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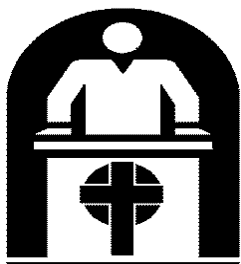
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*Jesus Triumphs
Over Death*

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Dear Members and Friends,

Easter is almost here. I earnestly invite you to attend our Holy Week services. Then be with us for the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord.

Easter Sunday is the earliest uniquely Christian festival celebrating Jesus' resurrection from the grave in triumph over sin and death. This festival

was first mentioned by name in 130 AD. The season of Easter lasts 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost.

New Christian converts in the earliest centuries were trained and tested in Lent and finally baptized at the Easter Vigil. The days after Easter were the time for them to explore the meaning of their new life in Christ and the significance of the mysteries of Baptism and Holy Communion, of which they were now partakers.

The celebration of our baptism at Easter is growing (baptism often occurs at the Easter Vigil). Baptism joins all of God's people with the death and resurrection of our Lord. For us, too, the Easter season's 50 days is a time to rediscover how the mystery of salvation and resurrection now can become a more influential part of our life for the coming year. And, remember, the Easter celebration continues with every week of the church year, for every Sunday is a "little Easter."

The date for Easter Sunday in the Western Church falls on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox (March 21st). Therefore, Easter may fall anywhere from March 22nd to April 25th. All the other festival dates for the church year (except for Advent through Epiphany) depend on the date of Easter, which may vary by more than a month!

"He is risen!" and the reply "He is risen indeed!" are the most ancient – and always new – shouts of Christian people at Easter, "Jesus Christ is risen today" is the same shout in the form of a well-known Easter hymn, a Latin carol from the 14th century which was set in English by Charles Wesley in the 18th century.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Pastor Miller

"Lent is spring training. Easter is opening day!"—seen on a church sign

WORSHIP CHANGES

As a result of new announcements from the CDC, the Back to Worship Committee has recommended to the council and council has approved changes to our worship practices. They are as follows:

1. Masks at the 10:30 a.m. service are optional.
2. The outdoor service will be eliminated. We will have a 9:00 a.m. inside service with masks required and be socially distanced. There will be no singing at this service. Communion packets will be available for Communion. At this time no volunteers will be needed at the early service.
3. At the 10:30 a.m. service there will be a designated area of 4 to 5 pews at the left rear side of the sanctuary (as you face the altar) for those who wish to wear a mask and be socially distanced. This also allows for the least contact when entering and leaving the sanctuary. Those sitting in this area will be given options for communion (communion packets, coming forward, etc.).

These changes will take effect Sunday, April 10, 2022 (Palm Sunday)

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR RETURNS FOR ITS 11TH ANNUAL PERFORMANCE!

St. Luke's Synoptic Players and the JCS Band present musical selections from Jesus Christ Superstar.

Performance is Palm Sunday, April 10 at 3:00 P.M. at St. Luke's Lutheran Church 417 N. 7th Street

Allentown. Admission is free. Doors open at 2:30 P.M.

As of this writing, masks will be required. Free will offering will benefit St. Luke's Raise the Roof fund and church-wide mission. For information, please call 610-434-3943.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday

This is the day that begins with praise and ends with sorrow. We praise Our Lord as he enters Jerusalem. We raise our palm branches and shout Hosanna. We then hear the Passion of Our Lord and get ready to enter the solemnity of Holy Week. Join us on Sunday, **April 10th at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday gets its name from the Latin “Mandatum” which means commandment. Jesus gave a new commandment, to love one another, at this Last Supper where he washed the disciples’ feet.

In this service, the confession concludes with an absolution which is a little more involved than usual because Maundy Thursday is the climax of the Lenten discipline which began on Ash Wednesday. Following the public absolution there is opportunity for individual absolution. This is strictly voluntary for those who feel it is meaningful in their faith. After the individual absolution, the people return to their seats.

