



ANNOUNCEMENTS

6/08/2025

Pentecost

Prayer Requests

Pastor Thom receives prayer requests from members of our church family, our community, the country, and world. Please pray for the family and friends of Louise Miller, Trish Adams, Corey Phillips, Margaret Gorwara, Charlene Gay, Guy Lavalley, and Anne VanVlack, and Vincent Pizzimenti, and Charles Drew, and Sharon Topp. We also pray for the healing of David Buckley, Rebecca Lyczkowski D'Alessio, Fran Barndt, Colleen Kleinganz, Bernadette Lancevich, Jeremy and Teresa Gould, Joe Credle, Dorothy Myler, Donna Cervoni, Jean Armstrong, Marion Bennett, Jack Auerbach, John Drew, and Eugene C. Akers, Jr. We pray for Rebecca Lyczkowski D'Alessio, who is undergoing testing.

Condolences

We offer our heartfelt condolences to Lynn Grainger and her family on the passing of her father, Eugene C. Akers, Jr.

100th Anniversary

We are in the process of creating a formal 100th Anniversary Steering Committee. There is a sign-up board at the back of the sanctuary. Lynn Grainger will provide us with further information.

Special Events Fund

We have received from a member a generous gift to help us fund Special Events here at the church. If you are interested in adding to that sum, we would certainly welcome it!

Food for Folks:

Donations greatly appreciated!
Diane Moretti, (845) 242-6508.

Celebration Bags for Food Pantries: The congregation continues to be generous to the children of our area by providing birthday bags that include cake mix, frosting, and sprinkles. A friend of Lynn's is providing a birthday card for each child. Our intent is to continue this as a year-round effort.

Meals on Wheels:

Meals on Wheels is seeking kitchen volunteers and drivers to help deliver meals. If you would like to know more, please contact John Hummel: (845) 677- 4235.
mealsonwheels@lyallcommunitychurch.org.

Lyall Lunch

Lyall Lunch has now ended for the season. It has been a pleasure seeing everyone here and getting to know each other better.

Lets take this opportunity to give our sincere thanks to the cooks and volunteers who give so generously of their time shopping, setting up, preparing, cooking, serving and cleanup. Thank You!!

Exercise Class, CARs:

Wednesdays at 2:30 pm, in the Gathering Room (new wing).

Chair Yoga:

Classes are held at 10:30 am Tuesdays in the Library at Lyall.

Anti-Racist Study Group

The Anti-Racist Study Group is turning our attention toward immigration. We decided to read a 2025 book by Jonathan Blitzer called *Everyone Who Is Gone Is Here: The United States, Central America, and the Making of a Crisis*. This is a history of the humanitarian crisis at the US southern border. *New Yorker* staff writer Jonathan Blitzer tells this story through the lives of migrants who risk everything they have and policymakers who determine their destiny. *Everyone Who Is Gone Is Here* is a journey of struggle and resilience. In reporting this epic story about the migrants whose lives flow back and forth across the border, he delves into the nature of American life itself. This compelling story has shaped our nation's contentious politics and culture in innumerable ways and will undoubtedly determine its future. If you'd like to join us, please contact Pastor Thom or Cat Greenstreet (catgreenstreet@gmail.com).

Candles

The light is carried into the worship service as a symbol of Jesus coming into the presence of the

worshiping community. Many congregations use two candles on the alter to point out that Jesus was both a human being and God. At the end of the service the light is carried out into the world to show that Jesus Christ is for all people everywhere. The acolyte leaves the worship service carrying out the candle lighter. This symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers are to serve.

Miscellaneous:

Linda Goodchild is collecting pull tabs from soda, soup cans, energy drinks, anything with a metallic tab. She then takes them to the Hannaford in Pawling. Last year the program donated nationally over 13 million pull tabs to the Ronald McDonald House Charities, bringing an average of \$6,000 nationally each year. Please see Linda Goodchild for further information.

Our Welcoming & Affirming Statement. The statement in the bulletin is the one the Church Council (the Board of Trustees and the Board of Spiritual Life) has adopted for the foreseeable future. We are grateful to those who suggested we needed such a statement and to everyone who took the time to attend the open Council Meeting on March 19, which officially started this process. Thanks to those who edited the longer statement, which now succinctly and beautifully reflects the heart of Lyall Community Church, giving us a touchstone for living into our values as a congregation.

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