



"Life Together"

A newsletter from
your friends and family at



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Mon. & Tues 9:30 –3:30 &

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Sunday Worship through
Sept @ 9:30

Bible Study @ 10:45

Sunday service can be
viewed, live-streamed, at
9:30 each Sunday on
Facebook

[https://www.facebook.com/
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or anytime on the website.

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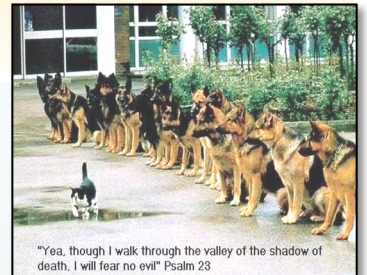
LIFE together

September 2023

Abiding Hope Lutheran Church

A Message from Pastor Karen

Kindergarten would seem like sheer fantasy to modern day students compared to when I was a student... Every morning, I would stand with my classmates, reciting the Twenty-third Psalm or another favorite story from the Scriptures and the Pledge of Allegiance... Concluding our ritual, we sang either a patriotic song or the Doxology... "Praise God from whom all blessings flow..." We loved our time together... and we all felt like we were bigger and stronger because we stood up for God and country ... just like our moms and dads.



"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil" Psalm 23

Like I said, my memories would seem like fantasy to modern day students.

Even at those tender ages, we were taught that it was an honor to know that we stood up for something more important than lunch and recess. We had a duty to parents, school, God and country to do our best, because other people were counting on us to be successful at school.

If schools no longer have the legal privilege of starting each day with prayer, then churches need to step up to the challenge. We need to proclaim God's love—wherever and whenever we can. Our collective voices can make a difference.

Take the Pledge of Allegiance, for example:

It is a curious fact of trivia that God is a fairly modern addition to the Pledge of Allegiance, placed there through the initiative of a small group of Christians who also happened to be patriots.

The original Pledge, which was first spoken publicly spoken on Columbus Day, 1893 made no mention of God. It took a religious fraternity - The Knights of Columbus - to petition the US government to officially add the words "under God" after the words "one nation". The adoption of this resolve was an immediate success.

Before long, their edited version of the pledge was made official by President Eisenhower on Flag Day, June 14, 1954.

On August 17, 1954, President Eisenhower, in recognition of the initiative of the Knights of Columbus on behalf of the Pledge of Allegiance, said: "We are particularly thankful to you for your part in the movement to have the words 'under God' added to our Pledge of Allegiance."

"These words will remind Americans that despite our great physical strength we must remain humble. They will help us to keep constantly in our minds and

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hearts the spiritual and moral principles which alone give dignity to man, and upon which our way of life is founded. For the contribution which your organization has made to this cause, we must be genuinely grateful.”

The commitment of the Knights is just one more example of the power of a small group of people to change the world - for the better. Margaret Mead would agree, she writes: “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Too often we moan about our helplessness to publicly stand up for Jesus. We want to be politically correct and socially acceptable. Brothers and sisters, our commitment to Christ through word and deed can and does make a difference. So Christians, take courage; do not be afraid! Stand up for Jesus. You never know when your witness may completely turn someone’s life around... or even change the world!

As you exercise your freedom of speech, you can give God the glory for the abundance with which he has blessed us. Just don’t be obnoxious about your approach. After-all, other people have the same freedoms of expression and thought as you do.

Kindergarten would seem like sheer fantasy to modern day students. There I was, with my little crinoline lacey skirt standing with my class mates, reciting the Twenty-third Psalm and the Pledge of Allegiance. Then we closed off by singing either a patriotic song or the Doxology, “Praise God from whom all blessings flow...”

Like I said, my memories would seem like fantasy to modern day students. *Pastor Karen*

Little Free Library/Pantry/Prayer Box

Soon the **Little Free Library/Pantry/Prayer Box** will be constructed in the front of our church for community use! It is still a bit too early for book requests, but please put any aside that you might be willing to donate—details will soon be communicated for their inclusion in the library.



