

July

2025

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6 4 th Sunday After Pentecost	7 Devotions & Doughnuts 9-11	8	9	10	11	12
13 5 th Sunday After Pentecost Stump the Pastor	14 Devotions & Doughnuts 9-11	15 Register for ACHS Research Trip	16	17	18	19
20 6 th Sunday After Pentecost	21 Devotions & Doughnuts 9-11	22 Prayer Requests & Newsletter Articles Due	23	24 ACHS Research Trip	25	26
27 7 th Sunday After Pentecost	28 Devotions & Doughnuts 9-11	29	30	31	1	2

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Grace Notes

Gathering & Growing Together Through Faith

Serving our Lord since 1785

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Lamentations 3:22-23 (NIV):
"Because of the Lord's great
love we are not consumed, for
his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness."

Flohr's Church Information

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Pastor Gene Tucker- Interim Pastor

Carrie McDannell - Administrative Assistant

Marie Quesinberry-Choir Director

Stella Jarvis, Sexton

The Congregation Council:

Wayne Haifley -President

John Banaszek-Vice President

Bob Dwyer- Secretary

Bill Bucher, Jay Rohrbach, Todd Boden & Kelly Haifley

Bob Dwyer, Property Committee

Marie Quesinberry- Worship Committee

Janice Miller- Treasurer

Bruce Strausbaugh- Financial Secretary

Vacant Chairs: Learning Committee, Fellowship Committee, Support Committee, Service & Witness



Ponderings of The Pastor

By Pastor Gene Tucker

A recurring column, dealing with various and sundry topics

An Introduction to the “Catholic” Faith

Introductory Remarks

Perhaps, when you saw that headline above, you may have thought to yourself, “Has the Pastor lost his marbles?” (Well, I will admit, that’s certainly a possibility!).

Then, perhaps you thought to yourself, “Aren’t we Lutherans?” Well, yes, indeed, we are. But I submit to you that we are also “catholic” Christians (“catholic” with a small “c”).

Sunday by Sunday, we affirm our belief in the “catholic” Church, as in the words of the Apostles’ Creed, which says “I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church....”

So, read on, if you will, as we explore our faith as “catholic” Christians together.

The Origin of the Word “Catholic”

The word itself comes from the Greek, where two words combined with one another meant “according to the whole”, meaning the agreed-upon consensus of belief and order.

Then, from Greek, the word made its way into Latin (this shouldn’t be a surprise: Many words made such a journey). From Latin, the word found its way into English.

The Various Uses and Meanings of the Word

The word “catholic” itself has now come to mean “universal”. This is in keeping with its original meaning in Greek, for it conveys the idea that the consensus in matters of faith and morals of faithful Christians is spread across many expressions of the Christian faith.

So it is that the word is used in a number of different ways, each with a distinctive meaning.

When referring to the Roman Catholic Church: When written with a capital (upper case) “C”, the word most often refers to the Roman Catholic Church. So when someone says, “I am a Catholic”, they usually mean that they are a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Perhaps most people, whether or not they know anything about the Christian faith, or about the Church, would recognize this use of the term.

Ponderings of The Pastor Continued

When referring to the early Church's foundational years: Here another use of the word "catholic" (usually written with a lower case, small "c") emerges. It refers to the first five centuries of the Church's existence, that period of time when the Church hammered out its core beliefs, often in the midst of persecutions from without and challenges to accepted belief from within.

The Reformers in the sixteenth century were keenly aware of this period of the Church's life.

When referring to a body of different churches which share a common order and aspects of worship: Here the word would refer to a grouping of churches which we might call "liturgical" churches. These churches value the shape of worship which emerged in the early centuries cited above. Churches in this group of "catholic" churches would include the Roman Catholic Church, the Anglican/Episcopal Churches, Lutheran Churches, and the Eastern Orthodox Churches. (This list isn't intended to be comprehensive...there are other bodies which could be included.)

It's worth noting that, although this grouping of "catholic" Churches share some aspects of their worship together, there are differences between them, as well.

