

THE mini EPISTLE



August 2026 Highlights

8/2 Pentecost 10 – Holy Communion

9:30AM service only; No Sunday School

Welcome Deacon Michael Grube

8/5 – 10:00 AM - Summer Bible Study

Come learn about Joshua!

8/9 Pentecost 11 – Mission Service 8:30 &

11:00 AM; 9:45 AM – Sunday School

Welcome Bill & Critty Fairback with Cru,
and Sarah Stein

8/11 – Bus Trip to Sight & Sound's *Joshua*

8/15 – 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

8/16 Pentecost 12 – Holy Communion 8:30 & 11:00 AM

9:45 AM – Sunday School for all ages!

Welcome Pastor Gus Al-Khal with ELM

8/23 Pentecost 13 – Mission Service (Backpack Blessing) 8:30 & 11:00 AM

9:45 AM – Sunday School for all ages!

Welcome Pastor Dave Henry with CEF

8/28 – Faith Night at the Iron Pigs

8/30 Pentecost 14 – Holy Communion 8:30 & 11:00 AM

9:45 AM – 5TH Sunday Brunch followed by 10:45 AM – Praise Time

Council Actions, July 2026

- ✚ We are looking for a **bookkeeper** and are considering one from outside of the church membership. Lisa will be leaving at the end of the year.
- ✚ We are still in need of a member to serve as **Treasurer**. Please pray about filling this position.
- ✚ The Council Retreat was held in June. Four areas of focus were identified: preparing an “**Elevator Speech**” about Holy Cross, developing a **Praise Band**, planning a **70th Anniversary Dinner** for the congregation, and a **church projects** task force. You will be hearing more about these items in the future as the congregation gets involved.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 – Emily Miller | 22 – Faith Miller |
| 2 – Truman Eshbach | Sandy Krisanda |
| | Megan Treisner |
| 10 – Andrew Judy | 24 – Catherine Brown |
| Pastor Dick Matthisen | |
| 12 – Jessica (Steiner) Leary, | 25 – Seth Miller |
| Becky Bennett, | Luciano Lucero |
| Layla Stark | 26 – Jonah Kincaid |
| 13 – Gary Graham, | Julia LoConte |
| Michele Sciarra, | 27 – Penny Miller |
| Zoe Stark | |
| 15 – Dante Smith | 29 – Annalise Lucero |
| | 30 – Cailah Baran |
| | Marianne Sands |

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Karen Steiner –
8/5

Herb & Sally Stein –
8/14

*You can hear our
birthdays announced
on WAEB 790AM at
6:55AM and 8:15AM
weekdays.*

We've Moved!

Please update your directory for the following:

Shirley Stuber

Phoebe Allentown

1925 W. Turner St, Rm 214A

Allentown PA 18104

610-794-5202

Marlene Thomas

Masonic Village

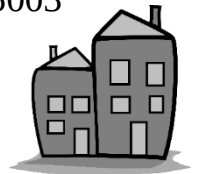
850 N. Norristown Rd

Warminster PA 18974

Mike & Bella Zyskowski

1121 Spruce St

Ambridge PA 15003



Congratulations!

Patty Stein and **Bob Werley** were married at Holy Cross on July 25th. Their new address is **1735 Chapel Avenue, Allentown PA 18103.**

Emma Fliszar and **Aiden Branning**, friends of the congregation, were married on July 11th. Their new address is **355 Norris Hall Lane, Norristown PA 19403.**

Rachel Steiner and **Levi Rispens** were married June 20th. Rachel is the middle daughter of Karen and Jim Steiner. The couple resides at **209 Vawter Street, Helena MT 59601.**

Scripture Memory in 2026

The following memory verses are suggested from the LCMS website. For more information about memorizing Scripture, see the booklet *How to Memorize Scripture for Life*.