After the Communion, the altar is stripped. The sacramental vessels, the paraments, and other worship appointments are removed, some of the church furniture appointments are draped in black, and Psalm 22 is read. The congregation is invited to meditate on the symbolism of the stripping of the altar, which represents the stripping of Jesus’ garments at his crucifixion. After the altar is stripped and the Psalm is read the congregation leaves in silence. **This service is at 7:00 p.m. on April 14th.**

Good Friday

Good Friday marks Jesus’ trial, crucifixion, and death. Included in this service is the adoration of the cross of Jesus. The service begins at **10:30 a.m. on April 15th.**

The Resurrection of Our Lord

We rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord. Shout Alleluia! **Please join us at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY – April 24th

The Music and Worship Committee is introducing something new this year. It is called, among other titles, Holy Humor Sunday. ***It will occur on the Sunday after Easter, April 24th.*** It is a day to make light of what we are about on a Sunday morning. Sometimes we get so hung up on the solemnity of worship and doing things “right” that we become rigid and think there is only one way to do things. It is one day out of the 52 Sundays that we worship when we can “not take ourselves so seriously.” It is a day that we celebrate the joy of the resurrection, God defying the works of the devil. The devil thought he got rid of Jesus. The joke was on the devil. We have this great joy. We can celebrate, sing, laugh, and have fun.

Brief History

On Easter Sunday, during the 13th century in Bavaria, the faithful would gather back in the afternoon for a time of story-telling and practical joking. The priest would leave the altar and come down among the people and lead the congregation in what was called the “Risus Paschalis” which means “the Easter laughter.” The priest would tell funny stories and sing comical songs, and the church would ring with laughter.

Of course, the point was obvious, the laughter echoing through the church was a tangible testimony to the merriment born out of the tidings of this great day, Jesus Christ alive and loose among us. All the forces that conspired to lay him in his tomb, the fury, the lovelessness, the violence, the vaunted powers of kings and empires, they are made a laughing stock. This was a time of celebrating. Sadly, the Church authorities gradually suppressed it as improper and an abuse during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

However, to this day in Slavic regions Christians gather the day after Easter for folk dancing and feasting in the churchyard.

It is known as *Bright Monday*, *White Monday*, *Dyngus Day*, and *Emmaus Day* in various countries. Wherever it is celebrated, by whatever name, it is characterized by joking around, singing, dancing, and merry-making. And isn't it the greatest way to celebrate the big joke that God pulled on Satan!

You say you've never heard of Holy Humor Sunday? Have you ever heard of Bright Monday or White Monday or Dyngus Day or Emmaus Day or Bright Sunday? As stated above, Bright Monday is the day after Easter. Indeed, it is a BRIGHT day; the light of Jesus Christ is shining brightly, boldly, brilliantly. Jesus has been raised from the dead. Years

back, the Monday after Easter was a holiday, a day to celebrate the resurrection. But the secular world has taken over and people return to work on Easter Monday.

Dyngus Day is a Polish celebration on Easter Monday, a day of joy, of feasting and fellowship, and of laughter. Young people play pranks including the Dyngus-smingus custom. Boys lure girls out from their homes and douse them with water and then the girls do the same. Some say the water is a symbol of baptism or of being washed in the blood of Christ. The origin of the Dyngus day customs are unknown except that they go back to the earliest settlers in Poland. The name of Bright Sunday, also now known as Holy Humor Sunday, is an ancient tradition which has been revived by the Interdenominational Fellowship of Merry Christians during the past 25 years.

Order of the day (there is no order😊)

It's a day to wear mismatched clothing, mismatched shoes, socks, a tie that doesn't match. Wear a funny T-shirt or pajamas, curlers! Or anything that you think might be humorous. Join us for this day of worship and fun.

BULLETIN & ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS

We are in need of bulletin sponsorships for 2022. Bulletin sponsorships will be for both inside services. The price is \$20.00. Call the church office to pick a date to sponsor or check the bulletin board for available dates. Fill out the **white** slip with your name, date you are sponsoring and the wording and place it in the folder under the signup sheet.

Altar Flower Sponsorships are: one vase is \$22.00 or both vases are \$44.00. If you are sponsoring both vases, **PLEASE** sign your name to **BOTH LINES**. Fill out the **blue** slip with your name, date you are sponsoring and the wording and place it in the folder under the signup sheet. Call the church office to pick a date to sponsor or check the bulletin board for available dates.

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

We look forward to seeing you at our Easter Egg Hunt!
The event is rain or shine.



Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 2, 2022
Egg Hunt begins at 1 PM



Everyone is welcome to our community Easter Egg Hunt.
We will be accepting free-will donations and/or non-perishable food items
for a food bank donation.

***All children must arrive AND register no later than 12:45 PM for the
Egg Hunt participation***

ADDITIONAL EGG HUNT DETAILS:

There will be five egg hunts split into age groups; the age groups are: 0-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9, and 10-12. The egg hunts will run consecutively, not concurrently. One parent may accompany their child in the youngest age group only. Children over 12 cannot participate. Every egg contains a goodie. Some lucky participants will find eggs to redeem for games or other assorted prizes. Every child will receive a stuffed bunny. Each child must bring a basket or bag to collect their eggs in. Eggs must be emptied and returned while on site.

