



AELC News

News from and around
Allegheny Evangelical
Lutheran Church

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OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

“Come, to know the love of God: Go, to make it known.”



Grace and peace to you from God our Creator and Jesus, who offers us grace and truth. This month we celebrate the Reformation, starting over 500 years ago with Luther and others who sought reform in the church. It was not an easy process and those in power sought to keep things the same. Luther was exiled, and had a bounty on his head by the church leaders. Throughout his life, Luther sought to teach the Bible to everyone, to open the scriptures, so that anyone who was able to read was able to have access to the Word of God. We are part of that continued tradition of inviting others to a closer relationship with God, through community and the Word. I am always reminded that as Lutherans we are part of a church that is always reforming (the ‘tion’ in reformation means a continuing action).

Part of our common history both as Lutherans and members at AELC, is the reminder that we are called to serve God throughout our daily lives. We are reminded from Luther that: “What you do in your house is worth as much as if you did it up in heaven for our Lord God. We should accustom ourselves to think of our position and work as sacred and well-pleasing to God, not on account of the position and work, but on account of the word and faith from which the obedience and the work flow.” Living out our faith in each moment of our lives we serve God daily.

In September we joined with our siblings in Christ across the nation to engage our community during “God’s Work, Our hands” Sunday. We gathered to share the gifts that God has given to use for others, and while it rained, it didn’t stop us from impacting many lives through our service, that stretched beyond that day. We continue to gather, to serve, to learn to worship to live in community this month, as followers of Jesus who came to serve. As we celebrate this month the Reformation and Confirmation of some of our young people, we continue to hear God’s call for us to live into our faith daily. May God guide us this month and always to invite and go out to share the Love of God in our daily lives.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Zach



What's your favorite Bible passage? Why?

These are the two questions we want to talk about during our next gathering on **Nov 6** at 9am. Breakfast will again be provided. If you know the idea of the passage but not the chapter and verse that's okay too, we can help you figure that out. Join us to share in this second event. See you on Nov 6, as we continue to learn about each other and who AELC is.

UPCOMING FALL BLOOD DRIVE

We had originally scheduled the AELC blood drive for October 29, 2022. However, because Miller-Keystone is so severely understaffed, they cannot do it that day and are not scheduling any new offsite drives at this time.



The alternative is to schedule an “Allegheny Lutheran” week at the Miller-Keystone Center, 2745a Leisczs Bridge Rd, Reading which is just off Rte. 183 about two miles north of the 222 airport exit.

Call 610 926-6060 or go to www.giveapint.org to schedule your appointment. If scheduling online, enter Allegheny Lutheran in the “Notes” area. Allegheny Lutheran’s week is the week of **October 24 – October 29**. You can make an appointment for any day of that week and AELC will get credit for it. This gives you much more flexibility in scheduling, but a little more travel time. It does provide a great excuse to go out to eat before or after donating while doing a great deed for mankind.

Donate a pint before any Halloween vampires get it.

If you have any questions, contact Bill Baxter at 610 775-3763 or dandbbax@gmail.com.

Youth & Mission



Our next youth group meeting will be Sunday, **October 16**! Join us for a day at Oregon Dairy for the corn maze and other fun activities! Admission is \$15 per person. While AELC is happy to cover cost for our youth participants, youth are invited to bring extra spending money for snacks, drinks, and so forth. Donations to help offset the cost of admission for our youth can also be made to our youth fund.

Save the dates for Sunday, November 20 and Sunday, December 18 for our Stronger Together youth group meetings! Keep an eye out for more information and activities for those dates!



Pot Pie Fundraiser

Our Pot Pie Fundraiser is back this November! Starting on Sunday, October 2 preorders for pot pie will begin. There will be an order sheet in the lobby. Any individual wishing to partake in the fundraiser for their Mission Trip funds, please contact Kristen Kelly for the order form! Quarts will cost \$8 a quart or 3 for \$22. Pick up will be Saturday, November 17.

INTERWOVEN



Our next Interwoven will take place on Sunday, **Oct. 9**! Join us in the annual Crop Walk to help raise funds to help eradicating hunger in our community and the world.



On November 5 our Synod is hosting its 4th annual We Love...event at The Lutheran Center in Allentown. Join us for a day of discussion and education on creating and building a safer and more welcoming community for our LGBTQ+ siblings in Christ. Help us welcome Ross Murray as our keynote speaker. Registration will open in October. Date will be announced. If you have questions or are interested in attending/carpooling, contact Kristen Kelly.

