

Sharon Lutheran Church is a community that strives to be:

Connected to the community and world

Faith –filled

Rooted in God's Word

Loving

Adaptive

July 2015



Sunday, July 5: One Worship Only at 9:00am

followed by the First Sunday of the Month "Holy Grounds" in the
What's Brewin' Room.

This month's Hosts are John and Mary Pendley.

Share in coffee, tea, juice, and "goodies"

Stop by and get to know your fellow members of Sharon after worship

DETROIT ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

JULY 12-19, 2015



Thank you to all who have supported our youth in preparation for their trip to Detroit, Michigan. On Sunday, July 12 our group of seven will head via bus to Detroit. For the first half of the week they will be doing service work with the LutheranHANDS organization. Wednesday through Sunday, July 19, they will participate in the ELCA Youth Gathering.

There is a three day rotation in which youth and their leaders will Proclaim Justice (doing service work in the city), Proclaim Story (worshipping and learning with other church groups in the Upper Susquehanna Synod) and Proclaim Community (interactive learning). Please pray for Pastor Doll, Kim Councill, Hannah Doll, Raechel Councill, Sarah Fedder, Markie Reiland and Robin Kunkel while they are away. You can follow us on Facebook at Sharon Lutheran's page or the ELCA Youth Gathering/Detroit page. There will also be a live feed to listen to speakers. The group will plan a time after worship in the Fall to share their experiences with Sharon members and friends.

Proclaim Justice projects are in need of additional support

Living on a block with an abandoned home or two is common for Detroiters, and the city has precious few resources for dealing with such a widespread problem. Neighborhood blight is a health and safety risk to residents, attracts crime, and depresses property values. This summer, during the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering, participants will join in Detroit's neighborhood revitalization efforts by boarding up abandoned properties, making neighborhoods safer and healthier for the residents who remain. While participants will provide the labor, we are in desperate need of supplies. If you know of a building supply company that could donate 4 X 8 OSB boards, please contact Lisa.Jeffreys@elca.org. You can also donate toward the purchase of supplies by going to: <https://community.elca.org/2015ELCAYouthGathering>.

From the Pastor

I shared some of my thoughts about the upcoming Detroit Youth Gathering with all who gathered for worship yesterday. I am excited about the event both for the joy of gathering with such a large crowd for worship, music, play, and service and for the witness of hope that we will be for the people of Detroit. In the 21 years that I have been attending these Gatherings, this will be the first time that a group that I am part of has been invited to be communion servers for the closing worship in the Dome. The chance to be part of this amazing experience is energizing. I cannot wait for our group of youth and adults to take part in all of it.



We have been thinking, as a group, about the whole gospel of Mark in preparation for our participation in the Gathering and yesterday's gospel reading from the 5th chapter is especially poignant. In these interwoven stories of healing in the gospel, we come to see Jesus standing in the midst of the vulnerable places of life—in those moments of life and death. He crosses boundaries and stands with these people with the steadfast faithfulness of God's presence and touch.

The Gathering theme is "Rise Up." Rachel Kurtz has written the theme song which has this refrain:
Rise Up, we will walk together.
Rise Up, we will stand together
Rise Up, hand and hand together
Rise Up, oh, Rise Up.

We will be about standing with all whom we encounter and will be not only witnesses to our joy, but listeners to a fuller story played out in the lives of others. What will also happen in Detroit is that we will come up against people's stories and lives and our perceptions of what we think urban experience is and the stories of life we have heard, or the news reports and of other's ideas or small sample of life. We will come to hear and see stories that are different than our own--where there have been inequalities because of race and wealth. We may hear stories of desperation and loss and stories of hope and rebuilding. We can go as bystanders and look in from a distance or we can engage that vulnerability and become vulnerable ourselves and stand in a place of healing and restoration. A place not of fear but of continuing faith.

I hope we come back changed by the experience and with new eyes that will invite you to see God at work in our brothers and sisters, that will offer fresh perspectives on community, and will honor and lift up the gifts of diversity and speak a word of healing.

Thank you all, again, for your support for the youth and all of the efforts that have been made to provide for this experience together.

God's Peace,

Pastor Doll

YOUTH TRIP TO KNOEBEL'S

7th-12th graders

The youth have planned a trip to Knoebel's Amusement Park on Sunday, July 26 from 11am-8pm. We will leave from Sharon parking lot after 9:30am worship. The Youth Team will provide each youth member \$15.00 in tickets. Youth are responsible for food and other extra expenses. They should bring a change of clothes if they are planning to ride the water rides and a swim suit/towel and sunscreen if they would like to swim at Knoebel's pool. To reserve your spot, please contact Robin Kunkel at robinkunkel@gmail.com or by calling the church office 570- 374-8444 BEFORE July 23rd. We will be taking the church van and Robin or Pastor Doll's vehicles to transport the youth to and from Sharon.



