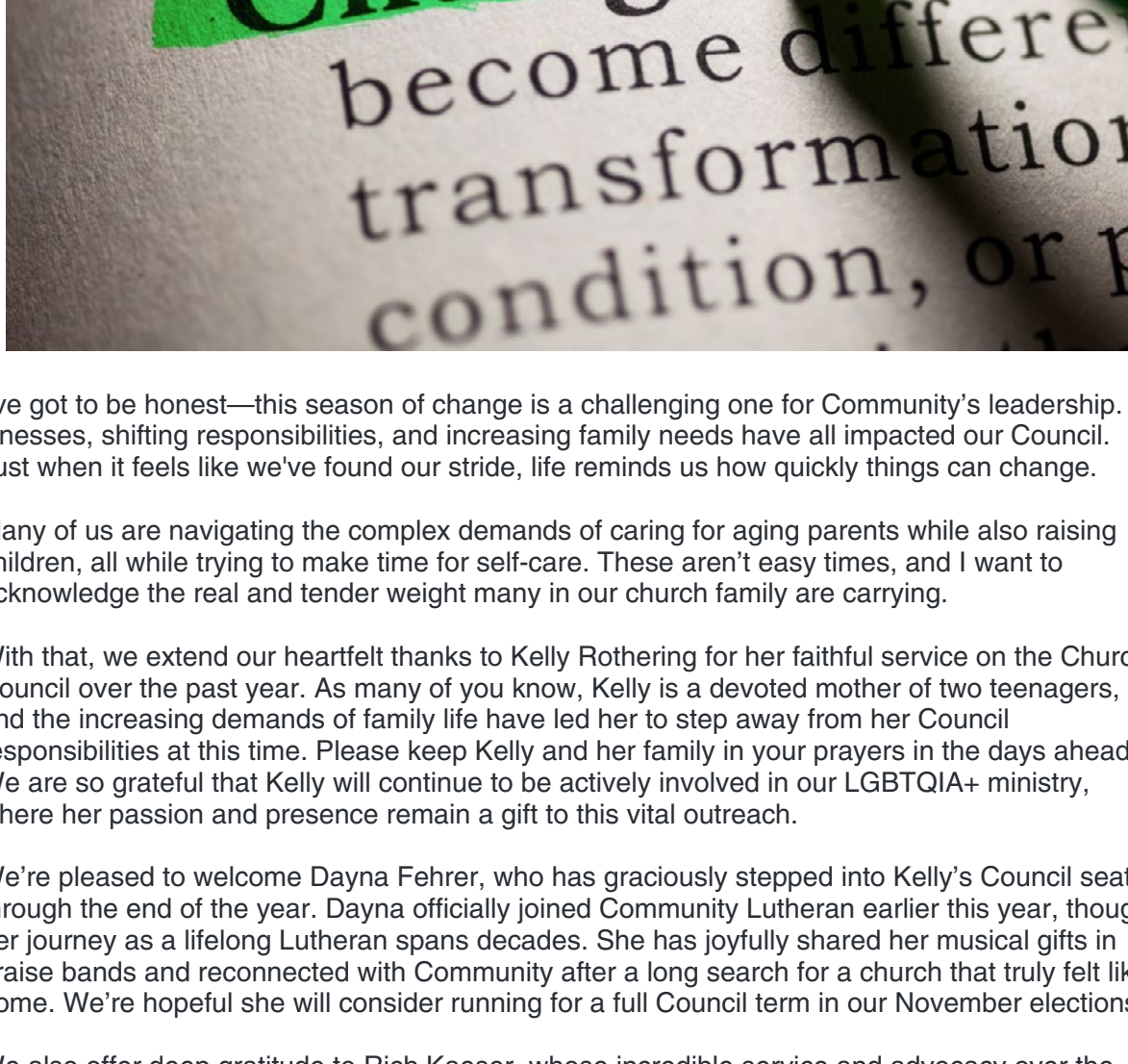


June 6, 2025

Leadership Transitions on Church Council



I've got to be honest—this season of change is a challenging one for Community's leadership. Illnesses, shifting responsibilities, and increasing family needs have all impacted our Council. Just when it feels like we've found our stride, life reminds us how quickly things can change.

