



Christ's Corner
on the
News

APRIL 2021

Alleluia HE IS RISEN

HAVE YOU LOST SOMETHING? A gift card for a clothing store was found in the bottom of one of the bags of food that was placed in the Food Pantry cart in the Atrium within the last few weeks. If you think it may be yours, please call the church office at 570.524.0745

SPRING PRESCHOOL KIDS' MARKET will be held virtually this year due to Covid 19 precautions. Please check the pre-school's Facebook page ([lewisburgcooperativepreschool](https://www.facebook.com/lewisburgcooperativepreschool)) later in April for updates. There will also be additional information put in Good News for the Pews as we get closer to the event. Please shop and support our preschool.

EASTER FLOWERS: If you have ordered Easter flowers and wish to pick them up, please wait until the conclusion of the 10:30 am service that day. You can also pick them up through the week during church hours beginning Tues., April 6th. Any flowers left at the church will be delivered to our members who are homebound, who are in personal care homes or who are in the hospital.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CAMP MT. LUTHER:

- ***Spring Open House:*** Sun., May 2, 2021 from 2:00 -4:00 p.m – Everyone's invited to enjoy a nice spring day at camp. Come see what it is like to be a camper, tour our facilities, ask questions, & participate in fun "camp" activities. This event is perfect for new campers who are a little apprehensive about leaving home for the first time. First time campers who attend can get a discount coupon for their summer registration!
- ***Bishop's Open Golf Tournament:*** May 10, 2021 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club, Shamokin Dam. The tournament benefits Camp Mt. Luther and the camp's annual fund. The golf tournament committee is currently looking for hole sponsors, silent auction items, and golfers. If you can help, please contact the camp office at 570-922-1587 or cml@campmountluther.org. Get involved and help our synod's outdoor ministry!
- ***Spring Work Day:*** May 22, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m - We need your help getting the camp grounds and facilities ready for summer. There will be plenty to do and everyone in the family can help! Please bring supplies to do cleaning, mulching, raking, and light construction projects such as step ladders, buckets, rakes, etc. A light lunch will be served. RSVP by May 17 if staying for lunch to cml@campmountluther.org or 570-922-1587.

*Holy Week
Schedule*

- Palm/Passion Sunday
Reading of the Gospel from Mark
3/28 at 10:30 am
- Maundy Thursday Service
4/1 at 7:30 pm
- Tenebrae Service
4/2 at 7:30 pm
- Easter Sunday
Eucharistic Services
4/4 at 8:00 am & 10:30 am

All are Welcome!

*The church office will be
closed Mon., April 5, 2021*

Dear Disciples of Christ's Church,

As we anticipate the observance of Holy Week and Easter, there are plenty of things I need to catch you up on!



Following our March 14 reopening of in-person worship, a member who was present was diagnosed with Covid-19. Initially, we thought we would need to be closed for a two week period, but the Council on Thursday, the 18th, saw that guidelines by the CDC and the state health department have changed quite a bit. With our distancing practices we already use in place, and having the area of the Nave used by our member cleaned, the path to reopening seems to be clearer now than before. With that information, the Council chose to reopen in-person worship on Palm Sunday, March 28 at 10:30.

Palm Sunday will also be significant for another reason. On that day, we will begin to use a new video recording system to “live stream” our worship. You will be able to access this via our web site or through You Tube. This streaming will begin at about 10 a.m. with the Good News for the Pews and other announcements, with the service following at 10:30. After worship is completed, the service will also be posted for later viewing. There will not be another recording posted on Saturdays as we had been doing previously.

I'm including a “promo” statement like the one I offered last month: With this new recording system in place, it becomes possible that you as a worshipper could be visible on our posted video worship services. Your attendance at worship as we stream/record our worship implies your consent to being seen in one of those services – and you might be an inspiration for someone you know to come to our services!

We will hold in-person Maundy Thursday and Good Friday evening services, and two Easter Day services at 8 and 10:30. As we begin to “ramp up” in-person worship, if you are able to assist us as an usher, greeter, communion assistant or worship assistant, please let us know!

Our Congregation Meeting will take place following our worship service on April 18. We have a provisional 2021 Budget to adopt, Council nominees to elect, and the 2020 Annual Report to review. Please plan to stay and help us on Sunday, April 18!

The planned-for initial grief support group meeting was postponed from March 23. Maggie and I now wish to hold this first meeting on Tuesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. If you wish to come, please inform the Office, so we may select the best sized room for the meeting.

We hope and pray that our movement toward more normal worship activities will be blessed. Setbacks as a society, with additional restrictions, may happen, but we hope disruptions will be minimal. Please plan to receive a vaccination shot or shots, and may God bless us as we observe Holy Week and celebrate the Easter season!

Yours in Christ's Service,

PASTOR HENDERSON

APRIL INFORMATION FOR FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CONFIRMATION: There are no classes on Easter Sunday. After Easter we plan to have in person classes! We will meet at 9:15 am. We will space out in the rooms and wear masks. The elementary students will meet in the fellowship hall. The Confirmation students will meet in the youth room. Confirmation students please make sure you bring back your materials!



