

February 2015 Newsletter



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O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Psalm 96:1

Ash Wednesday

The North Lancaster Cluster of Lutheran Churches will begin their series of Lenten Worship Services on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2015 when each congregation will conduct Worship Services at their own church.

Theme

This year's theme will be "Prayers For Hungry People".

Offering

The offering from the services will be donated to Ephrata Area Social Services to help those in need.

About the Services

The services will begin at 7:00 PM.

If there is a question about the service because of weather, please contact the host church after 10:00 AM on the day of the service and information will be provided.

Refreshments will follow each service.



WORSHIP
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The series schedule is as follows:

February 25: The service will be at Muddy Creek, Denver, with Pastor Sandy Gideon (St. Paul, Adamstown and Interim at St. John Center, East Earl) preaching on the topic "Jesus Is Baptized

And Blessed By The Spirit".

March 4: The service will be at St. John Center, East Earl, with Pastor Herb Lohr (Bergstrasse, Ephrata) preaching on the topic "Jesus Invites Us To Take Up The Cross".

March 11: The service will be at Bergstrasse, Ephrata, with Pastor Dennis Trout (Swamp, Reinholds) preaching on the topic "Jesus Calls Us To True Worship".

March 18: The service will be at Mellingers, Stevens (Schoeneck), with Pastor Joe Veres (Faith United, Denver) preaching on the topic "Jesus Is Lifted Up For Our Salvation".

March 25: The service will be at Faith United, Denver, with Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry (Muddy Creek, Denver) preaching on the topic "Jesus Invites Us To Follow And Serve".

April 1: Holy Wednesday - The service will be at St. Paul, Adamstown, with Pastor Tim Craven (Mellingers, Stevens (Schoeneck)) preaching on the topic "Jesus Is Anointed For Burial".

May 14: Included in the series is the Ascension Day Service of Holy Communion which will be held Thursday Evening at 7:00 PM at Swamp Lutheran Church in Reinholds.



Faith United has changed internet providers. Our new email address is:

faithunited@ptd.net



**Secret Friend Reveal Mixer
Sunday, February 22, 2015
Following 10:15 AM
Worship Service**

Light Refreshments Served In The Sanctuary
Reveal yourself to your Secret Friend.
Sign up again for next year. Picking of Secret Friend for next year will be March 1-9.

Cocalico School Iron Chef Event

IRON CHEF On Sunday, March 1, 2015 from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM the school district again holds their Iron Chef competition.

Peter's Porch has been invited again to have a booth and explain this hunger ministry. We also use that opportunity to discuss the greater work of Acts of Love and other partner hunger ministries.

We'd like some volunteers to be teams to handle the 1:00-3:00 PM and then 3:00-5:00 PM periods to greet people and explain this work. See Pastor Joe or Terry Burkholder.

**Social Ministry Update For
November And December**

In November we earned \$1,112 as the proceeds from the Silent Comforter Auction, Bake Sale, and Lutheran Soup Sale. The money was divided between the Ephrata Area Social Services Heating Oil Fund and the Gettysburg Seminary Student Fund.

December saw Faith supporting four families (10 children and seven adults) with Christmas dinner groceries, a comforter from the Cozy Comforters, gifts for the children, and gift cards for the adults. We also donated 20 gloves or mittens, seven scarves, and 23 caps to EASS. These were the items placed on the tree after the gift tags were removed.

The Social Ministry women organized these projects, but the entire congregation made the projects successful. New Year blessings to all.

Thank You!

Photo Use Practice

In attending church events, photos may be taken to help keep shut-ins and friends of the church aware of the life and activities of Faith United. If you do not wish to be photographed, please let us know so we may honor your wishes. As a practice, we consider the privacy appropriate to people with special circumstances, but may not know of all sensitive situations. Your help is required or we anticipate permission is given.



**Hawaiian
Luau**

**Saturday, March 28, 2015
6:00 PM
Fuel Fellowship Hall**

If You Enjoyed Our German Oktoberfest, Then Travel Along For Our Hawaiian Luau!

There will be food, entertainment and lots of fun.

However, we need a little help with this one...we're asking if anyone has Hawaiian themed decorations we can borrow: leis, grass skirts, tiki torches, potted ferns, palm trees (cutouts or blowup), whatever you think might help set the mood. If it's Hawaiian, let us know!

Please contact Tim Hegeman, 475-3530 or Traci Krick, 336-6238 by Sunday, February 8 if you can help.



By each entry door there are salt/de-icer containers in case of slippery conditions during this season of the year.

If you come to church and see that there is a need to clear an area, please feel free to make it safe for other people entering the church. Thanks

Staff

- Pastor** — Pastor Joseph A. Veres
- Organist** — Caryll Lausch
- Assistant Organist** — Cynthia Kauffman
- Choir Director** — Matthew Donley
- Assistant Choir Director** — Ellen Houser
- Family Ministry Coordinator** — Jim Kreider
- Administrative Assistant and
Newsletter Editor** — Shirley Sweigart
- Financial and Assistant Secretary** —
Donna Sensenig
- Custodians** — David and Kathy McGarvey

From The Pastor

A Moment

^{NRS} | Samuel 3:10 Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Our "God conversations" tend to be one sided...what we call prayer. We are taught to "ring up" God to list our frustrations, needs, and problems, BUT we are not all that comfortable praying...especially in front of others. Not surprisingly, the disciples felt inadequate in their prayer life. (See Luke 11:1-4) Does that "conversation" work? What might we pray today using Jesus' example for prayer? Might we focus our prayer on being better...

