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2025

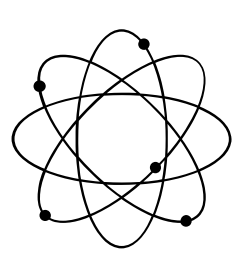


OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF LITITZ MORAVIAN CONGREGATION
JUNE 2025

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: JENNIFER, IZZY, AND CHRIS KIRMAN.
PASTOR MARK, PASTOR SAYWARD, NAN BEST, AND AL REYNOLDS.



Vacation Bible School



CHANGEMAKERS




LAB




The weather is getting warmer outside , so you know what's right around the corner...
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

This year's fun, exciting theme is
'Changemakers Lab'!

Mark your calendars  for June 22nd - 26th
from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Sign up today by scanning the QR code.

Don't miss out—you won't want to have **FOMO!** 



**Scan QR code
to register !**



2025 JUNE

No Sunday School over the summer? No problem!
Grab your resurrection glasses and this calendar
for faith and fun every day!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 John 17: 20-26 Make a chain with strips of construction paper. Write items from your summer bucket list on each piece before assembly.	2 Learn Jesus Loves Me in sign language (YouTube)	3 Do one thing from your summer bucket list and remove it from the chain.	4 Paint a kindness rock and leave it for someone to find in the park or in the neighborhood. (Ideas on Pinterest)	5 Play "I Spy" with God's creation.	6 Drop a few quarters in the parking meters downtown.	7 Lititz Library Summer Reading Kick-Off Touch-a-Truck 9:00 - 11:00 AM
8 PENTECOST SUNDAY Do a red/orange/yellow blow paint project to celebrate. (straws, paper, craft or Crayola paint)	9 Read to a parent, sibling or pet.	10 Have a mini worship concert. Sing your 5 favorite songs from Sunday School or church.	11 Do the M&M prayer. (Pinterest)	12 Farmer's Market Storytime Lititz Springs Park 3:00 - 7:00 PM	13 Print and color flat Jesus. Bring flat Jesus to church on Sunday for laminating. (email)	14 Do one thing from your summer bucket list and remove it from the chain.
15 Father's Day Outdoor Service Answer a questionnaire about your dad or important man in your life.	16 Make a scripture-themed resist painting. (white crayon, watercolors, paper)	17 Book Buddies at Lititz Library 10:00 AM Ages 3+	18 Do one thing from your summer bucket list and remove it from the chain.	19 Go on a nature walk scavenger hunt (Pinterest)	20 Memorize Philipians 4:13 and Joshua 1:9	21 Practice the 5-fingered prayer and teach it to someone else.
22 Changemakers Lab VBS 6:00 - 8:00 PM Changemakers Ask Questions	23 Changemakers Lab VBS 6:00 - 8:00 PM Changemakers Work Together to Solve Problems	24 Changemakers Lab VBS 6:00 - 8:00 PM Changemakers Respond to the Needs of Others	25 Changemakers Lab VBS 6:00 - 8:00 PM Changemakers Build Bridges	26 Changemakers Lab VBS 6:00 - 8:00 PM Changemakers Create a New Kind of World	27 Invite a friend to play balloon tennis with balloons and a paper plate glued to a popsicle stick.	28 Do one thing from your summer bucket list and remove it from the chain.
29 Luke 9:51-62 Print and complete a couple of mazes based on today's scripture.	30 Pick up donations from the grocery for the Warwick Community Chest (for 4 th of July service)					

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The marriage of
Emma Kate Batchelder to Jordan Richard Draude
took place on Saturday, May 17, 2025
in the Lititz Historical Foundation Gardens.
Jordan is the son of Kim and William Draude
and the grandson of Janet and Dick Coates.

2025 Vigil Season

Times & Dates

Saturday, Dec 20th.

5:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec 21st.

10:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

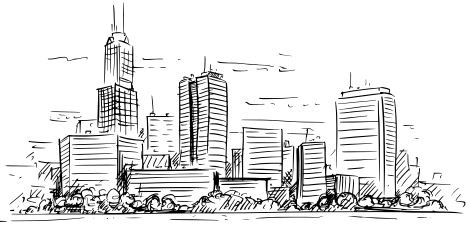
Wednesday, Dec 24th.

5:00 p.m.

