Greetings,

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!

What a joyful celebration Easter is. People’s spirits seem to be lifted as we emerge from winter into spring. The flowers begin to bloom; tree buds start popping, and the grass colors the ground in an array of colors. Easter is also the time of year that we celebrate Christ’s rising from the dead and the glory of his victory over death. It is a time when we remember that Christ will come again in all His glory. And in the meantime, we keep the feast. The feast reminds us that there is a heavenly banquet waiting for all of us – a time and place where all will be fed and no one will go hungry. The feast that we celebrate is the same feast that Jesus celebrated with his disciples before his death and again after his resurrection.

That feast is known by many names: Holy Communion, the Lord’s Supper, the Eucharist, Mass, Sacrament of the Altar. These names can be confusing to us and especially to people outside the church who have little or no understanding of the sacraments. So, I thought I’d take this opportunity to share with all of you the differences.

Since just one name can’t capture the depth of meaning of this meal, we’ve called it by many names instead. Every name, however, recognizes that this meal is a means of grace in which we encounter and receive the love of God shown to us in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the eating and drinking of bread and wine. So let’s explore the many names for this feast.

**Holy Communion:**
The word communion at its root is connected to the word community. When we eat the bread and drink the wine, we are emphasizing the relationship between our faith community and Christ and all others who eat the meal. The bread and wine are the presence of Christ and as we eat and drink we become the body of Christ as a community, bound together as one with those from every time and place. This is why I personally like to have communion on a weekly basis and at special events like funerals and weddings. We stay connected through this meal to those who have gone before us, to those who are with us now, and to those who are yet to come. What a foretaste of the feast that is to come!

**The Lord’s Supper:**
Jesus is the one who instituted this meal. At his last supper he demonstrated taking the bread, giving thanks, breaking it, and sharing it with those around him. At this same meal, he took the cup of wine, blessed it, and gave it to everyone to drink, explaining that this was his blood which would be shed for them and for us on the cross. His instructions were clear – “Do this in remembrance of me.” In the “Lord’s supper” Jesus comes again to share a great feast with all who believe in Him. The Lord’s supper connects past events, present reality, and the future hope. Jesus is our host and invites us to this gift of the feast.

**Eucharist:**
“Eucharist” comes from the Greek word for thanksgiving. It describes what we do not only at this meal but throughout the whole worship service. “Eucharist” is a way of saying ‘thank you’ to God through our celebration and thanksgiving in word, song, and meal for all of God’s creation, for the gift of salvation in Jesus Christ, and for God’s gift of the communion meal. Think about when we pray at the dinner table. Aren’t we thanking God for the food which He provided? That is what we are doing at the “Eucharist” table – giving thanks for the gifts of God which feed us, sustain us, and nourish us.
Mass: “Mass” comes from the Latin word “missa” which means “mission.” In the communion meal, we are not only connected to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, but we are also connected to all the joys and needs of others who gather at the meal and throughout the world. “Mass” points toward the mission of Christ in service to the world. The meal strengthens us to serve those in need, including those who are hungry, hurting, lonely, and hopeless. After sharing the meal, we are sent into the world to serve with the command, “Go in peace. Serve the Lord.”

Sacrament of the Altar: Altars were historically used for sacrifices and presenting offerings. Often a lamb was brought to the altar and sacrificed as a way of bartering forgiveness from God, asking for life, and begging for salvation. In his death, Jesus offered himself up as the lamb – the final sacrifice upon the altar for our sins. No longer would human beings have to offer sacrifices because Jesus did that for us once and for all. The “Sacrament of the Altar” emphasizes Jesus’ gift of sacrifice for the sake of the world. The gift of His body and blood in the meal assures us of the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. The altar of sacrifice is a table where we are gathered at Christ’s invitation to receive this gift and remember His sacrifice for us.

When we come to the table of the Lord, we have a lot to be thankful for and to remember. Just one of these words for communion doesn’t lift up the magnitude of the gift we have been given in Jesus Christ by his laying down and offering himself for us. Some people think we should only come to the table with humility and with downcast eyes as we stand before our Lord, Jesus Christ. And that is not a bad way to come before the Lord, being unworthy guests invited to his table of glory.