Confirmation



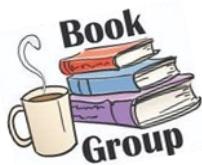
We will be confirming 2 new Confirmands on Sunday, **October 30**! Join us for our 10:30am combined service to celebrate and welcome our 2 new members!

AELC Book Club

Our next read is "Big Lies in a Small Town" by Diane Chamberlain. The reading schedule is:

Thursday, Oct. 13 at 6:30pm:
Prologue-Chap. 34 (pgs. 1-211)

Thursday, Oct. 27 at 6:30pm: Chap. 35-
Epilogue (pgs. 212-385)



We will follow "Big Lies in a Small Town" with "Eternal" by Lisa Scottoline.

FOLLOW US!

Our youth have their own Instagram page. Follow us to see all the great things we do - such as Mission Trips, Interwoven, CAT class and more! Our handle is @aelc_youth! Check out all the amazing things we are doing through our faith!



Tis the season of bounty!

Fresh fruits and vegetables are showing up at many of the local farmstands that populate our area. Don't forget that Equal exchange sources all of its products through small batch farms just like those who own those local farmstands. Speaking of bounty, it is also time to replenish all of the goodies at the stand. Have you seen a product you would like to try? Let us know, and we'll order some for the stand. Noticed an interesting flavor of chocolate, coffee, or tea that we don't currently carry? Please send us an email! We are happy and willing to honor any special requests. If there is a product you use regularly, and need to restock, we are taking orders for those items too. To place an order, or if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding the products we carry, please inquire at fairtrade@aelc.org



MISSION TRIP

Mission Trip Update

We are busy working on our Mission Trip for summer of 2023! We are hoping to work with Serve Boldly again this year. Serve Boldly will release their dates and locations on Monday, October 3. Once those dates and locations are released, there will be an update on the mission trip shortly after! We are looking forward to a wonderful opportunity to serve this summer!

We look forward to hearing from you and as always, thank you for your continued support.

Janine and Connie

Sunday, October 16

Families are invited to join us at **Duncan's Corn Maze** for bonfires, hot chocolate, corn maze, hayride and lots of fall fun!

6-9pm

Sign up in the lobby.

Corn Maze entrance \$9.00 per person children under 6 free.

**Are you ready for Trick or Treat?**

Let's Trunk or Treat!!

October 23

4-6pm

Join us with your candy for a fun family event!

Decorate your car's trunk, wear your costume and join us for crafts, games, food, prizes & trick or treat!

Register on our website at AELC.org or in the Lobby

If you would like to volunteer for this event join us for our first meeting on **October 6** at 6:30pm. This meeting will be a zoom meeting so please email Annmarie@aelc.org or Vee at vnkue@hotmail.com to receive a link to join us.

Saturday, December 3**"Holiday Bazaar featuring Children, Teens and Young Adults"**

10am—1pm

Come and join us for this special event!

This event is free and will feature talented young local vendors with unique and

gift worthy items - just in time for the holidays!

If you are 12-25 years old we are looking for any creativity such as crafts, baking, technology, and would like to join us to sell & share your unique creativity please contact

Annmarie at Annmarie@aelc.org or Kristen at youthd@aelc.org

to reserve your table.

Think you have that special creativity but not sure how you can participate, we are here to help!!





Help support Faith Formation!!

Buy a carton of Eggs!

Brown eggs, straight from the farm!

\$2.00 a dozen

Eggs are located in the big kitchen in the refrigerator. Donations can be placed in the jar marked "eggs" in the lobby.

Thank you for your support!

Chronic Pain Support Group

On Tuesday, **October 4** at 6:30pm

Allegheny Lutheran Evangelical Church

1327 Allegheny Road, Mohnton

We will be holding our first Chronic Pain Support Group. This group is for anyone who is suffering from any type of pain. We will be providing support through both in person and over video/zoom. There's an emotional side to chronic pain. You may need a shoulder to cry on or someone to talk to. You need support. Having someone to talk to that are dealing with the same pain as you can be a sense of comfort and support.

This group offers experience, strength, and hope for people with chronic pain.

*Sharing is anonymous.

*We are not advising any treatment, medication, or therapy.

This group is here for you.



If you have any questions, please contact Annmarie at

Annmarie@aelc.org / 610-777-2520 / 484-797-5749

Meetings will continue the First Tuesday of Each Month

Financial Info

Treasurer's General Fund Report

GENERAL FUND UPDATE			
	Total Attendance*	General Fund Income	Weekly Budgetary Need
Aug 21, 2022	92	\$4045	\$5418
Aug 28, 2022	103	\$2445	\$5418
Sept 4, 2022	55	\$6681	\$5418
Sept 11, 2022	86	\$3934	\$5418
Total	336	\$17,105	\$21,672

*attendance includes onsite and online figures.

