

The Light



Welcome Back Sunday

September 13th

The lazy, hazy of summer are now over. The kids have started school – and the teachers are back in the classroom. We want to bless the start of your new school year – and the beginning of Sunday school.

We will have the first day of Sunday School as well as Blessing of the Backbacks/School Bags on this day. Bring them with you to church. We will be blessing students and their backbacks at the 9:30 service. We will also be having the installation of the Sunday school staff.

Plan to start the new academic year with us!

First Communion Classes

Pastor Jann will be having instructions for any child entering the first grade or older. Parents – we are counting on you to determine when your child will receive Holy Communion. There is usually a one all-day class for both the child and the parent. They will take their first communion on Reformation Sunday, October 25th. Talk to Pastor Jann if you are interested!



Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Classes will begin in October. If your child is entering 7th grade they are eligible to participate in this two year program. At the present time the classes meet during the Sunday School hour in the pastor's office. Pastor Jann and Bob Milley are the leaders. Contact PJ at the office.

August 2015

Sharing
God's
Abundant
Love

What is Speedwood?? Listen, Learn and Enjoy!

St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church, Devon PA, is hosting Lost and Found's Farewell Tour on October 3, 2015 at 5 PM. Lost and Found plays an eclectic style of music they refer to a "Speedwood" – fast music played on acoustic instruments. Their concerts combine original songs and beloved Christian hymns played in their unique style. Tickets are \$5 (children 3 and under are free.) For ticket information visit temple-lutheran-church.ticketleap.com/lost-and-found. Proceeds will be donated to the Community Action Agency of Delaware County to support their ministry of caring for hungry, homeless people.

There's Nothing Like an Old-fashioned Sing-a-long...

...especially when we're singing hymns!

Our friends and neighbors at Oxford Presbyterian Church will host a hymn sing on Sunday, August 23rd from 4 to 5:30 PM. A Community Meal follows from 5:30 to 7:00PM.

Please join in the fun and make a note of it! (LOL)



We are looking for leaders. How about you?

It takes an array of people with a variety of talents and dedication to make the church run. We are so thankful for those who serve our congregation. Now, some leadership positions have become available. Could you volunteer?

OPEN POSITIONS

- **Building & Property Chairperson**
- **Music & Worship Chairperson**
- **Leader for Team #1 (1st Sunday of the Month)**

In our zeal to find new leaders, we do not want to forget to thank those who have been serving in those rolls. Special thanks to:

Doris Petersen for her time in leading Building & Property through the sanctuary improvement project

Melanie Lohr for leading the Music & Worship team

Amy Luke for leading Team #1

Birthdays *August & September*

Maryn Hipkins	08/03
Cheyenne Craven	08/08
Ken Schoessler	08/08
Sarah Milley	08/09
Pete Bodine	08/12
Christina Cordivano	08/14
Kiersten Hutchinson	08/17
Richard Hollowniczky	08/23
Emily Deeves	08/29

Earl Abernathy	08/30
Bette Ann Walton	09/01
Tina Sauk	09/02
Brandon McHugh	09/14
Joseph Deeves	09/17
Glenn Frederick	09/24
Dina Heffner	09/30



Are YOU ready for MR CELERY?

He hopes to see you at
the Blue Rocks game on
Saturday August 22!



Adoption Meeting Matters of the Heart

Matters of the Heart will hold its next quarterly meeting on Sunday, August 23rd at 2 p.m. in the church office of Community of Love Lutheran Church, 115-117 N. Fourth St., Oxford. Our topic this month will be "Honesty in Adoption".

Matters of the Heart is a discussion group for people whose lives have been touched and connected by adoption. The meeting is free and open to all adult adoptees, adoptive parents and birth parents, as well as the families that support them. It is our intention to offer a safe and compassionate setting for those in post-adoption. The meeting will be led by Amanda Woolston, MSW and Linda Hettinger. For more information please contact Linda Hettinger via e-mail at homeyg.65gmail.com or leave a message at the church office at 610-998-0282

Christian Ed Update

"Music is universal and Love is the key"... do you know that song? Do you have a love of music and are willing to share that love?

