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AELC News

News from and around
Allegheny Evangelical
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JUNE/JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER

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

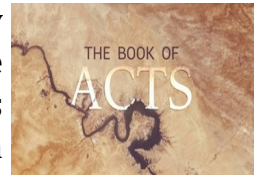


Grace and peace to you from God our Creator and Jesus our Redeemer. Summer has quickly come to us at AELC, after the weather being a roller coaster ride, we are now heading into the next season. As we celebrate with our Graduates, Fathers, another baptism, and our nation, we have many things to be thankful for. What are you thankful for this summer? What brings you joy this summer? What excites you for these months ahead? How do you share that excitement and joy with others?

In June we will be hearing the promised fulfillment of Jesus as the Holy Spirit visits the church on the first Pentecost, and embodies us as the church to go out and proclaim the Love of God to others. There is excitement in this remembrance as we, the church of today, are given that same Spirit to go and share the Love of God and Joy with those we meet. Our youth will gather with additional youth in our community to serve locally, and embody that spirit in service. We will also be hearing the Spirit speak through different voices during worship this summer. Kristen Kelly, our Director of Youth and Mission will be preaching and leading worship on June 26 and Dennis Kintzer will be preaching in July on Faithful Generosity. I am excited and thankful for them both as they take on this challenging task, and enthusiastic as we share in the work of the Spirit by hearing from different voices.

This summer we will also be having a sermon series on Acts 16, which is an interesting chapter of following and trusting the Holy Spirit's guidance. How do you trust

God's Spirit? Do you allow it to fill you and make decisions? Do you pray before making difficult decisions? How do you come to God when you are in need of answers and all you have are more questions? What happens when the answers we want end up not being the answers we need? I am looking forward to diving deep into this passage in Acts with you over the summer, and I encourage you to find it and read it on your own this summer. [\(You can click here to read it now\).](#)



Wherever you are led, travel, or remain this summer I invite you to continue to worship with us onsite and online whenever possible. Check in with each other, and continue to uplift each other as we move throughout these months ahead. Keep each other in prayer, open your directory, or if you don't have one let us know and we'll send you one, and pray for the names you see, even if you don't know who they are. Find joy and excitement in the presence of God and share the Love of God more fully and deeply this summer. And wherever you go, know that we go with you in Spirit, caring and praying for and with you.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Zach

WORLD HUNGER AUCTION UPDATE THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who helped make our World Hunger Auction a success! Whether you donated, helped set up or clean up, make and serve dinner, or bid, you were the reason we were able to raise over \$12,000! We will be splitting our donation this year, sending 75% of it to ELCA World Hunger and 25% of it to Helping Harvest. Your generosity is outstanding and AELC is so proud of the success of this year's World Hunger Auction!



Youth & Mission



Youth Group is on Summer break! Keep an eye out this fall for news of our meetings for the next school year!

God Bless Our Graduates!



AELC is celebrating your achievement (high school, college, or advanced degree) on Graduate Sunday, **June 5** at the 9:30 am service.

INTERWOVEN



Our next Interwoven is **June 4** ... get ready for White Water Rafting!

Our Interwoven for July will take place on Sunday, **July 10**. Join us at AELC to celebrate "Everybody's Birthday!" Pack a dinner and join us in decorating your own cupcake to celebrate your birthday -regardless of when it was! Along with celebrating our birthdays, we are going to help others celebrate theirs! We will be creating "Birthday Baskets" so every kid has a chance to celebrate their birthday filled with cake mix and icing, a card, decorations, and other goodies. Come celebrate your birthday and help others celebrate theirs!



We are heading into summer with fresh, newly stocked inventory at the Fairtrade stand. Fairtrade beverages travel well, so if you are headed out for some time away this summer, why not take some along with you; and don't forget, because of potential melting in the warm weather, Equal Exchange does not ship chocolate during the summer months. Since our inventory for chocolate will not be restocked until Fall, you may want to stock up on any favorite flavors before they're gone.

While the high quality, delicious items we sell at the stand come from small farms and farmers across the globe, Equal Exchange supports and encourages purchasing locally sourced meat, vegetables, and other food products, whenever possible. Ensuring foods that are at their height in freshness and nutritive quality. The summer season is the perfect time to stop by a local farm stand, support a local farmer, and enjoy the blessings of the season.