It is time to start creating bookmarks for the library—the plan is that a **hand crafted bookmark**, including Scripture or an inspiring word, will be placed in each library book offered. If you are willing to create and donate bookmarks, please leave a blank space on either side for an Abiding Hope label that might attract some new future friends! Crocheted/tatted/knitted/cross stitched/embroidered book marks are also welcome! Please place any bookmarks in the Vogt/Kerr mailbox, or give to any Ministry Team member. Thank you for your consideration of using your talents for this gift to our neighborhood/community!

Please Pray For....

Please pray for: The family and friends of Nicole Woomer, Beverly Meleen, Matt Zill, Jane Pen-na, Natalie Zimmerly, Ed & Jeanne Tropper, Christian Meuller, David Parsh, Colleen Luke, Mike Paris, Judy Nordin, Harry Speakman, Peggy Kaeberlein, Don and Skip Kleckner, Jo Critchfield, Beth, Esther Klakamp, Norma Squire, Karen Shick, Ruth Hinkson, Don & Marian Fuller, Evelyn Senger, Jack & Marjorie Wonner, and Joyce Hersperger.

Please call or email
Pastor Karen with
prayer requests.
Phone: 814-881-
3266 or the church
office @ 814-868-8685.



A Loving Family...Living the Faith, Sharing the Hope...of Christ!

Living Lutheran Magazine: Linger with the Lotus

In March paddle pilgrim Dave Ellingson embarked on a kayak adventure down the Mekong River. He was joined by Tom Glasoe, an ELCA pastor hoping to return to the Vietnamese orphanages where he lived as a child and to reconnect with the land of his birth.

Glasoe and Ellingson each tell their stories in the July/August issue of *Living Lutheran*. [Ellingson explains](#) how the river encouraged him to slow down, and shares stories of the angels the group met along their way. [Glasoe reflects](#) on memories of his childhood and

how Christ was there, even when Glasoe wasn't expecting him.

Thomas M. Glasoe is a pastor serving in the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod. He will be installed as pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church, Wesleyville on September 17, 2023.



Ladies Night Out @ Venango Valley Inn ~ September 20th

On Wednesday September 20th at 5:30 PM the ladies will meet for an evening of dinner, laughs and good conversation. Ladies can enjoy your favorite cuisine at **Venango Valley Inn, 21217 Church St.—Route 19, in Venango**. Join us for this time of fellowship, and good food. No agenda, just a fun time with good friends.

Please contact Jacque Holmberg at 814-490-4470 by Monday September 18th to RSVP and to let her know if you need a ride. Drivers and riders will meet at AH at 4:45. All ladies are welcome.

Ladies
Night Out



Council Recap-August 8, 2023

We met with a full schedule and ended with the exciting news about Erie Gives. As you know from the wonderful weekly updates from Nancy Cuning, the calendar is filled with activity and your church council could not be prouder of all **YOU** do. Here are some of the highlights of this meeting:

- VBS was successful. What a wonderful day filled with the spirit.
- Discussion has begun with St. Paul's about working together.
- Discussion about focusing on one mission.
- A second AED will be paid for by the Lutheran Foundation - Training scheduled for October.
- A motion was made to purchase a new laptop, using funds from the Building Emergency Fund and passed. This will enable our Financial Secretary to do entries at home. (Presently she has to work around Denise's schedule.)
- A Thrivent card has been donated to build the "Little Library".
- Second set of doors need to be locked once service starts for security reasons.
- Staff reviews to be conducted.



Our next meeting is September 12 at 6:30 at the church. Remember to submit any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted by *Analee Cree* - Secretary

Lutherlyn Fall Calendar

Throughout the year Lutherlyn hosts a wide variety of both day and overnight programs. There are retreats and events for kids, youth, adults, and families.

Please use the calendar of events listed below to learn more about each of the many retreats/events. As always, if you have any questions please feel free to give camp a call at 724-865-2161.