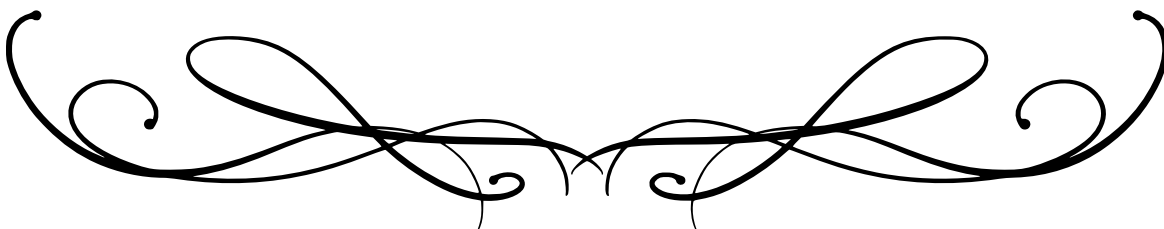
When referring to Christians who share common beliefs: Here we return to the foundational meaning of the word, meaning "universal". We can say that Christians of whatever expression who hold to the essentials of the faith and to its historical moral teachings are "catholic" Christians.

Such essentials of belief might include the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed, whether or not some Christians would make use of those statements of faith.

One Final Thought: Christians Can Be Grouped Into More Than One Category

Perhaps it will be obvious that Christians can be properly called "catholic" Christians because they could be categorized one of the classifications given above. But, they could be "catholic" because they fit into more than one of the definitions given above. So, for example, we Lutherans could be classified as being "catholic" because we are members of a Church which values liturgy, but also because we adhere to the received truths of the faith as they were formulated in the early centuries of the Church's existence.

Next month, we'll explore "catholic" worship and liturgy.





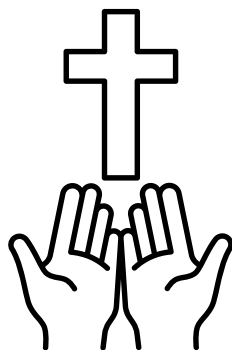
In last month's newsletter, we began exploring the beautiful stained glass windows installed in 1949 by the Rudy Glass Company of York, PA. This month, we'll continue our journey, focusing on the remaining windows that enrich our church with their vibrant artistry and profound symbolism.

As you stand before the altar, you'll notice two significant smaller windows. To the right, a window beautifully illustrates the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, a powerful reminder of our initiation into the Christian faith. On the left, another window features a striking frontal view of Flohrs Lutheran Church, accompanied by the psalmist's inviting words, beckoning all to worship.

Moving to the landings within the church, you'll find more thematic depth. The window on the left landing powerfully depicts God's justice and righteousness in His dealings with humanity, a testament to divine order and fairness. Across from it, on the right landing, the window showcases the providence of God for people in all corners of the earth, a comforting symbol of His unending care and provision for all creation.

Finally, the first-floor rooms also received their stained glass adornments at the same time as those in the nave. These windows share a uniform design, each featuring a single, profound symbolic representation. As you view them, you'll discover a rich tapestry of Christian themes. The windows on each side of the wall depict: the Holy Spirit, Jesus the Prince of Peace, the Victorious Lamb seated on a book with seven seals, the Lord as the Light of the World, the Sacrament of Holy Communion, Peace, the Passion of Christ, and the Resurrection. Each window serves as a visual sermon, inviting contemplation and deepening our understanding of our faith.

These windows are more than just beautiful decorations; they are an integral part of Flohrs Lutheran Church's history and spiritual fabric, continuing to inspire and uplift all who gather here.



Flohr's Church News

FINANCIAL NEWS.....

MTD & YTD Income/Expenses as of June 2025

	May-25	YTD 2025
Income	\$16,310.45	\$98,092.31
Expenses	\$13,023.89	\$101,338.05
Excess (Shortfall)	\$3,286.56	-\$3,245.74