Dear God, our Father, we honor you and your name in our hearts and in prayer. We believe there is an incredible world waiting for us to discover. In a perfect world, no one is hungry, poor, or criticized. There will be no fighting or war—only love and peace. Help us to care for each other. Help us to love you God as our father. Help us to be kind and love our neighbors as ourselves. Help us to forgive others who treat us unfairly. Forgive us our sins and help us to live a better life and become a better person. You will always be in our life and in our hearts to guide us. Amen

...people where compassion takes form? That is tough to know. Clearly, we think differently today than then. Jesus lived in a time that was less cluttered. So many things bombard our day. We talk with a language that...

Our Father above, holy is your name and your kingdom comes among us. Your good will be done on earth and in heaven. Give us today our bread of life. Forgive our sins and we will forgive those who have sinned against us. Lead us away from evil for the sake of Jesus, God made visible and the Holy Spirit. Amen

...looks at ourselves and not the kingdom. We less easily consider what we have done wrong over the wrongs being done to us. So we may make...

My loving Father in Heaven, your name is holy. Your kingdom is coming. May your will be done. Help us to live for you and you alone here on earth. Please take care of us and give us what we need. And forgive us for our sins, and forgive the ones who have done wrong against us. Keep us strong for all the trials of life. And keep us from the devil. Yours is the kingdom of Heaven, and you have all power, and all glory and honor is yours for eternity. Amen.

...prayer less personal. It is not a "loving Father" we address, but 'the object' of our prayer time. So we don't understand this powerful and perfect God...

Dear Father in heaven, you are like a Father to me because you watch over me even though you are in heaven. Your name shall stay holy. Your

kingdom is perfect and different. Your creation of earth and heaven are soon going to be like your kingdom. Make sure I am fed and help me to make sure others are fed. Forgive me because of what I did and I will forgive those who did something to hurt me. Keep me from temptation and help me to be a better person. Protect me from evil and keep me safe. Amen

...because we are imperfect within a kingdom that differs from our experience and expectations. Expectations are the seeds for our disappointments that lead to prayers that...

Dear God of the universe, we hold your name holy. Your heavenly world is coming. You will rule both on earth and heaven. Thank you for each new day, for good health and the bounteous food of life. We forgive those who do evil because you forgive us too. Guide us to follow your will. This is your universe and you are the mighty ruler forever. Amen

... look to each new day as stretched far beyond living the truth for which we pray. Do we know thanks? Is that shown to God who offers food and health—even new life—beyond what we can know? Can we engage...

God in heaven, whose name is holy: Lead us to fulfill your work on earth and above. Give us communion and forgiveness though we don't deserve it. Protect us from sinning against you. You are the almighty trinity, always. Amen.

... a meal that is the prayer—the very gift—for new life. Does then our Sunday gathering take that meal into the world to greet others with a prayer that gives life? Forgiveness is part of that. When we 'let go' of the disappointments which bring sin, we learn forgiveness is a disposition. Our life then becomes ready for...

Dear Lord who lives in heaven, your name is holy of itself. Your palace comes, your work be done here on earth as up there in heaven. Give us good things to eat today, and forgive others who have committed sins against us. Lead us not into the trying times of the devil and all of his empty promises. Deliver us from sin and badness. For yours are power, riches and glory in life given forever and ever. Amen

...what is eternal and incomprehensible? Jesus takes that mystery and makes it part of our conversation for living. God calls us by name...and if we are not paying attention will repeat that call. The God conversation is never one sided as we may think. Can we pray what we know in Christ and then make our lives that prayer? That is the prayer of "maybe" or "may be." Amen

With blessings...Pastor Joe

Note: The Catechism Class wrote the Lord's Prayer in their own words. I share their prayers so it may be part of our prayer thinking.

Congregation Council Report

Faith United Evangelical Lutheran Church

Meeting Minutes December 3, 2014

Attendance: Mitch Arment, Dave Brumbach, Bruce Carpenter, Lew Demler (remotely), Brad Fichthorn, Dawn Frees, Steve Gerhart, Scott Gola, Lori Stover and Pastor Joe. Terry Burkholder was in attendance at the beginning of the meeting.

Peter's Porch – Terry gave the year end report. The project is staying within the budget. The monthly spending is about \$600. A grocery bag costs about \$3.15 to fill.

The Fund has a balance of \$8,411. Over two years, 3,280 families were supplied with groceries. Terry commented that the East Cocalico Lions and the Denver Lions have been good supporters of Peter's Porch. The Mountville Men's Club donated 2,000 pounds of potatoes. Future issues include more space, more shelving, occupancy limits, etc.

Terry expressed his thanks to the congregation for their continuing support.

Bruce read **Devotions** from Matthew 25:31-40, gave a testimony and finished with a prayer.

The Minutes from November were approved with no corrections.

Council Nominee – Mitch moved to nominate Tim Hegeman to Council. As of now, Tim is the only Council nominee. Nominations will be opened to the floor.

The **Always Being Made New** campaign, presented by Bishop Dunlop to Council, needs action to be presented to the congregation. Motion carried to give the congregation the opportunity to participate.

Reports:

Website – Mitch said that we need a group of people that are trained reviewers to maintain the website so that we can dismiss Level 11. Dave will try to gather helpers as an offshoot of the IT committee.