AELC Book Club

Our book club is on summer break! Over the summer, we will be reading "The Rib King" by Ladee Hubbard. We will pick back up in September to discuss our reading of "The Rib King".

**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!

**Women's Group**

Women's Group is in your hands! Check out this Google Doc (<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1S0jFwDWHuY2EauW4lrHaQc8IH2VqphfLe5nvoRPwKV0/edit?usp=sharing>) to sign up for a month and share you topic you want to lead. We invite you to lead however you feel comfortable, maybe it's planning a group dinner out, or organizing a speaker on a specific topic, or leading a bible study. Once you sign up, Kristen will help get everything organized, such as the announcement in the bulletin, the write up for the newsletter, if you need a potluck sign up sheet posted, and making sure your space is set up and unlocked for the night. If you are interested in signing up, just follow the link or contact Kristen and she can help you plan! If a month does not have a sign up, there will be no meeting that month.

**Mission Trip Update**

Join us for our At Home Mission Trip **June 20-23!** Spend the week with us, Building Stronger Together, as we serve our community and come together for fun! We can't wait to have you join us! Included in our Mission Trip is our Mini Mission Trip for rising 5th and 6th graders to take place June 21-22. Registration fee for the At Home Mission Trip is \$25.00 and \$10.00 for the Mini Mission Trip, with financial aid available. Registration forms are now available in the lobby or contact Kristen!

FATHER'S DAY - SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Dads, Grandpops, Uncles, do you love Doughnuts? Come and join your child/children on Father's Day at 9:00am in Charlie's Café for some yummy doughnuts, coffee, tea, juice! Registration is on line and also on our Faith Formation Bulletin Board.





Congratulations to our Faith Formation classes! We had a fun FROG (Fully Rely On God) carnival along with certificates, medals!

We had muffins with Mom's. What a great day to celebrate Mother's day but to eat muffins with them!!

But the fun doesn't stop there...Come and Join us this summer for fun family events! Have a blessed summer!

You can now register for all our events on the church website at AELC.org, go to events and register!!

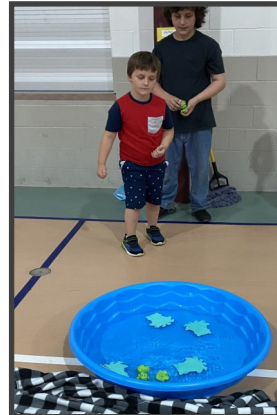
Summer Events

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| June 6 - 10 | Creative Arts Camp "Praise" |
| June 19 | Donuts with Dad in Charlie's Café at 9:00am |
| July 18-22 | Creative Arts Camp "Creation Care" |
| July 23 | Family Movie Night- Bring you blankets, chairs, pillows and join us to watch "Winn Dixie"
7:00 pm (Refreshments will be available for purchase. All proceeds will be donated to Helping Harvest) |
| July 25 | 6:00 pm Meeting Vacation Bible School for all interested volunteers |
| August 8 - 12 | Vacation Bible School "Tree of Healing" 6:00pm-8:00pm |

Volunteers needed for all events!!



Last Day of Faith Formation





Lydia Marie Zirkel
May 15, 2022



Carter James Link
May 8, 2022



Financial Info

Treasurer's General Fund Report

GENERAL FUND UPDATE			
	Total Attendance*	General Fund Income	Weekly Budgetary Need
Apr 17, 2022	212	\$4837	\$5418
Apr 24, 2022	123	\$3980	\$5418
May 1, 2022	114	\$4043	\$5418
May 8, 2022	124	\$5778	\$5418
May 15, 2022	117	\$3487	\$5418
Total	690	\$22,125	\$27,090

*attendance includes onsite and online figures.

In April our expenses exceeded income by about \$3500.

For the first four months of the year, income trails expenses by \$10,300.

The General Fund checkbook balance at the end of April was about \$37,000 including the balance of the PPP funds.

The HVAC fund balance is not part of the General Fund. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the balance was running low. You responded and as of mid-May, we have enough to cover June and July payments, but ongoing donations are needed to meet our obligation which ends with the January, 2023, payment.

In mid-May we used \$16,000 from the Debt Reduction Fund to pay down on the principal of our mortgage. Beginning with our June 1st payment our monthly payments will be reduced from \$1013 to \$645. After our May payment and the \$16,000 paydown, our original \$800,000 loan has been reduced to \$28,000.