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## Greetings,

The last words Jesus spoke to his apostles in the Garden of Gethsemane were "Stay awake". He says it twice in Matthew 26:39-41. Fr. Richard Rohr writes: "I believe that work of religion is, more than anything else, to keep you awake, alert, alive, conscious. Consciousness comes from a whole hearted surrender to the moment. If you're conscious, you will ex-

perience God. I can't prove God to you. But people who are present will experience the Presence. It's largely a matter of letting go of our resistance to what the moment offers us. To be here now is the simplest thing in the world and the hardest thing to teach. You can't get there by any kind of worthiness contest whatsoever. You cannot get there; you can

whatsoever. You cannot get there; you can only be there." (Richard Rohr, Daily Meditation, 12/11/2014)

It's difficult to be writing a pastor's letter in February for the March newsletter when we are deep in the season of Lent, but Easter falls in March this year. I'm not sure whether to go with a Lenten message or an Easter message. I don't like to rush Lent, but I don't want to ignore Easter. So the ultimate question is, "Do we walk with Christ to the cross focusing on our own journey alongside Him? Or do we focus on the Risen Christ and how the good news affects our daily lives?"

This was my conundrum until I looked up and saw this posting of Richard Rohr above my desk. The task set before us at any time is the task of staying awake, alert, alive, and conscious in the expectation of experiencing God. During Lent, many people give up something. But they don't give up something just for the sake of giving something up. They give up

something in the expectation of walking closer to Christ, of being in His presence, and of experiencing God with the heart. We only get that close to God by being awake, alert, alive, and conscious. In other words, being in the present and allowing all those distractions (like sugar, caffeine, Facebook, or whatever else you gave up) to take a back seat to our consciousness allows God to fill up that space and time instead.

Easter is a time to celebrate the risen Christ and all that was accomplished through His death and resurrection. We don't accomplish that through empty worship practices, or through mono-toned empty prayers and hymns. Instead, we sing lively hymns and our prayers are uplifting and full of praise. Easter

is a celebration in which all our senses are involved – vision of brightly colored paraments and banners, sounds of "Alleluias" being raised on high, the feel of crisp, springtime air, and the taste of cured Ham, mashed potatoes, and fresh hot rolls being served in honor of this special day. If we consider all rituals that surround Easter, it is all about being present to God with all of our bodies and our minds in hopes of experiencing the risen Lord.

So for the month of March, let us heed Jesus' call to

"Stay Awake!" so that we can walk with Him to wherever he leads us (even if that is to the cross with Him) or in celebration for what He has accomplished through His resurrection. In being present with His Presence, may He lead each and every one of us into new life. Have a blessed Lent and Easter.

Blessings, Pastor Debbie

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**April Newsletter** 

Deadline is

March 17

## **President's Message**

"In last month's president's message, I asked that you think about our mission statement (Reaching out to the community and the world to share the love of God in Jesus Christ through Word, Sacrament and Service) and consider how well we are doing at achieving our goal and how we might improve upon it. Then, on February 14<sup>th</sup>, I stepped way outside of my comfort zone and served as assisting minister. During announcements that day, I shared further thoughts about our mission statement.

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. About worship, and how in Greek it means the work of the people. About time, talents, and treasures, and how we might share our time and talents serving within our community of believers.

So, please keep considering how you might serve within our community of believers, even if you need to step slightly outside of your comfort zone, and add your name to the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board.

Sincerely,

Al Myers

## **Fellowship Notes**

March this year will be very busy as we go through Lent and celebrate Easter. Please be sure to mark all the dates on your calendars.

- 2 Lenten Meal, Book Study & Worship. Hosted by Barren's, Dillsburg 6:00 pm Meal, 6:45 Book Study & Evening Prayer (Vespers)
- 5 & 12 AARP Safe Driving Class, 9 am 1 pm
  8 hour Beginner Class split into 2 4 hour classes (must take both sessions).
- **6** We will celebrate March Birthdays and Baptism Anniversaries. Bring a treat to share.
- 9 Lenten Meal, Book Study & Worship. Hosted by Emmanuel, Franklintown 6:00 pm Meal, 6:45 Book Study & Evening Prayer (Vespers)
- 12 AARP Safe Driver Class Second Session
- 16 Lenten Meal, Book Study & Worship. Hosted by Monaghan, Dillsburg 6:00 pm Meal, 6:45 Book Study & Evening Prayer (Vespers)
- 20 Think Green for St. Paddy's Day, bring some Green/Irish desserts to share during Fellowship.
- 22 Seder Meal hosted by CLC Fileys @ 6 pm, pre registration required. The deadline to signup is March 13.

