

September 2025

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Office Hours Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9AM-12 Noon

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Isaiah 40:31 ESV

**"but they who wait for the
LORD shall renew their
strength; they shall mount up
with wings like eagles; they
shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.**

Flohr's Church Information

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The Congregation Council:

Wayne Haifley -President

John Banaszek-Vice President

Bob Dwyer- Secretary

Bill Bucher, Jay Rohrbach, Todd Boden & Kelly Haifley

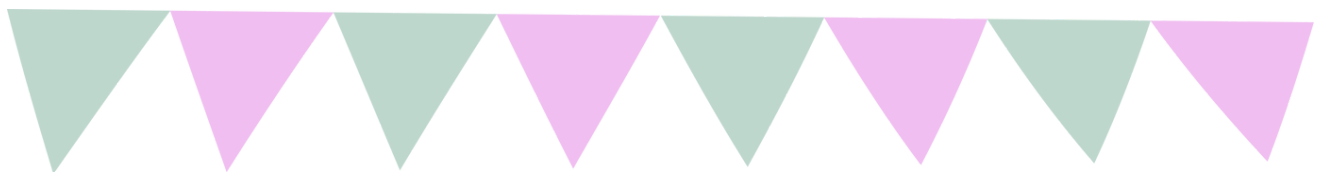
Bob Dwyer, Property Committee

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

"THE LAST IN OUR SERIES: 'CATHOLIC' WORSHIP"

Introduction

This month, we'll wrap up our look back into history, and particularly, to that part of the Church's history as it has come to us from the first five centuries of its existence, to see how the gifts and practices of that time in the Church's life have come to us today.

So, this is, indeed, a look at the "catholic" Church, that is to say, it is to look at a time in the Church's common life when the Church was united and undivided. So, the Church was, truly, "universal" (which is the essential meaning of the word "catholic").

This month, we'll look at several aspects of the Church's "catholic" worship, its liturgy.

Worship: Upbeat and Celebratory – or – Penitential in its Flavor?

Perhaps a good place to start with, as we think about worship in general, is to ask, "Should the Church's worship be upbeat and a cause for celebration? Or should the Church's worship focus on our unworthiness as a fallen people, who are on our knees, asking God for mercy and forgiveness?"

Into this question, the deliberations of the Second Vatican Council (which met from 1962 – 1966) can provide an answer. It is true that the Council was a meeting of Roman Catholic Church leaders. But it was a radical departure from past practice, in that Christians from many non-Roman Catholic communities were also invited as observers. (Could it be that the winds of the Holy Spirit were/are blowing through the Church, ushering in a new, more cooperative spirit among the various parts of the Christian community? I'd like to think so.)

The Council ushered in a major shift in the tone of worship, stating that the Church had lost sight of the fact that every Sunday worship event is a celebration of our Lord's resurrection. Therefore, each Sunday should, in some way, reflect joy. It should be a celebration. Now, it's true that more somber seasons of the Church Year lead us to more penitential times. (Lent is a good example.) But, overall, the Council's decision was that the tone of worship should change.

Those non-Roman Catholic observers to the Council were paying attention. And so, in many Christian communities outside the Roman Church, worship took on a more upbeat and positive tone. (If you have old Lutheran service books, take a look at the change in tone in their worship materials.) The change in focus ushered in some changes in how liturgical worship is conducted. Among them were:

West-facing celebration: (Explanatory note: Where the altar is located within a church building, no matter which direction it actually faces, is the "liturgical east".) With the changes that came about, the Pastor or Priest (or Bishop) who led worship during the celebration of Holy Communion now stood facing west, facing the congregation. This meant that altars that were up against the wall had to be moved out. (This wasn't possible in every church building.) The change means this: When the worship leader faced the altar, with their back to the congregation, the symbolism was that that person was standing between an angry God and God's people. Now, as worship leaders faced the people, they became one with the worshippers, a part of the entire Christian community.