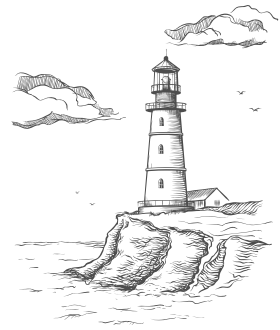
7:30 p.m.



Once again I'm riding in this year's Bike MS:



City to Shore Ride



I would love your support in my fundraising efforts! This will be my 12th year of participation in this event. On Sept 27 I plan to ride 100 miles in support of the cause.

My personal goal is to raise \$2500.00 this year and I'm asking you to please help me reach and exceed it.

If you wish to contribute please see me or call me at 717-875-9707.

If you wish to donate electronically, I can send you a request link by email or text that you can use, or you can contact me through Facebook.

If you wish to donate by check, please make the check out to: National MS Society and get it to me then I will forward it to the proper destination.

I can also accept cash donations.

The congregation was very supportive last year and all your contributions were appreciated!

Given the circumstances of the past year the MS Society is in greater need of donations now more than ever, and I hope you will consider donating in support of their cause.

Multiple sclerosis (MS) is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system. MS is different for everyone, and that makes it all the more challenging to solve.

Believe it or not, pedaling a bike could be the answer to a world free of MS.

Mile by mile, dollar by dollar, Bike MS provides much-needed funding not only to research, but to also ensure that people affected by MS can live their best lives.

I just signed up for this year's ride and I'd really appreciate your support in my fundraising efforts.

Your tax-deductible contribution will help the National MS Society fund groundbreaking research and life-changing programs for people living with MS. And ultimately, end MS forever.

Again, thank you for your support,

Pete Bainbridge



Suggested Items for Donation to Lititz / Warwick Community Chest



We are okay with normal size products, rather than really large sizes.

Our clients often have limited storage space.

Items in **bold** tend to be in low supply most often.

- canned fruit: **pineapple**, **pears**, peaches, fruit cocktail, etc.
- **applesauce**
- spaghetti sauce (glass is accepted, but canned / plastic is preferred)
- pasta and noodles (all types)
- canned tomatoes: diced or stewed
- baked beans
- canned beans: **kidney**, **northern**, **navy**, **pinto**, black, etc.
- helpers: hamburger, **chicken**, **tuna**
- **instant mashed potatoes**
- rice: brown or white
- flavored pasta or rice mixes
- **canned chicken or Spam** (we received lots of tuna already)
- **canned stew or sloppy joe sauce**
- mini meals for children: spaghetti-o's, ravioli, etc.
- condiments: **mayo**, **ketchup**, **mustard**
- peanut butter
- **jelly or jam**
- hot or cold breakfast cereal
- **instant oatmeal packets**
- granola bars
- pancake mix and syrup
- **coffee or tea bags**
- **juice for children** (no prune or tomato juices, please)
- crackers, **pretzels**, **snacks**
- shampoo and conditioner (2-in-1 products are fine)
- toothpaste and toothbrushes (adult & children sizes)
- **deodorant**
- feminine hygiene products
- **laundry detergent** (please avoid pods due to risk to small children)
- **dish soap** (to do dishes in sink, not dishwasher)
- facial tissues
- **paper towels**, toilet paper



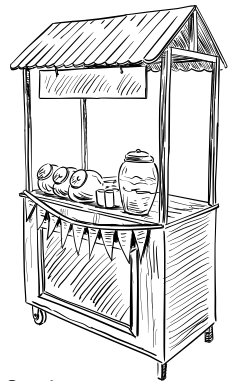
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Craft Show Food Stand Is Seeking Volunteers

Save the date! The 2025 Lititz Rotary Craft Show will be held on Saturday, August 9. Sign-up information for volunteers will be available in July. In the meantime, here are some things to consider:

- It takes the effort of more than 50 volunteers each year to make the Food Stand a success! We appreciate each and every one of you who steps up to help.
- Shifts are available on:
 - Friday evening (August 8)
 - Saturday early morning (August 9)
 - Saturday sale (August 9)
 - Shifts are available for 1-2 hour slots between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- Some ways you can serve include:
 - Salesperson
 - Cashiers
 - Set-up
 - Clean-up
 - Cooks
 - Moravian Sugar Cake Bakers
 - Hospitality
 - Shoppers
- If you aren't up for working in the heat, ask about one of our indoor shifts!



