



# *The Cent-I-Gram*

Centennial Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kimberton, PA 19442

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## *Sunday Morning Worship*

9:30 AM

*Worship services are live-streamed and recorded for those who are not comfortable or able to attend in-person worship.*

## *Speed Puzzle Competition*

June 17, 2026 6:30 – 8:30

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**Sunday Worship 9:30 A.M. 610-933-1528**

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## June 2026

*Sun*

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	<b>1</b> 7 PM AA	<b>2</b> 9:30 exercise 1:30 Bible Study 7 PM AA	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:30 exercise 6:30-8:30 Cub Scouts	<b>5</b> 7:30 AA	<b>6</b>
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“...Follow Me...”

-Matthew 4:19, 9:9 (NRSVue)

*Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.”*

-John 21:18 (NRSVue)

### **When the spirit calls...will we follow?**

For the second time, I was privileged to represent Centennial, along with two lay members, at the annual ELCA Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly Meeting. Amid the prayer, reflection, praise, and networking, we heard from Pastor Phillip Krey who was celebrating 50 years of ministerial service. One remark from Rev. Krey’s speech truly stuck with me. Long ago, his seminary professor instructed Krey to befriend someone in the world who was the exact opposite of what he was then used to. The white, Euro-American seminary student Krey soon found that figure in an older, proud African-American Vietnam Veteran. Gazing out at his audience of 400 SEPA representatives, Rev. Krey stated, here paraphrased, “this man I befriended beckoned to me. I followed, and he led me to new places, new experiences, and meeting new people I never expected I would encounter”.

As a result, Rev. Krey found a journey and experience reminiscent of the beckoning of Jesus to his followers Peter, Andrew, Philip, and Matthew/Levi. Despite all they were used to, these disciples were willing to discover grace and the newness of life through Christ just by agreeing to the simple words: “Follow Me”. Krey, like these disciples, found that answering this call of the spirit led to an increase of faith and deepened connection to the Holy Trinity.

As we begin June, we must ask ourselves if we are allowing ourselves to follow where the spirit leads. We may have the faithful promise of Christ and a lifetime of church, but do we allow ourselves to listen when the spirit beckons down an unknown destination. It can be from anyone, anything, anywhere. What do we do when that we barely know says “follow me”.

I’ll testify what happened when I followed that spirit.

I was unpacking and organizing my college dorm first day as a freshman. Naïve and green, I came to this place not knowing where or what I was going to do next. I heard a knock at the door. I opened it and beheld a short grinning bespectacled individual clad in a marching band uniform (for fashion, not function as there was no college marching band), a mohawk haircut, and high striped socks. “Are you Ian?” this beaming stranger asked. I replied in the affirmative. This fellow wasted no time and beckoned me along.

“Follow me!” He spoke. “Follow me” and I was led into a different world of understanding. This white rabbit, who would eventually become one of my dearest friends, led me through a journey that wound about different communities, activism causes, creative art projects, whole worlds of music, theater, cinema, and even different perspectives of religion and faith.

I believe this joy opened myself up to listen for this spirit even more.

The same thing happened when I studied in Scotland. A now dear Dutch friend, once a stranger, showed me how faith and music and adventure went hand in hand.

I think back to moments of my life, where the spirit called me to try a new kind of honest labor, to try living in another state, or even to join someone in a dance. All this eventually led to who I am today, and it all began by listening when someone says, “follow me”.

When Jesus speaks to Peter at the end of the Gospel of John, he is reminding Peter that at some point in his life there will be a moment where it will seem he can no longer go where he wants. For us those times come and go, but the truth is...the opportunities to follow the spirit are unlimited. Perhaps there are mobility or health issues that prevent us from physically following the spirit out our doors. But that can't stop us from feeling that call from a piece of writing from a newsletter, a stray sentence from the radio, or the words of a visitor or friend. We can still chase it from our chairs and beds, because thanks to the internet and phones, everyone can answer the call. The spirit calls us to find out and be open to the joys and mysteries of this earth, to find where we can learn, but also where we can comfort.

To be for others the one who says, “follow me”. That could be the spirit speaking through us.

Take a moment to reflect on the person you are because of who or what you were willing to take a chance and follow. Think also about where the spirit may lead you next. It led Rev. Krey down a 50-year path of joy and faith after all.

I invite you to “follow me” and follow Centennial into the exciting Summer of our 150<sup>th</sup> year. May Christ bless and keep you!

Amen.



