

HEBRON EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



It's hard to imagine that the summer is already half-way through. Just recently, on the 17th of July, our churches joined 6 other churches to worship and have a picnic together up at Crooked Creek Park. Besides Hebron and St Paul's Highfield, there were Pastor Eric Damon's churches: Grace in Manorville and Emanuel Hileman of Ford City, Pastor Barbara Love's churches: Bethel, United Rockville, and St Michael's, (Brick Church), and Pastor Dick Grance's church: St John's in Ford City. Everyone who was able to be a part of this event that I talked to enjoyed it thoroughly and was very happy to have joined in. Even with threatening weather we had around 100 folks show up for worship and most of them stayed afterwards for our fellowship picnic. Next year we discussed extending the invitation to even more of the Lutheran churches in our area! It's a special and important thing to be able to worship together with many other folks and to feel like were part of a large group of people who are all called to follow Jesus and praise God together. This is especially true when due to the pandemic and the "decentering" trend of the church in our society, we don't often get to have these kinds of experiences- to feel that we're part of a healthy, thriving community. But we all need to feel this from time to time, even if it doesn't happen as often as we wished it would.

This is also why other community events that our churches participate in are so important: take Pink Day in Leechburg. It feels like everyone in the community comes out to this amazing event in September. It's also a chance for Hebron to step outside our walls and help raise money research to cure breast cancer. St Paul's Highfield's Fall Festival and Easter Egg hunts are other examples of this reaching out and being part of the surrounding community. The Lenten lunches and other special worship services that members of our churches participate in are other examples of when we interact with and learn from the members of the body of Christ from other churches.

And the other big event in which we welcome folks into our churches who aren't normally there is of course vacation bible school. Leechburg had its collaborative VBS (along with First Lutheran Leechburg and the First United Methodist Church of Leechburg) already in June, and by the end of July, St Paul's Highfield will also be welcoming young people into our church for fellowship, fun, and deepening their faith through song, skits, games, crafts, and learning some bible stories. The theme for VBS at SPH this year is "Concrete and Cranes", so you know that we'll be donning work belts and wearing hard hats as we teach the young ones what it means to build our lives on the strong foundation of Jesus' love. A big thank you to all the folks who have been part of putting VBS together out at SPH, and of course, to the folks who helped make VBS in Leechburg a success as well. It's a lot of work! Registering those kids, organizing the supplies, making sure we've got the food or snacks we need, setting up and teaching Bible stories, leading games, making sure the music and video are all working properly, teaching the kids crafts or science projects, decorating the churches, teaching the songs, and shepherding the kids from one station to another, amongst other things! Thanks for everyone who was or is going to be part of these efforts this year!

May the Peace of Christ which surpasses all understanding be with you all this August,
Pastor Ryan

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Hebron's 2022 Finance Report

MONTH	CURRENT GIVING	INCOME	NEEDED GIVING	OVER/SHORT MONTH TO DATE	OVER/SHORT YEAR TO DATE	ATTENDANCE
January	\$3,562.00	\$5,166.60	\$9,671.22	\$(942.62)	\$(942.62)	109
February	\$4,110.00	\$2,663.19	\$9,671.22	\$(2,898.03)	\$(3,840.65)	98
March	\$4,147.40	\$6,996.80	\$9,671.22	\$1,472.98	\$(2,543.69)	137
April	\$6,352.00	\$202.00	\$9,671.22	\$(3,117.22)	\$(5,660.91)	110
May	\$4,590.00	\$5,527.38	\$9,671.22	\$446.16	\$(5,214.75)	69
June	\$2,765.00	\$4,653.40	\$9,671.22	\$(2,252.82)	\$(7,467.57)	89

It is noted that the income column includes monies the church receives from endowments, gas well royalties, and the monthly SPH reimbursement check. If you have any questions, please see any member of the finance team. A complete financial report was included in the 2021 Annual Report. If you would like a copy of the report, there are copies placed in the back of the church.



PLEASE NOTE that Pastor Ryan will be on vacation from Monday, August 1 until Wednesday, August 3, 2022. Later in the month, he will be on vacation from Wednesday, August 17 until Tuesday, August 23, 2022. Pastor Katie McCullough will lead worship on Sunday, August 21, 2022. If you have any pastoral care emergencies during these dates, please contact Pastor James Arter. He can be reached at First Lutheran Church: 724-845-7518.