And yet, there is also room for us to come to the table before the Lord in thanksgiving and in joy as we celebrate His victory, creation, and life eternal. I had a communion helper who had downs syndrome. After everyone else was served, I served him. I handed him the challis, and he proceeded to chug the good bit that was left. After he emerged from drinking the whole thing, he wiped his lips with the back of his free hand and exclaimed very loudly, “Yum, that was good!” What a perfect way to receive the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ – with enthusiasm, with joy, with excitement, and with exclamation! I couldn’t help but to wonder if perhaps this young fellow was on to something.

Communion is relationship building, and invitation from our Lord!, a thanks-giving of all that God has blessed us with, a means of mission in the world, and Christ’s sacrifice on our behalf. Whether we come humbly or with wide eyed joy and celebration, how blessed we are to have been invited to His table! May this Easter bring us the budding, blooming, and new understanding about our invitation to the table of the Lord. May we feel the honor Christ of being invited to the Lord’s table to share in the life giving nourishment of his body and blood, and may we too come to the table knowing how blessed we are by God and eagerly shouting, “Yum, that was good!” Happy Easter! He is risen indeed!

Blessings,
Pastor Debbie

May Newsletter Deadline is April 18
President’s Message

Previously, I suggested that you think about the word community—and, how we are a community of believers. About the word service, and how we might serve within our community of believers. During the past month I asked that you think about the community beyond our walls—both locally and within the world. How can we do more to help serve within those communities?

Collecting food for New Hope, raising money for the Lenten project—God’s Global Barnyard, participating in our synod’s Hunger JAM 2016 project, and the Youth Impact project are examples of serving the communities beyond our walls.

Thrivent Action Teams asked for ideas and/or people who would be willing to use their action team grant(s) for projects that we might do. Considering how we might help within the communities outside our walls, does anyone have ideas for projects that we might undertake? Can we come up with some ideas to help others?

Sincerely,

Al Myers

Fellowship Notes

April 3 we will celebrate April Birthdays and Baptism Anniversaries, please bring a treat to share.

April 10 there will be an Easter Cantata during the Joint Worship Service with FULP, at St. Michael’s Lutheran Church, Wellsville; service begins at 9am.

On April 16 the Cumberland Singers Concert will present their Spring Concert at Filey’s, 7:00pm

Church Work day will be April 23 starting at 8am, we have both inside and outside work to do; lunch will be provided. Should it rain on the 23rd we will do the outside work (spreading tanbark) will be Saturday April 30. If you can help with lunch, contact Dottie Shultz, for questions on workday projects contact Bob Shultz.

On April 24 we will celebrate the 15th Anniversary of Pastor Sandra Mackie’s Ordination following the service.

Dottie Shultz

Stained Glass Windows

Council met on Tuesday, March 15 and discussed adding stained glass on the lower windows in the sanctuary. With the congregation pretty evenly divided (poll was 23-no and 24-yes) on the question and in light of the church’s current finances of income falling short of expenses, it was decided that we would not pursue adding stained glass to the lower windows. The Stained Glass window committee has been released. Thank you to everyone on the committee for their help with this project.

Dottie Shultz, Chair of the Stained Glass Window Committee
A signup sheet is on the bulletin board. Please try to help regularly.

Training provided.

The more people who share the job, the easier it is on everyone. or see Al Myers, Joanne Keeny, or any council member.
Announcements

LIFT Committee Meeting – April 4, 6:30pm @ Filey’s.

LIFT Easter Pancake Supper - All LIFT churches will be joining April 5 for our rescheduled Pancake Supper in the Church House at Barrens. Anybody wishing to assist in the production of the supper may arrive any time after 5:00PM. We will begin serving at 6:00pm. Signup sheets are at all churches for attendance, help, and donations.

Oasis Offers Day of Healing from Loss - All of us experience the pain of grief in our lives. Please join us in this sacred work of healing our pain of grief with the eternal God on April 9, 2016; 9:30am - 3:30pm, at Harrisburg Brethren in Christ Church, 2217 Derry St, Harrisburg. HOPE through the Seasons is an opportunity to learn about the grieving process and welcome God into our pain while moving some of this pain from the inside to the outside. We have prayerful time with a large group, smaller conversational gatherings, solitude, creative experiences and music. Although none of us would ask for our losses, God can help us be transformed by them and receive gifts along the way. Cost: $50-75 (as you are able). Learn more at www.oasismin.org/HopeInGrief.html or by calling the Oasis office at 717.737.8222.