Many of us are navigating the complex demands of caring for aging parents while also raising children, all while trying to make time for self-care. These aren't easy times, and I want to acknowledge the real and tender weight many in our church family are carrying.

With that, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Kelly Rothering for her faithful service on the Church Council over the past year. As many of you know, Kelly is a devoted mother of two teenagers, and the increasing demands of family life have led her to step away from her Council responsibilities at this time. Please keep Kelly and her family in your prayers in the days ahead. We are so grateful that Kelly will continue to be actively involved in our LGBTQIA+ ministry, where her passion and presence remain a gift to this vital outreach.

We're pleased to welcome Dayna Fehrer, who has graciously stepped into Kelly's Council seat through the end of the year. Dayna officially joined Community Lutheran earlier this year, though her journey as a lifelong Lutheran spans decades. She has joyfully shared her musical gifts in praise bands and reconnected with Community after a long search for a church that truly felt like home. We're hopeful she will consider running for a full Council term in our November elections.

We also offer deep gratitude to Rich Kaesser, whose incredible service and advocacy over the past two years have been instrumental in shaping our ministry, especially through his leadership of the Food Pantry. Rich is stepping back to spend more time with family, and hopefully enjoy a little more golf, travel, and fishing, too! Thankfully, Rich still plans to support the Food Pantry. His Council seat will remain vacant until the November 2025 election.

Please also lift up Peggy Van Tassel in prayer. Peggy has faithfully served on the Council for the past two years and was a key figure in helping guide our congregation through its transition into the new Community we've so beautifully become. She now needs to focus more time on her family as those responsibilities have become increasingly paramount in recent days.

We're thankful to Mary Radatovich, who has generously volunteered to serve on the Council until our November elections. Mary, a former Roman Catholic from New York, brings with her a compassionate heart and a wealth of experience from her work in hospice care. Her perspective and spirit will be a welcome addition as we continue to move forward.

Please join us in thanking Kelly, Rich, and Peggy for their dedication, leadership, and the lasting impact they've made on our church community.

As we celebrate Community's growth, let us also hold space for those who are navigating the delicate balance of life in this season. May we continue to support one another with grace, patience, and prayer.

With grace,
Pastor Karis

One Big Pride Worship Celebration Sunday



Our annual One Big Pride Worship Celebration Sunday is a joyful expression of our commitment as an RIC congregation. This special service reflects our ongoing dedication to the work of welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for LGBTQIA+ people in the life of the church.

We are proud to join hands with over 1,140 RIC partners across the United States and Canada in this vibrant and unified worship celebration. Together, we embrace this year's theme — Resilient Community — as we lift up the power of collective faith, justice, and radical love.

We're glad you're here. Welcome to the celebration!

Racism in America – The History We Didn't Learn in School



Bridge Building: A Six-Week Zoom-Only Course with Sue Linderman

Join us as we seek truth, understanding, and a path forward. In this six-week series, Sue Linderman will explore the policies, practices, and beliefs that have shaped racial disparities in America—from slavery and Jim Crow laws to redlining, mass incarceration, and voter suppression.

Each session will examine a different period, connecting historical events to the inequities we see today. Through learning and discussion, participants will reflect on how this history informs our faith and our role in addressing inequality.