Sound - Dave reported that Spinnaker workers will be at the church on December 12. All agreed to spend up to \$3,000 for upgrades to the sound system in the choir area. This money will be taken from the Organ Fund. Electrician services will be needed also.

IT – Lew stated that the Pastor's printer is too old to be compatible with Windows 8.1. A new printer is in the 2015 budget.

Fellowship Report – A ping pong table will be donated to the church if a storage spot can be found.

Property – Steve noted that Devonshire will take care of snow removal for a trial this year. The two light fixtures in the back of the sanctuary will be fitted with LED bulbs as a trial. Eventually all the bulbs will be replaced with LEDS.

Treasurer's Report – Scott will e-mail the 2015 Budget to Council before the Congregational Meeting on the 14th. There is a CD of about \$2,400 due December 9. Church Windows 8.1 will be used to document the Budget in 2015. Deb Demler will help to set up the Chart of Accounts. We need to have a back up person with Shirley's knowledge to cover for vacations, illness, etc.

Salem Task Force – Scott reported that Pastor Beard is the new liaison between Luther Care and the Salem Task Force. The playground at the Salem campus is almost completed.

The next meeting will be January 7 at 7 PM.

Dawn O. Frees, Council Secretary

Congregation Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 4, 2015
7:00 PM

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Brad Fichthorn — 368-1438 — President

Todd Stewart — 336-4691 — Vice President

Dawn Frees — 733-0240 — Secretary

Scott Gola — 733-4299 — Treasurer

David Brumbach — 335-3679 Blake Daub — 336-3460

Lew Demler — 336-4492

Steve Gerhart — 335-2928

Tim Hegeman — 475-3530 Traci Krick — 336-6238



Faith United's
SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY!



All players will receive either a NFC or AFC card, that is your Division. You may trade divisions at anytime, as long as you find someone willing to trade.

February 1st - Final Week, END OF THE GAME
Special Teams for points- All soups welcome
Bonus Soups: Bean, Kid's Soups

All types of cans are welcome, cans that are opened by hand would be appreciated!
Please contact Jim Kreider with questions: 484-256-6562, jimkreider74@gmail.com



Scoring monitored by the law firm of Whitcomb, Ludwig, and Means



Souper Bowl Scoreboard

(End Of Third Quarter)

NFC - Seattle Sea Hawks 34
(342 Total Passing Yards)

AFC - New England Patriots 18
(181 Total Passing Yards)

Total Collected - 314

Our Goal - 1000 cans

**BRING LOTS OF CANS AND
SUPPORT YOUR TEAMS!**

February Food Collection



Food, household, and personal items will be collected for the Clare House. Please check the list on the grocery cart for the items needed and deposit the items in the grocery cart.



February 1: Sylvia Hackman
February 2: Linda Zerr
February 3: Andrew Nessinger
February 5: William Houser, Evan Frees
February 6: Carrie Reed

February 10: Doris Reinoehl, Corinne Kipple, Tabitha Kipple
February 13: Jeffrey Hartman
February 15: Mark Shober
February 16: Thomas Houck II
February 18: Gerald Harding
February 19: Tracey Weidner
February 20: Gayle Tomasko
February 21: Steven Rutt
February 25: John A. Luciani, Kellie Gerhart
February 26: Todd Stewart, Eric Rothenberger, Jenna Grieb
February 27: Marc Lescoe
March 1: Jamie Carpenter



February Birthdays

Please remember our 80+ members with a card, visit, or phone call:

Viola White — February 3 — Apartment 511, 300 St. Mark Avenue, Lititz, PA 17543.
Ethel Farrow — February 3 — Apartment 1110, 300 St. Mark Avenue, Lititz, PA 17543.
Ethel Newman — February 9 — 56 Stony Run Village, Denver, PA 17517.
Fern Martzall — February 14 — 314 North Academy Drive, Ephrata, PA 17522.
Sally Herbst — February 21 — 31 St. John Circle, Lititz, PA 17543.



February 25: Judy and Ralph Whitcomb



Blood Pressure Check

February 1, 2015
8:00 AM - Jean Worline
10:15 AM - Dawn Frees

Care Of Members Committee Health Notes

Hypothermia Prevention



Cold weather is here and there are many adults who are at particular risk of hypothermia, a subnormal body temperature that may be due to overexposure to cold temperatures. Older adults are at risk as are those whose judgment may be impaired by mental illness or Alzheimer's disease and people who are intoxicated, homeless or caught in cold weather because their vehicles have broken down. Other conditions that may predispose people to hypothermia are malnutrition, cardiovascular disease and an underactive thyroid. The National Institute on Aging offers the following tips to prevent hypothermia:

- Wear several layers of loose clothing when it is cold. The layers will trap warm air between them.
- Wear a hat, scarf, gloves or mittens, and warm clothes when you go outside in cold weather. A significant amount of your body heat can be lost through your head, and hands and feet are the first body parts to get cold.
- To keep warm at home, wear long underwear under your clothes, along with socks and slippers. Use a blanket to keep legs and shoulders warm and wear a hat indoors.
- Make sure your home is warm enough. Set your thermostat to at least 68 degrees. Even mildly cool homes with temperatures from 60 to 65 degrees can trigger hypothermia.
- Check with your doctor to see if any medications you are taking may increase your risk for hypothermia.

2015 Altar Flower/Bulletin Sponsor Sign-Up



Altar Flowers

The Altar Flower Chart for 2015 is on the bulletin board inside the front door. Sponsors for Altar Flowers may use the standing order the congregation has with Country Lane florist or you may use the florist of your choice.

