

SHELLS MESSENGER
Shells Evangelical Lutheran Church
June 2026

Vibrant Worship + Active Service
Accessible Education + Enriching Fellowship
287 Shells Church Road, Grantville, PA 17028
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We are a community of the Triune God, nourished by Word and Sacrament, sent forth by the Holy Spirit into the Grantville community and beyond to share the life-changing news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed.



Ascension Day, "May the Fourth Be With You" Lock In, Family Fun Mini Golf, and May Crowning of Mary

Knoebels Family Fun Event: June 20 from 10:30am – 4:30pm in pavilion T6. There will be electricity available in our pavilion for crockpots and other items. Feel free to bring a packed lunch, snacks, desserts, and appetizers to share. Please sign up in the Narthex.

The 2026 Altar Flower chart is in the Narthex. Dates still available are May 31, June 14, 28, and October 18.

This month's special offering will go to benefit our missionaries Richard Sarker & Emily Lingle. Please pick up an envelope in the Narthex.

Shells Church Road cleanup. We need volunteers to help keep Shells Church Road attractive and Litter free. Please see the sign up sheet in the narthex.

The Racetrack Project is still collecting deodorant & shampoo for June.

We will be hosting our annual Corpus Christi Hymn Procession on June 7 after Worship. You are welcome to walk in the procession around the grounds of the church or remain in the building and sing the hymns. We will conclude the procession with a final hymn and prayer together in the church.

We will be offering a blessing for graduates on June 14 during 9am Worship. Anyone who graduated since June 2025 is invited to share your school information and graduation date with the church office. If you are attending a school of higher education of any kind, the church offers a one-time \$800 grant from our Higher Education Fund. Please fill out a form that can be found in the Narthex.

On June 21 at 4pm we will host our Annual Blessing of Married Couples. Please contact Fr. Barnes if you and your spouse would like to have your marriage blessed. All members of the congregation are invited to come and support our married couples in prayer.

Mark your calendars for a celebration of Pastor Helmer's 50th Ordination Anniversary at St. John Hoernerstown on July 1 at 6:30pm. Dinner will follow in the Social Hall.

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING *(April 30, 2026)*

2026 Approved Budget \$306,815

General Fund Income: \$156,725.42
General Fund Expenses: \$95,344.12

Special Funds YTD Contributions
Grantville Food Pantry: \$1,860.06
Capital Improvement Fund: \$21,845
Downtown Daily Bread: \$80
ELCA Good Gifts: \$120
Love of Family: \$31,048
Lutheran World Relief: \$260
Adult Forum: \$77

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES – JUNE

Colin Blair, Ethan Peterson, Edward Elliott, Brantley Tolland, Tyler Smith, Keira Karijomengolo, Elizabeth Holler, Abigail Blair, Brian Long, Candy Dupler, Kelly Dupler, Chad Leese, Michael Hilbert, II, Charlotte Tolland, Chris O'Brien, Katherine Shellenberger, Kristen Barnes, Sarah Bright and Carrie Leese

God will never forget that you are his child.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

June 3	Kristen Hilbert	June 19	Simon Dengel
June 7	Grant Kauffman	June 20	Don Espenshade
	Blake Leppo		Kimberly Griffith
June 8	Steve Rose	June 22	Kathy Espenshade
	Julia O'Brien		Luke Holler
June 10	Diane Elliott	June 24	Sydney Wiltraut
June 12	Rena Sattazahn	June 25	Mina Sholder
June 13	Erica Wilkinson	June 28	Lyncoln Wilkinson
	Sherrie Kauffman	June 30	Steve Espenshade
June 18	Nicole Long		Wade Mader
	Audrey Neiswender		

SHELLS MUSIC MINISTRY

*O Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You whose glory is chanted above the heavens
out of the mouths of infants and children;
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
O Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**Psalm 8; v 1-2a,3,9*

As the 2025-2026 choir season comes to an end, a special THANK YOU to our Senior Choir, Hand Chime Choir, and our *Children In Worship* Sunday School children, confirmands, youth and teachers, our instrumentalists and band ensemble for their contributions and shared music ministry! It is with gratitude and sincere thanks that we acknowledge the time, commitment and leadership they provide each Sunday, sharing their gifts and enhancing our worship. The choirs are taking a much deserved summer break and will start back again in September.