Week of

8/2/26: **Ephesians 4:32** – *Be kind and Compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

8/9/26: **II Thessalonians 2:16-17** – *May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.*

8/16/26: **Titus 3:4-6** – *But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior.*

8/23/26: **II John 6** – *And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.*

8/30/26: **II Samuel 7:22** – *How great you are, O Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears.*

August 2026 Reformation Bible Reading Plan

If you are reading through the Bible this year, copies of the plan are available in the Gathering Place. The plan may be downloaded here: <https://michigandistrict.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Reformation-Reading-Plan-Printable.pdf>

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| ☐ 1: Matt. 21:1-22
I Chron. 1 | ☐ 9: Matt. 25:1-30
I Chr. 12-14 | ☐ 17: Matt. 28
II Chron. 1-3 | ☐ 24: I Cor. 7
II Chron. 18-21 |
| ☐ 2: Matt. 21:23-46
I Chron. 2-4 | ☐ 10: Mt. 25:31-46
I Chr. 15-16 | ☐ 18: Pr. 15:25-33
Ps. 104-105 | ☐ 25: Proverbs 16
Psalm 106 |
| ☐ 3: Matthew 22
I Chron. 5 | ☐ 11: Pr. 15:12-24
Ps. 101-103 | ☐ 19: Catch Up Day
☐ 20: I Cor. 1-2 | ☐ 26: Catch Up Day
☐ 27: I Cor. 8-9 |
| ☐ 4: Prov. 15:1-11
Psalm 96-100 | ☐ 12: Catch Up Day
☐ 13: Mt. 26:1-35 | ☐ 21: I Cor. 3
II Chron. 4-6 | ☐ 28: I Cor. 10:1-22
II Chron. 22-24 |
| ☐ 5: Catch Up Day | ☐ 14: Mt. 26:36-75
I Chr. 17-20 | ☐ 22: I Cor. 4-5
II Chron. 7-9 | ☐ 29 I Cor. 10:23-11:34
II Chron. 25-28 |
| ☐ 6: Matt. 23:1-12
I Chron. 6-7 | ☐ 15: Mt. 27:1-26
I Chr. 21-23 | ☐ 23: I Cor. 6
II Chr. 10-14 | ☐ 30: I Cor. 12:1-11
II Chron. 29-31 |
| ☐ 7: Matt. 23:13-39
I Chron. 8 | ☐ 16: Mt. 27:27-66
I Chr. 24-26 | ☐ 31: I Cor. 12:12-13:13
II Chron. 32-33 | ☐ 32: I Cor. 13:1-13
II Chron. 34-36 |
| ☐ 8: Matthew 24
I Chron. 9-11 | | | |

Discipleship Groups



will begin in **mid-September**.

Through Bible study, prayer and discussion we will seek how Jesus is calling us to grow as His disciples.

Let us obey Hebrews 10:24,
Consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.

Look for sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Backpack Blessing Sunday, August 23th

Bring your backpack (or computer bag) for a special blessing and dedication of this year's studies.



For students of ALL ages!

Save the Date



Fall Sunday School
kicks off Sunday,
September 13th.

Bring your favorite dish to share
CHURCH PICNIC



**after the 11AM service on
Sunday, September 13th.**

Anyone up for a Cornhole Tournament?

PRIORITY ONE MEN'S RETREAT

Time to register!