Joint Worship Easter Cantata - The Parish Choir will be presenting the Easter Cantata "He is Risen" April 10. The combined Parish Worship service will be at St. Michael's in Rossville beginning at 9:00am. The choir will consist of members from Filey's, St. Michael's, St. John's, Barrens, and Emmanuel, under the direction of Dawn Grib and feature trumpet accompaniment by Josiah Stetler.

Fine Art First - Organist Aaron Sunstein will present "Masterworks for Pipe Organ" on Sunday, April 10 at 3:00pm at First Lutheran Church, 21 S. Bedford Street, Carlisle. With something for everyone including Bach, jazz, and birdsong, the program will feature works on the Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ from the French symphonic organ tradition by Franck, Tournemire, and Messiaen as well as two major works by J.S. Bach and Billy Strayhorn's Lotus Blossom. Aaron is performing this concert in honor of his teacher Delbert Disselhorst, concert artist and Professor of Organ Emeritus at the University of Iowa, who was scheduled to perform on this date but withdrew due to ill health. As Minister of Music at First Lutheran Church in Carlisle, Aaron directs four choirs in addition to serving as principal organist. He is a candidate for the Doctor of Music in organ degree at Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. Sponsored by Fine Arts at First, admission is free. A freewill offering will be received. For more information, contact the church, 717-249-3310, or visit www.firstlutherancarlisle.org.

FULP Blood Drive - The annual spring blood drive is April 11 at Barren’s Church House from 1:00-7:00pm. Walk-in’s welcomed!

Cumberland Singers present What's in a Name? A concert of songs about people, sung in the styles of Gospel, Folk, Broadway, and Pops. Concerts are free to the public with a free-will offering taken at intermission. Music lovers of all ages are welcome. Dates below:

Friday, April 15, 2016, 8 PM
Enola Emmanuel UM Church, 22 Salt Road, Enola

Saturday, April 16, 2016, 7 PM
Filey’s Church, 15 South Fileys Road, Dillsburg

Sunday April 17, 2016, 3 PM
Shepherdstown UM Church, 1934 South York Street, Mechanicsburg

LIFT Bowling Event - St. Michael’s Lutheran Church invites you to join us for a night of fun, fellowship and food! April 15 @ Mechanicsburg Naval Depot. Arrive 6:30pm to eat; Bowling will start at 7:00pm. Please RSVP or questions contact Margaret Prosser (432-4264) or Jenni Stacknick (432-5862) by April 3rd. Cost (approx. $9) will be determined by the number of people attending.

Confirmation Class - April 17 at 6:00pm at Al’s Pizza
Announcements

Spring work day at Filey’s.

Saturday, April 23rd @ 8:00 am.

*Please, we need your help!* So if you can find anytime to join us, even if only for an hour, please come when you can!

Outside work will consist of spreading tan bark around the building and rain garden. Please bring shovels, rakes, forks and wheelbarrows.

Inside work will consist of window washing, dusting, cleaning pews, and carpet cleaning. If anyone has a carpet cleaner please let me know, the more the better. We will furnish the cleaning solution and the cleaning materials for a good old fashion spring cleaning.

Lunch will be served with coffee breaks when needed.

Rain date for outside work - Saturday April 30th.

Bob Shultz

LIFT Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser

Join LIFT on April 24, 5:00-7:00 pm, at Barren’s Church House for Habitat for Humanity of York. Please signup so the Outreach Committee can plan food accordingly.

Representatives for 2016 Synod Assembly

Thank you Jerry and Eileen O’Sullivan for volunteering to be our lay representative for the spring assembly on April 17th at 3 pm at Trindle Spring, Mechanicsburg & the assembly June 3 – 5.

2016 Vacation Bible School

July 31st - August 4th.

Mark your calendar and be prepared to join us and LIFT for an exciting rocket adventure.