THE AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 6PM in the Berean Room. There are still two open seats on council. If you are interested in serving or have any questions about volunteering, please see council president, Nathan Boarts, or vice president, Barb Talmadge.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD immediately after worship on Sunday, August 14, 2022. We have been looking to improve our video equipment to provide better picture and sound quality to those who worship with us from home. Council is recommending a bid from Twisted Computing, Inc. to upgrade our current operating system. A copy of the bid will be available at the meeting. Please plan to attend!



WE WILL BE HAVING A "BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS" on Sunday, August 28, 2022 during worship. Students (elementary/high school/college), teachers and anyone involved within the education system, bring your backpacks, your planners, or any item that you will be using this school year. Pastor Ryan will be blessing these items and praying for all to have a safe and fulfilling school year!

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE is looking for volunteers to help teach Sunday school this fall. If you are interested or have questions, please see Nancy Fondrk or Charles Klingensmith.



Celebrating Birthdays in August!

1	Emma Mohr
6	Terry Roofner
7	Dan Stevenson
10	Makayla Scitticatt
11	Jason Mohr
23	Robert W. Smith, Jr.
25	John Smith
25	Jean Stull
26	Mary Ann Fello
30	Violet Stivason



Celebrating Anniversaries in August!

2	David & Denise Bollinger	42 nd
16	Rudy & Elaine Celko	53 rd
17	Jerry & Polly Bish	59 th
21	Ron & Eileen Blystone	46 th

THE AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER IS IN MEMORY OF THE AUGUST 23rd BIRTHDAY OF LARRY TALMADGE. GIVEN BY: His wife, BARB and Children, MEGHAN, ZACHARY & JORDAN.

If you are interested in sponsoring a monthly newsletter, please call the church office. The cost to sponsor a monthly newsletter is \$65.00, which helps cover the cost of postage.



“COINS FOR CANCER” UPDATE – PINK DAY

Our “Coins for Cancer” campaign was born in May in order to raise additional funds to add to our Pink Day contribution in September. Hebron has been participating in this great cause for several years. We sponsor a booth for baked goods every year and this year we are a platinum sponsor for this important community event. It was our goal to collect \$100 each month (May – Sept) during this campaign. Here are our monthly totals so far:

May	\$ 81.80
June	\$ 117.09*
July	-Being Counted!

**I incorrectly reported this total as \$56.30 in church on July 24.*

Thank you to everyone who has been diligent in dropping money in our kettle for “Coins for Cancer.” I’m confident that with your continued generosity we will meet our goal by Pink Day (September 17).

S.O.S IS BACK!

S.O.S IS BACK, BUT WITH A NEW NAME – Senior Optimistic Support. It is no longer a secret. Our homebound and shut-in members sometimes feel disconnected and forgotten. Joint Council and both regular councils decided to do something about that when we had our retreat at Lutherlyn. There is a list in the back of the sanctuary and also in the newsletter. Please call me (724-845-9584) and let me know if you would like to connect with one of our seniors. It can be cards, phone calls, visits, or little gifts. It doesn't matter how you connect, just that you do connect. You may pick more than one senior from the list. Hebron and SPH councils sent cards to those on the list in June. Now it is your turn. We will do this for a few months and then evaluate how it is working at Joint Council and make adjustments as needed. Remember, YOU will be a senior someday, too! ~Nancy Fondrk

THE CLOTHING CLOSET AT FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH in Leechburg will be open Saturday, August 20, 2022 from 9AM-1PM. There is clothing available for men, women, and children of all ages. Items are sold for \$.20, with proceeds benefitting local charities.

GOD'S MASTERPIECE

Michealangelo Buonarroti, the 15th century Italian artist known for his masterpieces, David and The Pieta, among others, once said this about his art: "The sculpture is already complete within the marble block before I start my work. It is already there. I just have to chisel away the superfluous material." Although we are not made of granite or marble, we are the work of the greatest Master Craftsman. As it says in Genesis 1:27: "So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. In addition, Ephesians 2:10 states; "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Have you ever thought of yourself as a masterpiece? I haven't. I guess it might be because there are a lot of rough spots on the surface. Imperfections like, jealousy, greed, selfishness, being unloving, judgmental and prejudice, among others. God didn't create us with imperfections; they are a condition of our lives here on earth. Could it be then, that way down deep inside, we really are masterpieces? If all the imperfections are stripped away then we, the masterpiece of God's creation will be made visible.