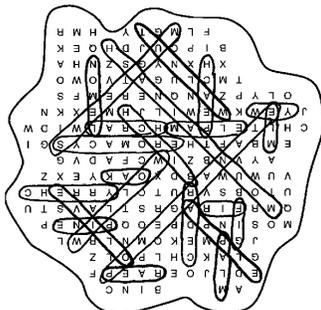
Hey Kids! Where is Jesus today? Don't forget to bring your "flat Jesus" with you on vacation, or to the park.....wherever you go, and let us know where Jesus has been this summer! We'll post it on Facebook and show the congregation on Sunday mornings!

Word Find

Find the names of these trees in the puzzle.

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| Apple | Olive |
| Birch | Palm |
| Cedar | Peach |
| Cherry | Pear |
| Elm | Pine |
| Fig | Pomegranate |
| Fir | Sweet gum |
| Larch | Sycamore |
| Lemon | Walnut |
| Maple | Willow |
| Mountain ash | Yew |
| Oak | |

Answer:



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In Celebration of our 225th Anniversary Year, Organist Tom Dressler will perform at Sharon on Sunday, September 20 at 4pm. The Hospitality Team plans to host a reception following the recital. This event is free and open to the public.

Biography of Organist Tom Dressler

Mr. Dressler has appeared on local television in NY, the Poconos, and Philadelphia. His playing at the opening concert of the 150th anniversary celebration of the Round Lake organ was described by audience members as “riveting” and “stunningly elegant”. In August of 2001 he recorded the 1847 Ferris organ at Round Lake, NY, and the CD was released in 2003; it received a feature review in *The American Organist* magazine. In 2012, he released a CD recorded on the Paul Fritts organ at Princeton Theological Seminary. Both recordings were featured on *Pipedreams* on National Public Radio. Officers of the Central New Jersey chapter of the American Guild of Organists have said, “Mr. Dressler is an organist with solid technique, well known for his exquisite rendering of Renaissance and Baroque music.”

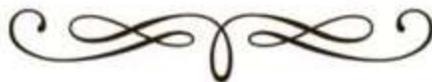
But he does not only specialize in “early” music. He also spends much time exploring performance practices of the 19th century, striving to present Romantic music in a manner the composers would have recognized. His interest in the organ began at an early age, and he gave his first full recital at the age of fourteen at St. Peter’s Union Church in Freeburg. As a teenager, Mr. Dressler studied organ with Dr. James Boeringer, who was head of the music department at Susquehanna University, and practiced on an 1894 Felgemaker organ. During this time he developed a strong interest in historic “tracker action” organs. He also began to have an interest in historic performing practices. He strives to use old techniques (on both historic and modern instruments) to speak to the modern listener in a way that is musically exciting also in tune with the kinds of sounds audiences might have heard in years past. He pursued these techniques throughout his college years, earning a Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance, cum laude, from Susquehanna University, where he studied with Dr. Susan Hegberg, and a Master of Music in Performance, with honors, from Westminster Choir College. At Westminster, he studied organ with Mark Brombaugh and Joan Lippincott. These studies were followed by lessons with Bernard Lagacé in Montréal.

Mr. Dressler has held large church positions in Philadelphia and New Jersey, where he is also known as a choral director. He is currently employed as Organist/Choir Director of Music at First United Church of Christ in Reading, PA. He has also been a featured lecturer in various venues, speaking on topics such as Performance Practices of the Baroque Era, in music history and appreciation, and Music and Holistic Health. His special abilities to communicate, both as a speaker and performer, are combined in his performances, where he discusses much of the music he performs. Audiences respond enthusiastically. A reporter from a local newspaper in Pennsylvania has said, “Dressler interacts with the audience on a very personal level, appealing to young and old alike. One comes away from each program knowing they have learned something.”

Mr. Dressler grew up in Danville, but continues to have relatives in the Freeburg/Mt. Pleasant Mills, and Selinsgrove areas.

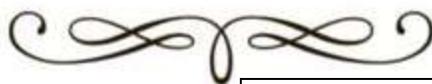


This summer, if you can't make it to church due to travel or other commitments, we encourage you to automate your regular donations. The church relies on the consistent financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Please contact the church office for more information. It's quick and easy to set up! We thank you for your continued support!