GRATITUDE, ALL YEAR LONG

It's not Thanksgiving time. But what if we made a point to practice gratitude all year long?

In her book *Grateful*, theologian Diana Butler Bass writes: "As human beings, we possess an intuitive awareness that we depend on others to survive. We are safer and happier when we care for each other in community, when we do things for each other. ... How we live together in and with gratitude makes all the difference in the world. Indeed, living gratefully makes the world different."

BASKET SOCIAL NEWS

The Basket Social Committee has been busy planning our first Basket Social event, scheduled for September 17, 2022. You may have seen some of the completed baskets on display in the Narthex. We are seeking donations of completed baskets. If you are interested in putting together a basket, we came up with a variety of suggested basket themes, listed below. If you are currently coming to inside worship, check out the table in the Narthex where you can pick up a ticket for making one of our themed baskets; don't forget to put your name on the sign-up sheet. If you are not currently coming inside church and would like to make a basket, let a committee member know what you plan to make.

Baby Boy	Gift Wrapping
Baby Girl	Halloween
Bar-B-Q	Holiday-Themed Paper Products
Book Lovers	Home Décor
Build-A-Sundae	House-Warming
Candles	Jewelry
Candy Lovers	Laundry
Car Wash	Lottery Tickets
Chef/Kitchen	Music
Chocolate Lovers	Mystery
Color-Themed	Outdoor Games
Cook Books	Rainy Day
Date Night	Road Trip
Day at the Beach	Spa/Bath and Body
Fidget	Sports Team
Fitness	Taco Night
Game Night	Teacher's
Gardening	Tools

In addition, we are planning to have “special” baskets which will be bigger and more valuable than the regular baskets. Our special basket themes are **1) Crockpot, 2) Eagles Merchandise, 3) Fire Pit, and 4) Yeti Cooler**. We also plan to have a big-ticket item which will be a laptop

computer, as well as gift cards from local businesses and individuals.

If you would rather not make a basket, we are accepting donation of items - new or nearly new items are preferred. **And we are especially in need of baskets themselves. So if you have a stash of empty baskets that you can spare, please bring them to church – we will put them to good use.** We are also accepting cash donations to offset expenses – there is a donations jar on the table in the Narthex.

Thanks to all who have already signed up to make a basket! Note the due date on your ticket, and be sure to bring it to church by that date. We need your help to make this a success!

Basket Social Committee Members:

Sharon Bortz
Anita Eisenhard
Peggy Kern
Diane Kropf

Pastor Miller
Becky Theodore
Steph Wagaman
Frank and Judy Szukics

USHERS/WORSHIP ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED

We are in need of people to help with the inside worship service. For the inside service, worship is the same as before Covid 19 – i.e. hymns are sung, offering is collected in the pew, and communion is taken at the altar. You will be handing out the bulletin, helping to collect offering, and directing the congregation to the altar and handing them a communion cup. If you would be willing and interested in helping, please contact Steph Wagaman at 610-395-0355 or stepbillwagaman@rcn.com or call the church office at 610-398-7000.

ASSISTANT SCHEDULES

The assistant schedules are still being done one month at a time. With the two services, fewer volunteers, conflicts in schedules, it is not easy for Steph to coordinate the schedules, and she has to unfortunately schedule you more than once a month and maybe for more than one thing a Sunday. Please look the schedules over and let me know of any changes needed.

Cindy

Parish Nursing Notes
“Alcohol Awareness Month”
April 2022
Peggy Saylor, RN

April is “Alcohol Awareness Month” and presents an opportunity for us to reflect on our drinking habits and possible effects that it can have on our lives.

Most adults who drink alcohol moderately can do so without complications. However, alcohol-related problems are among the most significant public health issues in our country. In 2018, the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcohol (NIAAA) reported that alcohol use disorder (AUD) affected about 15 million adults and killed about 88,000 people from alcohol related causes. This would make alcohol the third leading preventable cause of death in the United States.

If one chooses to consume alcohol, the guidelines are for 1 drink or less a day for women and 2 drinks or less for men. The issue here is the definition of a standard serving:

- 12 ounces of beer – contains 5% alcohol by volume (ABV)
- 8 ounces of malt liquor – contains 7% ABV
- 5 ounces of wine – contains 12% ABV
- 1.5 ounces of hard liquor – 40% ABV

Keep in mind that 1 cup of liquid is 8 ounces, so we are talking about a relatively small measurement for a standard serving.