Contact Pastor Debbie or Dottie Shultz for more information. Registration forms are in the Narthex.

- 24 Maundy Thursday Service Barrens 7 pm
- 25 Good Friday Service Emmanuel, 7 PM
- 26 Easter Egg Hunt.
- 27 Sunrise Service 7 AM
  Easter Potluck Breakfast 7:30 am, signup sheet will be on the bulletin board.
  Easter Service, 9 am followed by Fellowship

## **Financial Reports**

#### STRENGTHEN YOUR COMMUNITY



Make an impact with a Thrivent Action Team If you're a Thrivent Financial member, you can lead a Thrivent Action Team to bring people together for a one-time project to help others be wise with money and live generously.

You can: • Coordinate an educational event. • Conduct a service activity. • Organize a fundraiser.

Thrivent will provide: Resources to help you plan the event. Promotional items, including Thrivent T-shirts. Community Impact Card with \$250 of seed money.

Need more information? Contact Joanne Keeny, 766-0419 joanne.hunt123@gmail.com Al Myers, 766-3935 eamyers418@aol.com

Special Envelopes 2016					
January	Youth Events	\$62.00	July	Monaghan Twp. Fire Co	
February	New Hope Ministries		August	New Hope Ministries	
March	Guest Musician Fund		September	Youth Events	
April	New Hope Ministries		October	Community Asst. Fund	
May	Youth Camping		November	World Hunger	
June	Youth Camping		December	New Hope Ministries	

Treasurer's Income Statement for 2016							
	Income Expenses Profit/Loss Budgeted Inc. B				Budgeted Exp.		
January	\$ 10,263.52	\$ 13,622.52	(-3,359.00)	\$ 10,445.67	\$ 13,992.08		
February							
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Total	\$ 10,263.52	\$ 13,622.52	(-3,359.00)	\$ 10,445.67	\$ 13,992.08		



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

## **Souper Bowl**

We collected 237 lbs of canned good for New Hope Ministries Souper Bowl Sunday! Thank You!



#### **Confirmation Class**



Our next meeting will be held at Al's Pizza, March 13th at 6:00 pm.

## **Dillsburg Pickle Committee**

Help is needed on the Pickle Committee (which plans the annual Pickle Drop on December 31 and Pickle Fest in early May). If you wish to be involved in planning these celebrations of our community life, please contact Karen Deibler, Dillsburg Borough Manager, at 717-432-9969. Your help would be greatly appreciated!



## Filey's Giving Bags

You may have noticed the coat tree in the lobby with 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!

## **AARP Safe Driver Beginner Class**

An 8-hour AARP Safe Driving class is offered for those who have not previously taken a safe driver class. **The 8-hour driving class will be** 

divided into two sessions on Saturday, March 5 & 12 from 9 am – 1 pm.



There is no age limit on those attending. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Completion of the class may qualify you for an auto insurance discount. If you are interested, please sign-up on the form posted on the bulletin board or notify Dottie Shultz, <a href="mailto:shultzsbrushsaw@yahoo.com">shultzsbrushsaw@yahoo.com</a> or 766-0457. All payments should be made in advance, *checks are payable to AARP* 

#### **Child Protection Laws**



In keeping with the new Child Protection Laws, all volunteers who work with children in our congregation are to complete and submit the required child

abuse clearances to the church office. In July 2015 the law waived the fee for volunteers to obtain the two background clearances issued from the state of PA (State Police criminal background check & child abuse clearance). The new law also extended the time period for obtaining new clearances to every five years. If you have not started your clearances yet, please do so now. You can find the volunteer requirements and links to websites and forms at <a href="http://www.lutheranadvocacypa.org/issues/child-sexual-abuse-protection/">http://www.lutheranadvocacypa.org/issues/child-sexual-abuse-protection/</a>

## **Bible Quiz**

While Jesus was dying on the cross, who mocked him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself"?