Are you a volunteer for VBS?

Don’t forget your clearances.

You can download forms

http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/childwelfareservices/childabusehistoryclearanceforms/index.htm#.VsSHlvkrKM-

Or directly online at:

https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home &

https://epatch.state.pa.us/

FILEY’S GIVING BAGS

You may have noticed the coat tree in the lobby with pretty gray and orange bags hanging from it. This is our new “Giving Bag” tree.

The way it works is- inside each bag there is a list of items needed by New Hope Ministry Food Pantry. Take a bag with you and when you go to the grocery store, add an item or two from the list and bring the bag back to church the next week. Convenient, right?

We hope the bags will be a visual reminder to help our friends in need… and make it easier to carry the groceries back to church!

Bible Quiz

What was the name of Esther’s cousin who raised her after her parents died?

A. Hegai
B. Haman
C. Mordecai
D. Ahasuerus (also known as Xerxes)
2016 LENTEN GIVING PROJECT

Our Lenten giving project this year supported the ELCA Good Gifts ministry. Along with our ministry partners, we will channeled all Lenten contributions toward purchasing a “Family Farm”. The Family Farm includes a cow, a couple goats, a dozen chicks, two pigs, farming tools, seeds and agricultural training and support. Eggs, milk and meat from the farm animals can provide a lifetime of food to eat and sell. This will help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good! We exceeded our goal of $715.00.

To date we have collected $1,236.32.
Thank you for your generosity.

Hunger J.A.M. 2016

Coming June 3, 2016 to Messiah College in Grantham, PA

On June 3, our Synod is packing 400,000 nutritionally complete meals that will help feed hungry Pennsylvanians. There will also be opportunities to learn more about the root causes of hunger and how we can help advocate and address the systemic issues behind the many helpful ministries we already provide.

We have a need: Pack 400,000 meals on June 3, 2016
We have a plan: 1,200 volunteers, 12 hours, and $100,000
All we need is you!
Congregational goal = $1 per baptized member because 4 quarters feeds a family of 4
All Hunger J.A.M. contributions count towards our Synod’s Always Being Made New campaign.

We will need a team of volunteers from Filey’s to help pack the meals on June 3. I will pre-register our team online so all you have to do is let me know if you have some time to help. I heard it’s a lot of fun!!

There will be more information in the coming weeks so please put this on your calendar.

Thanks, Joanne Keeny

Save the Date
April 16, 2016
Lutheran Youth Day
at Susquehanna University

“Rising to Serve”
Looking to build on the energy and excitement of the 2015 National Youth Gathering in Detroit?

On Saturday, April 16th, bring your group to Susquehanna University for Lutheran Youth Day, where we will find new ways to rise up in service to our community.
• Service Projects
• Water Walk
• Concert and Faith Building Fun

Chaplain’s Office 570-372-4303 munser@susqu.edu
https://www.facebook.com/events/15807387904735
Announcements

WALK with us Sunday, April 17, 2016.
1:30 pm

Join our team, “Filey’s Walker” at Logan Park in Dillsburg.
Bring your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers.
Register today at www.nhm-pa.org or see bulletin board for forms.

Dollar-for-Dollar Spring Matching Challenge Underway

Thanks to the incredible generosity of a handful of New Hope supporters, the first $34,000 in donations received for the Spring Challenge will be matched dollar-for-dollar! We are incredibly thankful, blessed, and encouraged by all donors who are making this year’s challenge possible. If you have not already done so, please consider a gift today for the greatest impact tomorrow.

Thank you!

We are looking forward to the warmer weather and outside play. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Giant Aplus. March was last month we could earn money. If you would like to help by donating snacks or supplies, we could use 5 oz. cups, napkins, popcorn, pretzels, graham crackers, and cookies. Thanks for all of your help; it is greatly appreciated.

