

**October 2023**

# Lumen

**Luther Memorial Lutheran Church**

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## AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

All people are welcome to share in laughter, the love of God, and life of Christ with us regardless of creed, race, sexual orientation, socio-economic background or anything that may separate you from another community.

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COUNT YOUR  
**BLESSINGS.**  
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.  
COUNT YOUR  
**MANY BLESSINGS**  
SEE WHAT **GOD** HAS DONE.

# LATEST UPDATES

## From the Council President

I am happy to report that the church picnic was a success, with many more members staying after the service than normally do. We packaged about 5 meals of fried chicken for folks to take home. Next fellowship event will be the Octoberfest on October 29 (see page 11 for more details). Be sure to plan to come, and invite a friend!

I plan to be back in touch with Whitney Poole, of Jewish Family Services this month, regarding joint support of projects, such as J-Ride.

Council reviewed our financial accounting policies and practices, which need to be transparent and within acceptable procedures as outlined in the church's guidelines. We need to recruit a team of members who are responsible for counting the offerings at services. The counting can be done either after church service on Sunday by a team of unrelated persons, or on Monday morning in the office, with Sherry.

Carol Little, President

## COMMUNITY GARDEN

The garden did well, and is still producing many tomatoes, peppers and eggplant. Unfortunately, much goes to waste because the harvesting is not done frequently enough. Next summer, we will try to recruit more harvesters to fill in the gap between the Impact Foundation's every-other-week harvests.

The sweet potatoes will likely be ready to harvest toward the end of this month. If you can help, please get in touch with me.

Carol Little 717-870-6784  
Carollittle47@comcast.net

## Concert 4 A Cause

Saturday, October 7, 2023, 7:30 p.m. • York JCC

Concert 4 A Cause provides an evening of musical entertainment in an intimate setting. This annual fundraiser brings the community together in support of older adult programs and services, including those provided by the Family Services Department (formerly JFS of York).

With your support we can:

- ☐ Provide transportation services to older adults in our community
- ☐ Engage seniors in social and wellness programming – reducing depression and isolation
- ☐ Provide groceries and essentials to seniors in need

Tickets are \$35. AVOID ONLINE FEES BY CALLING  
717.843.0918.

For information or to order tickets, visit  
<https://yorkjcc.org/concert-4-a-cause/>

- ☐ No weapons, or pets (except service animals) will be permitted.
- ☐ This is a BYOB event. Guests are welcome to bring their own drinks and food. Tables will be set up in the concert hall for guests.
- ☐ The concert is rain or shine.

## Performing

Peter Bottros - Peter is an internationally known composer and pianist who has played with Grammy and Emmy award winners, as well as Wyclef Jean and members of the Roots. He is also the founder of the Shine Music Foundation, a local nonprofit with a goal of providing music education to students in need.

DaNica Shirey - DaNica is known for her top eight finish on "The Voice" and her performances around the York area. She has filled the judge role in the local YorVoice competition and sang alongside "The Voice" winner Craig Wayne Boyde. DaNica was inducted into the Leo Club Hall of Fame at Red Lion Area Senior High School. Recently, she has partnered with Bottros on an album and East Coast tour.

## REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

- Carol Heiss, 2330 Freedom Way, Apt.203, York, PA 17402
- Leona Hubley, 3377 Fox Run Road, Dover, PA 17315
- Dick Mylin, Misericordia, 998 S Russell St, York, PA 17402
- Mary Ann Rudler, 1801 Folkemer Circle,  
York, PA 17404
- Jean Rudy, Senior Commons Rm. 310,  
1775 Powder Mill Road, York, PA 17403
- Judy Skouras, The Haven at Springwood,  
2321 Freedom Way, York, PA 17402
- Mary Ann Wertman, 2330 Freedom Way, Apt.327,  
York, PA 17402



With great sadness, we share the death of Mary Mylin on September 25, 2023.

We pray for all who mourn the loss of Mary and trust in the resurrection for comfort as we pray for God to surround all who mourn in love and peace.