There are short and long-term health risks associated with excess alcohol consumption. Short term health risks include:

- Injuries from motor vehicle accidents, falls, burns and drowning
- Violence including homicide, suicide, sexual assault and domestic violence
- Risky sexual behaviors leading to unintended pregnancy or sexual transmitted disease

Long term health risks include:

- High blood pressure, heart, liver and GI problems, strokes
- Cancer of the breast, liver, mouth, throat and colon
- Weakening of the immune system leading to ill health
- Learning and memory problems
- Mental health issues including depression and anxiety

- Social problems including family problems, job related problems and
- unemployment

AUD is a medical diagnosis. However, if alcohol becomes a problem the minute that it impacts your life in a negative way. NIAAA offers an on-line interactive tool that can help you assess your drinking habits to raise your awareness. You can access it at

<https://www.rethinkingdrinking.niaaa.nih.gov>. I encourage you to check out this website as it is a very valuable aid in “rethinking drinking!” God only gives us one earthly body – we should value it and follow healthy habits!

WOMEN OF THE ELCA NORTHEAST PA SYNOD

Upcoming Events:

NEPA W-ELCA Convention

The board is moving the convention to September 10th this year. They are currently looking for a venue for the event.

FALL FUN AND SERVICE PROJECT

If there is an event, it will be in October.

Our Bible study on March 9th was the third of the series by author Mark Allan Powell entitled *The Kingdom of God: Here and Now*. We discussed the meaning of “eternal life” in the Gospel of John. We are talking about the reality of God’s power and presence as we experience it here and now in our lives. As believers in Jesus, we are promised life that is eternally deep and endless in value and meaning, marked by love. Having a sense of purpose makes life truly worthwhile.

Please join us on April 13th at 9:30 a.m. as we explore the fourth session of *The Kingdom of God: Looking into the Future*. We will not fully experience what it means to live in the reign of God until Jesus returns or until we enter into the resurrection life beyond death. In this final session, we explore that future life and the hope that awaits us all.

LEHIGH ZION CEMETERY SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

April 18, 2022 the Lehigh Zion Cemetery Association will have their annual shareholders meeting.

Anyone having a plot on the cemetery is a shareholder.
Officers are elected at this meeting.

APRIL 18, 2022, 7 P.M., ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH,
BREINIGSVILLE, PA

Please see Sharon Bortz if you have any questions.

GREETING CARD CLASS

St. Paul's is pleased to announce a new class being held at the church on the second Thursday of each month.

The class is all about making greeting cards from paper, ink and die cutting. Many techniques are taught and hands on learning with the stamping and die cutting is a must. This class runs from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and the cost is \$35.00 which includes everything you need, and you leave with 8 different cards suitable for all occasions



The 3 hours are fun filled and relaxing and will bring out you creativity and imagination. Bring a friend for a fun time.

Reservations are required because supplies may be limited. If you are interested please contact Gretchen Galiardo at ggaliardo@aol.com for any more information.

IRONPIGS GAME

Announcing the IronPigs game, Sunday, July 24, 2022.
Game time is 5:35 p.m. Gates open at 4:15 p.m. We again will be in the PenTeleData 3rd Base Party Porch. We have a limit of 30 tickets and the price is \$37.00. Mark your calendars. A signup sheet will be on the table in the Narthex or you can call the church office at 610-398-7000



THANK YOU LETTER

Dear Members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Food Bank, I would like to thank you for your food donation of 138 pounds of canned and other much needed items given on 2/3/22. Your donation allows us to keep our shelves stocked with items that we know our clients appreciate. It also allows our budget for purchasing food to be stretched a little further.

Your support enables us to provide food assistance to 800+ low-income households in the Allentown area every month. Your donation helps us provide vital food resources throughout the year and especially during these critical months of the COVID-19 crisis. Last year alone the Food Bank served over 28,000 people. A recent Penn State University study reports 'over 12% of PA households were experiencing hunger at the end of 2020'.

Our Food Bank serves over 24,000 people each year. Each visit provides our clients with enough groceries, including fresh fruits and vegetables, for a short period. It is with the generous donations, such as yours, that allow us to continue to serve those who are food insecure in our community.