Mission Funds Accounts: * Designated Funds

	Beginning Balance	Contributions	Withdrawals	Ending Balance
Memorial	\$5,070.80			\$5,070.80
Interest	\$689.60			\$689.60
Improvement*	\$5,637.11	\$20.00	\$3,765.16	\$1,891.95
Chairlift Repairs*	\$1,873.96			\$1,873.96
Youth*	\$1,253.97			\$1,253.97
Helping Hands*	\$232.67			\$232.67
Music*	\$1,860.13			\$1,860.13
Prayer/Memorial Garden*	\$2,399.72			\$2,399.72
A/C Replacement - Church*	\$2,342.09			\$2,342.09
Parsonage Rent	\$4,606.06	\$1,800.00		\$6,406.06
Totals	\$25,966.11	\$1,820.00	\$3,765.16	\$24,020.95



ACHS RESEARCH ROOM TRIP

The Adams County Historical Society (ACHS) is proud to safeguard over 5,000 square feet of invaluable historic materials within our archives and research room. Here, you can delve into a wealth of records and manuscripts that illuminate a diverse range of historical subjects.

Whether you're tracing your family roots through genealogy, investigating the history of a cherished property, exploring military campaigns, or seeking firsthand accounts from the Civil War era, the Dr. Charles H. Glatfelter Research Room stands as Gettysburg's preeminent archival research facility, ready to assist you in your historical journey. Interested in uncovering your own history or perhaps the story of the Flohrs?

Our group is planning a visit to the ACHS Research Room, and we'd love for you to join us! It's a fantastic chance to work with primary sources and make some exciting discoveries.

When: July 24th at 11AM
Where: 625 Biglerville Road Gettysburg, PA
Cost: \$10 to be paid when we arrive to the ACHS
Planning to come along? Please let Carrie in the office know by July 15th so that we can make the necessary reservations for our group.
Need a ride to the Historical Society? Let Carrie know when you RSVP, and we'll do our best to organize transportation so you can join us!



July 2025 Lay Assistants



Worship Assistant:

6 Sue Nespeca
13 Gina Dwyer
20 Bill Bucher
27 Liam Dwyer

Lectors:

6 Janice Miller
13 Sue Nespeca
20 Larry Slicker
27 Cheryl Black

Deacon:

6 Jay Rohrbach
13 Wayne Haifley
20 John Banaszek
27 Bob Dwyer

Ushers:

**Cheryl Black & Jay Rohrbach

*denotes Head Usher

Altar Guild:

Helen and Darrell Woerner

Financial Stewards:

Dave Nett & Helen Woerner

Flower Sponsors:

6 Marie Bollinger
13 Darrell & Helen Woerner
20 Larry & Midge Slicker
27 Marie Bollinger

Bulletin Sponsors:

6 Marie Bollinger
13 Darrell & Helen Woerner
20 Larry & Midge Slicker
27 Marie Bollinger

Sanctuary Lamp Candle:

Tim & Rebecca Rehfield

THANK
you

Thank you for adding to the
meaningful spirit of our weekly worship of God.



July Birthdays & Anniversaries



2nd Cathy Mummert
8th Rachel Reed
10th Geraldine Wetzel
13th Rose Guyer
15th Ruth Woerner
15th David Bream

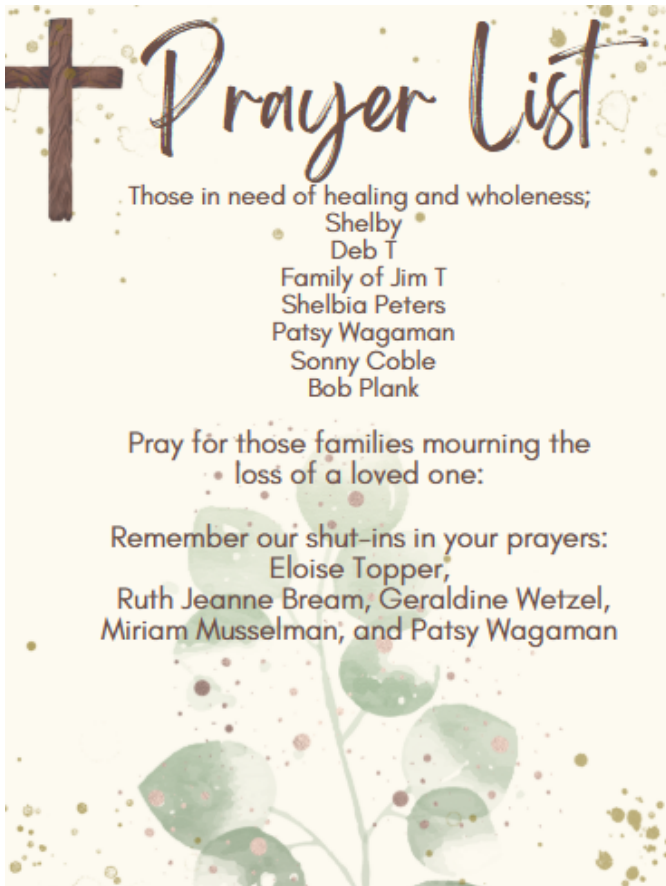
17th Matthew Youngblood
18th Lane Harley
23rd Deb Tucker
25th Emma Rohrbach
25th Tina Wallech
30th Sarah Poorman
31st Kristin Blake