September 2023

5-10 - Quilting/Crafting Retreat: If you've ever thought you need a vacation just to get some of your craft projects complete...this is the perfect opportunity. You bring the project supplies and we'll take care of all the food, lodging and provide great opportunities for fun and fellowship. (Registration Required)

9 - Saturday Safari: Saturday Safaris are a great way to spend a Saturday morning! They are designed and open for families of all sizes and shapes, youth groups, scout groups, and any interested parties. *Introduction to Mushrooms and Edible Plants* – Learn some of the basics of identifying mushrooms and common edible plants. The fall is a great time to look for all kinds of interesting fungi. Dress to be outside. (Registration deadline: September 5)

Prayer Warriors in September

Jesus promised ‘...where two or three gather together in My name, there am I with them.’ Matthew 18:20

Our church family, our neighborhood/community/country/world is in dire need of serious prayer! Please join us—in the sanctuary, Quiet room, your car, your home, your hospital bed— on Wednesday, September 20 between 1:00-3:00 for silent prayer. There is no obligation to pray the entire two hours with us; even 5 or 10 minutes during that time, will add to the power of our prayers.

9 - Intro to Blacksmithing Class: Learn the art of Blacksmithing in the Woodland Forge at Lutherlyn. All materials are supplied and classes are taught by master blacksmith, Flavius Brinsfield. (Registration required)

October 2023

14 & 15- Woodland Quilters Quilt Show: Enjoy a weekend display of quilts and quilting in the autumn splendor at Lutherlyn. This show is a non-judged exhibit of the art of quilting. (No registration necessary)

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22 - Family Halloween Fun: Enjoy Halloween fun at camp with games, crafts, s'mores, a Halloween kids Carnival, and trick-or-treating. (Registration Required)

25 - NWPA & SWPA Rostered Leaders Day of Rest & Renewal: A much needed day of rest and renewal for the rostered leaders of the Northwestern and Southwestern Pennsylvania Synods of the ELCA. (More details will be provided as this date approaches.)



Prayer request forms are in the back of each pew with the hymnals; no names are required. These can be placed in the provided envelopes and added to the offering plate, or can be placed in the prayer box in the Quiet Room located on the simple altar there. All prayer requests are confidential, treated with the utmost respect, and are included in our group prayers.

Please let us know if you are participating—it would be of great encouragement to us!

Blessing, Jerry Vogt/Connie Kerr Vogt

Going on vacation? Giving to Abiding Hope online is easy. Just click on the secure Tithe.ly link below and giving is as simple as filling in the blanks. <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1548241>

Choir Practice

Do you like to sing in the shower?
Let's make some music together
each Sunday at AHLCH. Join the
choir. No training necessary, just a
desire to have fun.

*Sundays after 9:30 service
beginning Sept 10*



September Birthdays

- 9/1 Dan Kaeberlein
- 9/2 Kim Paris
- 9/5 Dennis Hancock
- 9/6 Maryellen Hannold
- 9/6 Brian Gresh
- 9/6 Penny Carlisle
- 9/7 Carolyn Marriotti
- 9/8 Olivia Paris
- 9/10 Weston Bucci
- 9/15 Damian Santabene
- 9/17 Ruth Hinkson
- 9/17 Jay Shuster, Jr.
- 9/19 Ryan Carlisle
- 9/21 Justin Cree
- 9/21 Carol King
- 9/24 Bob Curtis
- 9/25 Dick Stoker
- 9/25 Brian Smith
- 9/25 Bradley Ng
- 9/26 Brenda Huth
- 9/26 Lois Kuhns
- 9/26 Diana Stoker
- 9/26 Wesley Paris
- 9/27 Eileen Baughman
- 9/29 Barb Paris
- 9/29 Ken Smith

Abiding Hope Lutheran Church presents

WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 13 @ 12:00

Reminisce with Greg Hayes - Olympian

"The long and difficult journey from Mount Pleasant to
the Olympic Skiing Team"

*Lunch
AND
Listen*

Speaker Series

Brown Bag Lunch at 12 Noon
Speaker 12:30 to 1:30



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September Anniversaries

- 9/2 Don & Marion Fuller
~ 73yrs.
- 9/4 Bill & Irene Overmoyer
~ 29 yrs.
- 9/5 Kelly & George
Merced ~ 13 yrs.
- 9/20 Dick & Diana Stoker ~
54 yrs.
- 9/23 Bill & Janet Getson
- 9/24 Brian & Jennifer Ng ~
18 yrs.
- 9/27 Damian & Marcia
Santabene ~ 48 yrs.
- 9/27 Gail & Molly Wall ~
43 yrs.