- A. Priests
- B. Scribes
- C. Elders
- D. All of the above



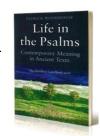


### Lent Meal, Study, and Evening Prayer (Vespers)

Please join us during the Lenten season at various churches in our community. Starting February 17th we will meet at 6:00 pm for a meal provided by the host church. Our study will begin at 6:45 pm followed by an Evening Prayer (Vespers). See the schedule below:

March 2	Barren's Church House	232 Kralltown Rd, Dillsburg
March 9	Emmanuel Lutheran Church	2 Water St, Franklintown
March 16	Monaghan Presbyterian	1185 Gettysburg Pike, DBG

This year we will be using the book, "Life in the Psalms". The Psalms lie at the heart of Jewish and Christian worship. For thousands of years people have cried to God through the words of the Psalms. Yet much of the depth of their meaning is lost to us. This book helps modern readers find hope in the ancient texts by re-imagining their meaning for our times.



Books can be purchased for \$15.00.

Checks should be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church, Filey's.

## 2016 LENTEN GIVING PROJECT



For our Lenten giving project this year we've chosen to support the ELCA Good Gifts ministry.

In conjunction with our ministry partners, we will channel 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 can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good!

The cost, and our goal, is \$715.00. That money is used in nearly 90 countries around the world, including the United States, with less than 10% used for administrative costs.

#### To date we have collected \$313.00.

Our "farm" is displayed in the Narthex showing the progress towards our farm. It looks like we still need enough to buy the cow. Please consider helping in the effort to alleviate hunger worldwide with this sustainable long-term solution.

Thank you for your generosity.

## Passover Seder Meal - LIFT Event

Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:00 PM

at Christ Lutheran Church, Filey's

The **Passover Seder** is a Jewish ritual feast that marks the beginning of the Jewish holiday of Passover. It is conducted on the evenings of the 14th day of Nisan in the Hebrew calendar, which corresponds to late March or April in our calendar. The Seder is a ritual performed by a community or by multiple generations of a family, involving a retelling of the story of the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt found in the Book of Exodus. The Seder itself is based on the Biblical verse commanding Jews to retell the story: "You shall tell your child on that day, saying, 'It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of

Egypt." (Exodus 13:8) Traditionally, famiread the text of the Haggadah, which confrom Egypt, special blessings and rituals, Seder customs include drinking wine, eating symbolic foods placed on the Passover Sefreedom. The Seder is performed in much



lies and friends gather in the evening to tains the narrative of the Israelite exodus commentaries, and special Passover songs. matza (unleavened bread), partaking of der Plate, and reclining in celebration of the same way by Jews all over the world.

Jesus, being an observant Jew, celebrated the Passover Seder with his disciples. It was at a Passover Seder that Jesus gave new meanings to the cup of wine and to the matza (bread). This meal is commonly referred to by Christians as the Last Supper.

LIFT will be offering an opportunity for all to come and experience this Jewish tradition of the Seder meal on **Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 PM** at CLC, Filey's. People of all ages are welcome to come and enjoy this casual and meaningful meal of fellowship and education. Not only will we be tasting the traditional Seder foods such as: Maror (bitter herbs), Charoset, Karpas (vegetables like parsley), Z'roa (roasted lamb), and Beitzah (hard boiled eggs), but there will be a full meal consisting of chicken, potatoes, vegetables and desserts. We are asking for a \$10 donation per adult to defray the cost of the meal. No refunds given. Children under 12 years will be free. Please remit payment at time of registration. **Deadline to register is March 13<sup>th</sup>**.

Please plan to attend this special event and learn about our Christian connection to our Jewish brothers and sisters through this special meal. It is VERY important that you sign up so that we can have enough places set at the table and food available for everyone. Sign-up forms can be found on the bulletin board.

You can contact Pastor Debbie at 503-2729 or dmahady1@comcast.net with any questions.



#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

March 24 – @ Barren's 7:00 PM Led by Pastor Roy

#### **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

March 25 - @ Emmanuel at 7:00 PM Led by Vicar Micki



## "FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION"

Easter Worship – March 27

Sunrise Service— 7:00 a.m.
Potluck Breakfast — 7:30 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion — 9:00 a.m.