Thanks! Janet

Lutheran Camping Corporation

Summer Camp Early Pay $15.00 Discount Deadline - April 2
Summer Camp Open House at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa - April 10
Work Day at All Sites - April 23
Earth Day at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa - April 24
Men's Retreat at Kirchenwald - April 29-30

Looking for a great summer job??? Kirchenwald and Nawakwa have summer positions available for high school and college students. Counselors, Lifeguards, Kitchen Staff, Maintenance Staff, Craft Staff. All applicants should be faithful, mature, and committed to living in an outdoor Christian community. Lutheran heritage and work experience are helpful but not required. Cabin counselors should be high school graduates and 18 years of age or older. Applicants for other positions should be at least 15 years of age. Questions may be directed to Zach Weiss (Kirchenwald) at 717-964-3121 or Marianne Brock (Nawakwa) at 717-677-8211.

Camp Registration and employments applications are available at https://www.lutherancamping.org/summer/ or by calling the camp office at 717-677-8211.
“Thank You”

Thanks to Eileen O’Sullivan for helping with Fellowship on February 14.
Thanks to everyone who brought food for the Lenten dinner on February 17.
Thanks to everyone who brings treats to share during Fellowship on Sunday mornings.
Thank you to all the members of the stain glass window committee for their hard work and long dedication! You did a wonderful job at beautifying our sanctuary to the glory of God.
Thank you Joanne for heading up and running the ELCA Good Gifts collection for the Family Farm! And thanks to everyone who donated to this worthy cause! We will make a huge impact on not only for one family, but several with the amount of money we were able to collect.
Thank you to Dottie, Bob, Pam, Joanne, Al, Vicar Micki, Rob, and the Paulus’ for contributing/helping with the Seder meal. It never disappoints! We shared a wonderful meal together with our LIFT brothers and sisters and with some from Monaghan Presby. It was a table graced with God’s presence. Thank you for all your hard work and the many preparation hours it took to pull off this meal!
Thank you to Jeanine, Janet, Arleen, and Sandy for organizing the Easter Egg hunt! And to Denise, Lexi, Gina, Haley, James, and Mike for hiding those eggs to make it fun for the children! Their smiles were enough to warrant it a successful and Christ centered lovely day.
Thank you to all who bought Easter flowers to decorate our sanctuary for Easter! It was beautiful!
Thank you Carole for organizing a rich and well rounded repertoire of musicians, vocalists, and dancers for us to celebrate our risen Lord! Worship was so lively because of your time and willingness to bless us with such talent. I know it takes a lot of time and energy to organize, practice, set up, and tear down. You always go the extra mile to have meaningful music for us. Thank you!
Jean, Warren, and Emily, thanks for all the hours spent on setting up the communion table, changing the paraments, keeping the font full, and the eternity candle lit! Worship wouldn’t be the same without you!
Carol Bordner, thanks for serving as our liaison to LIFT. We have been blessed with meals shared during the Lenten season with our brothers and sisters in Christ and with all the other activities that have and will be coming soon. Thank you for this vital ministry in invitation and the gathering of God’s disciples to fellowship with one another.

Stewardship

Psalm 24:1. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof". He owns it all. We are responsible to manage it. That makes us stewards of His resources.

Submitted by Jeanine Fortney
“Thank You”

THANK YOU!

WE DID IT!! We raised awareness, and we reached the ELCA Malaria Campaign goal of $15 Million by September, 2015. God be praised! Many lives have been saved due to these efforts.

Our synod’s Malaria Task Force is pleased to report that 157 Lower Susquehanna congregations (66%) responded to this challenge and helped our synod raise $390,833 toward the effort. This represents $4.07/baptized member and 78% of our synod goal of $50,000. Thank you to the congregations who helped us reach this level.

This story is not over. Although death rates from malaria are 60% lower than they were in 2000, our work is not finished. We will continue to raise awareness and funds (through ELCA World Hunger and ABMN) towards fulfilling our commitment and towards our ultimate goal of MAKING MALARIA HISTORY.