There is no way to aptly express our gratitude for your support. The staff and over 150 volunteers at the Food Bank are continually in awe of our community support and generosity as demonstrated through your donation. YOU are helping us make a difference!

With sincere gratitude,
Jennifer Kelley
AAEFB Volunteer

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION

The following memorial contribution has been received in memory of
Joyce Eisenhard:
Carol Derr-Breinig

LENTEN OFFERING ENVELOPES

There are envelopes available on the table in the Narthex.



PRAYER CHAIN COMMITTEE



A note to let you know that if anyone is in need of additional prayers for someone in your family or someone you know, please call Judy Walker at #610-351-6040 or cell #610-573-7117. She will start the prayer chain by calling the people who serve on that committee. They in turn will keep extra prayers going for that person. All we need is a name of someone in need of prayer; a reason does not have to be given as to why you want the extra prayers.

If you would like to become a member of this committee, just let me know. I am contacting the Prayer Chain Committee electronically using text messages and email from my cell phone. If you do not have a cell phone or computer, we can still contact you by phone. So if you want to be of service to those who need extra prayers, just contact me using the numbers above or see me at Church. This only takes a brief amount of time and there are no meetings to attend! We all need extra prayers and they do not take a lot of time but are of great comfort.

HOSPITALIZED?

Parish Code for hospitalized parishioners is 321. Please give this code when you are admitted to the hospital so the pastor can be made aware that you are a patient and can administer the pastoral care you require while you are hospitalized.

Please take note, that if you are admitted on a Thursday night, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, the pastor will not be aware that you are hospitalized until Monday mid-morning, since the church does not have office hours on Friday, and the hospital pastoral care office is not available on Saturday or Sunday.

This means, if you would like the Pastor to know you are hospitalized on the weekend, please call the church office or the Pastor.



We have opened the church, and we will still be sending cards to the members of the congregation. If you know of someone who is ill or hospitalized, please let the office know. Judy Szukics will be contacted and she will send a card signed from the congregation.



3 Nick Bellucci
4 Dick Hartley
5 Kimberly Sicher
10 Brooke Brumbach
10 June Kellogg
15 David Walters
17 Janine Ritter

17 Frank Szukics
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30 Bruce Saylor

PUZZLE



Resurrection refresher

All four gospels confirm Jesus' resurrection, and each one offers important details.

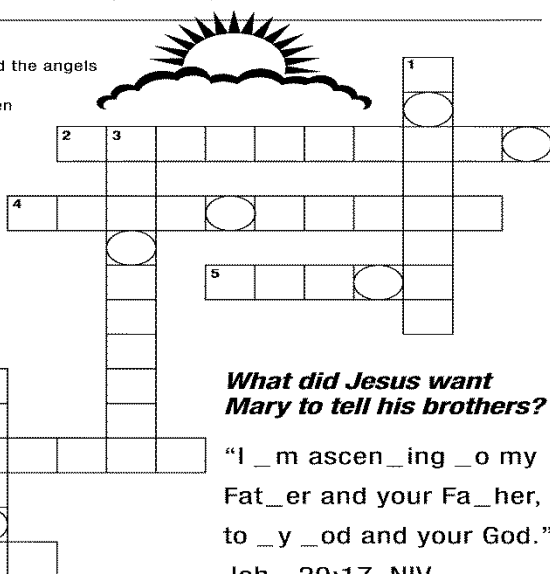
Directions: Complete the crossword. Then insert the circled letters (in order of the clue numbers) to complete John 20:17 below.

ACROSS

2. The women did this when they heard the angels talk about Jesus' death. (Luke 24:8)
4. The women at the tomb did this when they saw Jesus. (Matthew 28:9)
5. The man in Jesus' empty tomb wore this color robe. (Mark 16:5)
7. Jesus instructed his brothers to go here. (Matthew 28:10)
8. Peter saw strips of this in the tomb. (Luke 24:12)

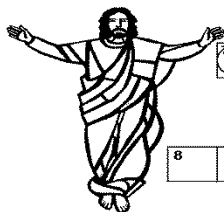
DOWN

1. At first, Mary thought Jesus was this person. (John 20:15)
3. As an angel came from heaven, this happened. (Matthew 28:2)
6. She went with Mary to anoint Jesus' body. (Mark 16:1)



What did Jesus want Mary to tell his brothers?