#### EASTER CANTATA

Joint Worship – April 10 @ St. Michael's 9:00 a.m.



## Saturday, March 26 11:00 a.m.

@ CLC, Filey's

All are welcome.
This is a community event.
Invite friends, relatives, and neighbors.

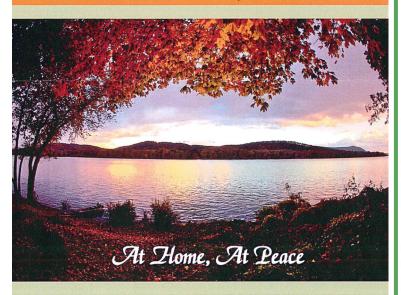
For Nursery age to Grade 5. We will be meeting at the church main entrance. The egg hunt will be held rain or shine. We will be using hard boiled eggs and filled plastic eggs. If you need plastic eggs to fill we have some from last year. If you would like to donate eggs bring them to the church entrance on Saturday, March 26. Someone will be at the church around 9:00 a.m.

Please sign up on bulletin board. Questions? Call Sandy Books at 432-3407, Janet Davis at 432-3023, or the church office at 432-4878.

### department of music

Fine Arts at First presents

University Choir and Chamber Singers
Julia Brasher Thorn, conductor



First Lutheran Church 21 South Bedford Street Carlisle, PA 17013 Sunday, March 13, 2016 Concert 4:00pm

Susquehanna

## 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?

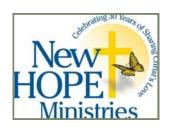
On Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, bring your group to Susquehanna University for Lutheran Youth Day, where we will find new ways to rise up in service to our community.

- Service Projects
- Water Walk
- Concert and Faith Building Fun

Chaplain's Office 570-372-4303 musser@susqu.edu

https://www.facebook.com/events/158073877904735

Susquehanna



## Serving the Dillsburg Community

6 North 2nd Street, Dillsburg, PA 17019 (717) 432-3053 www.nhm-pa.org Your Local Manager: Laurie Wentzell Wish List
Peanut butter
Canned Meats
Canned fruits
Spaghetti sauce
Soup
Canned meals
Canned vegetables
Dish soap

Save the Date and WALK with us Sunday, April 17, 2016. Join us at Logan Park in Dillsburg. Bring your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Register your team today at www.nhm-pa.org!

### Do you have a couple of hours to give?

New Hope has the following volunteer opportunities available:

Front Desk
Food Pantry
Center Cleaning

Volunteer applications can be obtained by visiting our website or by stopping by the center.

## **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!



It's hard to believe that spring is just around the corner. We are looking forward to warmer weather, lots of sunshine, and outside play!

We will be coloring eggs for the church's egg hunt. If you would like to donate hard-boiled eggs for the kids to color, please have them to the church by Friday, March 18th. Other supplies we could use are **5 oz. cups, nap-**

kins, juice, pretzels, popcorn, crackers, and teddy grahams. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

We still have openings in our Tuesday-Thursday program. If there is enough interest, we would like to offer an afternoon session for our prek program. If you know of anyone looking for a Nursery School for their child, please have them call the school at 432-2037.

## **Lutheran Camping Corporation**

Quilt Retreat at Kirchenwald - March 11-13

Summer Camp Open House at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa - March 20

## **Summer Camp Registration Now Open!**

Summer Camp \$15.00 Early Pay Discount Deadline - April 2



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"



Thank you to everyone who donated cans of soup for the Souper Bowl! Many families will be fed with the food we provided. What a way to live into our call of feeding the hungry.

Thank you to our dedicated snow warriors who battled the mega snow storm to clear the parking lot and sidewalks so that the children, teachers, staff and congregation could safely come and go!

Thank you to our chefs who put on a wonderful spread for the first Lenten soup supper! Everything tasted delicious! I could eat some soup now!

Thank you to everyone in the congregation for your patience and willingness to try different things during our worship in the season of Lent. In an attempt to do some hands-on things for those of you who are kinesthetic learners, I have really stretched others to go beyond some of your abilities. I appreciate your cooperation and "good sportsmanship" so that others may be fed too in the way.



