

HEBRON EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”² And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders...⁶ The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter.⁷ After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers...²² Then the apostles and the elders, with the consent of the whole church, decided to choose men from among their members and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers,²³ with the following letter:...²⁸ For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to impose on you no further burden than these essentials:²⁹ that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from fornication. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.

Acts 15 Selected verses

Dear Friends,

The SWPA synod will be gathering for its annual assembly this month. The voting members will gather in a zoom conference on June 16 and then in person for the first time since before the Covid Pandemic on June 17 at Cal U. Scriptures will be read, prayers will be spoken, and detailed parliamentary procedure will be followed to discuss the practical matters of how we in the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod continue to go about the business of being Church as members of the ELCA, the greater Lutheran World Federation, and the universal Church of the baptized on Earth.

That last part is as weighty and important as it sounds, and it can often feel like we are lost in the minutia as far away from the purpose of our faith as possible. Budget line items must be discussed. Lay and rostered leaders must be nominated and appointed. Statements of consensus must be written, discussed, and adopted or denied. All of this is done through the messy work of human debate governed only by a set of Parliamentary procedures the members present agree to follow. It's not exactly God calling down a set of instructions to Moses, which is why I included the selected verses from Acts 15 above. The issue of circumcision is no longer a pressing matter for Christians, but the process of human debate and discussion established at that first council in Jerusalem is still the primary means by which the Church arrives at decisions.

It's not a perfect process by any means. There are times the assembly is discussing the repudiation of decisions arrived at by previous councils. It's almost a kind of corporate confession and repentance. We make no claims that the decisions arrived at in a current assembly will be any more iron clad, but we do declare the process itself to be Holy and guided by the Spirit.

There is something Holy about agreeing to come together in the first place. There is something Holy about agreeing to abide by these decisions, in consensus, at least until a time when further discussion becomes appropriate. There is something of great faith in trusting that even in these flawed, human interactions the Holy Spirit is involved. That is a central aspect of the story of the Church. That Holy Process is lived out in the most minor decisions of an individual congregation's council. It is lived out in the most sweeping advocacy decisions made by international Church councils. This month the voting members of the SWPA synod enter into that holy process as they do every year.

There isn't much of great controversy on the agenda this year, but there is still important business to determine how we go about ensuring that the story of Jesus continues to be told in Word, Sacrament, and Service throughout this region of PA. If you are a voting member of your congregation, my prayers are with you. If you are not a voting member, I ask that you pray for those representing your congregation as well as the entire assembly. We trust that the Spirit will be present but may the people present be confident of that fact.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Eric Damon

HEBRON'S 2023 FINANCE REPORT

MONTH	CURRENT GIVING	INCOME	NEEDED GIVING	OVER/SHORT MONTH TO DATE	OVER/SHORT YEAR TO DATE	ATTENDANCE
January	\$4,021.00	\$5,663.58	\$9,185.58	\$499.00	\$499.00	109
February	\$1,984.00	\$512.71	\$9,185.58	\$(6,688.87)	\$(6,189.87)	55
March	\$3,211.00	\$1,499.27	\$9,185.58	\$(4,475.31)	\$(10,665.18)	77
April	\$5,695.25	\$1,513.65	\$9,185.58	\$(1,976.68)	\$(12,641.86)	151

It is noted that the income column includes monies the church receives from endowments, gas well royalties, etc. If you have any questions, please see any member of the finance team. A complete financial report was included in the 2022 Annual Report. Copies of the Annual Report are available upon request.



OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES FOR JUNE, JULY & AUGUST: June 4; July 2, 9, 16 & 23; August 13 & 27

OPEN BULLETIN DATES FOR JULY & AUGUST: July 9, 16 & 30; August 6, 20 & 27

If you would like to sponsor the Altar flowers or bulletins for one of these dates, please call the church office or email: luther201@windstream.net. If you send an email, please include the desired date and the description you would like included in the bulletin.