The Christian Education Committee is looking for a music teacher to lead your youth. We have resources for you. Music education occurs at the beginning of Sunday School (10:30 – 10:45) We strive to present a program once a quarter. If you are interested please let Pete Hill know.

We are also in need of a substitute teacher; again if you are interested please let us know. All materials are provided and the duties are light! The rewards are priceless! Please see Pete Hill if you are interested in this opportunity.

Mark your calendars: Sunday School begins on Sunday September 13th.

How full is your Baby Bottle???

Baby bottles filled with change will be collected in September by the Service to Others team.

Another great way we share God's abundant love!

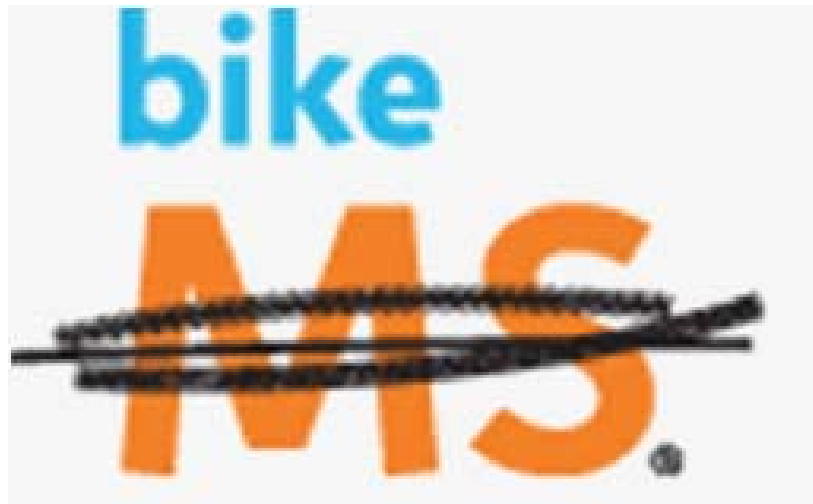


Words to Think About:

Courtesy of www.gratefulness.org:

Prayer is sitting in the silence until it silences us, choosing gratitude until we are grateful, praising God until we ourselves are a constant act of praise.

Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM



To help raise funds for the upcoming
**National Multiple Sclerosis
Society's
BIKE TO THE BAY,**

there will be a Candy Bar/Snack Sale after church
**on Sunday, August 30th &
Sunday, September 13th.**

Items will be \$1.00 each.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit
the MS 150 Bike-to-the-Bay on September 26-27.

Thank you for your patronage!
Tom Plystak
2015 MS 150 Bike-to-the-Bay participant



Thank You for supporting the 2015 Oxford Relay for Life!

CANCER...whether from a distance, or “up close and personal”, cancer touches many, if not all of us in one way or another. We had an opportunity to do something about it...the “Relaying Lutherans” helped to **“fight the fight”** at the 2015 Oxford Relay for Life!

Our team raised over \$2800 this year, which qualified us to receive Bronze Level Fundraising status. The event total now stands at about \$51,000. These dollars will be put to good use to:

- fund advocacy and prevention programs,
- help cancer patients get treatment,
- finance critical research projects to help develop improved treatments and someday a cure and
- support the many other objectives of the American Cancer Society.

A special “thank you” is in order for our 2015 Relaying Lutherans Team members: Cathy Dubosque, The Coe Family, Mike and Kate Brandt, Karen Pattinson, Kim Graham, Tom & Jackie Plystak. And a special “thank you” goes out to Anna Coe who was our team’s top fundraiser with \$341 in donations!

But an even more special “Thank You” goes to you, our supporters! Without those candy bar purchases, the dining out at McDonald’s, the purchases of Luminarias or just by straight-up donations, our team and the event would not have been as successful.

Here are some photos of this year’s event from our “dry” Friday...Saturday, unfortunately was a different story. And if you can’t guess from the photos, the theme this year was “Circus/Carnival”!

Thanks again for your support!

Tom Plystak
Team Captain



Mike & Kate "clowning" around.



Our team tent site, featuring Karen's Circus Train.



Mike and Kate can't have ALL the fun!



The Survivors & Caregivers Lap



The donated gift baskets and cake for the Survivor's & Caregivers dinner.



Bagpipers prep for the Luminaria Ceremony...just a few of the many Luminarias are shown here.