The Bulletin Sponsor Chart for 2015 is also posted on the bulletin board inside the main door.



Bulletins

Fair Trade Coffee, and Tea are available for purchase on the table at the back of the Sanctuary.



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FEBRUARY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 African-American History Month Blood Pressures Taken Following Both Worship Services Fourth Sunday After Epiphany Souper Bowl Sunday 8:00 AM Worship Service 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Children's Choir 10:15 AM Worship Service	2 Groundhog Day Presentation Of Our Lord Synod Pastor's Retreat - Pastor Joe Away 6:15 PM Reamstown Pack #60 Committee Meeting - Salem Campus 6:30 PM Reamstown Pack #60 Den Meeting - Salem Campus 7:00 PM Reamstown Troop #60 Meeting, Reamstown Community Center	3 Ethel Farrow - Birthday Synod Pastor's Retreat - Pastor Joe Away Viola White - Birthday 9:00 AM Cozy Comforter's Sewing Group 10:30 AM Pastor's Lectionary Study - Faith	4 8:30 AM Cocalico Ministerium Meeting - Faith United 6:00 PM Girl Scouts - Faith Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Congregation Council Meeting	5 3:30 PM Ephrata Manor Worship Service - Pastor Joe Preaching 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	6 Pastor Joe's Day Off 8:00 AM Peter's Porch Items To Secretary's Office	7 8:00 AM Peter's Porch - Faith United 11:30 AM Twin's Birthday Party - Jennie Kipple, Faith Fellowship Hall
8 Boy Scout Sunday Fifth Sunday After Epiphany 8:00 AM Worship Service 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Children's Choir 10:15 AM Worship Service 1:00 PM Winter Fun Day At Kirchenwald	9 Ethel Newman - Birthday 12:30 PM Parish Secretaries Meeting - Pizza Hut, Ephrata 6:00 PM Reamstown Troop #60 Patrol Leader Council, Reamstown Community Center 6:30 PM Reamstown Pack #60 Den Meeting - Salem Campus 7:00 PM Reamstown Troop #60 Meeting, Reamstown Community Center	10 10:30 AM Pastor's Lectionary Study - Faith 5:00 PM Mellingers Lutheran Youth Group Community Night At Isaac's, Ephrata	11 9:30 AM Bible Study At The Wittel Farm, Elizabethtown	12 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	13 Pastor Joe's Day Off	14 Fern Martzall - Birthday Valentine's Day
15 Transfiguration Of Our Lord 8:00 AM Worship Service 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Children's Choir 10:15 AM Worship Service	16 Presidents' Day 7:00 PM Reamstown Troop #60 Meeting, Reamstown Community Center	17 9:00 AM Cozy Comforter's Sewing Group 10:30 AM Pastor's Lectionary Study - Faith 7:00 PM Denver Woman's Club - Faith Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM IT Group Meeting - Faith Adult Sunday School Room	18 Ash Wednesday 8:30 AM Conference 7 Pastor's Meeting - Faith United 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship Service	19 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	20 Pastor Joe's Day Off	21 Sally Herbst - Birthday 8:00 AM Peter's Porch Community Outreach - Zion Lutheran Church, Akron 9:00 AM Lenten Day Apart At The Wittel Farm, Elizabethtown
22 First Sunday In Lent 8:00 AM Worship Service 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Children's Choir 10:15 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Secret Friend Reveal Mixer	23 6:30 PM Reamstown Pack #60 Den Meeting - Salem Campus 7:00 PM Reamstown Troop #60 Meeting, Reamstown Community Center	24 10:30 AM Pastor's Lectionary Study - Faith 6:00 PM Bags Packed For Peter's Porch - Faith United 6:30 PM Kiddie Korner Board Meeting - Faith United	25 7:00 PM Lenten Cluster Service - Muddy Creek Lutheran Church, Denver	26 Life Line Screening - Peace United Church Of Christ, Denver 6:00 PM Free Community Meal - Trinity United Methodist Church, Main Street, Denver 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	27 Pastor Joe's Day Off	28
1 Blood Pressures Taken Following Both Worship Services Second Sunday In Lent 8:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Children's Choir 10:15 AM Worship Service 1:00 PM Iron Chef - Cocalico High School 2:00 PM Spring North Lancaster Conference Disaster Trip Meeting - Trinity Lutheran Church, New Holland	2 6:15 PM Reamstown Pack #60 Committee Meeting - Salem Campus 6:30 PM Reamstown Pack #60 Den Meeting - Salem Campus 7:00 PM Reamstown Troop #60 Meeting, Reamstown Community Center	3 9:00 AM Cozy Comforter's Sewing Group 10:30 AM Pastor's Lectionary Study - Faith	4 8:30 AM Cocalico Ministerium Meeting - Harvest Fellowship, Reamstown 7:00 PM Lenten Cluster Service - St. John Center Lutheran Church, East Earl	5 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	6 Pastor Joe's Day Off 8:00 AM Peter's Porch Items To Secretary's Office	7 8:00 AM Peter's Porch - Faith United



FAMILY MINISTRY At Faith United!

COMING EVENTS!

Souper Bowl City!