Thank you for considering this worthy outreach to our community! For more information, please contact Susan Bricker at susanbb123@comcast.net or Brenda Barnes at barnes1@ptd.net

JOIN US!



DO YOU HAVE A PASSION OR TALENT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH US? WE HAVE MULTIPLE GROUPS AND EVENTS THAT YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN! PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR INDIVIDUAL CONTACT INFORMATION. (717) 626-8515

**CHOIR DIRECTOR: JEFF GEMMELL
SENIOR CHOIR- WEDNESDAYS AT 7:15 P.M. SEPTEMBER - MAY**

**HANDBELL CHOIR DIRECTOR: MARILYN WINFIELD
PRACTICES: MONDAYS AT 7:30 P.M. SEPTEMBER - MAY**

**TROMBONE CHOIR DIRECTOR: MARILYN WINFIELD
PRACTICES: 3RD AND 4TH TUESDAYS AT 7:15 P.M.**

**EVANGELISM: RANDY BRICKER
MEETS: 2ND MONDAY EACH MONTH AT 7:00 P.M.**

**ARCHIVES: TOM WENTZEL
MEETS: 2ND TUESDAY EACH MONTH AT 6:30 P.M.**

**QUILTING: WILMA BEARD
MEETS: TUESDAYS AT 9:00 A.M.**

**YOGA: EILEEN CRONE
MEETS: MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS AT 8:30 A.M. &
THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.**

**PASTORS: MARK BRELAND & SAYWARD LIPPINCOTT
OFFICE MANAGER: COURTNEY HACKMAN
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: JAIME WEIK
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: ALLYSON MILLER**

2025 Second Mile Offering

"Whoever goes with you one mile, go with them two" Matthew 5:41

2025 Second Mile Offering *Approved by the Board of Elders*

January...The Food Hub
February...Power Packs Project
March...Camp Scholarship Fund
April...Warwick Released Time
May...Camp Scholarship Fund
June...Milagro House
July...Warwick Community Chest
August...Power Packs Project
September...North Star Initiative
October...Warwick Community Chest
November...The Food Hub
December...Milagro House

2025 Joyful Noise Offerings *Approved by the Board of Elders*

January...LMC Refugee Project
February...You Belong
March...Camp Hope
April...Lancaster Adult Daycare
May...LMC Refugee Project
June...Camp Hope
July...You Belong
August...Caitlin's Smiles
September...LMC Refugee Projects
October...Camp Hope
November...You Belong
December...BWM Educational Projects
(Christmas Family Lovefeast)

Campus Security Update **Camera Installation**

To enhance the safety and security of everyone on our campus, the Lititz Moravian Congregation has recently installed updated security cameras both inside and outside our buildings. These upgrades are part of our ongoing commitment to providing a secure environment for worship, fellowship, and community activities.

Prayer Requests

Please remember all of our nursing home residents and shut-ins at home in your prayers.



Prayer Request

Serving our country in the military:

Lt. Col. Neal Miller, Army

Sgt. Jason Stoner, Army Reserves

Lt. Dain Bomberger, US Navy

Major Andrew Kemp

Staff Sgt. Austin Heacock

Lance Corporal Shawn Stauffer, US Marine Corps

Prayers of Healing for:

Barry Erb

Dick Martin

Jeff Bamberger

Joy Sawyer

Pastor Dean Jurgen

Meda Hostetter

Lorrie Miller

Carole Price

Julie Gemmell

Joan Keenan

Erelene Deist

Peg Ivey



From Ron and Anna Buch, members of Lititz Moravian since 2001 and currently living in Cornwall Boro, Lebanon Co.

We are hoping to sell our home and relocate to Warwick Township or surrounding area in the next few months. We are seeking a rental housing that will allow our two mini-Schnauzers, both house broken and friendly, to accompany us.

We are hoping for a ground-floor apartment unit or either single or semi-detached house with 2 bedrooms and 2 baths, and have off street parking for one vehicle.

We are both retired and can handle minimal upkeep if required. Ron is a retired police officer and former bank security. Anna has served in the US Army and from various vocational backgrounds since.