During June, July and August, please consider participating in our Summer Music Program as a soloist, instrumentalist, ensemble, family choir, etc. Please contact me to schedule a Sunday to share your musical gifts.

Do you have a favorite hymn you would like to sing this summer? Please let me know if you have a hymn request.

You can reach me by phone or text, 717-991-8862; or email scdbjd@aol.com.

With joyful songs and praise,
Barbara Dupler
Director of Music



Get your kids ready for a vine time!

Shells VBS – July 12 – July 16, 2026

Meal 5:15 – 6:00pm/Program 6:00 – 8:15pm

Register at – <https://vbspro.events/p/shellsvbs2026>

At Rainforest Falls, kids explore the nature of God! Rainforest Falls is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Hands-on science experiments, team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings®. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot!

Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to join us at Canopy Closing each night at 7:45pm, a daily celebration of our awesome God!

So mark these dates on your calendar: July 12-16, 2026. The fun starts with a light meal being served from 5:15 – 6:00pm in our Social Hall, followed by our program beginning in the Sanctuary at 6:00pm and will end at 8:15pm.

Rainforest Falls is for kids from preschool, 3 yrs. of age, to 5th grade. (Grade completed) Kids 6th grade and older can join us as volunteers!

Register your child/children at <https://vbspro.events/p/shellsvbs2026>

If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Barb Dupler, 717-991-8862 or Sandy Mader at 717-856-2713.



PRAYER LIST

Prayers for healing of body, mind, or spirit: Bobbie Boyer, Diana Budd, Linda DeMario, Sam Dupler, Edward Elliott, Betty Espenshade, Crist Espenshade, Cristin Espenshade, Nadine Espenshade, Ed Fake, Mim Fake, Herb Fisher, Angie Gonzales, Diane Gotshall, The Rev. Peter Helmers, Shirley Huber, Nancy Iachini, Keira K, Tregan Layton, Blaine Moreland, Erna O'Brien, Kevin O'Brien, Lucas Smith, Larry Suhr, Bev Ulsh and Jack Ulsh, Don Whitehaus, our homebound members, our Law Enforcement Officers and Service Women & Men, especially Matt Gordon, Nikolas Jaggan, Domonic DeFrank, Keegan Wenner, Stephen Lugovich, Blake O'Brien, Michael Knaub, Ryan, John Thomas and Chris O'Brien.

Those who have died:

Those preparing for Holy Matrimony: Tyler Smith and Caitlin Reed

Those in the Shells Church Catechumenate Process *(those preparing for full Confirmed/Voting membership in this congregation):* Lexi Frye, Emma Jurell, Evelyn Mende, Julia O'Brien, Douglass Howard, Anna Iachini, Lauren O'Brien and Lucas Terry.

With thanksgiving, we remember the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith. This month we remember Rachel Dodson, Ruth Garrison, James C. Nickle, John Pankake, Cecil Rhoads, Ken Rodemaker, and Skip Sholder