"I _ m ascen _ ing _ o my
Fat _ er and your Fa _ her,
to _ y _ od and your God."
Joh _ 20:17, NIV



Answer: ACROSS 2. remembered, 4. worshipped, 5. white, 7. Galilee, 8. linen;
DOWN 1. garden, 3. earthquake, 6. Salome; "I am ascending to my Father and
your Father, to my God and your God." John 20:17, NIV

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER IS
APRIL 10, 2022**

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR
ARTICLES SUBMITTED TO
THE CHURCH OFFICE
BY THIS DATE.**



CHURCH OFFICE: 610-398-7000

HOSPITAL CODE: #321

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE







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STAFF

Pastor..... The Rev. Carey L. Miller
Organist/Choir Director Ms. Judy Noll
Handbell Director..... Mr. Richard Steltz
Parish Secretary Mrs. Cindy Krasnansky

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PARKING LOT AND INDOOR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

April 2022

If you cannot fulfill an assigned duty, please call the church office at 610-398-7000
or the Council Person of the Month -Sharon Bortz 610-398-0320

Sunday, April 3, 2022

9:45AM PARKING LOT

Bob Nickisher
Sean Thompson

10:30AM INDOOR

Andrew Bruchak, Bob Bruchak

Altar Guild: Rosemary Lehman
Communion Asst: Peggy Saylor
Lay Asst: Sandi Wagaman
Reader: Jennifer Bentsen

Good Friday, April 15, 2022

10:30AM INDOOR

(Masks Optional)
Daisy Pearson, Judy Walker
Altar Guild: None
Communion Asst: None
Lay Asst: Sharon Bortz
Reader: Daisy Pearson

Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022

9:00AM INDOOR

(Masks Required)
No Attendants

10:30AM INDOOR

(Masks Optional)
Madeline MacMechan, Carl Seibert
Altar Guild: Esther Seibert
Communion Asst: Bob Bruchak
Lay Asst: Daisy Pearson
Reader: Peggy Kern

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

9:00AM INDOOR

(Masks Required)
No Attendants

10:30AM INDOOR

(Masks Optional)
Zack Dimovitz, Ken Ritter
Altar Guild: Janine Ritter
Communion Asst: Anita Eisenhard
Lay Asst: Sandi Wagaman
Reader: Bob Nickisher

Maundy Thursday, April 14, 2022

7:00PM INDOOR

(Masks Optional)
Frank Szukics, Judy Szukics
Altar Guild: Amy Williams
Communion Asst: Sharon Bortz
Lay Asst: Rosemary Lehman
Reader: Lacey Edwards

Sunday, April 24, 2022

9:00AM INDOOR

(Masks Required)
No Attendants

10:30AM INDOOR

(Masks Optional)
Dick Hartley, Melanie Dimovitz
Altar Guild: Jennifer Bentsen
Communion Asst: Cal Fetherolf
Lay Asst: Daisy Pearson
Reader: Cal Fetherolf



SYNOD NEWS

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Easter 2022 – No Idle Tale

“I love to tell the story...” So goes the great old hymn. But the world is filled with stories today, that are tough to tell. As Covid lingers. As the war in Ukraine breaks our heart. What’s next? And will it be worse? Just as much, I worry: can we trust each other anymore? Trust enough to share any kind of news, and believe it, together? Do we still hold in common, any of the assumptions, beliefs, and causes we used to share? Or is our world now filled only with suspicions and deceptions – “fake news” from all sources, on all sides?

On that first Easter Sunday, still overshadowed by Good Friday, bleakness and distrust were also all around. Even when those energized, overjoyed women burst in, announcing the most amazing thing they had ever seen and heard – HIS TOMB IS EMPTY! JESUS IS RISEN! – even then, “all the rest” dismissed their report as nothing more than “an idle tale” (Luke 24:11).

We are the church. We are called to be different. If the prevailing winds of our world today are seeking to blow us apart, the Holy Spirit winds us back together. God calls us to come to the places of sadness and sickness and doubt and despair – where all hope is dead and buried – and be ready to be amazed. Ready to see (and say!) what was dead – is now ALIVE. What was lost – is now FOUND. What was impossible – is now POSSIBLE. Real. True. And trustworthy. Jesus is risen, and we shall arise. The Bible prophets foretold it. Jesus said it, again and again. But almost nobody could trust it. Until God made it true, and sent people out to spread the word, the good news, the gospel. God is still sending us today. This Easter Sunday is like the first: a world full of doubt and distrust. A world full of conflict and separation. In the midst of it all, Christ is standing here with us. The Holy Spirit is in us and giving us courage. And God is making all things new, even now.