THE JUNE COUNCIL MEETING will be held on **Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 6PM** in the Berean Room. There are still seats available if you are interested in serving on council. If you have any questions, please contact a member of council!

PLEASE NOTE that the church office will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, June 5, 2023**. The office will open Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 9AM.



PASTOR ERIC DAMON will continue to be the local interim for Hebron during this time. He will be available for pastoral care emergencies. If you would like to contact Pastor Eric, his phone number is 724-708-4142.

If you or a loved one is sick and/or in the hospital and would like Pastor Damon to know, please call the church office: 724-842-0801.

As the process to find a new Pastor continues, please pray for Hebron's council, future call committee, and the congregation during this time of change and transition. The power of prayer is strong.

A PRAYER FOR HEBRON –

Let us pray,

Lord, we know that change is a part of life, and the only constant is you. We pray that you will be with us through this change and transition. Send your Holy Spirit upon us to strengthen and guide our church council and members as we discern the future of our church. Provide effective, thoughtful members for our call committee, and send us a pastor you have chosen who will lead us to grow and further the ministry of Hebron Lutheran Church.

This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.



Celebrating Birthdays in June!

- 3 Dorothy Sober
- 7 Pam Roberts
- 12 David Bollinger
- 12 Zachary Toy
- 20 Aimee Baudino
- 22 Karen Carroll
- 22 Lori Hileman
- 28 Nancy Fondrk
- 28 Charlie Rogers
- 29 Keegan Kepple
- 30 Kami Roofner



Celebrating Anniversaries in June!

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| 6 | Larry & Sandy Baudino | 53 rd |
| 8 | Burwell & Yvonne Shearer | 55 th |
| 11 | Dave & Pat McCracken | 57 th |
| 13 | Robert & Linda Hawk | 36 th |
| 25 | Andy & Cindy Smietana | 35 th |



DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO PLAYS PIANO?

Hebron is currently looking for a full-time organist. Until one is hired, we are looking for individuals to fill-in on Sundays. If you know someone, please pass along Hebron's information, and ask them to call the church office or email: luther201@windstream.net.



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE AND JOIN US ON SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023 as we celebrate the confirmation of **LUCAS VACANTI!** During worship, Lucas will be welcomed into Hebron's congregation as a new member. Following service, a reception will be held for Lucas to celebrate this great accomplishment. Refreshments will be served in the Berean Room immediately following service.

HEBRON WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THESE STUDENTS AND THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

JILLIAN BOARTS, daughter of Nathan and Kasey Boarts, was named Leechburg's Student of the Month for January 2023. Jillian is finishing 8th grade at Leechburg Middle School and is involved with Student Council, Marching Band, Chorus and Taiko. She is also a great help here at Hebron and is always volunteering!

CHARLES DAVID BORROMEO, grandson of Dave and Marty Bash; son of Chuck and Rachael Borrromeo, graduated from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown on April 29, 2023, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Enterprise and Accounting. He will continue his education in the fall by pursuing his Master's Degree while attending PACE University in New York City, NY. His goal is to become a CPA and to one day own a business.

KATHERINE JANET (KATIE) BORROMEO, granddaughter of Dave and Marty Bash; daughter of Chuck and Rachael Borrromeo, graduated from Freeport Area High School on May 25, 2023. Katie was the Valedictorian of her class, secretary for the National Honors Society, and was a 4-year letterman for soccer. Katies interests and hobbies include: reading (multiple books at a time), playing piano, flute and guitar, skiing and spending quality time with her best friend, Crosby. Katie will be attending Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, IN, this fall. She plans to double major in Electrical Engineering and Computer Technology. She will also be playing soccer. Katie's goal is to design and develop robots!

CONGRATULATIONS TO JILLIAN, CHARLES & KATIE!!