KEARSARGE AREA FOOD PANTRY

SEPT 14TH & 28TH
10-11 AM



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Green Corner NWPASynod Green Team

Fall is an excellent time to plant trees, and it's also a good time to rescue smaller tree and shrub seedling volunteers like oaks and maples now sprouting in various flower beds and waste areas all around us. This project can be free or very inexpensive if you plant nuts and seeds to increase the amount of vegetation around you and provide food for wildlife. Do ask homeowners before you uproot seedlings in flowerbeds other than your own. Or you can purchase seedlings or larger trees to plant. God helps us with the watering in fall and winter.

If you have concerns about plants being dry, don't hesitate to get out there and water them. Always use the best soil you can, and that may mean that soil at the surface should go into the hole with the roots. Always use something as mulch, to hold moisture in the soil while trying not to touch the little tree with mulch. I even recycle old clothes as mulch, as long as the tree is in an established garden bed, absolutely not where a lawnmower would touch the fabric. That's an instant tragedy! Mowed grass is an excellent free mulch and improves soil as well.

Protect the new seedlings from chewing animals. I cage all new trees until leaves and small branches are taller than me, beyond where deer can reach. It's amazing how fast trees grow, some far more than a foot a year! Planting trees around houses can lower temperatures in the yard and in the house as well, if they are properly sited. I have whole house air conditioning but have had no need to use it for years. The trees make the difference. Do some research, looking for what conditions your seedlings will need- sun or shade, dry or damp conditions.

Conifer trees and shrubs on the north and northwest side of a house block cold winter winds and help to cool the area around them in summer. Deciduous summer shade trees should be planted on the west or east side of houses (mine are on the west).

When the leaves fall, the sun can help heat the house in the winter. Reuse your leaves as mulch to feed the soil. Consider planting trees back far enough from houses to remove concerns of adult trees falling on houses.

After living here 46 years, most of the thousands of trees I've planted are adult now. But I plant trees and nuts every year. It is a true blessing to feel the difference in air temperature and wind currents these trees make now, both in and out of the house. Please, be a blessing to God's world and plant for our future.



Nicole Rae Woomer Obituary

Nicole Rae Woomer, age 41, of Millcreek Twp., passed away on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at UPMC-Hamot after a courageous four-year battle with cancer. She was born in Warren, PA on February 7, 1982, the daughter of James "Butch" Miller and Penny Gresh.

Nicole was a teacher in the Ft. LeBoeuf School District and was also employed as a Plexus Ambassador.

Nicole was a member of Abiding Hope Lutheran Church.

She enjoyed family time, the outdoors, camping, kayaking, biking, hiking, quilting, cooking, reading, and playing cards and board games.

Nicole is survived by her beloved husband Brett Woomer, two children; Sophia and Miles Woomer, two sisters; Kayla Miller (Emily, Nicole's niece), and Debbie Fitzgerald (Tyler, Nicole's nephew and Mariah, Nicole's niece), maternal grandmother; Karen Shick and stepfather; Brian Gresh, and many other nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to, For Pete's Sake Cancer Respite Foundation, 620 W. Germantown Pike #250, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462
Courtesy of Erie Times-News –August 16, 2023



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2023 Church Council

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Analee Cree

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Michele Rion

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Lois Kuhns

Rich Filson

Dave Cunning

The **KAFP** continues to provide food and personal care items bi-monthly to the over 60 KAFP families in our area. Each month members are invited to donate personal care items for distribution the following month. A KAFP basket is in the Quiet (Cry) Room. **September Items—Paper Products**



Pumpkin Fest 2.0

Time to VOLUNTEER

- Help with Crafts & Games
- Set up/Clean Up
- Donate Funds
- Donate a Raffle Basket
- Attend!