Jesus is risen, and we shall arise. Let us share this good news, for ALL people, for ALL creation. Holy God, give us the power to trust it, and to share it. Rebuild in us: trust in you. And through us: rebuild trust throughout our world, with justice, with peace, with faith, hope and love.

Blessed Easter to you and yours!
Bishop Christopher deForest



TOGETHER

Our 2022 Assembly will be held online on June 10-11. Each congregation is entitled to bring two voting members. If you are interested in attending the synod assembly as a voting member please reach out to your congregation's leadership for more information.



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our new
website**

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Faith
FORMATION
Saturdays

Join us on the 2nd
Saturday of every month!
(more information on our website)

STEWARDSHIP EXTRAVAGANZA

JUNE 18, 2022
**TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH, LANSDALE**
**AN EVENT ORGANIZED BY THE
SEPA AND NEPA SYNODS**
(REGISTRATION FORTHCOMING)



APRIL 23 & 24, 2022, 1PM-4PM
RAIN OR SHINE, BAREBONES EVENT, BRING
YOUR OWN KNIFE, CUTTING BOARD, DRINKS,
AND SNACKS. WE'LL BE CUTTING THE SEED
POTATOES FOR PLANTING SEASON! ALL ARE
INVITED! JUST WALK-IN AND HELP!

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May 2022 LMD NL news will be due April 14, 2022. E-Mail any information to me at lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com.

Financial gifts can be sent to our new mailing address to the attention of our new Lehigh Mission District Treasurer Leslie Talago at: Leslie Talago, LMD Treasurer, St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 417 N Seventh Street, Allentown, PA 18102.

Jesus Christ Superstar returns for its 11th Annual Performance!

St. Luke's Synoptic Players and the JCS Band present musical selections from Jesus Christ Superstar. The performance is Palm Sunday, **April 10 at 3:00 PM** at St. Luke's Lutheran Church 417 N. 7th Street Allentown. Admission is free. Doors open at 2:30 PM. **As of this writing, masks will be required.** Free will offering will benefit St. Luke's Raise the Roof fund and church-wide mission. For information, please call [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943). See attached Flyer.

ZOOM Lehigh Mission District Spring Assembly (2 Delegates) Sunday, May 1, starting at 4:00 P.M. - Our guest speaker this year is Dr. John Paul with his presentation on: **Fethullah Gulen and Martin Luther: Reformers across Contexts and Traditions, but a Shared Spirit.** Jon Paul is the Peter Paul and Elizabeth Hagan Professor of the History of Christianity at United Lutheran Seminary, Gettysburg/Philadelphia. He has also taught at Valparaiso, Temple, and Princeton Universities. Jon received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago Divinity School, and is the author or editor of seven books, including the first critical biography in English of the controversial Muslim preacher Fethullah Gulen, entitled *Fethullah Gulen: A Life of Hizmet--Why a Muslim Scholar in Pennsylvania Matters to the World*. Jon teaches mostly on-line these days, and lives on a lake in Clintonville, Wisconsin with his wife of 39 years, Lisa, where he enjoys gardening, spending time with extended family and friends, and sitting in on the sax with jazz bands and gospel choirs.

ZOOM Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly (2 Delegates) - Friday, June 10, starting at 1:00 P.M. - Saturday June 11, ending at 3:00 P.M.

CROP Thank You

Thank you for helping our 2021 Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk raise over **\$30,000** (\$30053.81 as of 2/7/22!) to help Church World Service assist our neighbors in need locally and around the globe, including victims of the **humanitarian crisis in Ukraine**.

As a result of your faithful efforts, the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank and Lehigh Conference of Churches Soup Kitchen will each receive over \$3700 for their vital ministries.

Please Save These Dates!

Greater Allentown **CROP Hunger Walk: Sun., Oct. 9, 2022**, 1:30 p.m., with registration beginning at 1:00 p.m. at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104

CROP Recruiters' Pizza Party/Kick-off: Sun., Aug. 28, 2022, 1:30-2:30 p.m. (to receive materials, ideas, and inspiration for yourself and your congregation) at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104

For more information about Church World Service/CROP, go to <https://cwsglobal.org>

Luther Crest is expanding, and adding 72 new one- and two-bedroom apartments! Soon, more people will be able to enjoy senior living at its finest! Luther Crest has been the #1 choice for retirement living in the Lehigh Valley since 1983, offering seniors an active and thriving lifestyle and peace of mind knowing that additional health care services are offered right on the Luther Crest campus. Our new independent living building will be called Greenwood in celebration of our spectacular on-campus nationally accredited arboretum. Greenwood will feature 72 spacious, modern apartments ranging in size from 920 to 1900 square-feet. Floorplans include one- and two-bedroom options, all with an abundance of amenities and designer features. Call us today to find out more at 610-391-8229 or check out our web site at luthercrestseniorliving.org.