Ponderings of The Pastor

Continued

Frequency of Holy Communion: A change that took place among non-Roman Catholics was the realization (long a practice in the Roman Church) that Holy Communion/Holy Eucharist/Mass should be the primary worship service on a Sunday. Previous to this, many Christians celebrated Communion much less frequently. Many traditions who had a Morning Prayer service on most Sundays, set those aside, in order to celebrate the Communion more frequently.

The roles of lay persons: The Council realized that worship had become far too “clergy-focused”. In many traditions, ordained persons did everything: They led worship, they read the lessons, they administered both elements of Communion. Lay people were (largely) observers. Vatican II changed that, saying that the worshipping community ought to reflect the makeup of the Christian community, a community that is made up of four Orders: Lay persons, Bishops, Pastors/Priests, and Deacons. (By the way, lay persons are the first Order, not the last.) So, after the Council, lay persons took up a much more active role in worship, as they do today.

Varying Understandings of the Nature of the Holy Communion

Christians generally regard the nature of Communion in three ways:

Roman Catholic: Transubstantiation, or the understanding that, in the eucharistic celebration, the communion elements of bread and wine undergo a change in their substance, into the Lord’s actual Body and Blood, even though our outward senses cannot discern the change in substance.

Lutheran and Anglican (Episcopal): A slightly different understanding is found here. The communion elements do not change during the celebration, but as the elements are consecrated (blessed) by the presider, the Lord is present in the elements, under/around/through/within, etc.

Protestant: The Communion celebration is a memorial, and nothing more than that.

The Building Blocks of the Communion Service

Down through time, a general pattern has evolved in the Communion liturgy.

There are five basic parts of it. (Some parts can be omitted.) Here they are (along with their traditional Greek/Latin titles)

Lord, have mercy (*Kyrie*)

Glory to God (*Gloria*)

Creeds (*Nicene, Apostles’, Athanasian*)

Holy, Holy, Holy/Blessed is he (*Sanctus/Benedictus*)

Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*)

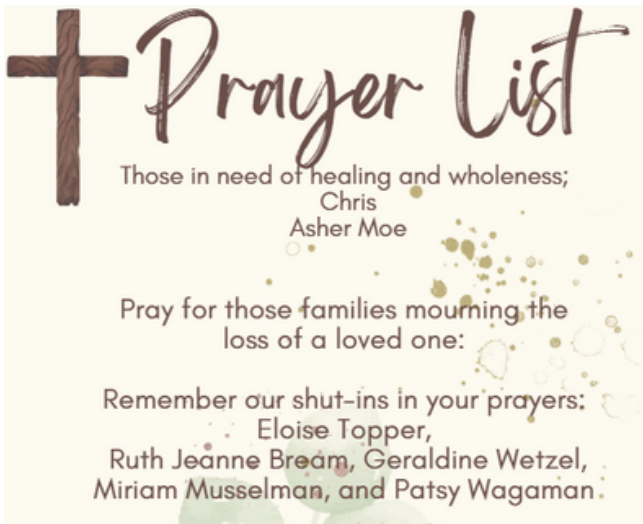
Conclusion

One of the goals of this series is to allow us to see that much of our worship comes to us from ancient times.

Another goal is to remind us that our worship shares with many other Christians common elements that all point to a common heritage. Indeed, I think it’s fair to say that most Christians worship in some sort of a liturgical way, a way that has its roots in the first five centuries of the Church’s life, that “catholic” time of universal witness to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hope you’ve enjoyed reading. Hope you’ve benefitted from doing so.





Prayer List

Those in need of healing and wholeness;
Chris
Asher Moe

Pray for those families mourning the
loss of a loved one:

Remember our shut-ins in your prayers:
Eloise Topper,
Ruth Jeanne Bream, Geraldine Wetzol,
Miriam Musselman, and Patsy Wagaman.

OF PASTORS AND PARISHES

It will probably be no secret that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is very short of ordained ministers, Pastors (in other words).