So, how can we live as the masterpieces that God created us to be? The best example we have is Jesus Christ. If we strive to follow his life of love, humility, generosity and fairness, the imperfections will be chipped away and the masterpiece that God created will shine through. In addition, by nurturing our personal relationship with God, he will change our hearts and spirits through sanctification so we will resemble our Master more every day.

Remember that you are God's masterpiece, and so is every other individual that he created. Let's respect and love ourselves and others for the masterpieces that we are.

Sincerely,
Barb Talmadge

AUGUST OUTREACH PROJECT: LUTHERLYN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

HISTORY OF LUTHERLYN & HOW IT ALL STARTED:

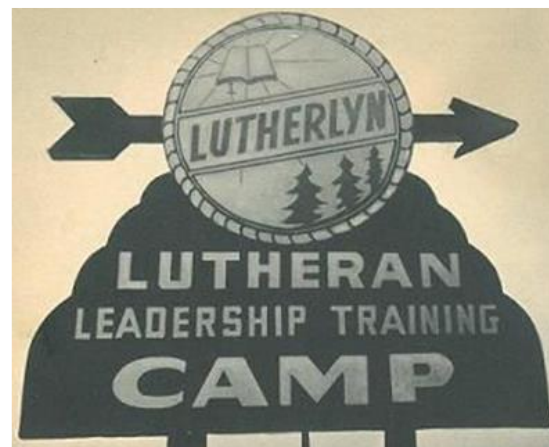
In 1941, Dr. H. Reed Shepfer, President of the Pittsburgh Synod of the United Lutheran Church, asked the Rev. Sam S. Shaulis if he and four young people could come visit Camp Woakhanna (Indian name meaning Crooked Creek). This camp had been established by Pastor Shaulis and the members of First Lutheran Church, Vandergrift, PA.

Dr. Shepfer and the young people were impressed with Camp Woakhanna and began to pursue the idea of establishing a synod youth camp in western Pennsylvania.

At Synod Convention in 1943, a petition signed by 30 pastors of the Pittsburgh Synod of the United Lutheran Church, asked that a committee be established to explore the possibility of a "leadership training camp" be built somewhere in western Pennsylvania. The synod voted favorably on the petition. A committee was indeed formed and subsequently returned a report to the synod recommending the founding of such a camp.

At the 1944 Synod convention, Dr. Russell F. Steininger and Rev. Sam S. Shaulis presented a report from the committee. The Synod voted to authorize taking an option on a site.

On June 19, 1945, an organizational meeting was held at the synod chapel led by Dr. H. Reed Shepfer, president of the synod.



AUGUST OUTREACH PROJECT CONTINUED:

At this meeting the following officials were elected: Dr. R. F. Steininger was elected president of the association and later Lutherlyn's first director. Rev. S. S. Shaulis, Vice-President; Rev. Paul E. Daugherty, Secretary; Dr. Elmer F. Rice, Treasurer. The committee, comprised of 17 members, were authorized to purchase the land and plan the building process. Two weeks after this meeting the committee inspected land located nine miles west of the city of Butler near Route 422.

According to a publication of the Pittsburgh Synod, "The committee walked, crawled, and stumbled over the wooded area for four hours to view the entire property, then rested in the cool shade on the hillside to discuss the possibility of using this site for the proposed camp."

The first land purchase consisted of 147 acres at a cost of \$8,300. Further purchases of land increased to 365 acres for opening season in 1949. Of course, the land needed developing before it could be used for camping purposes. A road into the camp had to be built; water, gas, electricity and sewage systems had to be established.

These beginning costs were \$47,000. By action of the Board of Directors of the Leadership Camp Corporation of the Pittsburgh Synod (U.L.C.A.) on September 5, 1945, the camp was officially named Lutherlyn. On October 1, 1945 the Department of State for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania registered Lutherlyn as a nonprofit corporation. By action of the Board of Directors of Lutherlyn on March 12, 1946, Dr. Steininger was named the first full-time director of Lutherlyn. During 1946-48 much preparation commenced. A \$250,000 fund drive was launched, directed by the Rev. Paul Daugherty. Dr. Steininger supervised the clearing of the grounds and the planning of the buildings.

