter.



2026 Synod Assembly UNWAVERING

What You Need to Know for Synod Assembly

By DEBBIE GARRITANO

Assembly Committee Chair

The 2026 Synod Assembly will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 20.

The theme of this year's assembly is "God is Doing a New Thing."

Just as the seasons change, our synod is changing. As spring comes, the air smells different – alive and expectant. After months of planning

and waiting, we step back into the garden and remember what it feels like to be rooted.

Planting season asks us to settle in, pay attention, and trust that bright beginnings will grow into long-term loveliness. It reminds us that growth doesn't always mean moving forward, it can also mean growing deeper, right where we are.

Scripture tells us to let go of the past and embrace the possibilities that lie ahead. Isaiah writes: (43:18-19) "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"

The Allegheny Synod is changing with Bishop Kevin Shock and the new staff assistants structure. After months of planning, we want to celebrate all the wonderful ministry that is going on with the synod through our congregations and partners in ministry. The Assembly

will be an opportunity for everyone to be connected and to reconnect with one another so that we can continue to work together. We remember what it means to be rooted in our faith as we grow and prosper as a synod together. The biggest challenge organizing this assembly has been the short turnaround from the Bishop election in November.

It has caused us to be more focused and to pay attention as we settle into the new season of the Allegheny Synod.

We encourage everyone to attend – visitors and voting members. It takes each and everyone of us to make it grow. Come join us at the assembly on June 20 and be a part of the new beginnings that will grow into long-term prosperity!

Jeremiah writes: (29:11) “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to

harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.” †



Schedule for Laurel Mountain Lutherans 2026

If you are not sure if worship service is cancelled, please check the Facebook page or contact a council member.

1. Check Facebook under Laurel Mt. Lutherans

2. Call neighbor

3. Call your Council President:

- a. St. Paul's – Barb Harrold
814-352-8151
- b. Samuel's – Pam Weimer –
814-279-5516
- c. Mt. Calvary – Kaye
McCormick – 814-445-5356
- d. Messiah – Betsy Kreger –
814-289-1830

May 31st, 2026 - Vicar Josh Spangler
10 am – Mt. Calvary

June 7th, 2026 - Vicar Josh Spangler
8:30 am – Mt. Calvary
10:30 am – Messiah

June 14th, 2026 – Rev. Ed DeVore
8:30 am – St. Paul's
10:30 am – Samuel's

June 21st, 2026 - Vicar Josh Spangler
8:30 am – Mt. Calvary

10:30 am – Messiah

June 28th, 2026 - Vicar Josh Spangler

8:30 am – St. Paul's

10:30 am – Samuel's

July 5th, 2026 - Vicar Josh Spangler

8:30 am – Mt. Calvary

10:30 am – Messiah

July 12th, 2026 – Rev. Ed DeVore

8:30 am – St. Paul's

10:30 am – Samuel's

August 16th, 2026 - Vicar Josh Spangler

8:30 am – Mt. Calvary

10:30 am – Messiah

August 23rd, 2026 – Vicar Josh spangler

8:30 am – St. Paul's

10:30 am – Samuel's

August 30th, 2026 - Vicar Josh Spangler

10am – St. Paul's



July 19th, 2026 - Vicar Josh Spangler

8:30 am – Mt. Calvary

10:30 am – Messiah

July 26th, 2026 - Vicar Josh Spangler

8:30 am – St. Paul's

10:30 am – Samuel's

August 2nd, 2026 - Vicar Josh Spangler

8:30 am – Mt. Calvary

10:30 am – Messiah

August 9th, 2026 – Rev. Ed DeVore

8:30 am – St. Paul's

10:30 am – Samuel's