**Men's Retreat
at Lake Champion
September 17-20, 2026**



**See Pastor David or Mitch Zahnow
for more information**



AUGUST 2026

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
26 Pentecost 9 8:30A Praise Service 9:45A Sunday School 11A Praise Service	27 8A-5:30P Life Line Medical Screening (FH) 7P Scouts (TR)	28 7P Scouts (YR)	29 10A Bible Study (ASSR) 7:30P AA (TR)	30 12N AA (TR)	31 10A Bulletins	AUG. 1 7:30P AA (TR)
2 Pentecost 10 <u>9:30A One Service</u> <u>(NO Sunday School)</u>	3 7P Scouts (TR)	4 6-8P National Night Out 7P Property (Ofc) 7P Scouts (YR)	5 10A Bible Study (ASSR) 7:30P AA (TR)	6 12N AA (TR)	7 10A Bulletins	8 8:30A CQG Sew Day (FH) 7:30P AA (TR)
9 Pentecost 11 8:30A Mission Service 9:45A Sunday School 11A Mission Service	10 7P Scouts (TR)	11 8A-6P Sight & Sound Bus Trip 6:30P Colonial Quilters 7P Scouts (YR)	12 12:30P Rescue Bears (ASSR) 6P Christian Ed 7:30P AA (TR)	13 12N AA (TR)	14 7-10P NALC online Convocation	15 EPISTLE DEADLINE 8:30A Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (ASSR) 7:30P AA (TR)
16 Pentecost 12 8:30A Communion 9:45A Sunday School 11A Communion	17 7P Scouts (TR)	18 4P Worship & Music 6P Finance/Stewardship 7P Scouts (YR)	19 12:30P Rescue Bears (ASSR) 6:30P Church Council 7:30P AA (TR)	20 12N AA (TR)	21 10A Bulletins	22 1P Staff Meeting 7:30P AA (TR)
23 Pentecost 13 Backpack Sunday 8:30A Mission Service 9:45A Sunday School 11A Mission Service	24 7P Scouts (TR)	25 7P Scouts (YR)	26 12:30P Rescue Bears (ASSR) 7:30P AA (TR)	27 9A Material Girls (ASSR) 12N AA (TR)	28 10A Bulletins Iron Pigs' Faith Night	29 7:30P AA (TR)
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AUGUST 2026 SERVANTS OF THE LORD

		→ONE SERVICE← 8/2 - 10th Sun. after Pentecost	8/9 11th Sunday after Pentecost	8/16 12th Sunday after Pentecost	8/23 13th Sunday after Pentecost	8/30 14th Sunday after Pentecost
Communion	8:30 11:00	9:30 Seth Miller		Seth Miller Karen Brown		Seth Miller Karen Brown
Grass Cutters	wk b4	Lyn Stryker Jonah Kincaid Bob Kincaid	Sam Glasmire Rich Stein	Gary Mosser Jim Steiner	Mike Miller Nick Wechsler	Rich Stein Jonathan Miller
Greeter	8:30 11:00	9:30 Irene Graham	Sally Stein Eileen Dunn	Diane Hahn Sharon Branigan	Sharon Wagner Sharon Branigan	Diane Hahn Irene Graham
Lector	8:30 11:00	9:30 Penny Miller	Patty Werley Lyn Stryker	Alyce Stein Karen Brown	Ruthann Kistler Kathy Ballek	Penny Miller Lyn Stryker
Liturgist	8:30 11:00	9:30 Seth Miller	Patty Werley Lyn Stryker	Seth Miller Karen Brown	Karen Brown Lyn Stryker	Seth Miller Karen Brown
Live Stream	8:30	9:30 Jonah Kincaid	Jan Stryker	Jonah Kincaid	Jan Stryker	Jonah Kincaid
Prayer Care		Sharon Branigan	Ruthann Kistler	Pat Gilbert	Darlene Treisner	Jan Stryker
Sexton		<i>VOL. NEEDED</i>	<i>VOL. NEEDED</i>	<i>VOL. NEEDED</i>	<i>VOL. NEEDED</i>	<i>VOL. NEEDED</i>
Song Leader	8:30 11:00	9:30 Nancy Cook	Nancy Cook Nancy Cook	Nancy Cook Karen Brown	Pastor David Pastor David	Nancy Cook Karen Brown
Sound	8:30 11:00	9:30 Rich Stein	Rich Stein <i>VOL. NEEDED</i>	Rich Stein <i>VOL. NEEDED</i>	Seth Miller <i>VOL. NEEDED</i>	Rich Stein <i>VOL. NEEDED</i>
Usher	8:30 11:00	9:30 Sharon Wagner		Jan Stryker Sharon Branigan		Jan Stryker Irene Graham

Altar Guild: Sharon Branigan & Irene Graham

Communion Visitors: Pr. David, Sharon Branigan

Prayer of the Church: Stephen Zeiner

Counters: Karen Brown, Jan Stryker

Children's Church: Ruthann Kistler

Phonetree: Stephen Zeiner

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