Succeeding The Rev. Dr. Steininger, The Rev. Sam Shaulis was named part-time director on June 20, 1949, called by the Board as full-time Director on October 31, 1950 and installed on June 10, 1951. Below is the original sign on Rt. 422

WHAT HEBRON IS DOING TO HELP:

The Outreach committee is highlighting Camp Lutherlyn this August and will be encouraging donations to Lutherlyn's Capital Campaign. Lutherlyn has adopted a strategic plan that addresses improvements to programs and processes over the next five years. In addition, some of the planned physical improvements include:

- **Updating parking, signage, outdoor lighting and winterization**
- **Construction twenty new single stall bathrooms near main entrance of camp**
- **Build five new cabins to accommodate the increase in campers**
- **Renovate basketball/volleyball/gaga court area.**
- **Evaluate roads and paths for grading**
- **Build additional accessible trails**

I had the pleasure of visiting Lutherlyn in May for a council retreat. It is a wonderful place for youth to gain spiritual nurturing, develop relationships and experience God in this beautiful setting. At Hebron, we encourage our youth to attend the Lutherlyn confirmation camp and we have funds available for this purpose. Lutherlyn ministers to many different denominations, they do not discriminate. Since children are the future of The Church and the world, please consider donating to this very worthy cause. Lutherlyn has been in existence for 79 years. Let's help it to continue its ministry for another 79 years and beyond! ~Barb Talmadge



IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP AND/OR PICK UP YOUR ALTAR FLOWERS, please make arrangements for the flowers to be picked up the following Monday during office hours. If you are unable to drive or would like to have them given to someone else, please call the church office the week before. We will help get your flowers to you!

JULY 2022 COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

- Discussed need for Sunday school teachers for this fall
- Discussed splitting cost of VBS 3-ways with First Lutheran & United Methodist. Motion made and carried to pay 1/3 of final costs

PROPERTY:

- Railing needs to be replaced at the 2nd Street Handicapped entrance; wood is rotting and pieces are falling off
- Ask in bulletin/newsletter if someone can donate materials/time to help with this project
- If no response, get estimates for composite material

WORSHIP/MUSIC:

- Joint Service will be July 31st; luncheon to immediately follow—cold drinks and sandwich rings from Sprinkle's to be provided
- Volunteers needed to help with this event; Nancy taking lead
- Charles Klingensmith will cover worship on July 17, 2022
- Sandy Summerhill will cover service on July 31, 2022. Motion made and carried to pay Sandy \$50 for her service.

JOINT COUNCIL:

- S.O.S sign-up started
- Next meeting will be in August

NEW BUSINESS:

- Reviewed the estimate from Twisted Computing, Inc. for camera/installation to improve broadcasting worship service
- System will tie into the sound system and will be hardwired for reliability, enhancing online worship experience; total estimated cost: \$3,202.00
- Will look at using monies from remaining technology fund, Adam and Iva Mayor Foundation, or remaining Betty Kanas Estate.
- Motion made and carried to recommend this bid to the congregation
- Congregational meeting/vote will be scheduled for August 14, 2022, immediately following worship



PINK DAY 2022 will be held *Saturday, September 17, 2022*. This year, Hebron became a platinum sponsor of Pink Day meaning our website and information is linked and displayed on their new website. Like the many years before we will have a booth set up with baked goods. We are currently looking for volunteers to help with Pink Day. There are many ways to help! If you can volunteer your time on Saturday, please let Nathan Boarts know as soon as possible. We need multiple people to help set up the booth, sit throughout the day and help sell, and then take down everything at the end of the day. You do not have to sit all day! If you want to come help for an hour or two, we would love that! If you cannot be there on Saturday, no worries! Hebron needs those wonderful baked goods to sell. If you are interested in baking cookies, brownies, or any type of treat, contact Barb Talmadge! Please let her know what you are making so that we have an idea of the variety of goods we will have. We are asking that all baked goods be dropped off to the church office by 12PM on *Friday, September 16, 2022*. Want to bake, but cannot deliver your goods to the church? Please call Barb Talmadge at 724-594-6117. She will arrange a time to come pick them up! This is a big event for Hebron and our community. Any and all help is greatly appreciated!



THE RAILING FOR THE HANDICAPPED ENTRANCE on 2nd Street needs replaced as soon as possible. The wood is rotting and some of the railing has fallen off. Hebron's council is wondering if there are any congregation members who are willing to donate the materials needed to complete the project. If not, they will proceed to find bids to complete the task. If you have any questions or would like to donate, please contact the church office or Nathan Boarts!