Pumpkin Fest

October 14 • 1-3 PM
@ Abiding Hope
2402 West Grandview Blvd.

- Pumpkin Decorating
- Games
- Crafts
- Clowns
- Birds of Tamarack Wildlife Center
- Puppets
- Food Trucks
- Therapy Dogs

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Pray with us and join with us as we seek to live in a loving community with one another and share the hope of Jesus Christ with those who need it most!

September Gospels at a Glance

September 24 - Matthew 16:21-28 “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me...” **FOCUS: There Must Be Another Way** Peter may be the “rock” on which Christ will build the church (Matt. 16:18), but when Jesus reveals the suffering that will come first, Peter becomes a tempter and “stumbling block.” Assuming God must have a different way to save the world, Peter protests Jesus’ suffering and death. Jesus explains to Peter and all his disciples that, in fact, this is the way to life—losing one’s life in order to find it.

But while “saving one’s life” sounds sensible, those things also stand in the way of the new life into which Jesus beckons us to follow him. Perhaps Peter’s problem is that he sees only the suffering and death, without grasping the new life that comes through it. In times when we too are tempted by worldly ways of comfort and success, convinced that surely God must have an easier way than the way of self-giving love, this gospel reminds us that resurrection and life await on the other side of suffering and death.

September 10 – Matthew 18:15-20 “*where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them*” **FOCUS: JESUS IS FOUND IN COMMUNITY...** God has not abandoned us - Christ’s resurrection and ascension are a beginning for us, not an end. The readings this week focus on the practical work of the gathered Christian community: turning from sin to repentance, from conflict to reconciliation. How do we live together, work together, as the body of Christ? We have been saved by grace, liberated by God’s love to love one another. What does it mean for us to clothe ourselves in love?

We keep asking these questions because the way we gather as Christians continues to be profoundly counter-cultural. We do not gather as a social club. If church is only a social club, there is no reason to do the hard work of reconciliation and forgiveness.

God calls us into community knowing that being in community is hard. In scripture we can find practical guidance for gathering through good and hard times. The Holy Spirit is always at work—in, through, and among us—to gather and regather us again. In community we meet and become Christ’s body in ways that are impos-

sible for us as individuals; the commandments are fulfilled in this call to neighbor-love.

September 17 – Matthew 18:21-35 “*if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive?*” **FOCUS: FORGIVE & RECONCILE...** Today we remember the good news that God’s forgiveness is not based on our idea of fairness, but rather on abundant, unimaginable grace. God “does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities” The king forgives our entire debt, no matter how enormous it is. In turn, we are challenged to forgive each other. We must learn to stop keeping score, which is not an easy thing to do. God’s forgiveness is much greater than what is fair, what we deserve.

So what does this new, broadened perspective look like in the lives of Christians and congregations? If all are truly welcomed by God, we are called to share the good news of that welcome in all we say and do with one another.

September 24 – Matthew 20:1-16 “*The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.*” **FOCUS: GRACE!** The laborers who came in the early morning hours grumbled against the landowner because they were paid the same as others who started later and worked fewer hours. These laborers are ill-at-ease with the landowner’s choice “to give to this last the same as I give to you.” They are uncomfortable with the unchecked mercy offered by the landowner/God. God doesn’t play by our rules, and that can be very discomfoting for us all.

Our discomfort with grace shows itself in all sorts of ways. It can be uncomfortable for us to engage the poor and the outcast of our society. It can be uncomfortable for us to welcome immigrants into our communities. It can be uncomfortable to address the racism that still surrounds us. And it can be very uncomfortable for us to open our lives to the transforming power of the cross of Christ, whereby “the last will be first, and the first will be last” (Matt. 20:16).

Could it be that the more uncomfortable we become with the reckless love of God, the closer we are to understanding the meaning of grace?