At the end of the first half of our soup can collection battle, the score is:

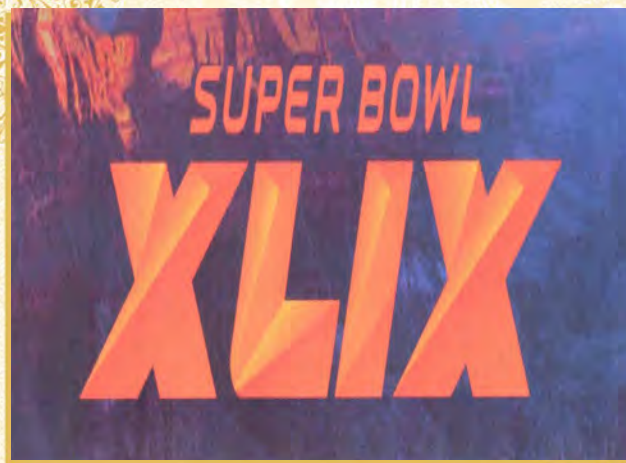
NFC– Seattle Seahawks 18

AFC– New England Patriots 7

We have collected a total of 137 cans with 2 more donation days to go!

Please bring in lots of cans in support of your team to aid our final donations!!

Thanks for your support!



Fun Day # 3

Here comes another exciting “FUN DAY”!

This event will take place during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, March 22nd and we will be using the time to create “Resurrection Eggs” with all of our children’s Sunday School classes. More details to come on this very meaningful and fun activity!

Faith United’s Easter Egg Hunt

We are also in the planning stages of creating another outstanding Easter Egg Hunt for children in our congregation and from around our communities. We will be coordinating with a Peter’s Porch day on Saturday, April, 4th.

We are looking for people to help share ideas and coordinate the day, please contact Jim K. if interested!



For More Information, Contact:

Jim Kreider - jimkreider74@gmail.com



Thank You

Dear Faith United,
This has been a very trying year for our family. I truly needed some help to make this a special Christmas for my eight year old son. Jordan had gifts to open, and our family enjoyed a nice

Christmas dinner.

Thank You so much for your kind and generous spirits.

My boy said this was the Best Christmas Ever!!!

God Bless, Teresa and Jordan

We would like to Thank everyone at Faith United Lutheran Church for all the gifts our family received this Christmas. We have been blessed with more gifts than we had imagined. Our family appreciates everything and we Thank everyone for making this a very memorable Christmas. May our Father in Heaven Bless your Church and everyone involved especially the Committee for putting everything together.

Blessings, Moses and Stacy

Pastor Joe,

First off, thanks so much to you, the Council and the congregation for keeping us in your thoughts. The Christmas flowers were absolutely beautiful and a completely unexpected, but welcome, surprise. We also greatly appreciate all the cards that we've received.

We've been settling in pretty well. Kelly has spent the better part of the last five months unpacking, decorating and getting the kids squared away. The boys are all doing well in school and involved in various extracurricular activities. It's basketball season now, so Joshua and Luke are playing (I'm coaching Joshua's team and helping with Luke's). Jacob is trying lacrosse for the first time... we'll call it a learning experience! Nate is attending preschool 2 days a week at a local Lutheran church, and driving us crazy the rest of the time (what else can you do when you're 4 yo?). All the boys seem to be adjusting fairly well. As you'd expect, I think Joshua had the hardest transition, being the oldest with the deepest roots in PA. Fortunately he's social and resilient and is making new friends and getting involved. It's also fortunate that most of his PA friends' parents have FaceTime!

We've been exploring the local church scene. If you think LCBC is a little over-the-top, you should spend some time in North Texas! They love their big-box churches down here. Unfortunately we haven't been able to find a traditional Lutheran church in the area (there are several contemporary Lutheran services, but that hasn't really worked for us). We've found a

very nice United Methodist church that we've been attending for the last two months or so. The congregation and atmosphere are very welcoming and familiar and Kelly and the boys really like it. I'm struggling a little with the doctrinal differences (leave it to me to overthink it!), but all in all it's nice to get engaged. There is also a local Episcopalian church that I'd like to try, hoping that might be a little more Lutheran-like.

The new website looks great! The church looked beautiful at Christmas. I hope you've been able to recruit some new members for the Children's Choir! We will likely be back in PA for an extended stay over the summer, so I'm hopeful that we'll be able to make it to a service. In the meantime, please pass along our thanks and regards to the Council and congregation. We miss you all!

Josh Fabian and Family

I want to Thank everyone for the cards, greetings, and love which made my day so great. Everyone is a good friend and caring person.

God's Blessings, Mae Raudenbush

To Our Church Family,

Thank you for the many prayers, cards and phone calls while Skip was in the hospital and recovering at home. The care and concern we both received was very much appreciated.

Skip and Lorna Buohl



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December 16, 2014

Faith United Lutheran Church
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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent donation to Lutheran World Relief's Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund. With your generosity, you are helping to ensure that each LWR Quilt and Kit gets into the hands of a person who needs it.

But did you know that in many places your gift goes even further? LWR works with partners around the world to distribute Quilts and Kits, and these partners also provide vital services in their local communities. For example, A Call to Serve, a partner in Georgia, reaches out to encourage expectant mothers to get proper prenatal care. They distribute LWR Quilts and Baby Care Kits to mothers as an incentive to come in for prenatal services -- so your gift gets necessary resources into the hands of these mothers and also encourages them to get proper care. Thank you!

To learn more about where you send Quilts and Kits with your gift, be sure to check out the LWR Quilt and Kit Distribution map (quiltmap.lwr.org). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the LWR staff at 800.597.5972 or lwr@lwr.org.

On behalf of LWR, our partners and those we serve together, please accept my heartfelt thanks once more for your gift and all that it will do.