P.O. Box 448 Dillsburg, PA 17019 717-432-2087 RECEIPT—Please retain for tax purposes.

Thank you for your gift!

Christ Lutheran Church, Fileys 15 South Fileys Rd. Dillsburg, PA 17019

Thank you for your gift of \$100.00 in honor of Tom Gruber received on 1/13/2016.

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## Stewardship

How do we respond to God's call to serve and love our neighbors? We faithfully steward the gifts God has so abundantly given to us. Although some think of stewardship as only a financial response to God's love, stewardship encompasses so much more than money. It is about how we use all that God has entrusted to our care — our time, our talents and our treasures — to love God and our neighbors, both inside and outside of the church walls and our homes.

The ELCA website

Submitted by Al Myers

## **Highlights**

## **ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response**



## Rest and Forget: Syrian Refugee Crisis in Europe

Posted on February 10, 2016 by Sharei Green

By end of December 2015, more than a million migrants and refugees crossed into Europe, according to the International Organization for Migration, with more than half coming from Syria. More than 3,500 refugees and migrants lost their lives in the Mediterranean Sea in 2015, reports say. The scale of the current refugee crisis in the Middle East and North Africa is unprecedented in recent times. The UN estimates more than 15.5 million people in those regions (Syrians, Afghanis, Iraqis, Palestinians and others) have been displaced by violence.

In an update from Jovana Savic, Church World Service-Europe Senior Program Manager, we learned that hundreds of thousands of refugees have passed through the registration center in Presevo, Serbia – the entry point for refugees passing through Serbia from Macedonia. Jovana said, "I have been organizing CWS's response to the refugee crisis in Europe since September, and I have seen hundreds of families come through Presevo. Thousands of faces, each with a story to tell."

She goes on to speak of three young women, Hala, Bothain, and Nadia, who have been traveling together. They are traveling to seek asylum in Germany. Jovana said, "I asked about their hopes, and their responses were both simple and human. They want the same things that have been taken from them and that we take for granted, including security, happiness, and a sense of normalcy. In the meantime, though, they just want to rest and forget the sounds of war that are all too familiar."

In Matthew 11:28 Jesus says, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." The Lutheran Disaster response recognizes that, as part of the body of Christ, we must provide rest for those who are seeking. To date, the ELCA has received \$834,000 for the Refugee Crisis. \$50,000 was given to Church World Service in Serbia, partnering with the International Red Cross for food, sanitation items, and helping with emergency winter shelter.

With the help of ELCA members, in addition to Serbia, we've given \$55,000 to Hungarian Interchurch Aid for immediate emergency needs; \$50,000 to the Za'taari refugee camp in Jordan to help improve conditions; \$60,000 to Lutheran World Federation for assistance to refugees in northern Iraq, and now an additional \$70,000 to Lutheran World Federation for vulnerable women and children refugees, in Jordan, outside the camp for education and cash assistance. We continue to explore ways to be involved in the crisis, including pending funding for efforts in East Central Europe and the Middle East.

Here is how you can be a part of the ELCA's response:

#### **Pray**

Please pray for all those affected by the refugee crisis. Remember those who have lost everything and all those who are working to respond. You can use these prayers and resources in your worship services.

#### Give

Your gifts are needed now to help with immediate relief. Gifts designated for the Middle East and Europe Refugee Crisis will be used in full (100 percent) to assist those directly impacted and have fled for safety.

#### Connect

To learn more about this situation and other LDR response:

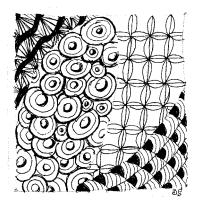
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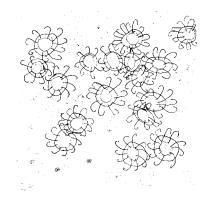
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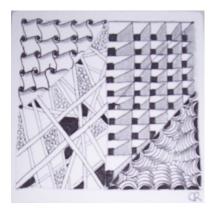
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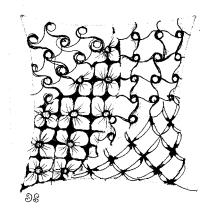
## ZENTANGLE



On January 30, 2016 a group of woman gathered here at CLC, Filey's to learn a new art form in a relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Here is a sampling of the new creations by many of our new found artists.