*Happy October Birthday*

MARIGOLDS REPRESENT A WINNING GRACE, JOY AND CONTENTMENT

♪ Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday dear... ♪

<i>Jim Platt</i>	<i>10/08</i>	<i>Andrew Warren</i>	<i>10/20</i>
<i>Kaitlyn Taylor</i>	<i>10/08</i>	<i>Jeffrey Hayes</i>	<i>10/22</i>
<i>Misty Young-Smith</i>	<i>10/13</i>	<i>Randy C. Eisensmith</i>	<i>10/23</i>
<i>Jenny Warren</i>	<i>10/15</i>	<i>Sherry Gable</i>	<i>10/27</i>
<i>Rosemary Badders</i>	<i>10/17</i>	<i>Will Nevin</i>	<i>10/30</i>
<i>Donna Marsh</i>	<i>10/17</i>		



# ZOOM WORSHIP 10 a.m. Sunday

If you can't join us in person, worship with us  
on Zoom & Facebook Live  
View on your computer or call in and listen to the  
worship service each week.

In addition to this guide, a weekly bulletin including all  
hymns and readings may be downloaded from the  
Luther Memorial website: [lutherpeople.org](http://lutherpeople.org)

## CONNECT WITH ZOOM

Type this address into your browser to join the webinar:  
<https://zoom.us/j/95620305506> Type in Password 064255

Call 1646 558 8656

When asked for meeting ID dial 956 2030 5506#

When asked for password, dial 064255#

## WORSHIP BROADCAST SPONSORS



We are offering the opportunity to sponsor the broadcast  
of worship. The full cost is \$50 and we will include a  
dedication in the Weekly News. You may also make a  
contribution of any amount to help with the cost of  
worship broadcast. This has been a vital ministry,  
keeping many in our congregation connected and safe  
as they worship from home.

**October 15—In honor of the 69<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of  
Barree & Rose Gable on October 16.**

### Open Dates at publication:

October 1, 8, 22, 29, November 5, 19, 26,  
December 3, 17, 24

## Hymns and Texts for October 2023

### October 1 – Lectionary 26

Opening Hymn – LBW 522 – “Come, Thou Almighty King”

First Lesson – Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32

Second Lesson – Philippians 2: 1-13

Gospel – Matthew 21: 23-32

Hymn of the Day – LBW 305 – “I Lay My Sins on Jesus”

Sending Hymn – LBW 351 – “Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand”

### October 8 – Lectionary 27

Opening Hymn – LBW 389- “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

First Lesson – Isaiah 5:1-7

Second Lesson – Philippians 3:4b – 14

Gospel Matthew 21: 33-46

Hymn of the Day – LBW 383 – “Rise Up, O Saints of God”

Sending Hymn – LBW 400 – “God, Whose Almighty Word”

### October 15 – Lectionary 28

Opening Hymn – LBW 346 – “When Peace, Like a River”

First Lesson – Isaiah 25: 1-9

Second Lesson – Philippians 4: 1-9

Gospel – Matthew 22: 1-14

Hymn of the Day – LBW 296 “Just as I Am, without One Plea” Vs 1-4

Sending Hymn – LBW 333 – “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

### October 22 – Lectionary 29

Opening Hymn – LBW 316 – “Jesus, the Very Thought of You”

First Lesson – Isaiah 45: 1-7

Second Lesson – 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Gospel – Matthew 22: 15-22

Hymn of the Day – LBW 327 – “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Sending Hymn – LBW 341 – “Jesus, Still Lead On”

### October 29 – Reformation Sunday

Opening Hymn – LBW 231 – “O Word of God Incarnate”

First Lesson – Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Second Lesson – Romans 3: 19-28

Gospel – John 8: 31-36

Hymn of the Day – LBW 230 – “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your  
Word”