***Looking for a few willing adults who can help teach the elementary aged class. ***

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER: We will be having another sale where you can order gift cards to help support the youth who are going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2022. We will be taking orders at the end of April in time for graduations and Mother's Day. Order forms are available on the faith formation bulletin board and at the welcome desk. You can also order on-line at shopwithscrip.com. The code is 63ACDD754L398. The orders will be due by April 25th.



FAMILY GAME DAY: Meet at the church at 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 17 for an afternoon of fun. Plans are to play games outside. We can even walk to Huffnagle Park if we need more room to run. Proper COVID precautions will be observed.

COMING in MAY and in the Summer:

DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION ~ Sunday, May 2: Youth who are interested in going to the ELCA Youth Gathering are starting to raise funds for their trip. We will be having our annual dinner and silent auction. We will be offering take-out meals of ZITI, salad, bread, and desserts. Cost for a meal is \$10.00. Call the church to place your order. Pick up will be on May 2nd from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. The silent auction will be on-line, but you will be able to view the items when you come to pick up meals. Youth should think about what they are going to donate for the Silent Auction. Anyone else can donate an item or two to the Auction also. Any donations need to be at the church by April 28th so they can be posted on the auction site.



Prep for the dinner and auction will take place on Saturday, May 1st from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Then help will be needed on Sunday, May 2nd from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Youth and parents can sign up for a shift or two. Call Charlene to let her know when you want to help.

SPRING ROAD CLEANUP



ANNUAL SPRING ROAD CLEAN UP: Our road clean-up will take place on Saturday, May 8 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Any Confirmation student or high school youth who wants to help should meet at the church in the youth room. Please wear closed-toe shoes. We will have the safety vests, gloves, trash bags, and bottles of water. A few willing parents are needed to help with transportation and supervision. Talk to Charlene if you are available. The rain date would be the next weekend, same time.

MINI MISSION WEEK: July 5 - 8 from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm - For current 1st through 7th graders. We'll have help from some Camp staff and high school youth. You can get a review of the camp's curriculum and do service projects to help others as you also craft, sing, eat, and play games. We'll have necessary COVID pre-cautions in place that are called for at that time.

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER ~ FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION: The Brochure has been released. We have some at the church if you did not get one in the mail! Check out the programs and decide when you want to go to camp. Early Registration Deadline is April 15. The church gives camperships to those who attend. Talk to Tom Stahlnecker for details.

SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

MEAT PROJECT FIGURES: The Meat Project totals so far add up to \$553, not including Kunkel Grant funds, Thanks to all who made this project such a great success!

APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Tricia & James Sullivan	4/02/2005
Susan & Jeffrey Armstrong	4/04/1987
Brandy & Steve Aguirre	4/09/2016
Susan & Ed Cox, Jr.	4/10/2005
Susan & Keith Smalley	4/21/1973
Carole & Bill Bollinger	4/25/1965
Patti & Rick Faux	4/29/1989

APRIL 80+ BIRTHDAYS

Ed Cox, Jr.	April 5
Joan Zimmerman	April 10
Nancy Lindenmuth	April 12
Helen Steeley	April 18
Joyce Beck	April 20
Emma Gearhart	April 24

Memorial gifts have been received in loving memory of:

Audrey Baylor: Jackie Cvik, Dave & Vicki Heberlig, all of Lewisburg, PA; Sharm Liddick of Millmont, PA; Tom & Beckie Stahlnecker of Selinsgrove, PA and Andrew Wargo of Milton, PA.

Jean Derr: Judy Bechtel, Bill & Julie Borys, Paul & Carol Brann, Linda Fisher; Rodney, Sonya & Jewels Hepner, Don & Connie May, Ruth Richard, Lewisburg Chapter #394 Order of Eastern Star and DBA Visiting Angels all of Lewisburg, PA. Tom & Beckie Stahlnecker of Selinsgrove, PA; Ken, Harry & Kathy Boyer of Mifflinburg, PA; Bill & Carole Williams of Fenwick Isle, DE; Barbara & Chip Smith of Lakewood Ranch, FL. and Yolanda Fallmer Valliere of Fleming Isl., FL.

Ed Fisher: Jackie Cvik and Dave & Vicki Heberlig all of Lewisburg, PA.

Roger Hepner: James and Patricia Apple, Jackie Cvik, Dave & Vicki Heberlig and Roger (Matt) Hepner, Bernadine Richard, all of Lewisburg, PA; Peter and Barbara Brown of Bellfonte, PA; Cheryl & Thomas Roberts III of Newport Beach, CA and T-Ross Brothers Construction, Inc. of Montandon, PA.

Betty Hook: Tim & Carol Apple, Judy Bechtel, Jackie Cvik, Brian & Diane Miller, all of Lewisburg, PA. Center Campus at Bucknell – Karen Aumiller, Lindsey Boyer, Tresha Bropst, Suzette Herb, Ricki Long, Scott Kline, Pamela & Amy Knapp, Mary Schramm, Annette Shade and Joan Wagner; Chick 2 Chicken LLC of Port Trevorton, PA; Sharm Liddick of Millmont; Andrew Wargo of Milton, PA and WSHS Class of '81 from Middleburg, PA.