In August our expenses exceeded income by about \$11,800. A rough financial month was anticipated because of there being three paydays. Fortunately, July's \$7300 surplus helped to offset August's results.

For the first eight months of the year, income trails expenses by \$27,000.

The General Fund checkbook balance at the end of August was about \$20,400 including the balance of the PPP funds.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - OCTOBER 2

Bring your creatures, great and small, to the



All are welcome to attend the “**Blessing of the Animals**” on **Sunday, October 2 at 1pm**. Bring your dogs, cats, or other pets, rain or shine, for a special blessing. If you want to donate to the Animal Rescue League of Berks County, you can go to their website at www.berksarl.org. The ARL has a WISH LIST of special needs on this site. You can bring them at the Blessing or you can drop them off at the church in the box in the vestibule. We will see that they are taken to the Animal Rescue League. Any monetary donations can be done on their website or given at the Blessing.

Canned kitten, cat, and dog food For kittens and cats, we prefer non-seafood varieties, please.

Dry kitten, cat, and dog food To prevent upset tummies, we prefer Purina and Iams brands. Please check the label and make sure the food does not have any artificial dye or color.

Soft dog treats Our pups love treats like Beggin’ Strips, Pup-Peroni, Bil-Jac, Zukes, etc.

Cat litter

Breeder’s Edge Foster Care Feline– Powdered Milk Replacer- for Kittens & Cats

Cat toys & durable dog toys [Cardboard cat scratchers](#) are always needed, as are feather wands, balls and catnip-filled toys! For dogs, we love to have a steady supply of Nylabones, Kongs and snuffle mats for them to play with daily!



Kuranda beds These comfy and sanitary beds for pets allow them to relax comfortably in their kennels.

Bleach and laundry detergent High Efficiency preferred.

Large and extra-large pop-up crates for dogs

Money! Your dollar donations allow us to buy what we need when we need it!



PA
Traditional
Crafts &
Folk Art
Sale

PA TRADITIONAL FOLK ART/CRAFT SHOW

SAT. OCT. 15
10AM-3PM
AT AELC



Altar Flowers

Ministry Opportunity



Bulletins

Sponsors are needed for bulletins and flowers!

Won't you please consider sponsoring the Sunday worship bulletin and or the altar flowers? The charts are on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Cost:

\$20 - Bulletin

\$43/2 altar vases, \$40/chancel arrangement

Questions: contact Jo Verrill at jodaverrill@gmail.com

for bulletins and Sandy Fluck at 610-334-3175 for flowers.



SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM

REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE

Stop, before you cut off the bottom you want make sure you have the 1% total left on. If you use self-checkout be sure you use your Redner's card. I recently threw out over 100 tapes that did not have this information on them. That's money we can't get for our church. Any questions, call me.

Susan @ 6110-777-7776.

**Ronald McDonald House Can Tabs
are now being collected again.
Please drop them off in the container
in the vestibule any time at your
convenience.**

Thank you.



AELC Home Worshippers

Please keep these Home Worship members in your thoughts and prayers:

Ron Austin, Larry Craley, Pat Hiester,
Paul Pray, Malcolm Reider



Looking Ahead...

Our next newsletter is the **November** issue. If you have content for the newsletter, please submit your articles by **October 15** to the church office via email at office@aelc.org or in Dee Constable's mailbox.

Newsletter 

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Lay Readers have a choice of either pre-recording the readings or providing the readings in person, on-site. Please use the link below to sign up for the reading you wish to do and make your choice of presentation – pre-recorded or onsite. Or you can contact Gaye Dougherty at gayedougherty@gmail.com or 610-507-4562 or contact Dee Constable at office@aelc.org, 610-777-2520.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F45ABAD2EA1F58-worship>



AELC Prayer Ministry

Recognizing the importance of prayer for our congregation and the world, AELC has a prayer ministry that communicates needs in various ways. We primarily communicate through a weekly email and listing prayers in the Sunday bulletin. We also have a closed Facebook group to share emergency requests and praises.

To receive the weekly email, send requests, updates or praises - please email Steve Cope at prayerlist@aelc.org or the church office at office@aelc.org. You may also call the church office to leave a request. If you would like to be a part of the Facebook group, please let Steve know so you can be added. There is a Prayer Request box and slips in the lobby. Feel free to add requests this way; it will be checked weekly. When adding someone to the list, please make sure you have their permission.

