

SHELLS MESSENGER

Shells Evangelical Lutheran Church

June 2025

Vibrant Worship + Active Service
 Accessible Education + Enriching Fellowship
 287 Shells Church Road, Grantville, PA 17028
 717-469-2586
www.shellschurch.org

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.

Celebrating **200** JOIN US FOR OUR BICENTENNIAL EVENTS IN 2025

Sunday, MAY 18
 11:00am

Cedar Grove, Grantville
**LUNCH WITH THE
 BISHOP**

Join us for a festive lunch
 with Rev. James S. Dunlop,
 Bishop of the Lower
 Susquehanna Synod.

Wednesday, MAY 28

6:30pm
 Church
VESPERS & DESSERT

Sunday, JUNE 8

1:00-4:00pm

Church
OPEN HOUSE

The community is invited
 for Church and Cemetery
 Tours, demonstrations,
 music, food and Fun!

Sun.-Thu. JULY 6-10

5:00-8:15pm
 Church & Grounds
VACATION

BIBLE SCHOOL
 5 nights of fun, food,
 activities and learning for
 kids (age 3 thru grade 5).
 Special celebration
 Thursday night!

Sunday, AUGUST 17

4:00-6:00pm
 Church
**VESPERS w/Previous
 Pastors & DINNER**

Sun., SEPTEMBER 21

4:00-6:00pm
 Cedar Grove, Grantville
HYMN SING & PIES
 Closing event with your
 favorite hymns and pies!

EASTER SEASON 2025

**May 28 at 6:30pm – 200th Anniversary Vespers
 in Thanksgiving for the Laying of the
 Cornerstone**

Dessert and Fellowship to follow.

**May 29 at 7pm – The Solemnity of the
 Ascension of the Lord**

**June 1 at 9am – The Seventh Sunday of
 Easter**

June 8 at 9am – The Day of Pentecost

**June 8 from 1-4pm – 200th Anniversary Open
 House**

Join us on May 28, 2025 as we give thanks to
 God for the laying of the cornerstone on May
 28, 1825. We will begin Evening Prayer/Vespers
 outside at the cornerstone at 6:30pm.

On May 31 at 1:30pm we will host a chil-
 dren/youth end of the year cook out and make
 communion wafers for the 2025 Lower Sus-
 quehanna Synod Assembly. All are welcome
 to attend! Please contact Angie Gonzales or Fa-
 ther Barnes to sign up.

**Our open house for the 200th Anniversary will
 take place on June 8 from 1-4pm.** There will
 be historical items on display as well
 church/graveyard tours, food/fellowship, and ice
 cream making/1800s games for the children and
 youth.

**287 SHELLS CHURCH ROAD
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Calling all crafters! Friday, June 20th we will be crafting all day to support the Alzheimer's Association's "Longest Day" campaign. If you are interested in joining us, or would like to pledge support to the cause, please reach out to Angie Gonzales at 717-370-1497 or amgonza-les510@gmail.com.

We will be hosting our annual Corpus Christi Hymn Procession on June 22 after Worship. You are welcome to walk in the procession or remain in the church and sing the hymns. We will conclude the procession with a final hymn together in the church.

We will be offering a blessing for graduates on June 29 during 9am Worship. 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.

Please save the date for the women's retreat with Christ Lutheran Church Elizabethtown on September 26-28.

The 2025 Altar Flower chart is in the Narthex. The following dates are still available: June 22, July 27, and August 31.

The racetrack project will be collecting items each month this year. June will be deodorant and shampoo, July & August will be toothbrushes and toothpaste, September & October will be bar soap & combs and November & December will be tissues and lip balm. Thank you all for your help and continued support of this worthy cause.

Thank you to all those who donated items for the Personal Car Kits. 25 kits will be taken to the warehouse in Windsor, MD for distribution. These are essential to many here and abroad.

We would like to thank our Church family for the visits, cards and meals during our recovery from surgery. It is so wonderful to be a part of this amazing congregation!

God's Peace, Rick and Linda

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING (April 30, 2025)

2025 Approved Budget \$295,815

General Fund Income: \$87,711.74	Special Funds YTD Contributions
General Fund Expenses: \$101,319.31	Grantville Food Pantry: \$3,236.74
	Capital Improvement Fund: \$1,875.00
	Adult Forum: \$256.00
	ELCA World Hunger: \$260.00
	Lutheran Campus Ministry: \$100.00
	Abiding Memorial Fund: \$50,320.00
Total Fund Balances (Total: \$395,492.04)	
General Operating Fund: \$76,425.64	Love of Family Fund: \$16,033.79
Abiding Memorial Fund: \$87,578.41	Capital Improvement Fund: \$200,606.00
Adult Forum Fund: \$693.00	Higher Education Fund: \$8,000.00
Youth Group Fund: \$6,155.20	

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES – JUNE

Colin Blair, Ethan Peterson, Edward Elliott, Brantley Tolland, Tyler Smith, Keira Karijomenggolo, Elizabeth Holler, Abigail Blair, Brian Long, Candy Dupler, Kelly Dupler, Chad Leese, Michael Hilbert, II, Charlotte Tolland, Chris O'Brien, Katherine Shellenberger, 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
June 8	Steve Rose		Kimberly Griffith
	Julia O'Brien	June 22	Kathy Espenshade
June 10	Diane Elliott		Luke Holler
June 12	Rena Sattazahn	June 25	Mina Sholder
June 13	Erica Wilkinson	June 28	Lincoln 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 2024-2025 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.