"The Ridge, The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg"

What a temptation it was to attach a photo to the article today, but neglecting to secure permission from personnel, I can't do that. The Seminary's unique presence happens in so many wonderful ways. The recent Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly experience at Susquehanna University reminds. There my former Greek and Gospels Professor, The Rev. Dr. Mark Vitalis Hoffman, led the lively Mark based Assembly Bible Study. Fun it was later to chat personally with Dr. Hoffman and two LTSG Alumnae Pastors, one my ALWL Mentor and former Seminary Board member, and the other, a clergy member of Sharon. Small world it is. In addition, at the Assembly on Saturday, as a Communion Assistant, I had the honor of offering the wine to another LTSG Pastor Alum, my Seminary Teaching Parish Mentor. This happened while being able to serve as Assistant with our Pastor Doll, LTSP, Alum, who offered the Bread. Thanks to God for all eight of our ELCA Seminaries, and may we be moved to continue to pray for them and to support them as the need is great. Carol Black ALWL



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU IN JULY

Jaegers, Chris	7/2
Schlingmann, Elizabeth	7/2
Kramer, Lauralee	7/3
Wenrich, Jane	7/3
Herb, Joe	7/4
Romig, Jeremy	7/4
Kunkel Jr., Keith	7/6
Fogle, Abigail	7/9
Kemberling, Courtney	7/10
Bonsall, Marissa	7/11
Metzger, Wyatt	7/11
Walter, Gene	7/12
Wieseman, Miriam	7/13
Harrison, Carol	7/15
Black, Carol	7/17
Dunkelberger, Harold	7/19
Hummel, Kody	7/19
Sassaman, Philip	7/24
McCool, Jessica	7/25
Miller, Caleb	7/27
Culbertson, Paul	7/29
Gautsch, Linda	7/30
Kepner Jr., Michael	7/30
Hummel, Violet	7/31
Winey, Doug	7/31

We Remember in Prayer

Rose Aucker, Dr. Nelson Bailey, Tom Beachell, Jim Black, Bill Breon, Julie Breon, Amy Bush, Jim and Dawn Diemer, Eleanor Dinius, Charles Engelbrecht, Betty Ettinger, Irene Fladmark, Jim Gautsch Jr., Linda Gautsch, Ilene Gilson, David Holmes, Jr., Valerie Holmes, Pat Hower, Martha Hummel, Mary Hummel, Mary Johnson, Harvey Kreamer, Jr., Keith Landis, Ron Laniewski, Lowell Leitzel, Lorrie Littlefield, Miriam Logan, Marci MacIntyre, Roger Marks, Shirley Mayo, Susan Mull, Phillip Murphy, Kay Musser, Mark Nolder, Alyssa Oxenford, Alma Pauling, Jacquie Peachy, Ryan Riethmiller, Miles Schrader, Bill Starr, Robert Stetler, Paul and Emily Twitchell family, Bob Walter, David Weimer, Ken and Chris Whitebread, Jeremy Wolfe, Gary Wydell

Words of Thanks

I'd like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to have participated in your confirmation program at Sharon. It was such a privilege to be able to participate in your confirmation classes, and I enjoyed them so much. We have done so many fun things and I've learned so much throughout the whole process. Everything we did was a new experience for me and it was so generous of you to let me join your classes. I can't thank you enough for this experience. I've gotten so much closer to God and all the wonderful people at Sharon throughout my time coming to confirmation there and I'm so glad I had the chance. Thank you for providing all of the opportunities, teaching me so much, creating so many memories, and giving me the chance to grow and learn in my faith with you all.

In Christian Love,
Maegan Bogetti



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ at Sharon Lutheran Church,

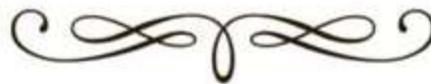
Thank you so much for all of your love and support during this time of recovery from my accident on April 25. Your get-well cards and letters, your visits, your words of encouragement and most especially your prayers have been so helpful to me during my two hospitalizations, my stays in rehab at the Manor at Penn Village and now my recuperation at home. I also appreciate so much your kind and generous offers of assistance, including rides to appointments and for running errands, the preparation of meals and help in keeping my house clean. I feel truly blessed to be a member of such a compassionate and caring Christian community.

I offer a special expression of gratitude to Pastor Doll, who has gone "above and beyond the call of duty" in assisting me during this challenging time. I am grateful for his visits and prayers, as well as for his willingness to look after my house by bringing in my newspapers, collecting and sorting through my mail and bringing so many of those wonderful get-well cards and messages for me to read. We are truly blessed to have a pastor and minister who is so conscientious, compassionate and caring in his service within and beyond our congregation.

I do have a major hurdle to overcome: the damage to my neck from the accident will require surgery in late July. I would appreciate your continued support and prayers as I prepare for that procedure.