Warm Regards,

Daniel V. Speckhard
Daniel V. Speckhard
President and CEO

Thank you!

As required by the IRS, this letter confirms that Lutheran World Relief has given you no goods or services in return for this gift. This letter is your receipt for your charitable gift of \$45.00-Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund.



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Dec. 18, 2014

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Thank You,

On behalf of the EASS board of directors I want to express our sincere gratitude to you for contributing to the **2014 Fuel and Energy Assistance for Families Fund Raising Campaign**.

Your generous contribution of **\$556.00** to this effort has helped us raise **\$50,000.00**, thus far.

You may consider this letter of thanks as a receipt for Tax purposes, as you received neither Goods nor Services in return for your donation. Should you require additional paperwork please feel free to get in touch.

Once again, thank you for helping us help the many family's needing assistance to heat their homes and prevent the disconnection of the electric service.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Swalwell, Executive Director
Ephrata Area Social Services



**Lower Susquehanna Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**
God's work. Our hands.

Donna Nicholson
ABMN Campaign Director

dnicholson@lss-elca.org

January 14, 2015

Faith United Evangelical
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Dear Pastor Veres and Members of Faith United:

Thank you for your gift of \$100.00 for the Always Being Made New 25th Anniversary Campaign for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and the Lower Susquehanna Synod.

Your gift designated for where needed most is a significant one as we work together to support and grow the ministries for which we are called as a whole church.

Thank you for your acknowledgement that all the ministries in our church have a responsibility to fulfill! We are grateful for your support of the ministries of the Lower Susquehanna Synod and the ELCA. Thank you on behalf of all our ministries; thank you for enabling them to grow and be strengthened.

I pray God's Blessings in your life as together we strengthen our shared ministries and mission,

Donna Nicholson, Campaign Director
Always Being Made New

*Thank you for your
partnership!*

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Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm

Where Faith is Renewed, the Church is Strengthened

PO Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303 717-677-8211 (phone) 717-677-7597 (fax) www.lutherancamping.org

January 12, 2015

Faith United Lutheran Church
Po Box 157
Denver, PA 17517-0157

Dear Friends at Faith United:

Although the curriculum used at camp changes each summer, there are basic lessons experienced year after year through word and deed. One of these enduring truths was summed up by one of our campers last summer. "At camp, we learn about the love of Jesus and how to share it with others".

Thank you for your recent gift of \$50.00 given on December 30, 2014, designated for Unrestricted use (no goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution). Your gift, along with many others by your fellow camp supporters, enables thousands of campers of all ages to experience this good news each year. Thank you so much for your generosity!

As we begin 2015, our retreat facilities are already booked for many of the prime times over the next 12 months. Camp persons have begun sharing the latest news within their congregations. Preparations for the summer ministry season at Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm are under way and we look forward to providing wonderful faith formation experiences for our campers again this year.

As the seasons change and the joys and successes of this ministry are lived and witnessed, we are moved and excited by the great possibilities that are being realized for the church. We also are thankful and excited about the opportunities that are before us as "the church in a time and place apart." We look forward to having you join us sometime at Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and/or The Wittel Farm. Again, thank you for partnering with us in this ministry through your contribution.

May the peace that transcends time and place be with you.

Yours in Christ,

Michael Youse
Executive Director

*Your partnership in ministry is a blessing that helps us
strengthen the faith of our campers!*

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Peter's Porch

**Faith United Evangelical
Lutheran Church**
357 Walnut Street, Denver, PA 17517
Phone: 717-336-2141
Email: faithunited@ptd.net

The First Saturday of Each Month

February 7, 2015 - 8:00-10:00 AM

March 7, 2015 - 8:00-10:00 AM

Breakfast will be served.

**PLEASE SIGN THE CHART ON THE CABINET
TO DONATE JUICES AND PASTRIES.**

**BAGS PACKED - 6:00 PM
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015**



Dave Brumbach (2016)
Worship & Music, IT Group (Sound)
717-335-3679



Blake Daub (2017)
Salem Task Force
717-336-3460



Lew Demler (2016)
IT Group Chair
717-336-4492



Brad Fichthorn (2015)
President *, Staff Support
717-368-1438



Dawn Frees (2016)
Secretary *, Social Ministry,
717-733-0240



Steve Gerhart (2015)
Property
717-335-2928



Scott Gola (2015)
Treasurer *, Finance & Audit
717-733-4299



Tim Hegeman (2017)
Fellowship, Salem Task Force
717-475-3530



Traci Krick (2016)
Fellowship
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V. Pres*, IT Group Salem Task Force
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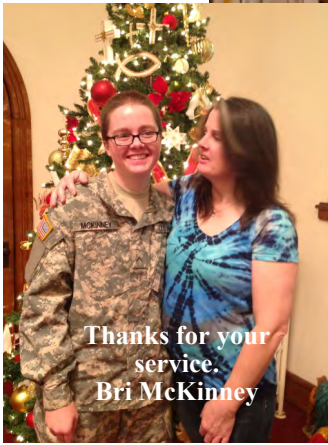
*** Executive Committee member**



Christmas Eve



Council Installation



Thanks for your service.
Bri McKinney

Year B centers of the Gospel of Mark... a "story teller gospel." We are inviting the children and the church to tell their story using "Flat Martin" to be shared how God travels with us. See Pastor Joe for a Flat Martin.



