

Ziegels Lutheran Congregation
Newsletter
November 2022

The November newsletter is sponsored by Keith and Michele Quier in honor of their anniversary.

Mark your calendar November 13, 2022 The Lutheran Congregational meeting will be held at the 8:30 AM church service. The Lutheran and Union budgets need to be approved. The revised Articles of Agreement between the Union and Lutheran Congregations needs an approval vote. Please support your Council members who have worked diligently in developing the budgets and agreement by attending and voting on these items.

The budget is included in this newsletter for your review. The Articles of Agreement will be sent via Constant Contact email and printed copies will be available in the church office.

Lutheran Council

Nominations for Lutheran Council will take place at the November 13 congregational meeting. If you would like to volunteer or nominate someone, please contact Keith Harwick at keith.harwick@gmail.com. Council is in need of members.

Sponsors Are Needed for 2023!

Can you help by sponsoring one of the following? It's a wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one.

- **Altar Flowers and Piano Vases** – Contact Gloria Hausman at 610-285-6741.
- **Bulletins** – Cost is \$18 per week. Contact Sandy Rothermel at 610-966-0712 or Sandyravon@aol.com
- **Lutheran monthly newsletter**-\$40 month. Contact Church office

Family Promise is seeking a congregation representative from each supporting church to attend agency meetings. A few years ago, Ziegels hosted families at the church. With limited volunteers to maintain an active hosting facility, Ziegels Lutheran Congregation decided to continue as a supporting congregation through designated benevolent funds. With benevolent donations, this agency has improved its organization and services to homeless families in the Lehigh Valley. The new executive director is interested in keeping communication connections with both host and supporting churches. If you are interested in this mission to serve the homeless families and willing to represent Ziegels Church, please contact Keith Harwick, Lutheran Council President. Thanks for your prayerful consideration.

For more information regarding Family Promise, visit their website at <https://familypromise.org/>.



Prayer List

Please remember the following people in your prayers. To add someone to our list of concerns, contact Kelly Lucarelli at kellylucarelli@yahoo.com or phone/text cell number at 484-375-8978, or call the Pastor at the church office, 610-285-6157.

Our Members and Friends:

Lutheran Members: Carol Guenter Family, Mark Clemens, Lori Brawn, Carol Merkel, Jerry Miller, Jason Fronina, Drena Merkel, Linda Folck, Clarabelle Dengler, Deanna Quay, Kirsten Wert, Derek Green, Gloria Herber, Dennis Rothermel, Michelle Quier, Annabelle Koplín, Sherri Lauer, Bradley Heintzelman

UCC Members: Bryan Wynn, Pastor Larry Pickens, Michelle Randall and family, Rose Bear, Bob Lilley, Molly Hanna, Pam Colsten, Mason Raska, Carl & Katharine Hoch, Barbara Ziegler, Terry & Barbara Kleinsmith, Perma Miller, Arlene George

Military and Friends in the Military: Dale Host (Airman, Air Force Reserves) Sgt. Garth Ritter (US Army), Ben Beitler (US Navy), Sgt. Scot Esterly (US Army), Sgt. Chris Owens (US Army), Connor Smith (US Army), Jessica Albright Thomas (US Army), Cadet Josh Wynn (US Air Force Academy) and those serving in areas of danger.

Dinner Discussions

Worship Formation & Liturgical Resources: Frequently Asked Questions **“Did Martin Luther really use tavern tunes in church?”**

Did Luther borrow melodies not normally used in worship for congregational song? Yes, definitely. There were, in fact, four sources of melodies used for congregational hymnody in the churches that followed Luther's reforms early in the sixteenth century.

□ *Many popular hymn tunes were already in existence. Prior to Luther's reforms, these tunes were not sung at Mass but during religious pilgrimages and other devotions outside the liturgy. They were taken over by the reformers for use in the liturgy with little or no change. "O Lord, We Praise You" (ELW 499) is an example of this kind of hymn. □ The reformers made use of the chant melodies that were sung by choirs in worship. Originally sung in Latin, the texts sung with these tunes were translated into German and modified to make them easier for a congregation of untrained singers. "Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire" (chant version at ELW 577; chorale version at 588) is an example of this. □ The art of creating simple melodies that could be used for congregational song was widely encouraged. Luther's own "A Mighty Fortress" (ELW 503-505) is a fine example. □ There were indeed instances in which Luther and his colleagues used melodies (and sometimes part of the poetry) from non-liturgical songs. The first stanza of "From Heav'n Above" (ELW 268) was based upon a light-hearted love song, "From Distant Land I Come To You." Originally the hymn text was sung to the love song tune. Since this tune was still being sung in taverns and other places for entertainment, it was not long before the reformers substituted a newly composed melody for the original. It is this new melody that survives as the standard tune to this day.*

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to our members celebrating their birthdays in November!