## JUNE

- 1 Marjorie Gabrill
- 9 Thomas Slomeana
- 10 Bob Shapley
- 12 Donna Weinstein
- 16 Carole McCann
- 20 Karen Hepler
- 21 Judi Kuplast
- 21 Helen Breitegam
- 22 Larry Shumaker
- 23 Joel Smiley
- 25 Helen Eager
- 27 Heather Holoka



### Anniversaries

Harry and Jerene Gladfelter 6/20/1992

### **Philippians 1:3-4**

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God for every remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy

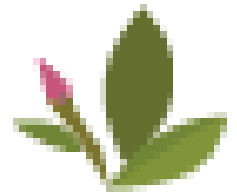



# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



## JUNE SCHEDULE

6/7	John Miller
6/14	Fred Stoudt
6/21	Reggie Ryberg
6/28	Dave Winning



### *Prayer List*

To request prayer, first ***request permission from the individual in need of prayer*** (as requested by our Synod). Then you may send an email to [prayers@centenniallutheran.org](mailto:prayers@centenniallutheran.org) or call Jerene Gladfelter at 610-933-3542 or the church office at 610-933-1528. Please list the individual's name and a BRIEF description of the situation (i.e. chemo, dementia, auto accident, comfort and peace, etc.) along with the name of the requester and association (brother, co-worker, friend, etc.). Please also advise us when a prayer request is no longer valid. Printed prayer lists are issued at the beginning of each month as a bulletin insert. Please update us by the 25th of each month to ensure that your request is listed.

In addition, there is an email list of individuals desiring to be on the Prayer Chain to receive immediate prayer requests other than those listed monthly. If you wish to be included on this email list, please contact Jerene (610-933-3542) or the church office (610-933-1528) with your email address or telephone number.

### *Live Stream Worship Services*

We have been live streaming the worship service on Centennial's Face Book page. This is available for you if you are not feeling well, or the weather is inclement or if you are traveling. You are still able to worship with us – in real time. Feel free to set aside bread, crackers, wine or grape juice to join with us at the time of Holy Communion. The service can be found on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM on this link: <https://www.facebook.com/CentennialELCA>

### *Pastoral Care*

If anyone wants to have pastoral conversation with Pastor Ian you can do so by calling the office at 610-933-1528 or by emailing his at [pastorianclements@gmail.com](mailto:pastorianclements@gmail.com).

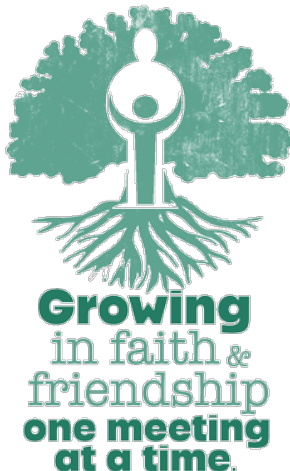
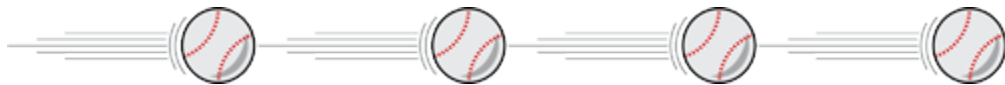
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MUHLENBERG PARISH EVENTS



Tuesday, June 30, 2026  
 Zion Lutheran Church  
 39 Bonnie Brae Rd.  
 Spring City



August 30, 2026  
 Outdoor service and fellowship  
 At St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Chester Springs - 10 AM service  
 Followed by Rise Against Hunger mission at Zion of Spring City



St. John's Lutheran Church, Phoenixville  
June 22-26, 2026

Zion Lutheran Church, Spring City  
June 15-18, 2026



Celebrate with Centennial Lutheran Church, Kimberton  
October 4, 2026

And all year long – watch for event listings



**“Blob” themed service**

July 12, 2026

Centennial Lutheran Church, Kimberton

# SUMMER MISSION



**We will be collecting food  
and other items from  
May 24<sup>th</sup> to August 16<sup>th</sup>  
(making monthly deliveries)**

**Kate's Casa families need our help!**

**Masa (flour for tortillas)  
Dried black beans  
Rice  
Mac n cheese  
Cereal  
Pasta  
Pasta sauce (glass jars)  
Boxes of bulk snacks  
Juice boxes  
Ramen noodles  
Bottled water**