Thanks to all of you for being such a blessing to me and to so many others in our community. May we all continue to be blessings to one another and to our neighbors as we serve in Jesus' name.

Yours in Christ,
Lowell Leitzel



Dear friends at Sharon,
Thanks for the cards and prayers. They were greatly appreciated.
Love
Vi Wagner

Organist/Pianist—Sharon Lutheran Church, Selinsgrove, PA

Position is available on/about August 9, 2015, and requires attendance at two Sunday morning services, special services. Organ and piano skills required. Duties include: providing appropriate service music (hymns, prelude, offertory, and postlude) for Lutheran Worship Service and accompanying vocalists/instrumentalists as needed. Qualifications include: Musicianship, professionalism, organization, grounded faith, strong team building leadership, and the ability to lead congregation singing as part of worship service. 1/4 time Salary: (to be negotiated)

Send letter of interest, resume, and contact information for three professional references to Pastor Robert Doll, Sharon Lutheran Church, 120 S. Market Street, Selinsgrove, PA 17870. Contact the Church Office at 570-374-8444 to receive a copy of the position description or for additional information. Applications will be received through July 14, 2015. Sharon Lutheran Church is an equal-opportunity employer.

From the Church Office for your information

The Meals for Seals program is still going strong! Each week we have members of the congregation packing 30 bags for the kids. These bags are dropped off at All Saint's Episcopal Church for distribution. Thank you so much for all your generous ongoing donations to this worthy cause!

The S.U. Relay for Life: This year's team was headed up by Maureen Ries and included 29 walkers and \$2,840 given to the event. Overall, the Selinsgrove Relay for Life event in Selinsgrove raised \$48,135. We thank Maureen and all who participated in this year's event.

The June 24 Blood Drive was a great success having had 37 units of blood donated which will help 90 people! Nancy Martin headed up this event and so we thank Nancy and all who helped with the set up, clean up and the canteen.

From the Congregation Council

President—Jeff Whitman; Vice President—Eric Rowe; Secretary—Carolyn Sands; Treasurer—Buzz Savidge; Susie Weller; Janet Bilger, Karen Bowen; Carol Harrison; Teresa Berger; Lowell Leitzel

Council Action item

Approved a motion to regretfully accept the resignation of Dr. Susan Hegberg.

From the Social Ministry Team

We are planning to assemble Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits on "God's Work Our Hands" Sunday, September 13. Your help is needed.

Items for these kits will be collected during August. You may start to look for bargain prices on the five (5) items needed for each kit: medium-weight bath-size towels (approximately 52"X27" or smaller) dark color preferred, bath-size bars of soap, adult-size tooth brushes, sturdy combs and nail clippers. A container will be placed in the foyer for your donations beginning August 2.

When LWR distributes Personal Care Kits, it's often to people who have lost everything. In the wake of an earthquake, or having fled from violence as their homes were overtaken, they clasp a towel from a faraway place, with a bar of soap, a toothbrush...and washing up, they know that they have not been forsaken by the world. The very simple gesture of giving a Personal Care Kit can give someone the encouragement to start anew, starting with a bath. You can share God's grace and love by providing that simple comfort.

July Worship Volunteers

	Greeters	Acolytes	Readers	Ushers	Cantor/CA	Altar Guild
July 5	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM
	Bob and Vi Soper	Anna and Emma Kalcich	Nancy Murray	Robert and Romane Dagle	Bob Bradford Kathy Reiland Doug Hassinger	Roseann Stetler (B) Shirley Walter Jenny Ruth Partica
July 12	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
			Roseann Stetler	Paul Culbertson Brian Pauling	Sue Pennay	Jackie Winey (B)
	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM
	Judy Longacre Deb Bernhisel	Madison Snyder	Harvey Murray	Bill and Pat Pinkowski	Judd Williams Art Bowen Dave Deckard	Vi Soper Shirley Rowe
July 19	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
	Don and Aundrea Weirick		Harold Dunkelberger	Terry Kissinger Jack Spigelmyer	Teresa Berger	Maureen Ries (B)
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	Mike and Janet Bilger	Sarah Pennay	George Pence	Fritz Frost Harley Freed	Hannah Doll Eric Rowe Don Housley	Karen Bowen Grace Housley
July 26	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
	Gary Aucker Don Bottiger		Fred Hooper	Jim Black Brian Pauling	Carol Black	Dawn Marie Dunkelberger (B)
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	Nancy Martin Judy Longacre	Jessica Beaver	Maureen Ries	Doug and Tammy Hassinger	Dawn Doll Alex Pennay Curtis Pennay	Audrey Deckard Linda McMillin