Adapted from commentary from Sundays and Seasons

HOSPITALITY @ Abiding Hope

When I opened my dictionary for the definition this is what I found: A group of God Loving, God Serving, Heartfelt Caring people of Abiding Hope Lutheran Church. The call went out and the response was beyond words. At a time when love and caring was needed, the hands, food and love hit the deck and made a joyful meal to console all who gathered to celebrate the life of Nicole Woomer. Sincere thanks to all who brought a dish, moved a table, poured a cup of coffee and most of all shared the love of Christ with all of those who gathered. We are blessed. **Thank you Hospitality!**



Ladies Living Life to the Fullest "I have come that you may live life to the fullest." John 10:10

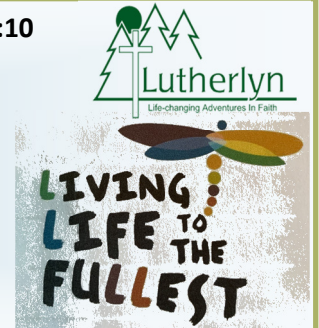
NWPA and SWPA Women of the ELCA Retreat at Lutherlyn, Butler, PA

November 3-5, 2023 at Lutherlyn

Registration deadline: October 21. Fees vary per participation (\$90-\$175)

FUN! Worship! Workshops! (Intercessional Prayer through Art; Social Justice Services; Mental Health Self-care) Corn Hole Tournament, Bingo, and "Fair Trade" merchandise.

Contact Jacque Holmberg for more information and to register.



BOSCOV FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

Do you like saving money? Starting that Christmas list already? Time to purchase your 25% lowest sale price shopping pass for only **\$5**. On October 18 you can shop from 8am till 11pm, save money, get shopping done and treat yourself to a little something. You can also save 15% on cosmetics and fragrances and 10% on small appliances/

electronics. The **\$5** stays at Abiding

Hope, while you save **big**

bucks. Have a nice neighbor, a

friend you could surprise, a co-

worker that has lent a helping

hand? Treat them to a shopping pass as a Thank you. See

Analee or Denise and starting checking your list!



CROP WALK - SEPTEMBER 24

Once again Abiding Hope is participating in this effort to help the estimated 270 million people who are expected to face food shortages this year. As we know our own Kearsarge Food Pantry is on the receiving end of a portion of these funds raised. 25% of funds raised stay here, the other 75% are sent to CWS to support hunger and poverty around the world. This year, all shirts for young people through high school age are free. These need to be ordered by September 11. What a great way to earn your service hours. Even a greater way to bring to your friend's

attention, this growing crisis right here in

Erie. You can donate on-line

at www.crophungerwalk.org/eriepa, or

you can put a donation in the offering

marked "Crop Walk". You can see Analee to donate. Better

yet, you can contact Analee and get a form to walk. You

can join the others that day at the Peninsula or just walk in

your neighborhood, proudly wearing your t-shirts. All

walkers can purchase a T-shirt for \$10 or a sweatshirt for

\$17. - Thank you for your continued support of this world-

wide outreach. - *Analee* 814-397-6168



CURRENT FUND REPORT

July income	\$8,328.11	Year to Date income	\$66,892.24
July expenses	\$12,668.33	Year to Date expenses	\$78,373.58
July Difference	-\$4,340.22	Year to Date difference	-\$11,481.34





abiding hope
men's
night out
Saturday,
September 16
Time and Location
TBD
Suggestions welcomed!

Are you on Facebook?



Be sure to "friend" Abiding Hope and when you see an AHLC post, please LIKE and SHARE the post and help promote Abiding Hope and events at our church.

Sign-up to honor your loved ones with an **altar flower arrangement** on the altar by completing the form in the narthex. The cost of a single flower arrangement remains at \$20. Please return your request and payment one week ahead of your chosen Sunday.



Ladies Retreat @ Lutherlyn

Nov 3-5th 2023

Join WELCA ladies from the NWPA & SWPA synods to share great conversation, food, and workshops surrounded by the rustic nature at Lutherlyn.