If it's any comfort, the ELCA isn't the only part of the Christian community to suffer from such a shortage. Indeed, the shortages bridge across many different faith communities and traditions.

On Sunday, September 28th, we will explore some of the reasons for this situation. We'll also consider what some of the remedies might be to change things for the better.

So, please come on that Sunday, as we explore the subject together. It'll be the same format as we've been using for "Stump the Pastor". (Since we're going to devote some time to this topic, there will be no sermon that day.) Plan on bringing your thoughts and your questions to share.

Pastor Gene



A warm welcome to the newest members of Flohrs Church who joined on August 3, 2025! We are so happy to have you as part of our community.

Financial News

| MTD & YTD Income/Expenses as of July 2025 | | | | |
|--|-------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| | Jul-25 | YTD 2025 | | |
| Income | \$12,833.51 | \$124,335.94 | | |
| Expenses | \$10,544.56 | \$120,080.37 | | |
| Excess (Shortfall) | \$2,288.95 | \$4,255.57 | | |
| Mission Funds Accounts: * Designated Funds | | | | |
| | Beginning Balance | Contributions | Withdrawals | Ending Balance |
| Memorial | \$5,070.80 | | | \$5,070.80 |
| Interest | \$689.60 | | | \$689.60 |
| Parsonage Rent | \$8,206.06 | \$1,800.00 | | \$10,006.06 |
| Improvement* | \$1,911.95 | \$40.00 | | \$1,951.95 |
| 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 | \$650.00 | \$650.00 | \$1,860.13 |
| Prayer/Memorial Garden* | \$2,399.72 | | | \$2,399.72 |
| A/C Replacement - Church* | \$2,342.09 | | | \$2,342.09 |
| Pastor Discretionary Fund | \$0.00 | 430 | | \$430.00 |
| Totals | \$25,840.95 | \$2,920.00 | \$650.00 | \$28,110.95 |



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Flohrs Church members,
Please join us in congratulating Carrie on her new role as Outreach and Administrative Coordinator, effective September 1, 2025. In this updated position, Carrie will be focused on both our outreach initiatives and essential administrative tasks.
Her new office hours will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
We are excited for this new chapter and the great things she will accomplish for our church community.

*Wayne Haifley
Council President*



September 2025 Lay Assistants



Worship Assistant:

7 Emma Rohrbach
14 Sue Nespeca
21 Gina Dwyer
28 Liam Dwyer

Lectors:

7 Cheryl Black
14 Dawn Six
21 Todd Boden
28 Sue Nespeca

Deacon:

7 Wayne Haifley
14 John Banaszek
21 Bill Bucher
28 Todd Boden

Ushers:

*Bob Dwyer & Cheryl Black

*denotes Head Usher

Altar Guild:

* Need Volunteer

Financial Stewards:

Mark Diest & Darrell Woerner

Flower Sponsors:

7 Marie Bollinger
14 Doris Youngblood
21 Bob & Gina Dwyer
28 Jay & Aimee Rohrbach

Bulletin Sponsors:

7 Marie Bollinger
14 Doris Youngblood
21 Bob & Gina Dwyer
28 Jay & Aimee Rohrbach

Sanctuary Lamp Candle:

Bob & Gina Dwyer

THANK
you

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



September Birthdays & Anniversaries



*Happy
Birthday*

2nd Glenn Hartzel
2nd Taylor Mummert House
3rd Todd Boden
5th Harry Coffelt
6th Phyllis Chandlet
7th Victoria Deardorff

8th Kerry Woerner Jr
9th Delores Deardorff
9th Liam Dwyer
12th Sue Wentz
12th Emily Bucher
15th Suzanne Youngblood

15th Kelsey Diehl Howe
18th Ruth Jeanne Bream
19th Debra Woerner
21st Ken Ketterman
22nd Doris Wagaman
24th Timothy Black

*Happy
Anniversary*

12th Christy & Larry Slicker Jr
15th Marilyn & Ken Ketterman
15th Susan & Craig Harley
18th Laura & Mark Milesky
18th Ashlee & Issac Saunders
23rd Deborah & Todd Boden
26th Phyllis & Michael Chandlet
27th Kristen & Russell Blake
28th Sarah & Timothy Poorman

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

What a fantastic Learning Center Clean-Up Day! A huge thank you to everyone who came out and worked so hard to get our space sparkling.