If you know of any available housing, kindly give us a call at (717) 673-7823

Thank you and bless you!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, June 1

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. Keeping Holy Time - Eschbach Parlor
11:30 a.m. Church Council Mtg

Sunday, June 8

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:00 a.m. Snack n' Yak - CEB Lobby
9:15 a.m. Keeping Holy Time - Eschbach Parlor
11:45 a.m. Birthday Celebration - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 15 - Father's Day

8:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:15 a.m. Keeping Holy Time - Eschbach Parlor
10:30 a.m. Worship - Outdoor Service

Monday, June 16 Spire Deadline

Sunday, June 22 - Thursday, June 26
6:00 p.m. VBS

Sunday, June 29

Independence Day Lovefeast

9:15 a.m. Keeping Holy Time - Eschbach Parlor
10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

Stewardship To Date for 2025

Financial Summary (April)

- Tithes & Offerings 2024: \$36,917
- Tithes & Offerings 2025: \$56,171
- General Fund Income 2024: \$8,436
- General Fund Income 2025: \$9,007
- General Fund Expense 2024: \$52,798
- General Fund Expense 2025: \$57,854
- Net Income 2024: (\$7,445)
- Net Income 2025: \$7,324

2025 Year-to-Date (through April)

- Tithes & Offerings 2024: \$196,280
- Tithes & Offerings 2025: \$212,015
- General Fund Income 2024: \$29,409
- General Fund Income 2025: \$32,855
- General Fund Expense 2024: \$233,917
- General Fund Expense 2025: \$266,197
- Net Income 2024: (\$8,228)
- Net Income 2025: (\$21,327)



In Memory of Anna Yerger
Frank, Jessica & Kathryn Meyer

In Memory of Donald Wier
Neil & Jean Shelley

In Memory of Ronald Dietz
Visiting Angels Living Assistance Services

In Memory of Harry Lefever

James & Patricia Barr

Harold & Susan More

JoAnne Plutnicki

Chris & Gay Byler

Charlene Vanbrookhoven

Tom & Karen Snaveley

Linda Eckert

Dick & Janet Coates

Tracy & Carol Herr

NEWS FROM OUR BOARDS



Campus Security Update Camera Installation

To enhance the safety and security of everyone on our campus, the Lititz Moravian Congregation has recently installed updated security cameras both inside and outside our buildings. These upgrades are part of our ongoing commitment to providing a secure environment for worship, fellowship, and community activities.

Highlights from the Board of Elders for March

- the ROMEOs group will be starting monthly meetings - see Greg Bomberger if interested
- a Sign-up Genius is being created for the nursery - looking for volunteers!
- an Inquirer's Class will be held on March 29
- Readers for Holy Week services were procured, and the time of the Sunrise Service on April 20th will be 6 am.
- the Kitchen renovation is moving along on schedule!

Highlights from the Board of Trustees Meeting April 22, 2025

- It was moved and seconded to approve the Minutes from the Trustee Meeting of March 18, 2025. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- It was moved and seconded to approve the March financial report. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- It was moved and seconded to approve change in job description for the office manager position along with the recommendation for salary increase. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendation of the Endowment Committee for Rutbell Fund distribution. Motion carried unanimously.
- A motion was made and seconded to end the Trustee meeting at 8:10pm. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Highlights from Archive Committee Mtg. April 18, 2025

- MARCH MINUTES: were accepted and approved
- TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion was made and passed to move some of the archives funds into a six-month CD with a higher interest rate. Marian Shatto made a motion that the Archives Committee allow Treasurer Bill Oehme to move \$5,000.00 from archives checking fund into a six-month CD, seconded by Charlie Best. The motion carried.
- FRONT DOORS MUSEUM BUILDING: It was voted on and passed by the committee to have the front doors sanded and varnished to preserve the aging wood.
- TANNENBERG ORGAN CONCERT: Lititz Moravian former organist, Phil Cooper, will present a concert June 13 at The York History Center Museum. A wonderful opportunity to hear another Tannenberg organ.
- NEXT MEETING: May 13, 2025 in Eschbach Parlor



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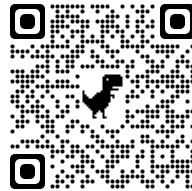
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Check us out on Facebook and Instagram



Feel free to call the church Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Please leave a message if you don't get us right away;

Sometimes we're just in the next room, up the stairs, or down the hall.

We are here to support you.