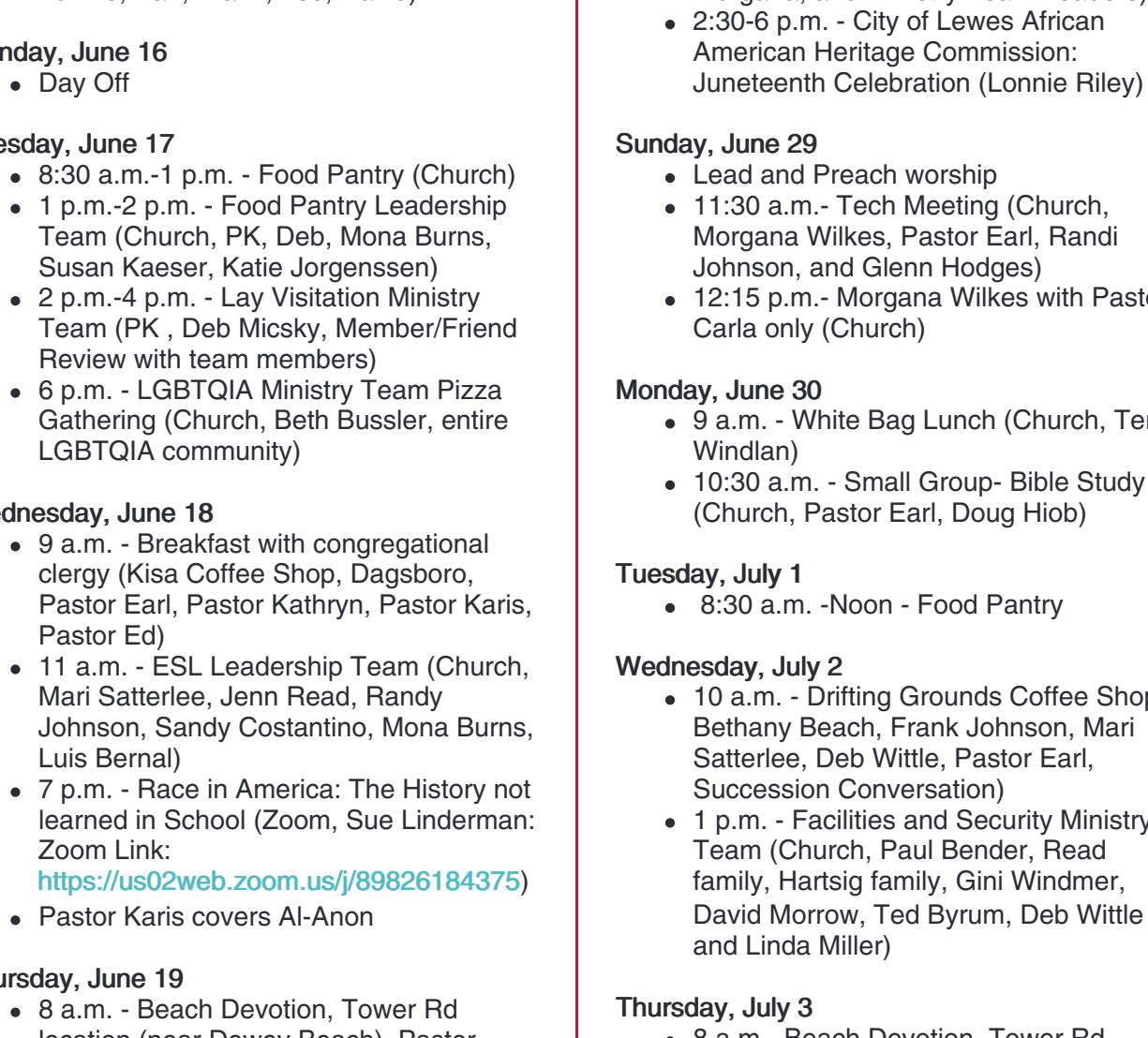
Course Topics Include:

- The roots of systemic racism in America
- How laws and policies reinforced racial inequality
- The Civil Rights Movement and its ongoing impact
- Voter suppression—past and present
- The role of faith communities in racial justice

The class will take place on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. beginning on May 14.

[Register Now](#)

White Bag Ministry Begins June 16



The school year will be over before we know it! That's when our White Bag Ministry will begin. The last day of school is June 13, and we will begin packing the White Bags and delivering them to the Frankford Library on June 16. We are in need of donations and request the following:

- Granola bars
- Breakfast bars
- Mac and cheese cups
- Individual fruit cups (shelf stable, not refrigerated)
- Single-serve juice boxes
- Individual Shelf-stable milk
- Individually wrapped packs of crackers
- Pudding cups (shelf stable, not refrigerated)
- Individually packaged fruit snacks (for example, Welch's fruit snacks)
- Instant oatmeal packets

Have something else in mind? If it's shelf-stable and kid-friendly, we'd love to include it. Donations can be dropped off at the church on any Sunday.