Please don't hesitate to call, text or send me an email if you have any questions -- cell phone, 717-991-8862, or email at scdbjd@aol.com.

With joyful songs and praise,
Barbara Dupler
Director of Music



It's time for kids to hit the trail....for adventure!

Shells VBS – July 6 – July 10, 2025

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

Register at – <https://vbspro.events/p/shellsvbs2025>

At True North, kids discover that they can trust Jesus in a wild world! True North 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 Compass Closing each night at 7:45pm, a daily celebration of our rock-solid faith in Jesus!



So mark these dates on your calendar: July 6-10, 2025. 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.

True North 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/shellsvbs2025>. Paper registration forms are also available in the narthex.

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: Joe Budd, Linda DeMario, Crist Espensshade, Mim Fake, Ed Fake, Herb Fisher, Al Germann, Randy Gotshall, Bert Gussler, Alfred Howard, Douglass Howard Jr., Nancy Iachini, Keira K, Iva Rodemaker, 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, Crist Espensshade, Nikolas Jaggan, Domonic DeFrank, Keegan Wenner, Stephen Lugovich, Blake O'Brien, Michael Knaub, John Thomas and Chris O'Brien.

Those who have died:

Those in the Shells Church Catechumenate Process *(please pray for the formation of those preparing for full Confirmed/Voting membership in this congregation):* Lexi Frye, Emma Jurell, Evelyn Mende, Julia O'Brien, and Nora Holler.

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, Nancy Balmer, Skip Balmer, Bill Birtle, Tom Boblitz, Dawn Brink, Owen Burns, David Cavanaugh, Kathie Cavanaugh, Cory Cerperich, Dianne Czupil, Karen Domenico, Verna Ebersole, Joan Espensshade, Lori Farro, Jeanne Flickinger, Bob Gagliardi, Eileen Gagliardi, Christie Gamber, Nancy Gamber, Michael Gelehorte, Michelle Gillette, Adam Gold, Ryann Gold, Anne Gordon, Marian Gudelski, Tom Gussler, Emily Hand, Rob Herman, Michael Hudak, Ben Isett, Elaine Julian, Kerm Katzaman, Joyce King, Skip Kline, Lydia Joy Konisiewicz, Joanne Lauver, Lee Lippi, Eileen Longreen, Paul Longreen, Chris Kelly, Pokhim Ker, Rose Mangle, Barb Morrow, Amanda Peck, Maisie Peeler, Lisa Pesta, Tony Prisco, Michael Riley, Laura Lou Rinker, Ken Rebeck, Molly Reinhart, June Rohrbach, Marc Rozman, Natalie Rozman, Sandi Rozman, Ryan, Suzanne Shaeffer, Bill Shultz, Janet Shultz, Kathy Spangler, Jay Stahl, Arlene Terry, Stephanie Wagner, Aria Wenner, Kyle Wentz, Carol Wilson, and Jennie Womack.

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 1 The Seventh Sunday of Easter	Sherry Ulsh	Brenda Frye	Evelyn Mende	Louise Murphy	Bert & Kaern Gussler	Sandy Mader & Katie Shellenberger
June 8 Day of Pentecost	Karlene Jaggan	Steve Espenshade	(+) Ellie Frye, Abigail Blair, & Douglass Howard	Audrey Neiswender	Rick & Linda Blair	Diana Budd & Carol Gordon
June 15 The Most Holy Trinity	Raelene Smith	Erica Strang	Anna Iachini, Lily Iachini, & (+) Lucas Terry	Louise Murphy	Tom & Sandy Mader	Raelene Smith & Janet Klos
June 22 Corpus Christi with Hymn Procession	Karlene Jaggan	Ed Fake	(+) Mary Shellenberger, Jacob Mende, Emma Jurell	Don Whitehaus	Joe & Diana Budd	Louise Murphy, Karen Gussler, Bobbie Boyer
June 29 Sts. Peter and Paul	Karen Gussler	Ralene Smith	Douglass Howard	Audrey Neiswender	Rich & Nadine Espenshade	Diane Suhr & Terry Kamerzel
July 6 The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sherry Ulsh	Gen Whitehaus	Lexi Frye	Don Whitehaus	Bert & Karen Gussler	Steve, Kathy & Bethany Espenshade
July 13 The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Karlene Jaggan	Diane Gotshall	Anna Iachini	Louise Murphy	Tom & Sandy Mader	Sandy Mader & Katie Shellenberger
July 20 The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Gen Whitehaus	Lisa Lugovich	Mary Shellenberger	Don Whitehaus	Joe & Diana Budd	Diana Budd & Carol Gordon
July 27 The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Raelene Smith	Karen Gussler	Lily Iachini	Audrey Neiswender	Rick & Linda Blair	Raelene Smith & Janet Klos

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).

JUNE 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter 7	2	3 6pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Learning Ministry Meeting	4 6pm Girl Scouts	5 6pm Cub Scouts	6	7
				SYNOD Assembly		
8 Day of Pentecost 1-4pm Open House	9	10	11 6pm Girl Scouts	12 6pm Cub Scouts	13	14
		Confirmation Camp				
15 The Most Holy Trinity	16 5pm Race Track Meal	17 6pm Cub Scouts	18 6pm Girl Scouts Food Pantry	19 6pm Cub Scouts Food Pantry	20 Food Pantry	21
22 Corpus Christi <i>Hymn Procession after Worship</i>	23	24 6pm Cub Scouts	25 6pm Girl Scouts	26 6pm Cub Scouts	27	28
29 Sts. Peter and Paul <i>Graduate Blessing & Recognition</i>	30					

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