Lloyd Livingston: Dave & Vicki Heberlig of Lewisburg, PA.

Earl Stogner: Jackie Cvik, Kevin & Karen Gardner, Bernadine Richard, all of Lewisburg, PA and Andrew Wargo of Milton, PA.

From the Music Team: Brandy, Amy & Joanne

Members and friends of Christ's Lutheran,

A tentative Worship Schedule for late March and April is listed below. Scheduling during the pandemic is very fluid. Dynamics are constantly changing necessitating the need for updates, etc. The Technology Committee is currently working on being able to live-stream Sunday morning worship, as well as Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. The worship services will then be posted on Youtube, Facebook, and the church website for later viewing. Please watch for updates from the church office for the most recent worship information.

TENTATIVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR LATE MARCH/APRIL 2021

CHOIR/ENSEMBLE WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2019:

<u>Sunday, March 28:</u>	<i>Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday</i> 10:30 am: in-person worship
<u>Thursday, April 1:</u>	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> 7:30 pm: in-person worship
<u>Friday, April 2:</u>	<i>Good Friday - Tenebrae</i> 7:30 pm: in-person worship
<u>Sunday, April 4:</u>	<i>Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Day</i> 8:00 am & 10:30 am: in-person worship
<u>Sunday, April 11:</u>	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i> 10:30 am: in-person worship
<u>Sunday, April 18:</u>	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> 10:30 am: in-person worship
<u>Sunday, April 25:</u>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> 10:30 am: in-person worship



Musicians of Christ's Lutheran,

Blessings as we continue in the season of Lent. I hope everyone is coping as well as possible in these trying times.

With Holy Week and the Resurrection of Our Lord quickly approaching, no doubt many of you are wondering what will happen with our music ministry during this time. Obviously, we won't be able to offer our usual vocal and instrumental choirs and ensembles. They remain suspended until further notice. Although it will be disappointing to not hear a Festival Choir, Festival Brass Ensemble, Parish Peal and Hallelujah Chorus on Easter Sunday, we will still worship as "Easter People" as we celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Music ministry will continue in a modified, safely executed manner. Masks and social distancing will be required which will limit the number of musicians per service. As I write, many aspects are still being planned. Some musicians are reluctant to return to in-person worship, others are waiting until they are fully vaccinated, etc.

Flood Bucket Collection

As Susquehanna Interfaith Network for Disaster Response will collect flood clean-up buckets for Church World Service for use when there is local flooding. Items in a cleanup bucket include:

- 1 — 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid*
- 5 — scouring pads
- 7 — sponges, assorted sizes
- 1 — scrub brush
- 1 — pkg. cleaning towels (18 reusable, like Easy Wipes®)
- 1 — box dry laundry detergent, 50-78 oz.
- 1 — liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®), 12 oz.
- 1 — bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®), 24-28 oz.
- 1 — 1 pkg. clothespins, 48-50
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- 5 — dust masks
- 2 pair — latex gloves (like Playtex®)
- 1 pair — work gloves
- 1 — 24 to 28 count roll heavy-duty trash bags (30-45 gallon, remove from carton)
- 1 — bottle insect repellent (pump, drops or lotion; not aerosol), 6-9 oz.

Please purchase all liquids in plastic bottles. Send only new, unopened materials. Put all items in the plastic bucket, packed securely to avoid damage during shipment, and seal lid with packing tape. Contact Craig Miller to arrange for pickup of buckets from your church. May 1 deadline.

Up and Down the Valleys

The **Middle Creek Conference** decided to create thank you snack baskets for the chaplain's office at both Evangelical Community Hospital and Geisinger Medical Center. The pastors wished to thank these workers for all the care they have been giving to congregational members while pastors have not been able to visit due to the pandemic.

South Upper Susquehanna Global Ministry Team offers prayer intercessions for your weekly worship services or personal devotions. The mission is to provide opportunities to learn more about and uplift prayers for our ELCA global partners: Ansbach/Wurzburg in Bavaria, Lutheran Church in Liberia, Lutheran World Federation; Young Adults in Global Mission; Global Health Ministries; Camp Mount Luther; and Seafarer's International. Click here for prayers: <https://www.uss-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Prayer-intercessions-2021A.docx>

Rev. Thomas Glasoe resigned his call at Follmer Parish with his last day being December 15, 2020. Synod Council granted him on-leave-from-call status.

Have you checked out our blogs? Visit <https://www.uss-elca.org/category/blog/> on the synod website to read monthly thoughts from our bishop, articles on leadership, global mission, and our strategic plan. The bishop's monthly blog for March talks about resilience this past year.

In her March column for Living Lutheran, **Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton** reflects on the meaning behind “evangelical” in our name and the future of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America: “I believe God will transform this church.” Read her column here: <https://www.uss-elca.org/eaton/>