THANK YOU on behalf of our synod’s Malaria Task Force for helping our Church MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Christine Mummert, Chair
LSS Malaria Task Force

THANK YOU!
Highlights

Baptisms and New Disciples

Christopher James & Ashley Diane Rebert
121 N. Filey’s Rd.
Dillsburg, PA 17019
Joined March 27, 2016

Amelia Anne & Heidi June Rebert
Baptized March 27, 2016

Steven Colton Morret
Birthdate November 9, 2015
Baptized March 27, 2016

Parents
Steve & Jess Morret

Evangelism

Ten Ministry Evangelism Ideas Every Congregation Can Do

1. Food baskets delivered to families during holidays.
2. Prayer- mobilize your church to pray for the needs in the church and community.
3. Cart return- return carts for seniors or moms with young children.
4. Retirement centers- provide volunteer services, read Scriptures, organize crafts, or visit residents.
5. Lawn care and cleanup for neighbors and elderly.
6. Neighborhood cleanup- identify a neighborhood park or roadside and keep it clean of trash and debris.
   If you meet people along the way, tell them about your church and why you care about your community.
7. Tutoring- provide free after school program to help students with academic problems or
   volunteer for an existing tutoring program.
8. Shopping and errand services for the homebound.
9. Home care- provide home repairs for single parents, widows and widowers and seniors.
10. Assemble First Aid or personnel care kits for the homebound, homeless, or people in shelters.

From Meeting Needs Sharing Christ by Donald Atkinson and Charles Roesel
Submitted by Denise Roth
Pennsylvania Lutheran Seminaries Declare Intent to Form “New School of Theology”

In simultaneous meetings held on their respective campuses January 12-13, 2016, the boards of Philadelphia and Gettysburg Lutheran seminaries adopted identical resolutions calling for “the creation of a new school of theology and leadership formation.” Both Boards’ resolutions stated their actions were taken “in the conviction that God and the church are calling us into a new venture of theological education, with a mission of preparing faithful Christian leaders for the church and the world.” The Boards’ unanimous actions authorized the two schools’ presidents and other officers to take all necessary steps required prior to their April 2016 board meetings that would launch the process of creating a unified Lutheran seminary.

Founded in 1826, Gettysburg Seminary is the oldest Lutheran seminary in the Americas. Widely renowned for its role in the great Civil War battle of Gettysburg, the school on Seminary Ridge opened an award-winning Seminary Ridge Museum in 2013. Since its founding in 1864, Philadelphia likewise has played a pivotal role in American and Lutheran history. Beginning more than 40 years ago, Philadelphia’s outreach to ecumenical partners, particularly historic African American churches, has created one of the most diverse learning environments that exists in 21st-century theological education.

“From the moment we both felt the Spirit leading in this bold new direction,” declared Presidents David Lose and Michael Cooper-White (of Philadelphia and Gettysburg respectively), “it became clear that our proposal would not envision simply blending together two fine traditions and excellent institutions. Rather, we believe God is calling us to do a new thing. Mergers are created out of past realities; our vision is to embrace what God is beckoning from the future.”

“The heart of this plan,” the two presidents continued, “is the opportunity to engage the larger church in a conversation about what the church needs from a seminary today and then build that kind of seminary, not simply try to adapt existing institutions to a world very different from the one in which they were initially launched. We believe a new seminary will be among the leading institutions of theological education and leadership formation.”

The proposal developed by the two presidents was in response to prior actions by each Board, taken within the larger context of a comprehensive review of theological education by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Each Board had asked that key leaders conduct explorations of options that will ensure the highest caliber of leadership preparation for future ministers and other church leaders.

As envisioned, the new Lutheran seminary will be “one school on two campuses with multiple points of access.” Efforts already well under way at both schools to offer coordinated “distributed learning” opportunities (with courses available online as well as in short-term intensive formats) bode well for other areas of expanded collaboration that can occur even before the new school is launched. The search for and selection of administrative leaders and faculty for the new school will be conducted by a founding board of directors, which will be constituted in accord with parameters established by the ELCA governing documents.

The resolution adopted by both seminary boards authorized their officers to engage experts in matters related to finance, legal, and property-related issues, and academic accreditation. The presidents and board members committed themselves to conduct widespread conversations with constituent groups, their sponsoring church body, and the other six ELCA seminaries. The resolution specifically refers to these key stakeholders and the importance of gaining their wisdom as this exploratory process unfolds.” The Boards and administrative leaders also issued strong reassurances to current students at both schools that they will be able to complete their studies under current curricular requirements. Many students and recent graduates already have experienced enhanced offerings as the two schools have expanded faculty sharing and offered reciprocal registration and library privileges in recent years.