Additionally, if you do not use email or social media and would like to be a part of this ministry, please leave your name and phone number with Steve or the office and we will communicate with you in a way that works

GROUNDS CLEAN-UP **MAINTENANCE BOOK**

The Property Committee has created a book for you to sign-up to clean a specific grounds area and to maintain on an on-going basis. Please look through the book on the table in the lobby and if you have an interest in keeping the grounds in good shape or just enjoy working outside, pick an area and sign your name. When you and your group want to do the clean-up/maintenance is whatever works best for you and your time schedule. If you have questions or concerns, please contact a member of the property committee.



HELP BOTH OUR CHURCH AND OUR PLANET AT THE SAME TIME

AELC is using the Planet Green Recycling Program to collect used ink cartridges to send in to recycle and receive money back to be **used in support of the church's Mission Trip program**. A collection box is in the vestibule for dropping off your used ink cartridges for us to submit to Planet Green Recycling.

If you wish to mail them in yourself from home, please follow the steps below:

- Open the following link on your computer: <http://www.planetgreenrecycle.com/>
- Click on item 2 "Free USPS Label"
- Fill in label request

Your first & last name

Your email address

Organization Program Code: Enter 31821

Address – Enter Church Address: 1327 Alleghenyville Rd, Mohnton, PA 19540

Identify how many cartridges. **YOU MUST SEND AT LEAST 4**

- You will receive a prepaid label in your email to mail the cartridges
- Box up the cartridges, attach the label and drop off at post office

The church receives funds directly from Planet Green Recycling, \$1.00 for every cartridge (commonly used cartridges). **If you choose to mail in your cartridges yourself, it is very important to make sure to include the church's Organization Program Code (31821) so we receive the credit for the cartridges. No toner cartridges accepted.**

Thank you for your support of the AELC Mission Trip Program!



Be a **WALKER** contact Paul Brockman (Leader) 484-332-5862 cell or 610-775-9398

Pick up an envelope from Paul or Kristin Kelly.

You can register on line. Our Walk is **"Reading-Berks"**, our TEAM is **Allegheny Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Last year we did GREAT raising more than \$2,900 so our target this year will be \$3,000!!!

**Sunday, Oct. 9
Reading-Berks
41st Annual
CROP Hunger Walk
Gring's Mill or Virtual
(we forecast a beautiful
fall afternoon)**

Start early, get the word out and encourage others. Set a goal. Many people start at raising \$150.

One of the best and easiest ways is to spread the word online. Once you have registered on they can contribute electronically by going to crophungerwalk.org/.

If you can not walk that day generously support a walker. Checks payable to CWS/CROP

We have been blessed and our faith calls us to serve others in need. This is a great opportunity to put our faith into action. Paul



Concern Wish List

I should have the names and items requested by the beginning of the month, just give me a call @ 610-777-7776. If I don't answer, **please leave your name and number** since cell phone numbers don't show up on my caller id. I will have a great selection of the gifts needed, so don't delay and wait to get your information. You get your name, buy the gift, and then put it in a gift bag drop and drop it off at church. (Monday-Thursday from 8 to noon) or on a Sunday morning. Any questions, call me, Susan Messner



SHOPPERS WANTED!

One day only – **October 19, 2022**
8am to 11pm

Donate \$5 to AELC and receive a 25% off Discount shopping pass. See or contact Lynne Scheetz at llscheetz@icloud.com or 610-780-0439 to get your pass.

If you can sell passes at work or at another activity, let me know that too!



ALTAR GUILD OCTOBER

8:30 am—Shirley Eskey
10:30 am—Marsha Yadlosky/
Judy Conrad

NOVEMBER

8:30 am – Lucille Spangler
10:30 am – Jackie & Dean
Hirneisen



October 2—9am Breakfast & History of AELC Discussion, 10:30 am Combined Worship Blessing of the Animals at 1pm

October 4—Chronic Pain Support Group

October 15—Folk Art & Craft Show

October 16—Duncan's Corn Maze

October 23—Trunk or Treat

October 29—Keystone Blood Drive

October 30—Reformation Sunday (10:30 am Combined Worship)

November 1—Chronic Pain Support Group

November 6—All Saints Sunday, 9am Breakfast & History of AELC Discussion, 10:30 am Combined Worship

November 11—Veterans Day

November 13—Celebrate Veterans at Worship

November 14-18—Potpie Qts. to Go

November 19—Kids Day Out-Christmas Pajama Workshop

November 20—Christ the King Sunday

November 27—First Sunday of Advent (Hanging of the Greens)



Big Day of Serving