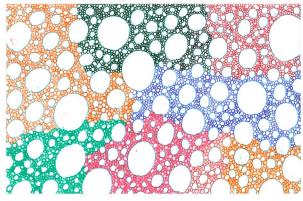


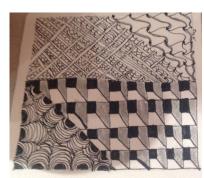


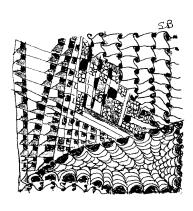


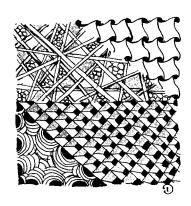


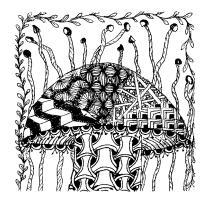












## Members In Special Circumstances

#### Sandra Conforti

714 McArthur Dr., Apt.1 Carlisle PA 17013 717-884-2735

Birthday: March 6

#### **Clyde Gouse**

145 Lancaster Blvd. Mechanicsburg PA 17050 717-766-9679

Birthday: September 2

#### Jean Hammaker

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

#### Shirley Hartman

820 Lisburn Road #601 Camp Hill, PA 17011

Birthday: January 23

## Charles Helwig

Green Ridge Village Room 101A 210 Big Spring Rd. Newville, PA 17241

Birthday May 21

### **Dorothy Helwig**

Green Ridge Village Room 322 210 Big Spring Rd. Newville, PA 17241

Birthday April 12

## Carrol Kauffman

Country Meadows 4833 East Trindle Road Apt 569 Mechanicsburg PA 17050 717-697-4437

Birthday: October 16

#### Evelyn Knaub

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

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#### Ruth Stevenson

222 Messiah Circle, 8 West Hampton Mechanicsburg PA 17055

Birthday: March 11

## Sara Stough

Church of God Home #209 801 N.Hanover St., Carlisle, PA 17013

Birthday: April 23

### 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
Carol Cook
Bob Folk
Tom Gruber

Dave Keeny
Jeff Mohn
Brett Ritter

John Hampton
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						
	Acolyte	Crucifer	Lector	Lector Assisting Tellers		Greeters
3/6		Denise Roth	Dottie Shultz			
3/13	TO	VAILABLE	Leil Fortney	Al Myers		Paul & Betty
3/20	SPOTS		Ken Gaudi	SPOTS AVA	ILABLE	McCurdy
3/27			Dottie Shultz	210		

## **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

Event/ Opportunity	Date	Time	Info.
Lenten Meal Lenten Study/Prayer	3/2	6:00 pm 6:45 pm	@ Barren's
AARP Safe Driver Beginner Class	3/5	9 am – 1 pm	
Birthdays & Baptism Anniv.	3/6	During fellowsl	hip
Lenten Meal Lenten Study/Prayer	3/9	6:00 pm 6:45 pm	@ Emmanuel
AARP Safe Driver Beginner Class	3/12	9 am – 1 pm	
Confirmation Class	3/13	6:00 pm	@ Al's Pizza
Council Meeting	3/15	7:00 pm	
Lenten Meal Lenten Study/Prayer	3/16	6:00 pm 6:45 pm	@ Monaghan Presbyterian
Seder Meal LIFT	3/22	6:00 pm	@ CLC, Filey's
Maundy Thursday Service	3/24	7:00 pm	@ Barren's
Good Friday Service	3/25	7:00 pm	@ Emmanuel
Easter Egg Hunt	3/26	11: 00 am	
Easter Sunrise	3/27	7:00 am	
Potluck Breakfast	3/27	7:30 am	
Easter Service	3/27	9:00 am	
LIFT Committee Meeting	4/4	6:30 pm	@ Filey's
Easter Cantata Combined Svc.	4/10	9:00 am	@ St. Michael's

#### Taking up the cross



"That's her cross to bear," it's said of someone's hardship or inconvenience. The challenge might be as serious as poverty or as trivial as crabby neighbors. However, when Jesus called people to "take up their cross," he didn't mean it that way. Nor was he referring to anyone imposing suffering on another.