The Spire is a monthly publication of the Lititz Moravian Congregation. The Spire's mission is to inform and engage everyone involved in the church's life and ministry and reach out to visitors and friends offering opportunities to share in the work of Lititz Moravian. We welcome your suggestions and input.

* Deadline for submitting articles: Noted on the upper left corner of the first page of The Spire.

* Submit articles to the church office: office@lititzmoravian.org or drop them by the office.

Newsletter Staff:

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Editor(s): Courtney Hackman & Jaime Weik

Proofer: Church Office Volunteers

Donation Reminder

Before items are donated to the church or any committee, please contact:
Pat Hartzell (717-371-7080)



Online Giving Available

To stop receiving paper envelopes in the mail, please contact the Church Office for more information
office@lititzmoravian.org

Joint Board Leadership

Randy Bricker, Vice Chair, 2026 (Elders)
Diane Bainbridge, Secretary, 2027 (Elders)
Dave Walter, Chair 2027 (Trustees)
Paul Swope, Vice Chair, 2026 (Trustees)
Chris Styers, Secretary, 2027 (Trustees)

Need Transportation to a Medical Appointment?

Our transportation ministry is happy to help!
Please call the Church Office and speak with Greg Bomberger or leave him a message to schedule your ride.

Vision Statement

We are a community that seeks first, last, and always to follow Jesus.

Faith—We see a community of FAITH where all are welcome to join in Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry, and Evangelism. We see people on a faith journey, actively living a Christian life in our world and providing support for all those in need both at home and in mission.

Hope—We see a community of HOPE where people are encouraged and equipped to develop their spiritual gifts and to use them in the service of our Risen Lord. We see a congregation where all are involved in a rich variety of opportunities to serve and be empowered to follow God's calling.

Love—We see a community of LOVE where questions of faith are welcome, where the broken find comfort, where unconditional acceptance and love abound, and where all are under God's canopy of grace and forgiveness.

June 2025

July Spire Deadline: Monday, June 16th

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Ascension Sunday Seventh Sunday of Easter 8 & 10:30A Worship 9:15A Keeping Holy Time	2 8:30 a.m. Yoga 7P Lititz Comm. Band 7P CEC 7:30P HBC	3 9A Quilting 7P Elders	4 8:30A Yoga 11A ROMEO's Lunch 7P NA Meeting	5 7P CIS 7P Yoga	6 9A Beginner Yoga	7
8 Day of Pentecost Honoring Graduates 8 & 10:30A Worship 9A Snack N' Yak 9:15A Keeping Holy Time 11:45A Birthday Celebration	9 8:30 a.m. Yoga 7P Lititz Comm. Band 7P Evangelism Comm. 7:30P HBC	10 9A Quilting 6:30P Archives Comm.	11 8:30A Yoga 7P NA Meeting	12 7P Worship Comm. 7P Yoga	13 9A Beginner Yoga 9:30A Preschool Story Hour 6P Crafts with Friends	14
15 Trinity Sunday Father's Day 8A Worship 9:15A Keeping Holy Time 10:30A Outdoor Worship	16 8:30 a.m. Yoga Spire Deadline 7P Lititz Comm. Band	17 9A Quilting 6:30P Trustees 7:15P TC	18 8:30A Yoga 9:30A Women's Morning Circle 7P NA Meeting	19 7P Yoga	20 9A Beginner Yoga	21
22 Second Sunday after Pentecost 8 & 10:30A Worship 9:15A Keeping Holy Time 6P VBS Joyful Noise Offering	23 8:30 a.m. Yoga 6P VBS 7P Lititz Comm. Band	24 9A Quilting 6P VBS 7:15P TC	25 8:30A Yoga 6P VBS 7P NA Meeting 7:15P SC	26 6P VBS 7P Yoga	27 9A Beginner Yoga 6P Crafts with Friends	28 10A Random Acts of Kindness
29 Third Sunday after Pentecost Independence Day Lovefeast 8 & 10:30A Worship 9:15A Keeping Holy Time	30 8:30 a.m. Yoga 6:30P Fellowship Comm. 7P Lititz Comm. Band	<p>Abbreviations: CEC = Christian Education Committee, NA = Narcotics Anonymous, HBC= Handbell Choir, SC= Senior Choir, CIS= Church in Society, TC= Trombone Choir</p>				