**THE JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER IS
SPONSORED BY
ELSIE TAYLOR.**

Hebron appreciates your donation!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A NEWSLETTER? The cost to sponsor is \$65.00, which helps cover the cost of postage. The available months to sponsor are: *July, August, September, October, November and December.* Please call the church office with any questions.



HEBRON HAS GONE THROUGH MANY CHANGES these past months. Because we are no longer in a mutual ministry agreement, subscriptions and products that were once shared between the two churches has now become a full cost to Hebron. Some of the costs include: a yearly subscription for Sundays & Seasons, an essential tool for weekly worship and a copyright license (yearly subscription), a required tool for publishing/streaming. Most of these will be a reoccurring charge each year. To help Hebron cover these initial costs and begin saving for the yearly charges, a fund will be set up to be used specifically for these expenses. If you would like to donate, please label your donation "WORSHIP NEEDS" and place it in the weekly offering or send it to the church office. Checks can be made payable to Hebron Lutheran Church; please include "WORSHIP NEEDS" on the memo line. If you have any questions, please see a member of council.



THE PINK DAY T-SHIRT order form will be available in July's newsletter. We are hoping to once again be "platinum sponsors" so look for Hebron's name on the back of the t-shirt! Pink Day will be held Saturday, September 16, 2023. Hebron's booth is in need of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering for Pink Day 2023, please email luther201@windstream.net.



Remember in your prayers: Jeff Brown, Loreana Cochran, Brian Codisport, Denise Fulton, Rhiley Gasper, Lori Hileman, Shawn and Robert Jewett, Larry Jordan, Meghan Key, Ted Klingensmith, Sarah Krouse, Brandi McCracken and family, Dave McCracken, Bob McDermott, Walter McGuire, Ida Mohr, Victoria Roberts and family, Lisa Sanchez, Anna Shaffer, Allison Smith & Lindsey Vettorel

Homebound/Personal Care: Laura Ludwigsen, Emilio & Judy Perez, Helen Shaffer, Virginia Shaner, Lyda Jane Shuster & Sandy Silliman

First Responders and those serving in the Military: Grant Imbarlina, Audra Sensor & Jeff Toy

If you would like a loved one added to the prayer list, please contact the church office.

HEBRON'S ONECALL SYSTEM WILL NOT BE RENEWED. Beginning August 1, 2023, Hebron will no longer be using the OneCall Phone System to send out announcements. If you would like to be added to Hebron's email list, please email the church office at luther201@windstream.net.

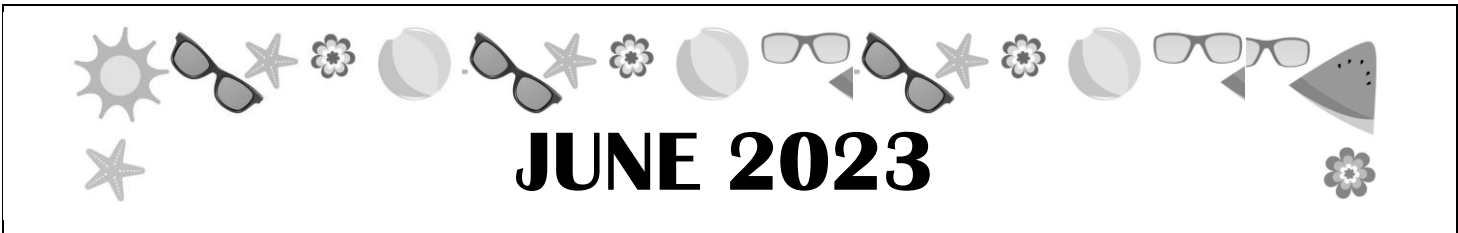
THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE is looking for volunteers to cut the grass at the church and parsonage. There is a push lawn mower, weed eater, leaf blower, etc. available on the property for your convenience. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the volunteer list, please call Chelsae Hickman at the church office, or email: luther201@windstream.net.