Flat Martin (Luther)

**2015 Spring North Lancaster
Conference Disaster Trip**

April 19-25, 2015 - New Jersey
Information Meeting
Sunday, March 1, 2015

2:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, New Holland

If you plan to go on the trip, Sunday, March 1, 2015 is the deadline to sign up.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me: Pastor Glenn Beard, Jr. at 721-7978 or gbeardjr@ptd.net.

**2015 Conference 7
Assembly Meeting
Thursday, April 23, 2015
7:00 PM**

Two (2) representatives from Faith United are needed to attend the meeting. If you are interested contact Pastor Joe.

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
167 East Main Street, Ephrata**



The East Cocalico Lions Club is saving Redner's food and gas cash register receipts.

Contact Tim Hegeman, 717-475-3530, for more information.



IS IT A COLD OR FLU???

Cold Symptoms

- Sneezing
- Runny/Stuffy Nose
- Sore Throat
- Coughing
- Watery Eyes
- Mild Headache
- Mild Body Aches

Flu Symptoms

- Sudden Onset of Symptoms
- Fever or Chills
- Sore Throat
- Cough
- Runny-Stuffy Nose
- Headache
- Muscle/Body Aches/Fatigue or Very Tired

Just Remember: Flu symptoms will appear more suddenly and be more severe than cold symptoms.

Preventative Actions: Wash your hands; Cover your Nose/Mouth; Avoid touching your Eyes, Nose and Mouth; Clean and disinfect surfaces that may be contaminated; Eat a Healthy Diet; Rest.

If Sick, Limit Your Contact With Others; They Will Understand!

Since we are in the cold and flu season, hand sanitizer is available at the back of the Church.

There Will Be No Habitat Build This Year.

Boy Scout
February 8, 2015
Reamstown Troop #60 will be our guests.
Sunday



Brochures listing the various summer camping opportunities at our Synod's camps (Kirchenwald, Nawakwa and The Wittel Farm) are on the cabinet next to the hallway. Information and registration are also available online: www.lutherancamping.org.

The Upper Room Daily Devotional
March - April, 2015

Christ In Our Home Daily Devotional
January, February, March, 2015
Also, A Large Print Version is Available

Available on tables at both entrance.
A Basket is provided for donations.

Even though you might not be able to attend Church due to the weather or other circumstances, the Church's expenses (snow removal, heating, electric, etc.) continue and your stewardship is important.

If you cannot attend, you can mail your offering envelope to: Faith United Lutheran Church, PO Box 157, Denver, PA 17517.

Refreshment Sponsor Sign-Up



The sign-up sheet to provide refreshments following the Worship Services is on the cabinet at the back of the Sanctuary.

This Is A Keeper!

I grew up with practical parents. A mother, God love her, who washed aluminum foil after she cooked in it, then reused it. She was the original recycle queen before they had a name for it. A father who was happier getting old shoes fixed than buying new ones.

Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave away. I can see them now, Dad in trousers, tee shirt and a hat and Mom in a house dress, lawn mower in one hand, and dish-towel in the other. It was the time for fixing things. A curtain rod, the kitchen radio, screen door, the oven door, the hem in a dress. Things we keep.

It was a way of life, and sometimes it made me crazy. All that re-fixing, eating, renewing, I wanted just once to be wasteful. Waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant you knew there'd always be more.

But then my mother died, and on that clear summer's night, in the warmth of the hospital room, I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any more.

Sometimes, what we care about most gets all used up and goes away...never to return. So...While we have it...it's best we love it...And care for it.. And fix it when it's broken...And heal it when it's sick.

This is true. For marriage...And old cars...And children with bad report cards...And dogs with bad hips...And aging parents...And grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it. Some things we keep. Like a best friend that moved away or a classmate we grew up with.

There are just some things that make life important, like people we know who are special...And so, we keep them close!

I received this from someone who thinks I am a 'keeper', so I've sent it to the people I think of in the same way...Now it's your turn to send this to those people that are "keepers" in your life. Good friends are like stars...You don't always see them, but you know they are always there. **Keep them close!**



Communion Bread

Please Sign The Chart On The Bulletin Board To Provide Two Loaves Of Bread Each Sunday.

Please bring the bread to the Church by Friday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Offering Envelopes

Generic Offering Envelopes are available for use on the cabinet next to the hallway and at the ends of each pew.

A good alternative is "Simply Giving" which automatically remits your offering to the church. Contact the Church Office, 336-2141, Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM—3:00 PM; Friday, 8:00 AM—1:00 PM for more details.



ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES

Have you signed up for your spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter

Weekend? NOW is the time to register for this opportunity to rekindle the romance and realize the full potential of your marriage with all the joy and beauty that God intended. Weekends run from Friday evening at 8:00 PM to Sunday afternoon around 4:00 PM.

The 2015 Pennsylvania Spring Weekends are:

• **March 13-15, 2015** at the lovely Sheraton Pittsburgh Airport Hotel located in a peaceful setting six miles from the Pittsburgh Airport.

April 10-12, 2015 at Toftrees Golf Resort and Conference Center nestled in 1500 wooded acres in State College, PA.