THE 2022 FORT ARMSTRONG FOLK FESTIVAL is back for its 51st year! The festival, held at Riverfront Park in Kittanning, is from Thursday, August 4 until Sunday, August 7, 2022. Hours are: Thursday 5-10PM, Friday 12-10PM, Saturday 12-10PM, and Sunday 12-6PM. There will also be fireworks on Saturday, beginning at 10PM!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 PASTOR RYAN ON VACATION	2	3	4	5	6
7 WORSHIP 8:30AM	8	9 COUNCIL MEETING 6PM	10	11	12	13
14 WORSHIP 8:30AM *Congregational Meeting*	15	16	17 PASTOR RYAN ON VACATION	18	19 OFFICE OPENS AT 10:30AM	20
21 WORSHIP 8:30AM led by Pastor Katie McCullough	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 WORSHIP 8:30AM *Blessing of the Backpacks*	29	30	31			



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DATE/DAY/COLOR	USERS	ALTAR FLOWERS	BULLETINS
<p>August 7 The 9th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Green</p>	<p>Barb Talmadge & Chelsae Hickman</p>	<p>In memory of dear friends, BARBARA E. LIPSIE, and JONATHAN P. SCHMIDT. By: Lloyd, Carolyn & Chelsae Hickman and Charlie, Ashley, Kenley & Karsyn Rogers</p>	<p>In honor of HEBRON LUTHERAN CHURCH. By: Charles Klingensmith</p>
<p>August 14 The 10th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Green</p>	<p>Marty Bash & Charlie Stull</p>	<p>OPEN</p>	<p>In memory of Our Parents: JESS, WILLIAM, VIRGINIA, and RUTH. By: Dave and Pat McCracken</p>
<p>August 21 The 11th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Green</p>	<p>Nathan Boarts & Sean McCracken</p>	<p>In memory of My Husband, AL HAMILTON – August 17, 2006 – and My Mom, RUTH M. PROTHEROE – August 21, 1973. By: Darlene Danka</p>	<p>In memory of ROSE ANNA HILEMAN. By: Her Daughters and Their Families</p>
<p>August 28 The 12th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Green</p>	<p>Nancy Fondrk & Kasey Boarts</p>	<p>OPEN</p>	<p>In memory of Our Parents: JESS, WILLIAM, VIRGINIA, and RUTH. By: Dave and Pat McCracken</p>



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Thresea Brechbill
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Bonnie Hinderliter
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Haven 2 – RM 1231, Cabot, PA 16023

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OUR CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS:

President:	Nathan Boarts
Vice President:	Barb Talmadge
Secretary:	Paula Henry
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2022 COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Nathan Boarts	Barb Talmadge
Paula Henry	Charles Klingensmith
Nancy Fondrk	Marty Bash
Sean McCracken	

HEBRON'S MINISTRY COMMITTEES:

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Charles Klingensmith

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Paula Henry

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Martha Bash

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Personnel/Mutual Ministry: Nathan Boarts
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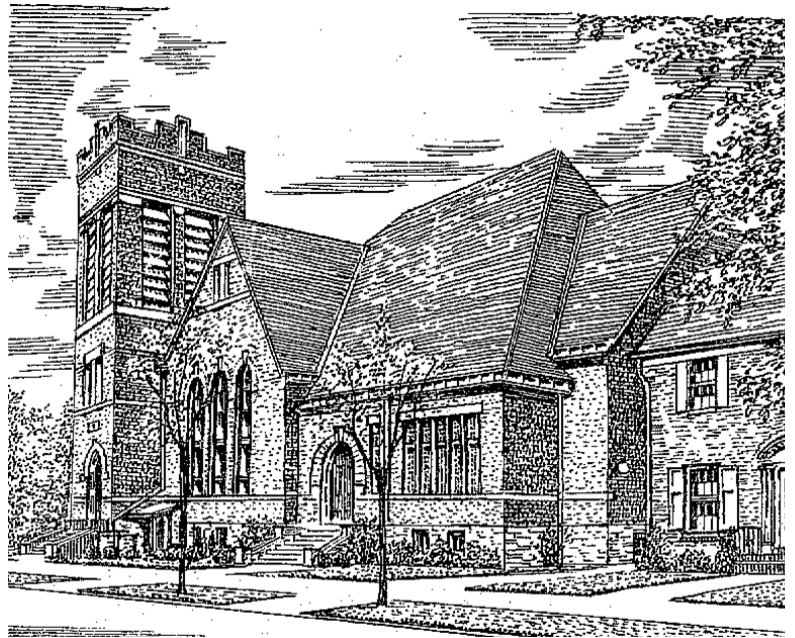
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