11th Barb & Marlin Deardorff
12th Kelly & Wayne Haifley
20th Cothy & Todd Mummert

We ask for your assistance: Please notify the church office of any incorrect or missing lists of birthdays and anniversaries. Thank you for helping to keep our lists current

Bits & Pieces



A Big Thank You to Flohr's Church!

A huge shout-out to Flohr's Church for generously hosting a recent CPR recertification class! Thanks to their support, five more ladies are now officially recertified and ready to respond in an emergency. Your commitment to community safety is truly appreciated!

PRAYER LIST ANNOUNCEMENT

Please note that our prayer list will now be on a monthly rotation.

If you have any names you would like to add to the prayer list for the upcoming month to be announced during Sunday services and included in the church newsletter, please let us know as soon as possible.

You can submit names by emailing the church office at floherschurch@gmail.com, calling the office 717-334-3992, filling out the prayer request cards, or speaking to a member of the pastoral team.

Thank you for your understanding and continued prayers for our community.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

• SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 •
6:00 PM

At: **CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**
Aspers

Bring your favorite ice cream (homemade or store bought) or topping to share!



A BBQ SEND-OFF FOR BISHOP DUNLOP

Saturday, August 23, 2025
Camp Nawakwa

Registration Open Now!



Join Us for a Retirement BBQ

Saturday, August 23, 2025 at Camp Nawakwa

We want to make sure you mark your calendars for a special event in celebration of Bishop Dunlop's ministry. **You are invited to a Retirement BBQ on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at Camp Nawakwa, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** It will be a joyful gathering with laughter, stories, good food, and shared gratitude for Bishop Dunlop's faithful service.



Adams County Church Women United

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 11:30 A.M., AT GETTYSBURG CHURCH
OF THE BRETHREN, 1710 BIGLERVILLE ROAD.

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM ADAMS RESCUE MISSION WILL
SPEAK ABOUT THE AGAPE HOUSE. PLEASE BRING A
BAGGED LUNCH; DESSERT & BEVERAGES WILL BE
PROVIDED.

WELCOME TO NEWCOMERS; NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED.



Devotions & Doughnuts



Start your week with Coffee, Community, and the Word

EVERY MONDAY MORNING

Doors Open from 9:00AM-11:00AM



Come and enjoy a doughnut and a cup of coffee while you pick up a free devotional to guide you through the week. Each devotional is based on Sunday's scripture, to help you stay rooted in faith as the week begins.

- ✓ Free weekly printed devotionals
- ✓ Fresh doughnuts & coffee
- ✓ Friendly Fellowship

ALL ARE WELCOME--- BRING A FRIEND!

Flohers Lutheran Church

240th Anniversary T Shirt Fundraiser

100% Cotton Unisex Tee
Small-4x sizes available
\$20 each
ORDERS DUE BY August 3rd
SHIRT PICK UP SEPT 7th



Contact Carrie with questions floherschurch@gmail.com or 717-334-3992
[Online Order Form- Click Here](#)

Seller Name: _____ Phone Number _____

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HOW TO MEASURE

CHEST WIDTH
 Measure under the arm and around the fullest part of the chest with arms down, keeping tape horizontal.

SIZE CHART

	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
Chest	35-37	38-40	41-43	44-46	47-49	50-53	54-57