11/1	Naomi Benedek, Arya Colatosti,
11/3	Maddie Frederick, Jenna Frey, Elisa Highley, Dave Purrugannan
11/4	Judy Breen, Glenn Geiger
11/6	Larry Geiger
11/7	Steve Schaffer, Emily Sekerek
11/8	Hayden Bobbyn, Gary Dotterer, Josh Folck
11/10	Pete Siegfried
11/11	Carl Ambriano, Collin Breidinger
11/12	Linda Folck, Andy Schopf, Ralph Wilhide
11/15	Tori Schiffert
11/16	Linda Bond, Tamara Derr, Angela Stout
11/18	Tracy Eichelberger, Brinley Geiger, Michael Oliver, Liesel Quay
11/19	Megan Koch, Dave Laudenslager, Stewart Schiffert
11/21	Dylan Heckendorn
11/22	Robert Henninger
11/23	Grace Hunsicker
11/24	Randy Kehs
11/26	Bonnie Millward, Robert Rohrbach
11/27	William Boyd
11/28	Samuel Schopf
11/29	Vic Kroninger
11/30	Adriana Wagner

An Appreciation

“I believe that appreciation is a holy thing--that when we look for what's best in a person we happen to be with at the moment, we're doing what God does all the time. So in loving and appreciating our neighbor, we're participating in something sacred.”

— Fred Rogers

Lori is leaving us. The reality has not even set in yet. It's not something she wants. It's not something we want. But her illness is insidious – it has been slowly taking her away from us.

She came to Ziegels a long time ago. It was a family church, and she found a place among us. For the last 21 or so years, she has been part of the staff of Ziegels Union Church, first as the Director of Learning Ministries for thirteen years, and then as the Parish Administrator of the Lutheran congregation for the past eight. During that time, she served with or beside several different full-time and interim pastors. (I can think of eight, but I believe there were a few more.) Also, during that time, she has been an indispensable part of the leadership of our Church – both congregations.

As the Director of Learning Ministries she coordinated all of the Sunday School classes and the Vacation Bible School programs and led a team effort in the annual picnics. She was intimately involved with thirteen years of confirmation classes, taking many of them on retreats, often to Wildwood, New Jersey.

When Renee Miller became unable to continue as the Lutheran Parish Administrator, Lori learned that job from her. She was principally in charge of putting together all the worship bulletins for the Lutheran congregation and the Newsletters. She would add special articles to those for children and a column of her own writings based on her faith and experiences. She kept in touch with the membership and acted as the financial secretary, entering financial information into the records of the congregation. She tracked supplies and coaxed our office machinery into functioning appropriately. She kept the official calendar meticulously and took minutes for whatever group she was involved with, including Lutheran Council for eight years.

That was just her job. But she also contributed to the life of the congregation as a “volunteer.” She organized and led the Mission response team. She coordinated all the details of their many trips, being the contact person and site leader. The mission team became a central strength of our church. She developed and led the fundraising efforts for the group – with regular events looked forward to by members of the congregation. When the sewing ministry got started, she helped them getting established and became a regular participant in the sewing.

She helped with Sunday worship, not just coordinating the schedules of readers and assistants, but participating. She helped the sexton setting up the church and changing the paraments. She helped decorate the church for special occasions, and continued to do Children’s sermons even after she was no longer the DLM. She regularly took communion to shutins and when we began virtual worship, Lori was one of the first people to “talk with Sparky.” When we had chicken for our Maundy Thursday communion meals in 2018 and 2019, Lori cooked all the chicken. Basically, Lori has always looked for more to do to further the mission of the congregation, whether it was part of her job description or not. She has been the best administrative assistant I’ve worked with as a pastor. It is very sad that her illness is taking away so many of the abilities that she requires to do what is more than a job for her. Really, her engagement with Ziegels has been her identity.

Lori is not gone from our Church, but within the framework of our leadership, and in the family of our staff, we will miss her. We will miss Lori’s organizational ability, her leadership, her love of the church, her knowledge of the congregation, her strong faith, her cheerfulness, her focus on the tasks before her, her love of children and animals. We will miss her abilities, talents and willingness to be a servant of Christ’s mission in our midst. We truly appreciate all that she has done and all that she has meant to Ziegels over the years.

In the coming months, we may find a way for individuals to express gratitude and affection that is not too overwhelming. For now, please consider sending cards, emails, texts, or photos. Remember her in your prayers, and her family. If you wish, find ways to support Lonnie, Pat, Tommy, Nick, and Terry – and everyone that is walking beside her in this difficult time.

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