“We will all pray fervently for God’s guidance as we move into a time of exciting change,” concluded Lose and Cooper-White. “Sensing this truly is God’s and our church’s call for us at this moment, we are confident the pathway forward will be revealed as we move along in our journey of faith.”

- See more at: https://ltsp.edu/NewSchoolAnnouncement
Dear Friends in Christ,

What a joy it is to say these words each Easter! To imagine all the people of God all around the world singing, “Alleluia!”

For some the alleluias come easier, a celebration of thanksgiving and an answer to prayers. For others the alleluias are more an expression of longing and hope for what is ahead, especially for those who struggle to keep their families fed.

We, who help steward gifts to ELCA World Hunger, kneel in awe of how you and members of your congregation have translated the joy and hope found in God's love into a spirit of service and generosity. We are especially excited to see the way the gifts shared in support of ELCA World Hunger are multiplied in prayer, transforming the future for so many, both in the United States and in countries around the world.

As you have opportunity, please express our gratitude (aloud and by posting this letter and the enclosed picture card in a prominent place). For me, the latest sign of the difference we are making together is symbolized by the new community-owned tractor pictured being readied to clear and till the fields in Aphiward, Cambodia. With your help, more than a thousand families relocated to this area of overgrown fields now have the tools that they need to bring food and nourishment to their community.

Your continued support is especially important in 2016, the ELCA World Hunger year of focus for Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA. And, through the campaign, we have an opportunity to do even more together. Thank you for joining the whole church as we creatively and courageously work toward a just world where all are fed.

Thank you, thank the congregation, and thanks be to God for the way we find our lives woven together in Christ.

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The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

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Easter Sunrise Service

Ever wonder why we place flowers on a grave? Most are placed there as a sign of respect and love for the dead person. Although flowers honor the dead, they also serve another purpose. Flowers evoke feeling of joy; their beauty causes us to smile. Their aroma draws in our breath and their color evokes thoughts of spring and new growth and new life. Flowers conjure up thoughts of new life despite the fact that they are dying and honoring the dead. At Easter, they remind us of Christ's dying and His resurrection. Flowers remind us that there is more to life than death, and Christ is the answer.

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Congratulations Jacob!

Jacob Perry recently took 2nd place in regional and received a scholarship. He will compete at the state level in May!

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Easter Sunrise Service
Members In Special Circumstances

Sandra Conforti  
714 McArthur Dr., Apt.1  
Carlisle PA 17013  
717-884-2735  
Birthday: March 6

Charles Helwig  
Green Ridge Village Room 101A  
210 Big Spring Rd.  
Newville, PA 17241  
Birthday May 21

Evelyn Knaub  
100 Mt. Allen Dr. Messiah Village, 15W  
Mechanicsburg PA 17055  
Birthday: April 13

Clyde Gouse  
145 Lancaster Blvd.  
Mechanicsburg PA 17050  
717-766-9679  
Birthday: September 2

Dorothy Helwig  
Green Ridge Village Room 322  
210 Big Spring Rd.  
Newville, PA 17241  
Birthday April 12

Ruth Stevenson  
222 Messiah Circle, 8 West Hampton  
Mechanicsburg PA 17055  
Birthday: March 11

Jean Hammaker  
26 North York Road  
Dillsburg, PA 17019  
Birthday: May 11

Carrol Kauffman  
Country Meadows  
4833 East Trindle Road Apt 569  
Mechanicsburg PA 17050  
717-697-4437  
Birthday: October 16

Sara Stough  
Church of God Home #209  
801 N Hanover St., Carlisle, PA 17013  
Birthday: April 23

Shirley Hartman  
820 Lisburn Road #601  
Camp Hill, PA 17011  
Birthday: January 23

Carrol Kauffman  
Country Meadows  
4833 East Trindle Road Apt 569  
Mechanicsburg PA 17050  
717-697-4437  
Birthday: October 16

Ada Strayer  
Country Meadows, Bldg.2, Room 2055  
4833 E. Trindle Rd.  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050  
Birthday: June 5

Prayers for the sick and hurting

We pray for

Teddy Butz  
Melanie Cunningham  
Bob Folk  
Tom Gruber  
John Hampton  
Matthew Lehman  
Linda McCullough  
William McKeeman

If you have other prayers of praise or thanksgiving, please contact the church office and we will be glad to include them in our monthly newsletter. Please fill out a prayer request form found in the back of the church. A person’s name will remain on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise instructed. Reminder: Due to confidentiality and personal preference, please make sure that the person whose name you are including knows they are being listed on our prayer list.