The Clothes Closet is open. We are going to **still need volunteers during the week to help sort and organize our donations**. This can be as little as an hour or two per week. We want to keep this vital ministry to the community going. For more information, please contact Leslie Talago, Parish Administrator at St. Luke's Lutheran Church at [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943) or email to LETalago@StLukesLuth.org. Thank you to all who help contribute things!!



**Dear Lehigh Mission District
Christ's Resurrection Accents A New Life**

As we move towards the Easter celebration, we are set with the expectation that Christ our Lord Lives! We know how The Three Days story ends. We've already looked it up and read the ending.

The 40 days of Lent are over. Bring out the basket filled with chocolate bunnies, candy eggs, Peep's marshmallow candy, and jelly beans. Let us dine with Easter hams, paska breads, and sweet potatoes. The comfort food will later bring us to a nice nap.

It was not so for the disciples. They didn't know what was going to happen after Jesus was placed in the tomb picked by Joseph of Arimathea. Sure, Jesus told them that on the third day he will rise again. But seriously - who would have paid any attention to his words after they saw him being arrested, beaten, and crucified?

I, too, would have taken shelter in fear that the authorities would seek me out next for being a Jesus disciple. Not my rabbi. No comprendo Greek. Today it is easy to reflect after the fact and shout, "Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!"

We shout these words with little imagination to the life of the disciples who walked with Jesus. Image being stopped because your accent fits a description. That's how the women and bystanders identified Peter, "Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away." (Matthew 26.73) Busted.

Our Easter celebration comes to us wrapped in a historical cultural context of fear and doubt to - SURPRISE!!! LIFE!!! No really, HE LIVES!!! That's the good news.

Life emerges in Christ to bring hope of a new mañana (tomorrow) for the disciples. In this new life in Christ, we find new doubts and fears. We can relish the new moment trusting in God's expectation to a new life.

As we anticipate the Easter celebration, may we see God's new life in Christ and in the witness of the disciples.

Happy Easter!!!

The Rev. Nelson Quiñones,
Lehigh Mission District Dean



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Operation Sunshine is a non-profit fellowship opportunity within our Mission District, run solely by volunteers.

May 11, 2022 (Wed.) – Bristol Riverside Theatre – A FEW

GOOD MEN – You can't you handle the truth? Who can forget that line from Jack Nicholson in the movie of the same name? From the creator of *The West Wing* and *The Newsroom*, comes *A Few Good Men*. One woman fighting for her place in a world of men, two teenage marines accused of murder, and a world in which lives and nations hang on the precision of orders followed. But if lives depend on following orders, where do you draw the line? See the hard-hitting drama that launched Aaron Sorkin's brilliant career. Lunch at Georgine's.

**MENU CHOICES – PRIME RIB AU JUS, GRILLED
NORWEGIAN SALMON, CHICKEN PARMESAN,
BONELESS STUFFED CAPON**

Please indicate your choice at the time of booking your trip.

Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:00 AM

Cost \$96 Payment Deadline: Thurs. April 14, 2022

June 8, 2022 (Wed.) – Fulton Theatre – MAN OF LA MANCHA

Man of La Mancha is one of the world's most popular and adventurous musicals. Inspired by Miguel de Cervantes' 17TH century masterwork Don Quixote and set during the Spanish Inquisition, the original 1965 production won five Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Cervantes is in prison awaiting trial during the Spanish Inquisition. He and his fellow prisoners perform a play-within-a-play, telling the story of the elderly Alonso Quijana, who renames himself "Don Quixote". This mad knight goes on a quest to right all wrongs in the world. The rousing, Spanish inflected score includes the classic number "The Impossible Dream. Lunch at the Eden Resort.

**MENU CHOICES – CHICKEN PICCATA, SIRLOIN OF BEEF,
PASTA PRIMAVERA**

Please indicate your choice at the time of booking your trip.

Bus Leaves St. Timothy's at 10:00 AM

Cost \$117 Payment Deadline: Thurs. May 19, 2022

MULTI-DAY TRIPS – CALL THE OFFICE FOR INFO.

**September 18, 2022 to September 24, 2022 (Sun.-Sat.) –
CHICAGO 7 Days/6 nights**