MANY PRAYERS FOR A GREAT WEEK AT LUTHERLYN! The following will be attending summer camp at Lutherlyn:

Jillian Boarts
Jacob Boarts
Lucas Vacanti
Kaden Vacanti

**HEBRON EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH'S STAFF:**

Chelsae A. Hickman, Church Secretary
Office Hours: Monday, Thursday, Friday 9A – 1P
Kasey Boarts, Church Sexton
Lori Hileman, Financial Secretary
Jean Stull, Treasurer



JUNE 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 WORSHIP 10:30AM	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6	7	8	9	10
11 WORSHIP 10:30AM	12	13 COUNCIL MEETING 6PM	14	15	16	17
18 WORSHIP 10:30AM *Happy Father's Day!!*	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 WORSHIP 10:30AM *Confirmation For Lucas & Reception! *	26	27	28	29	30	

HEBRON'S MINISTRY COMMITTEES:

Outreach: Barb Talmadge

Finance/Stewardship: Marty Bash, Carolyn Smith-Hickman, Barb Talmadge, Nathan Boarts & Jean Stull

Worship & Music: Carolyn Smith-Hickman & Chelsae Hickman

Personnel/Mutual Ministry: Carolyn Smith-Hickman, Barb Talmadge & Marty Bash

Property: Chelsae Hickman, Barb Talmadge, Lloyd Hickman, Marty Bash & Dave Bash

— *If you are interested in joining a committee or have questions, please see a member of council!*



JUNE 2023

DATE/DAY/COLOR	USHERS	ALTAR FLOWERS	BULLETINS
June 4 The Holy Trinity White	Marty Bash & Charlie Stull <i>Pianist: Tiffany Smietana-Lysell</i>	OPEN	In loving memory of Our Fathers, CHARLES W. BASH and RICHARD H. BIRCH. By: David & Martha Bash
June 11 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost Green	Barb Talmadge & Chelsae Hickman <i>Pianist: Tiffany Smietana-Lysell</i>	In memory of the June 14 th Birthday of Mother and Wife, LOIS KILGORE. By: Brian & Cheryl McClain and Ralph Kilgore Sr.	In honor of HEBRON LUTHERAN CHURCH. By: Charles Klingensmith
June 18 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost Green	Carolyn Smith- Hickman & Lloyd Hickman <i>Pianist: Tiffany Smietana-Lysell</i>	In memory of WILLIAM BRECHBILL. By: Theresa Brechbill <u>PIANO FLOWERS:</u> In memory of My Dad, ROBERT D. HILEMAN, My Brother, BUBBA HILEMAN, and My Grandfathers, DON HILEMAN and CHARLES MCKALLIP. By: Lori Hileman	In memory of WILBERT D. HILEMAN on Father's Day. By: His Daughters and Their Families
June 25 4 th Sunday after Pentecost Green	Charles Klingensmith & Jean Stull <i>Organist: Nancy Sheehan</i>	By: Marty Bash	In honor of HEBRON LUTHERAN CHURCH. By: Charles Klingensmith

HEBRON'S 2023 CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS:

President:	Carolyn Smith-Hickman
Vice President:	Barb Talmadge
Secretary:	Chelsae Hickman
Treasurer:	Jean Stull
Financial Secretary:	Lori Hileman
Endowment Secretary:	Nathan Boarts

2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Barb Talmadge	Carolyn Smith-Hickman
Charles Klingensmith	Marty Bash
Velma Knell	

MAY 2023 COUNCIL MEETING NOTES:

Christian Education:

- Pastor Jim reached out and stated that Lucas' confirmation will be Sunday, June 25, 2023; Pastor Jim will not be at the entire service but will come as soon as First's service is completed; Pastor Jim & family was also notified that a reception will be held for Lucas after worship that Sunday
- 4 children from Hebron will be attending Lutherlyn this summer; Motion made and carried for Hebron to pay the full cost for each child to attend camp; Monies will be used from the "Camper Fund" Endowment