Serving God and God’s Church

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Events and Opportunities List

There are so many ways to serve, volunteer and connect with others here at Christ Lutheran Church, Filey’s and the community around us. Be sure to check out the announcements in both the bulletin and the newsletter. Some of these opportunities require you to sign up. For your convenience find a list below of events and opportunities.

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Avoiding temptation

Our 10-year-old loves playing on his father’s tablet but may use only the touchscreen because he’s misused the keyboard and stylus. One day, after receiving permission to play, he detached and handed over the forbidden objects. His dad said, “Just leave them there,” but our son replied, “No, I might be tempted to use them.”

We routinely pray, “Lead us not into temptation,” hoping God will almost magically keep us out of trouble even as we stray close to enticements: We buy high-calorie treats while intending to “eat healthy.” We visit big-box stores and spend money we don’t have. We gather with gossipy friends, fully aware that such talk is sinful and harmful.

Perhaps we should be more proactive about removing temptations. Perhaps “Lead me not into temptation” means “God, help me keep myself away from that which tempts me toward poor choices.” Amen!

—Heidi Mann

Like to read? Everyone has the opportunity to “Rent-a-Book” for $1.00. Keep it as long as you like and return it to the “Return Her” shelf for someone else to enjoy. All proceeds will go to the Building Fund. On the book rental shelves you will find books of different topics, such as prayer, parenting, marriage, grieving, etc. there are many books of inspiration, both fiction and non-fiction.

For February and March we enjoyed inspirational fiction books by Sandra Dallas. For April let's try something a bit different. There are two booklets (two for $1.00) to peruse and contemplate if any of the contents touch your own life. One booklet is titled "How Can I Understand the Bible?" by John Drane, the other is titled "What's The Point?". When returning these booklets please add a comment on the piece of blank paper that you will find in one of the booklets. It need not be signed. (i.e. hated them, loved them, interesting, can I get a copy, etc.)

Shirley Withjack

Snow Cancellations

In the event of cancellations due to inclement weather, please go to www.wgal.com or use their mobile app. Cancellations will not be posted on the television.

Please be advised it is always your discretion if the roads are safe for travel.
### Special dates

- **Administrative Professionals Day, April 27, 2016**
KID'S CORNER

Puzzle
A SPECIAL GIFT

Give thanks to God for this amazing planet, which he filled with people, animals and plants.

Directions: Following the code below, fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse. Then color the earth.

SHAVING CREAM EARTH

God created this wonderful world and told us to care for it. Remember that by making a unique painting.

What you need:
- A cookie sheet
- White shaving cream
- A wooden craft stick
- Paint (blue and green)
- A straw
- A paper plate

What you do:
1. On the cookie sheet, spray shaving cream in a circle (the same size as the bottom of the paper plate). Smooth it out with the craft stick.
2. Squirt the blue and green paint on top of the shaving cream in loopy, squiggly patterns. Swirl the paint around with the straw.
3. Place the bottom of the paper plate on top of the paint. Press it down gently so the whole plate bottom is covered in paint.
4. Lift up the plate and gently remove excess shaving cream with the stick.
5. After the painting dries, hang it on your wall.

who live in it. Psalm 24:1, NIV

The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all

24:1, NIV
Our Story

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” (Matthew 18:20)

Where two or three are gathered in my name, God promises to be. How can we live into that story? Who will gather with us? What person or persons do we need to invite to a gathering? Where will we be gathering so that God can meet us? What unusual places can we think of to meet? Please share your story so that we, as a faith community, can live into our story! God, whose utter desire is to be in relationship with us, can and does meet us in places we never dreamed possible. Don’t forget to share with whom and where God showed up – your “God Sightings”. The rest of us would love to hear so that we can be better attuned to His presence with us.