Save the date and watch for more information and rates to come.

Theme from John 10:10
"Living Life to the Fullest"



Do you know a member of Abiding Hope who could use a card of encouragement or support? Our **Care Committee** will send a card. Contact Carol Whitbred of the Care Committee at cew6@psu.edu.



Abiding Hope's response to **Erie Gives** was nothing short of a miracle! Over **\$26,000** is more than a congregational record, it is an affirmation of our ministries and an opportunity to expand future programming ideas and outreach. Thanks to all of you who made this possible.

Collection of used clothing and household items for **Bethany Outreach** continues as well as collection of shoes (pairs only) in good condition for **Chosen**. Drop off in the Heritage Room. Thank you! **Analee Cree**.



Gods Work. Our Hands. Beach Cleanup!

September 10 at 1:00 pm.

Meet at Presque Isle. Beach 6 at the trash dumpster. Bags and gloves provided.

The Erie Conference thanks you for joining with other local Lutherans to Care for Creation! Remember to bring your water bottles and suntan lotion (...hats, sunglasses, swimsuits?) Once we are organized, we'll work for about an hour, then enjoy an ice cream treat together!

RSVP to Jacque at jholmberg@roadrunner.com, or 814-490-4470.



As we all know a dollar doesn't buy much, yet it can make a big difference when the Kearsarge Food Pantry is buying food to help feed those in need. With the cost of everything rising, our Food Pantry is seeing more families and struggling to keep up with the need. If each member would contribute a minimum of **\$1 per week**, the impact would enable **our** Food Pantry to purchase healthier food and touch hungry lives. Please consider joining this commitment of at least \$1 a week to help others.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 27 Worship at 9:30 with Blessing of the Backpacks Bible Study 10:45 		back to School 	Happy 99th Birthday Ruth Hinkson on 9/17 		1 Happy 72nd Anniversary to Don & Marion Fuller on 9/2 	2 Music Lessons 9-11 Overeaters Anonymous 10:30
3 14th Sunday of Pentecost Worship at 9:30 Bible Study 10:45	4 Office closed  HAPPY LABOR DAY Al-Anon 7:30 PM	5 Ministry Mtg. 10 Music Lessons 4-5:30	6 Tops 9am	7	8	9 Music Lessons 9-11 Overeaters Anonymous 10:30
10 15th Sunday of Pentecost Worship at 9:30 Bible Study 10:45 Choir Practice 10:45 Beach Cleanup 1 PM see pg. 10 Town Hall Meeting Host: WELCA	11 RSVP for Ladies Night Out on Sept 20th  Music Lessons 4-6:30 Al-Anon 7:30 PM	12 Ministry Mtg. @ 10 Pumpkin Fest Mtg. 12:30 Music Lessons 4-5:30 Church Council 6:30 PM	13 Tops 9 AM  12noon See pg. 5	14 KAFP Volunteers 9 AM distribution 10-11 	15 	16 MEN'S Night Out Watch for time & place TBD Music Lessons 9-11 Overeaters Anonymous 10:30
17 16th Sunday of Pentecost Worship at 9:30 Town Hall 10:45 Pastor Glascoe installed at Messiah LC See pg. 3.	18 Music Lessons 4-6:30 Al-Anon 7:30 PM	19 Ministry Mtg. @ 10 Newsletter DL Music Lessons 4-5:30	20 Tops 9 AM  Ladies Night Out Wed 9/20 @ 5:30. See pg. 3.	21 	22 	23 Autumn Begins Music Lessons 9-11 Overeaters Anonymous 10:30
24 17th Sunday of Pentecost Worship 9:30 Choir 10:45 Bible Study 10:45 	25 Music Lessons 4-6:30 Al-Anon 7:30 PM Crop Walk with Confirmation students @ Presque Isle	26 Ministry Mtg. @ 10 Newsletter Mailed Music Lessons 4-5:30	27 Tops 9 AM	28 KAFP Volunteers 9 AM distribution 10-11 	29	30 Music Lessons 9-11 Overeaters Anonymous 10:30

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