Family & Friends: Saadia Baker, Conrad Baylock, Bill Birtle, Tom Boblitz, Dawn Brink, Nancy Bucks, Owen Burns, David Cavanaugh, Kathie Cavanaugh, Roberta Centurian, Cory Cerperich, Dianne Czupil, Karen Domenico, Beverly Drake, Dale Espenshade, Joan Espenshade, Rick & Lori Farro, Erma Fiedler, Nancy Gamber, Michael Gelehorte, Adam Gold, Ryann Gold, Anne Gordon, Celine Gudelski, Marian Gudelski, Tom Gussler, Larry Hall, Emily Hand, Rob Herman, Clarence Hitz, Ben Isett, Elaine Julian, Kerm Katzaman, Joyce King, Lydia Joy Konisiewicz, Evadne Kopp, Delores Kuntz, Lee Lippi, Eileen Longreen, Paul Longreen, Chris Kelly, Pokhim Ker, Linda Kissinger, Barb Morrow, Nancy Osokie, Leo Polvekosky, Amanda Peck, Maisie Peeler, Lisa Pesta, Tony Prisco, Michael Riley, Laura Lou Rinker, Molly Reinhart, Marc Rozman, Natalie Rozman, Sandi Rozman, Ryan, Suzanne Shaeffer, Barry Shirk, Barry Spatz, Jay Stahl, Arlene Terry, Avis & David Wagner, Dale Walmer, Aria Wenner, Kyle Wentz, Carol Wilson, Jennie Womack and Linda Yarnell.

Anyone wishing to place someone on the prayer list may call Theresa at the Shells Office, at 717-469-2586 or email at shellsadmin@shellschurch.org. Also, please remember to remove the names when it is appropriate.

Worship Assistants Schedule: June/July

	Assistant	Lector	Acolyte	Communion Assistant	Greeter /Usher	Altar Care
June 7 Corpus Christi with Hymn Procession	Sherry Ulsh	Lisa Lugovich	Darby Sims & Alfred Howard	Louise Murphy	Amber Jaggan & Family	Steve, Kathy & Bethany Espenshade
June 14 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Gen Whitehaus	Diana Budd	Emma Jurell	Don Whitehaus	Rick & Linda Blair	Sandy Mader & Katie Shellenberger
June 21 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Raelene Smith	Karen Gussler	Abigail Blair	Audrey Neiswender	Tom & Sandy Mader	Diana Budd & Carol Gordon
June 28 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Karen Gussler	Nadine Espenshade	Lucas Terry	Louise Murphy	Diana Budd & Audrey Neiswender	Raelene Smith & Janet Klos
July 5 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Karlene Jaggan	Brenda Frye	Mary Shellenberger (+), Ellie Frye, & Darby Sims	Audrey Neiswender	Rich & Nadine Espenshade	Louise Murphy, Karen Gussler & Bobbie Boyer
July 12 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sherry Ulsh	Steve Espenshade	Lexi Frye	Louise Murphy	Bert & Karen Gussler	Diane Suhr & Terry Kamerzel
July 19 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Gen Whitehaus	Erica Strang	Julia O'Brien	Don Whitehaus	Amber Jaggan & Family	Steve, Kathy & Bethany Espenshade
July 26 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Raelene Smith	Gen Whitehaus	Lucas Terry	Don Whitehaus	Rick & Linda Blair	Sandy Mader & Katie Shellenberger

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date please find a replacement and notify the Church Office by Wednesday of each week. On Sundays that have more than one acolyte scheduled, the name with the (+) denotes serving as the main acolyte (carries the cross, holds the missal book, etc).

*****WE ARE IN NEED OF AT LEAST TWO MORE ACOLYTES FOR THE ANNUAL HYMN PROCESSION ON JUNE 7. PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE TO VOLUNTEER*****

JUNE 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Synod As- sembly	6 Synod Assembly
7 Corpus Christi <i>with Hymn</i> <i>Procession</i>	8	9 6:30pm Lions Club 6:30pm Parish Council	10	11	12	13
14 Ordinary Time 11 <i>Graduate</i> <i>Blessing &</i> <i>Recognition</i>	15 5pm Racetrack Meal	16	17 Food Pantry	18 Food Pantry	19 Food Pantry	20 Family Fun @ Knoebels Jaggan Building Use 11-4
<i>Confirmation Camp & Fr. Barnes Continuing Education</i>						
21 Ordinary Time 12 4pm Blessing of Married Couples	22	23 10am Worship at Londonderry Village Chapel	24 6:30pm Family Fun Meeting	25	26	27
28 Ordinary Time 13	29	30	JULY 1 6:30pm Pastor Helmers 50 th Ordination Anniversary Celebration at St. John Hoernerstown			

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