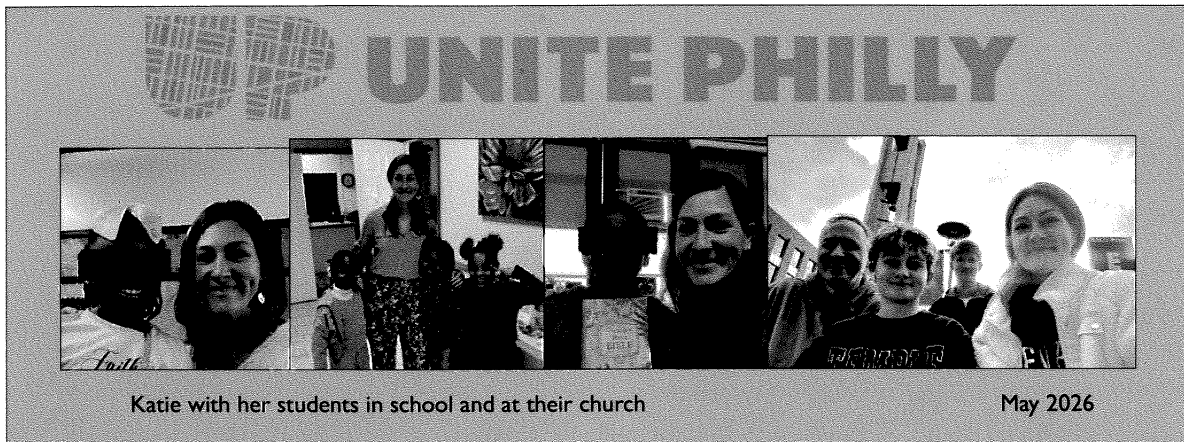
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Toilet paper  
Paper towels  
Clorox wipes  
Paper plates  
Laundry detergent

Kate's Casa is a Phoenixville based not-for-profit organization whose core mission is providing service and support to immigrant families and children in the Phoenixville community and in Guatemala.

The organization was founded by Kate (Vondercrone) Camarda.





### **Literacy to facilitate worship/ Discipleship in a public school**

When my student A'Zori told me she had been baptized, I leaned in and whispered, "I'm a Christian too." That quiet moment became the beginning of something beautiful. Over the past year, A'Zori and I have prayed together when the weight of our work felt heavy — asking God for help and strength. When she's been hard on herself, I've reminded her that God doesn't expect her to be perfect, and neither do I.

This past April, I had the privilege of worshipping with A'Zori at her church. Though her family lives in North Philly, her congregation meets right here in West Philly — not far from where we live. When A'Zori saw me walk through the doors, her eyes went wide. "Are you staying?" she asked. When I told her I was, she threw her arms around me.

During worship, we sang "The Anthem Song." I noticed A'Zori wasn't joining in, so I leaned down to ask why. She said she couldn't read the words on the screen. I suggested we print them out and learn the song together — and her face lit up. Worshipping alongside her that day was a true gift, and I left knowing God is at work in her young heart.

Then there's Austin — my curious, sharp-minded 4th grader. About a week before Easter, he came to me with a question that stopped me in my tracks: "If God is so good, why did they do Jesus like that?"

"Where did you hear about that?" I asked.

"YouTube Shorts," he said.

Austin had never been to church and knew very little about the Bible. But that question opened a door. I had the opportunity to share the gospel with him, and he listened with his whole heart. I asked if he'd want a Bible of his own. His answer was an emphatic "Yes!"

Two days later, I placed a children's Bible in his hands. He opened it immediately and began reading right there. Then he did something that made me cringe: as we walked back to his classroom he showed every teacher, and even the principal his Bible. Because Austin had initiated the conversation himself, the principal had no concern about the gift.

A few weeks later, I checked in on his reading. He'd started at the very beginning — naturally. I encouraged him to jump to the book of Matthew.

Would you pray that the seeds planted in A'Zori and Austin would take deep root — and that God would continue to open doors for moments just like these?

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Order CD via Ajibola's web store:

<https://www.ariversarts.com/category/all-products>

Access Ajibola's music on streaming

services: <https://music.imusician.pro/a/qd29Wrf0>

## SPRING-FORD AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

All programs start at 7:00 PM and are held at the  
Royersford VFW, 730 S. Fourth Ave.

- June 10, 2026    LIGHTING IN EARLY AMERICAN SOCIETY  
Peggy and Greg Geesaman of the Heritage Art & Craft Studio
- September 9, 2026    HISTORY OF FLAG MANUFACTURING IN  
SOUTHEASTERN PA  
Candace Perry, Curator of Collections for the  
Schwenkfeld Library & Heritage Center
- November 11, 2026    REVOLUTIONARY WAR MEDICINE  
Dr. Frederick Magner



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