Thank you so much for your support of this important ministry. -Terri

Pastor Carla's Visit Schedule

(Revised June 5, 2025 - subject to change)

- Pastor Carla- June 14-July 14
- Pastor Karis on Continuing Education June 24-July 12

Saturday, June 14

- 4-8 p.m. - Milton Pride (LGBTQIA+ Team, Milton Theater, 110 Union St, Milton, DE)

Sunday, June 15 (RIC SUNDAY)-

- Worship Times: 8:45 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Hospitality in between worship services
- Pastor Carla preaches, PK leads worship
- Reimagine Team following the late worship service (Church, Pam Fink, Dayna Feher, Mari Satterlee, Deb, Lonnie, Earl, Frank, Lee, David)

Monday, June 16

- Day Off

Tuesday, June 17

- 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - Food Pantry (Church)
- 1 p.m.-2 p.m. - Food Pantry Leadership Team (Church, PK, Deb, Mona Burns, Susan Kaesser, Katie Jorgensen)
- 2 p.m.-4 p.m. - Lay Visitation Ministry Team (PK, Deb Micky, Member/Friend Review with team members)
- 6 p.m. - LGBTQIA Ministry Team Pizza Gathering (Church, Beth Bussler, entire LGBTQIA community)

Wednesday, June 18

- 9 a.m. - Breakfast with congregational clergy (Kisa Coffee Shop, Dagsboro, Pastor Earl, Pastor Kathryn, Pastor Karis, Pastor Ed)
- 11 a.m. - ESL Leadership Team (Church, Mari Satterlee, Jenn Read, Randy Johnson, Donald Costantino, Mona Burns, Luis Berla)
- 7 p.m. - Race in America: The History not learned in school (Zoom, Sue Linderman: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89826184375>)
- Pastor Karis covers Al-Anon

Thursday, June 19

- 8 a.m. - Beach Devotion, Tower Rd location (near Dewey Beach), Pastor Karis
- 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Congregational Juneteenth Discussion (Church, Led by Pastor Carla)
- 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. - Grief Group (Church, BethAnn McIntosh, PK)
- 7 p.m. - Juneteenth Celebration (Freeman Pavilion, Pastor Earl and Lori)

Friday, June 20

- PENDING- Breakfast, Hook, Paynters Mill (Patricia)
- Milton Tour (PK)

Saturday, June 21

- Free Day

Sunday, June 22 (Juneteenth Celebration)

- Pastor Carla preaches, PK leads worship

Monday, June 23

- Day Off

Tuesday, June 24

- 9 a.m. -Podcast (Lee Trueheart)

Wednesday, June 25

- 10 a.m. - Small Group coffee (Church, Thadyne and Mary Ann hosts with the entire Wed. discussion group)
- Noon - Leadership Luncheon (DiFibo's Restaurant, 789 Garfield Pkwy, Bethany Beach, DE, Mari, Deb, Frank, Pastor Earl)
- 7 p.m. - Lead Al-Anon (Church)

Thursday, June 26

- Geographic Area Tour (Mari)
- 8 a.m. - Beach Devotion, Tower Rd (Pastor Karis, optional)
- 10 a.m. - La Esperanza (Georgetown)
- Noon- Lunch in Georgetown (Mari and Sandra Wachter-Meyer)
- Tour of area (Mari, Ocean City, Bethany Beach, Fenwick Island)
- 7 p.m. - AA (Jimmie Runkles, Church)

Friday, June 27

- Free During the Day

Saturday, June 28

- 9 a.m.-1 p.m. - *How to Lead a Mission Congregation* vs a "traditional church", Mission Development Training (Council, Morgana, and Ministry Team Leaders)
- 2:30-6 p.m. - City of Lewes African American Heritage Commission: Juneteenth Celebration (Lonnie Riley)

Sunday, June 29

- Lead and Preach worship
- 11:30 a.m. - Teach Meeting (Church, Morgana, Wilkes, Pastor Earl, Randi Johnson, and Glenn Hodges)
- 12:15 p.m.- Morgana Wilkes with Pastor Carla only (Church)

Monday, June 30

- 9 a.m. - White Bag Lunch (Church, Terri Windlan)
- 10:30 a.m. - Small Group- Bible Study (Church, Pastor Earl, Doug Hiob)

