

THE TORCH

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A Note from Pastor Karol

After months of planning, our fall anniversary plans, full of joy and celebration, are here! Bible study is resuming on Thursdays, and special events are being offered. Be sure to check our upcoming events to find ways you can join with us in celebration of the ministry that has taken place here for 175 years!

Join our leadership as we invite others in to celebrate our life together in Stewartsville. We have a couple special events planned to welcome and give thanks to those who serve this community. Please join us as we live out Jesus' loving welcome to our neighbors!

Grace and peace to all,

Pastor Karol Van Wulfen

Parish News

Worship Time Change in September –
September 6th begins our 11:00am worship.

Choir Director – While we are thankful for Kelly's leadership of the choir for the past year, we are still looking for a new Choir Director. If you have any leads on someone with a gift for directing choirs, please share the idea with us at:

stewartsvillelutheran@gmail.com.

Opportunities to Share and Care

Food Pantry Collection – Food pantries are in high need of donations as we enter the cooler weather and families need to manage energy costs. The white box at the back of the church is always available for regular food donations.

Altar Flowers - We are taking a break from fresh flowers over the summer but are looking for flower sponsors for October, November and December. The cost is \$40 per Sunday. If you wish to sponsor a Sunday or a month of Sundays please drop a note in the mail or email Tara, our church secretary at stewartsvillelutheran@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

Council Meeting – Our next council meeting will be held September 13th after worship.

Bible Study – begins Thursday, September 3rd from 4:00-5:15pm for a study on "Two Kingdoms, One King" a study on Christian Citizenship.

OPEN HOUSE – October 11

On Sunday, October 11, we are inviting neighbors to join us as we thank the first responders in our area by inviting them to an open house event from 1:00-2:00p.m. Join us in Hartline Hall as we offer refreshments and small gifts to our honored guests. Members, please help us out with directing people inside for the event!

YOU'RE IN THE HOSPITAL – NOW WHAT?

On Sunday, October 18th at 3:00 p.m., we are jointly sponsoring a workshop here at First to learn about advocating for yourself or loved ones in the hospital to get the help you need. Beth Gebhart, from Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey, will lead the discussion. Refreshments will be provided. We will meet in the large classroom downstairs. Please sign up or alert Margie if you are planning to attend.

175th Anniversary – Please mark your calendars for our special worship and dinner on November 1, 2026. Please plan to join us for a special service of celebration that morning.



Backpack Drive Update – Thank you to everyone who participated in the backpack /school supplies gathering. You donated ten backpacks and oodles of supplies. Congratulations on a job well done! Thrivent assisted with a Team Action Team grant that allowed us to purchase six more backpacks and some supplies. Thank you for your generosity. It's amazing!

Member Care

Below is the list of members who are (mostly) shut in and can use some cheer:

Mrs. Virginia Geffert
402 Sunset Ave
Bangor, PA 18013

Pat Piggot
123 Buttonwood
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

We care about you! Do you need assistance in some way? Perhaps your church family could be of help! Send us an email at stewartsvillelutheran@gmail.com or by mail to PO Box 86, Stewartsville, NJ 08886.

*You are invited!
Please invite others to join us:
help us to spread the word about our
In person Worship at 11:00am
and online at our website:
www.stewartsvillelutheran.org*