We had a great turn out for the ice cream social and the rain went around us that evening!



Bits & Pieces



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!
At Flohrs Church in McKnightstown



FLOHRS LUTHERAN CHURCH

HOMESCHOOL FINAL TIDY-UP

SEPT 6TH 8AM-11AM

Join us as we get our space ready for the new homeschool co-op year!

We need your help to put the finishing touches on our classrooms.
We'll be tidying up, putting furniture in place, hanging items on the walls, and filling up the bookcases. Your help will make a huge difference as we prepare for a great year of learning and community.
We can't wait to see you there!


Flohrs Lutheran Church

HOT DOGS & HYMNS



Fellowship Meal and Short Hymn
Sing
SEPT | **12** | 6-7:30

Join us for a relaxing evening of fellowship, food, and favorite hymns! Enjoy a free hot dog dinner, then stay for a casual sing-along of classic hymns.
All ages welcome--bring a friend and your singing voice!



FLOHRS LUTHERAN CHURCH
ESTABLISHED 1785

LEARNING CENTER OPEN HOUSE

SEPTEMBER 7TH
AFTER CHURCH

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND SNACKS
IN THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM

TOUR OUR UPDATED LEARNING
CENTER AT YOUR LEISURE


Prayer Walk & Memory Path

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL PRAYER WALK & MEMORY PATH THIS FRIDAY AS WE PREPARE TO CELEBRATE 240 YEARS OF MINISTRY AT FLOHR'S CHURCH!



Take a peaceful stroll through stations of prayer, reflection, and memories honoring God's faithfulness through the generations. Stop by anytime between 10 AM-2PM, and help us kick off this historic weekend in a meaningful way.

FLOHRS LUTHERAN CHURCH SEPTEMBER 20TH 10AM-2PM 717-334-3992
FLOHRSCHURCH@GMAIL.COM



FLOHRS LUTHERAN CHURCH
ESTABLISHED 1785

September 21, 2025

240 Years of Grace

Celebrating over 200 years of service to the community

Join us for a special Anniversary Worship Service at 9:00 AM as we give thanks for the faithfulness of God through the years.

At 1PM come and join for a joyful potluck picnic and explore our Heritage Display celebrating our church's rich history. Don't miss the photo booth and memory wall—take a moment to snap a picture and share a memory for others to enjoy as we honor the past and celebrate this meaningful day together!

New members are welcome to come!

IN CELEBRATION OF FLOHRS 240TH ANNIVERSARY



Enjoy 50% off of your admission to
Beyond the Battlefield Museum 625
Biglerville Road
Gettysburg, PA

Only Valid on Sept 15, 2025
for Flohr's Lutheran Church Members



Just tell the front desk you are from Flohr's Church in McKnightstown



Pottery & Fellowship at Flohr's Church

Join us for a fun and faith-filled pottery class!
Did you know there are numerous mentions in the Bible about clay?! In this class you'll discover how God's love shapes us!

What to Expect:

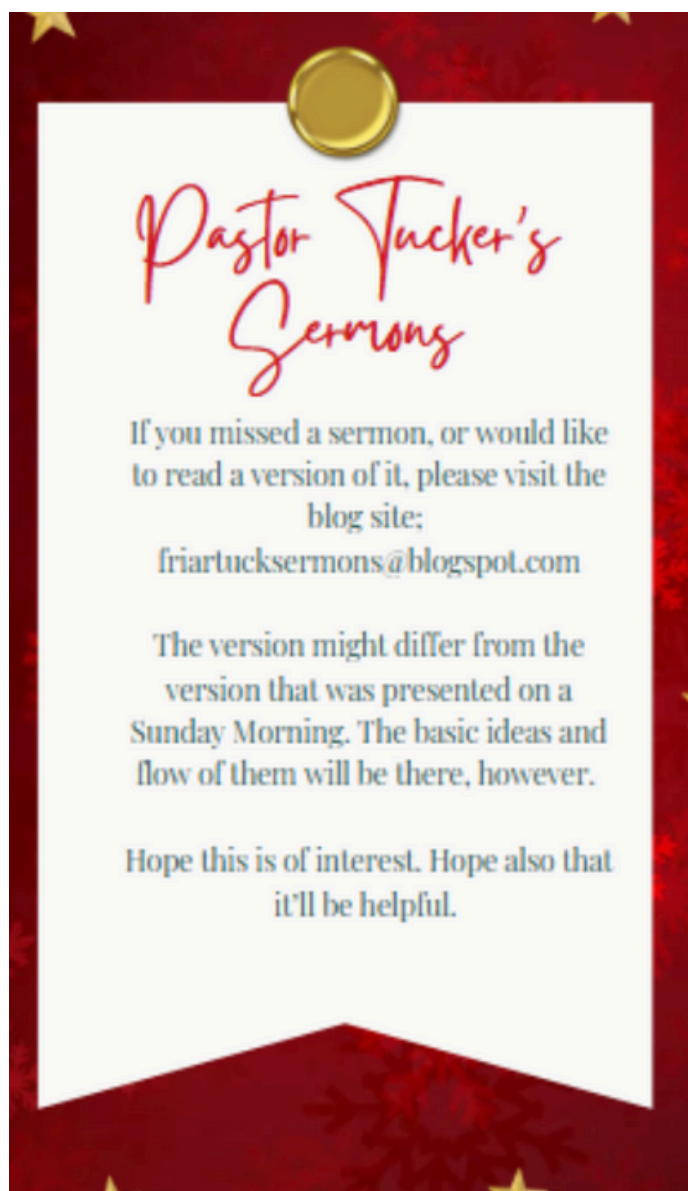
- A live pottery demonstration
- Time to create & decorate your own hand-built clay bowl. Our professional potters will guide you every step of the way.
- A chance to reflect, connect, and enjoy the creative process.

When:

Monday Sept. 29th, 2025 6:00-7:30pm

Your one-of-a-kind piece will be made with professional-grade clay, fired, and returned ready for pick-up in about 3 weeks. The bowl will be food, microwave, and dishwasher safe!
Cost: \$30 - all supplies included
Register with Carrie by the 18th!

info@UnderTheHorizon.net UnderTheHorizon.Net



To Bob Dwyer, Bill Bucher
and Wayne Haifley for all
their work on the sign out
front and the front doors

To Doris Youngblood
for help to move the
pianos

To all the
volunteers that
helped with the
Learning Center
Clean Up Day

*Thank
you*

Darrell & Helen
Woerner for
donating ice cream
to help make the ice
cream social a
success!

To Rebecca & Tim for all
their help with setting up
the learning center

To Sue McCleaf
Nespeca for
donating books to
start our library
downstairs



MONTH

at a glance

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| Sept 6th | Learning Center Final Tidy Up 8-11 AM |
| September 8th | Stump the Pastor during Service at 9AM Learning Center Open House |
| September 12 th | Hot Dogs and Hymns 6-7:30PM |
| Sept 20th | Prayer Walk and Memory Path 10AM- 2PM |
| September 21st | Anniversary Sunday Service at 9AM Picnic at 1 PM -Bring a dish to share, meat provided by the Rehfields |
| September 28th | Of Pastors and Parishes during Church 9 AM |
| Sept 29th | Pottery Class 6-7:30 PM Register and pay by Sept 18 th to reserve your spot! |
| Devotions and Doughnuts to continue this month on Mondays from 9-11 AM. No Devotion and Doughnuts on Labor Day! | |