Tuesday, July 1

- 8:30 a.m. - Noon - Food Pantry

Wednesday, July 2

- 10 a.m. - Drifting Grounds Coffee Shop (Bethany Beach, Frank Johnson, Mari Satterlee, Deb Wittle, Pastor Earl, Succession Conversation)
- 1 p.m. - Facilities and Security Ministry Team (Church, Paul Bender, Read family, Hartsig family, Gini Windmer, David Morrow, Ted Byrum, Deb Wittle and Linda Miller)

Thursday, July 3

- 8 a.m. - Beach Devotion, Tower Rd
- 1 p.m. - Grief Group (Bethann McIntosh, Grief Therapist, Church)
- 5:30 p.m. - Beach Devotion, 3 R's Fishing Beach

Friday, July 4

- Day Off

Saturday, July 5

- Day Off

Sunday, July 6

- Preach and Lead Worship

Monday, July 7

- Day Off

Tuesday, July 8

- 10 a.m.- Noon- "*How To Best Lead Small Groups*" Pastor Carla Leads Training for Small Group Leaders (Mary Ann Jasper, Mary Ann Trueheart, Thadyne Coyne, Sandy Costenino, Doug Hiob)

Wednesday, July 9

- Visits if needed- Day Off

Thursday, July 10

- 8 a.m.- Beach Devotion, Tower Rd
- 1 p.m. -Finance Team (Church, Entire Finance Team, Mari, Deb, Frank and Pastor Earl)
- 2 p.m.-3 p.m. - Manor House Visits (Joan King and Sally Druckenmiller)Seaford
- 5:30 p.m. - Beach Devotion, 3 R's Fishing Beach

Friday, July 11

- 6 p.m. - Small Group Dinner (Jasper)

Saturday, July 12

- Day Off

Sunday, July 13

- Pastor Karis preaches, PK leads worship
- Council following late worship with visit overview (Church)

What's Happening at Community

CLC Food Pantry Donation Requests May 2025

- Black Beans (canned or dry)
- Peanut Butter (ideally 16 oz jars)
- Pasta
- Cereal
- Pineapple - canned
- Peaches - canned
- Fruit or Applesauce cups
- Cream Soups
- Pasta Sauce in jars
- Mac and cheese
- Cooking oil
- Shelf-stable Chocolate Milk

The Food Pantry Ministry is seeking volunteers who are willing and able to go out and purchase food and supplies for the Pantry. Reimbursement is available for approved items. Things we regularly shop for include produce (Sunday or Monday just prior to the pantry dates), as well as cleaning and personal care items, usually sourced from dollar stores. Some non-perishable food is also sometimes on the list, and we try to find the best prices. If you enjoy finding a good bargain and have some time in the evenings or weekends to shop, contact Mona, Susan, or Katie to see about getting a list of things to buy.



The next pantry is June 17th, from 10 to 12. Volunteers are welcome to come around 8:30 for set-up. We will also serve lunch after the pantry for all volunteers, so plan to stick around for some food! Thank you for all you do to serve the community!

Join us at our booth for Delaware Pride.

June 7
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Congressional Hall
Dover, DE

Juneteenth is celebrated annually on June 19th, and it is also known as Freedom Day, Black Independence Day, and Jubilee Day. It marks the day in 1865 when Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, and informed enslaved people that they were free, which was two years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation.

Thursday, June 19
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Luther Hall

Pizza Lunch with Congregational Juneteenth Discussion

Open to everyone

Join us for special worship services on June 22.

Rev. Carla Christopher will be bringing the message, and PEARL will lead us in a special time of worship.

What Is a Prayer Request?

In 1 Timothy 2:1, we are told, "I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them." Prayer is powerful, especially when we come together in God's name. As Jesus said, "Where two or three have gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst." At Community Church, we are committed to praying for you and those you hold dear—whether they are struggling with illness, grieving a loss, or facing any other hardship.



To ensure privacy, we will only include first names in prayer requests, though you are welcome to share your relationship to the person being prayed for. We also ask that you refrain from sharing personal details about others without their consent.

How Can We Pray for You?

If you would like to submit a prayer request for yourself or a loved one, please contact tech.clc.30897@gmail.com.

We are here to support you in prayer, trusting that God hears and answers in God's perfect timing.

[Submit a Prayer Request](#)

Prayer Requests: Together in Faith

No requests this week. Continue to lift one another in prayer.