When Jesus said, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Matthew 16:24 and parallels), he spoke of a radical new way to engage a society that more often called people to take up swords and fight for self-preservation. He called people to peace, not violence — and from being self-focused to following him.

That is also Jesus' call today. The cross isn't a euphemism that lets us dismiss someone's suffering. We don't appoint someone else to bear it. When we choose the cross, we do so for ourselves in response to Jesus' invitation that, one way or another, ultimately leads through death to new life.

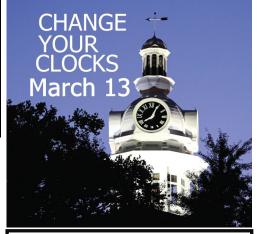


Like to read? Everyone has the opportunity to "Rent-a-Book" for \$1.00. Keep it as long as you like and return it to the "Return Her" shelf for someone else to enjoy. All proceeds will go to the Building Fund. On the book rental shelves you will find books of different topics, such as prayer, parenting,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

Shirley Withjack

## **New Address**

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



## 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.

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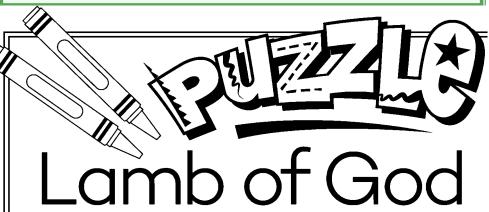
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:00 Lent Meal 6:45 Study/Worship @ Barren's	3	4	5 9am—1pm AARP Safe Driver Class Part 1
6 9:00 am Worship/Fellowship Birthday and Anniversary Celebration	7	8	9 6:00 Lent Meal 6:45 Study/Worship @ Emmanuel	10	11	9am—1pm AARP Safe Driver Class Part 2
9:00 am Worship/Fellowship 6:00 pm Confirmation Class  Daylight Savings Time	14	15 7:00 pm Council	16 6:00 Lent Meal 6:45 Study/Worship @ Monaghan Presby.	17 Newsletter Deadline	18	19
20 9:00 am Worship/Fellowship	21	22 6:00 pm LIFT Seder Meal @ Filey's	23	7:00 pm Maundy Thurs. @ Barren's	7:00 pm Good Friday @ Emmanuel	26 11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Services 7:00 am Easter Sunrise 7:30 am Potluck Breakfast 9:00 am Easter Worship	28	29	30	31		



## **Special dates**

- World Day of Prayer, March 4, 2016
- Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 6, 2016
- Girl Scout Sunday, March 6, 2016
- Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 13, 2016
- Daylight-Saving Time Begins, March 13, 2016
- •Palm/Passion Sunday, March 20, 2016
- Holy Week, March 20-26, 2016
- First day of Spring, March 20, 2016
- Maundy Thursday, March 24, 2016
- Good Friday, March 25, 2016
- Holy Saturday, March 26, 2016
- Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016

# KID'S CORNER



John the Baptist knew Jesus was the Messiah — C and offered a special greeting when he saw Jesus.

**Directions:** Cut apart the squares and arrange them in a rectangle in numerical order, starting with #1 in the top left and going across to #7. Continue building four more rows of seven squares each, to reveal John 1:29, NIV.

































































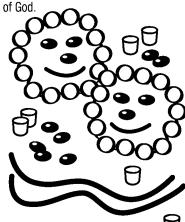








Make these cute treats as a reminder that Jesus our Savior is also the Lamb



## What you need:

- Vanilla cupcakes
- Vanilla frosting
- Butter knife
- Mini marshmallows
- Jellybeans
- Red licorice

## What you do:

- 1. Bake and frost the cupcakes.
- 2. Place marshmallows around the edge of each cupcake.
- 3. Cut green or blue jellybeans in half and place two on each cupcake as eyes. Cut pink jellybeans in half and place one below each pair of eyes as a nose.
- 4. Cut thin strips of licorice, and place one on each cupcake as a mouth.
- 5. Enjoy!



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## 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 we can 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 with 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.