Sending Hymn – LBW 229 – “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

# October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 Pentecost 18</b> <b>9 a.m. Bible Study</b> <b>10 a.m. Worship</b> 8p Search for Serenity	<b>2</b> 2p ARC 8p Grope	<b>3</b> 2p ARC	<b>4</b> 2p ARC 6:30p Choir	<b>5</b> 2p ARC	<b>6</b> 2p ARC	<b>7</b> 3p Grope Group
<b>8 Pentecost 19</b> <b>9 a.m. Bible Study</b> <b>10 a.m. Worship</b> 8p Search for Serenity	<b>9</b> 2p ARC 8p Grope	<b>10</b> 2p ARC	<b>11</b> 2p ARC 6:30p Choir	<b>12</b> 1p Stitches of Love 2p ARC	<b>13</b> 8:30a Ping Pong 2p ARC 	<b>14</b> Dollars for Scholars Chicken BBQ 3p Grope Group
<b>15 Pentecost 20</b> <b>9 a.m. Bible Study</b> <b>10 a.m. Worship</b> 8p Search for Serenity	<b>16</b> 2p ARC 8p Grope	<b>17</b> 2p ARC	<b>18</b> 2p ARC 6:30p Choir	<b>19</b> <b>12p Ladies Lunch</b> <b>@ Isaacs</b> 2p ARC 6p York Beaders 7p Moms of Tw/Tri	<b>20</b> 2p ARC	<b>21</b> 3p Grope Group
<b>22 Pentecost 21</b> <b>9 a.m. Bible Study</b> <b>10 a.m. Worship</b> 8p Search for Serenity	<b>23</b> 2p ARC <b>7p Council</b> 8p Grope <b>Lumen</b> <b>Deadline</b> 	<b>24</b> 2p ARC	<b>25</b> 2p ARC 6:30p Choir	<b>26</b> 2p ARC	<b>27</b> 2p ARC	<b>28</b> 3p Grope Group
<b>29 Reformation Sunday</b> <b>9 a.m. Bible Study</b> <b>10 a.m. Worship</b> <b>Octoberfest! (after worship)</b> 8p Search for Serenity	<b>30</b> 2p ARC 8p Grope	<b>31</b> 2p ARC				

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# Faith & Fellowship



## STITCHES OF LOVE

meets the second Thursday of every month at 1 p.m. in the narthex. Bring your knitting & lunch if you'd like. All are welcome!



## LM Ladies Lunch

On the 3rd Thursday of each month, the Ladies of Luther Memorial meet for lunch at noon at Isaac's on Pauline Drive. All ladies are welcome.



## BIBLE STUDY/ADULT FORMATION

From feedback received from the congregation, we are planning to begin an adult Bible Study to be held prior to worship at 9 a.m. We are looking for one or more people who would be willing to lead the Bible Study. If you are interested, you may call Carol Heiss at 717-894-8493 or talk with Pastor Doug. We hope you will consider being part of this adult formation.



## York Suburban Dollars for Scholars Chicken BBQ!

Saturday, **October 14** from 11a-2p (or until sold out).

Price is \$12 and pre-orders are encouraged. Use QR Code or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex to order.

## YSEF Impact Foundation Food Pantry

We are collecting the most needed items for the Impact Foundation's Food Pantry. The needs change from week to week and you can find an updated list on the York Suburban Education Foundation's Facebook page or call the church office.

**Household: shampoo & conditioner, tissues**  
**Food: peanut butter, canned corn, canned chicken**  
**Other needs: shoes of all sizes, especially youth**

Items may be dropped off on Sunday morning in the basket to the right of the TV in the narthex. Thank you for your support!



## Impact Foundation

*Students Helping Students ... A Committee of YSEF*

## OCTOBERFEST IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29!

### Luther Memorial October Fest!

On Reformation Sunday, we remember Martin Luther's courageous posting of his 95 theses. This year, we will also give a nod to his beer brewing legacy with our own OctoberFest on Sunday, **October 29**, following the service.

Jamie Taylor will be grilling bratwurst for sandwiches, and council members will bring sauerkraut, pretzels, cider and beer (for those over 21!)

Please sign up in the narthex to bring a side dish or dessert. Suggestions: German potato salad, Spaetzle, spicy beer mustard, stewed apples, German chocolate cake, Black Forest cake, fruit kuchen or strudel, or anything else you want!

And bring a friend!! Let's have fun with this!

# AUGUST COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

## REPORTS / OLD BUSINESS

**Pastor**— Updated council on health issues of several of our shut-ins.

**Treasurer's Report** – Stands as presented. A four member task force of Jamie Taylor, Meta Palmer, Lois Larson, and Jim Platt, will meet shortly to discuss long term investments. Money from the Annie Billet account has been put in Gifts and Memorials.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Call Committee** – The Call Committee met on August 21, 2023, to interview the first candidate. The next step will be to hear a sermon.

**Faith Formation** – Carol Heiss reported that there did not seem to be much interest. Carol Little and Carol Heiss will meet in September to discuss possible materials and length of studies.

**Staff** – Motion to offer the position of Administrative Assistant to Sherry Gable was made by Jim Platt. Second by Jamie Taylor, with all in favor.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Events** – A church picnic will be held Sunday, September 10, following worship. A tray of chicken will be ordered from Royal Farms and beverages will be provided. Members will be asked to bring side dishes.

## CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The call committee is making progress in filling our open pastor position. We met with a candidate several times over the past month and a half. Recently, the call committee watched the candidate's sermon at a neutral site. The candidate did well and we are recommending them to meet with the congregational council within the next couple of weeks. If the council votes to move forward with the candidate, the congregation will likely meet the candidate in late October. We remain optimistic and hopeful as we move through this process.

# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Date	Total Deposit	Undesignated Giving	Budget	Variance
Jan—Mar	\$39,856	\$35,927	\$43,208	-\$7,281
Apr—June	\$30,223	\$26,937	\$43,689	-\$16,752
July	\$9,282	\$8,527	\$14,883	-\$6,356
August	\$7,210	\$6,359	\$14,883	-\$8,524
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$86,571</b>	<b>\$77,750</b>	<b>\$116,663</b>	<b>-\$38,913</b>

## Luther Memorial – Financial Update

In my July letter to you, which accompanied your six-month giving statement, I reported to you a 9.3% shortfall in undesignated contributions vs. expenses, for the first six months of 2023. The months of July and August are typically low giving months and July and August of 2023 proved no exception.

Through the first eight months of 2023, our undesignated giving totaled \$77,751.66. During the same period of 2022, our undesignated giving was \$77,932.84 or a two-tenths of one percent reduction, year-over-year. For the same period, our 2023 expenses totaled \$103,196.11, while our 2022 expenses were \$95,161.16 or about an eight percent increase year-over-year. Inflation can be a very stubborn thing.

On January 1 of this year, we had an undesignated reserve of approximately \$51,000.00. As of August 31, that reserve is down to \$26,269.15. As I said in my July letter, we are keeping current with expenses, but at the expense of dipping into our reserves.

Members of Luther Memorial have a long history of being very generous with their time, talents and treasures and I have every confidence that generosity will continue.

James M. Platt  
Treasurer

## OFFICE HOURS

Church office hours are  
Monday thru Friday from  
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

If you need assistance when the office is not open, please call Pastor Doug directly at (515) 321-4582 or email him at [dougjohnson79@comcast.net](mailto:dougjohnson79@comcast.net)



### FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

You may find links to our Facebook pages on our website [www.lutherpeople.org](http://www.lutherpeople.org) our search Facebook for “Luther Memorial Church York, PA” and “Luther Memorial Friends and Family”.



We're also on **Instagram**  
**LutherMemorialChurchYorkPA.**

### EMAIL, ADDRESS & PHONE UPDATES



Has any of your contact information changed? If your contact information changes, please let us know. We also send out a weekly email reminder of all the events at Luther Memorial.

If you have an email address, please share it with us by emailing [info@lutherpeople.org](mailto:info@lutherpeople.org) or write it down & leave it in the office.



### HOSPITALIZATION NOTIFICATIONS

Neither York Hospital nor UPMC Memorial notify churches of member hospitalizations. If you become aware of the hospitalization of a church member or plan an admission, please give the office a call. We would greatly appreciate your help in keeping us informed so that Pastor Doug may visit.

## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL AND STAFF

### COUNCIL OFFICERS

Council President	<b>Carol Little—717-870-6784</b> (Property Min.)
Vice President	<b>Tammy Taylor—717891-3235</b> (Invitational Min.)
Council Secretary	<i>Vacant</i>
Treasurer	<b>Jim Platt—717-757-6907</b> (Discipleship Min.)

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Peggy Ebersole—717-854-8007**  
**Carol Heiss—717-894-8493** (Faith Formation Min.)  
**Marianne Spangler—717-845-1617** (Social Min.)  
**James Taylor—717-893-4562** (Call Committee)  
**Pastor Doug—515-321-4582** (Worship Min.)

### STAFF

**Pastor Doug Johnson**, Interim Pastor  
**Sherry Gable**, Administrative Assistant  
**Emily Morris**, Worship Broadcast Technician  
**Richard George**, Music Director  
**Charles D. Kress**, Sexton



### November Lumen Deadline: October 23

Please submit all items to [info@lutherpeople.org](mailto:info@lutherpeople.org), or call the church office during office hours.

**Please keep your contact information up-to-date with the church office.**

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## Lumen Newsletter

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