Finance:

- Hebron has an audit team: Penny Klingensmith, Velma Knell & Terry Roofner; Audits will be completed for 2020, 2021 & 2022

Worship & Music:

- Zoom update: new apps cannot be downloaded on Hebron's iPads because we do not have the information needed to do so; Chelsae has an iPad that she is going to try and use; If it works, the only purchase needed would be a tri-pod for the iPad; Chelsae will continue to work on this
- Chelsae asked if a write-up could be included in the bulletin and newsletter regarding the new costs that have occurred since split with SPH; Would like to see if the congregation could help with these initial costs and then build a fund that would be used each year for the "yearly subscription" costs; Motion made and carried
- The OneCall Phone System is up for renewal; Motion made and carried to cancel the OneCall subscription; will encourage use of email & posting on Facebook more frequently regarding announcements
- Hebron's Amazon Business account is up for yearly renewal at a cost of \$129.00/year; Motion made and carried to renew for another year

Property:

- Will continue to use volunteers for lawn care
- Carolyn passed out a draft of a key policy; council will review and discuss at June meeting

Outreach:

- Barb has volunteered to attend the Leechburg Ministerium meetings for Hebron

New Business:

- In order for Hebron to move forward in the call process, the constitution must be amended regarding how Hebron will cover the pastor's compensation; Must be voted on at a congregational meeting; Synod will work with Hebron regarding wording and making sure it follows guidelines

MINGLE ON MARKET & THE FARMERS MARKET IS RETURNING THIS YEAR!

The first Mingle on Market and Farmers Market will be held on *June 8, 2023*. The Farmers Market starts at 5PM and will be in the parking lot by Fox's Pizza. Music will begin at 6PM.

Mingle on Market will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

The Farmers Market will be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

In addition, the Leechburg Volunteer Fire Company will hold a "Cruise In" on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

These events will continue from June until October.

Mingle on Market will be held on the following dates:

June 8
July 13
August 10
September 14
October 12

*Please note that Market Street will NOT be closed for Mingle on Market. *

The Farmers Market will be held on these dates:

June 8
June 22
July 13
July 27
August 10
August 24
September 14
September 28
October 12

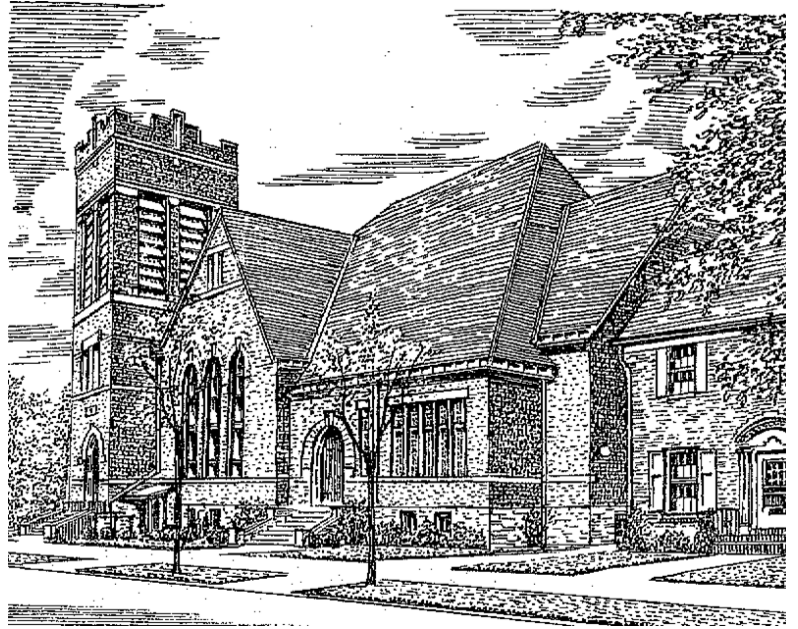
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