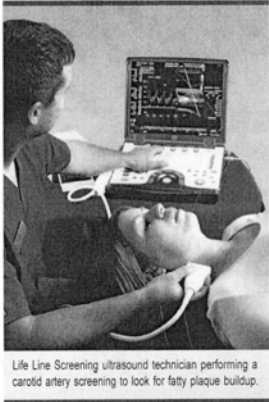
Registrations are also being accepted for the September 18-20, 2015 Weekend at Spruce Lake Retreat Center in Canadensis, PA, in the Poconos and the October 16-18, 2015 Weekend at the Heritage Hotel in Lancaster, PA. Two nights lodging, five meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your \$45 registration plus a contribution of whatever amount you wish to make at the end of the Weekend toward the continuation of the program. To sign up online, go to: www.GodLovesMarriage.org, and pay the \$45 fee using your credit card, or mark the option to mail in a check. **Registrations are limited, so act today to ensure that you can attend the Weekend of your choice.**

For questions, or if you would like a brochure mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or email: fjschamber@comcast.net.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

STROKE DIABETES HEART DISEASE

Early Detection is Key to Prevention



Life Line Screening ultrasound technician performing a carotid artery screening to look for fatty plaque buildup.

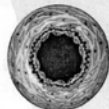
PREVENTIVE HEALTH SCREENINGS CAN DETECT YOUR RISK FOR SERIOUS DISEASE

A stroke occurs in the US every 40 seconds, yet 80% of strokes can be prevented.¹

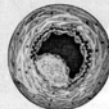
1 in 3 with diabetes don't know they have it.²

Heart disease is the #1 killer among adults in the US, but heart disease is preventable and controllable.³

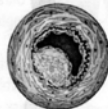
What's Inside Your Arteries?



NORMAL
Blood flows easily.



MODERATE
Blood flow reduced.



SIGNIFICANT
Blood flow is halted.

¹Source: National Stroke Association
²Source: US Department of Health and Human Services
³Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

A Stroke Screening is Coming to Your Neighborhood:

Join the nearly 8 million people who have been screened. Appointments are limited, register today.

Where: Peace United Church of Christ
37 E. Swartzville Road, Denver

When: Thursday, February 26th, 2015

Pre-registration is required. Please call 888-653-6450

First+ Last Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Package 1 D Package 2 D Screening site, zip code and date: _____

To sign up call 888-653-6450 or fax this form to 866-628-4857.



www.LifeLineScreening.com/community-partners



Trusted by Hospitals Nationwide.

Life Line Screening has partnered with over 150 hospitals across the country and has screened nearly 8 million participants. Why? Because the ultrasound screenings that we offer can help save your life.



Stroke/Carotid Artery Screening — \$70.00

Ultrasound scan of the carotid arteries that screens for buildup of fatty plaque — a leading cause of strokes.



Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation) — \$70.00

A quick and easy test using EKG electrodes placed on the arms and legs to identify the presence or absence of an irregular heartbeat.



Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening — \$70.00

Ultrasound screening for an abdominal aneurysm (enlargement) that could lead to a ruptured aorta.



Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening — \$60.00

Evaluates for peripheral arterial disease (PAD) in the lower extremities, which increases the risk of heart disease.



Osteoporosis Risk Assessment — \$60.00

Ultrasound screens the heel for bone mass density. Osteoporosis is painless and silent in its early stages.

PACKAGE 1

Stroke, Vascular Disease & Heart Rhythm Package — 4 tests for only \$139!

PACKAGE 2

Add an Osteoporosis Screening for only \$10 more — 5 tests for only \$149!

A \$181 savings!

COMMUNITY MEAL



Free

**Thursday
February 26, 2015**

6:00PM – 7:00PM

**Trinity United
Methodist Church
420 Main Street, Denver**

Hosted by Local Churches
Come and Enjoy a Free Meal
Handicap Access Available

WINTER FUN DAY at Kirchenwald

Sunday, February 8, 1:00-6:00 PM

Bring your family and enjoy an afternoon on Kirchenwald's award-winning toboggan run, ice-skating on the lake, or drinking hot chocolate in the Lodge.

Freewill Offering Accepted.

Please RSVP by calling 717-677-8211.

1 Cut Off Road, Lebanon, PA 17042

Email: kirchenwald@lutherancamping.org

LENTEN DAY APART At The Wittel Farm

Saturday, February 21

A day apart focusing on contemplative prayer as we journey towards Easter.

Begins with registration and gathering at 9:00 AM.

Registration includes lunch and is \$15 per person.

1753 Mill Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Retreat Reservations: (717) 677-8211

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Mellingers Lutheran
Youth Group
Presents
"COMMUNITY NIGHT"
AT ISAAC'S!

On Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 5:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m., Isaac's Restaurant & Deli (Ephrata) will host a fundraiser to benefit the Youth of Mellingers. BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY to enjoy homemade soups and larger-than-Texas fresh, deli sandwiches. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the total cost of your meal will go directly toward the expenses for the Youth Group's trip to Detroit for Youth Gathering 2015. Dine-In or takeout orders apply!

WHERE: Isaac's Restaurant & Deli
Cloister Shopping Center
120 N. Reading Road, Ephrata
733-7777 (Call ahead for takeout)
(Valid at this location ONLY!)

WHEN: Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 5:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.

HOW: You must bring a Form with you to Isaac's, complete the information, and hand it to the cashier when paying. Forms are available from team members or from participating churches.

Bible Study At The Wittel Farm

Bible studies based on Richard Foster's seminal work on Christian spirituality, "Celebration Of Discipline". Led by The Rev. Robert Hoover.

Wednesday, February 11 - "Prayer"

Wednesday, March 11 - "Submission"

Wednesday, April 8 - "Confession"

Sessions begin at 10:00 AM and conclude at 2:00 PM.
Refreshments are available at 9:30 AM.

Registration fee of \$15.00 includes lunch.

1753 Mill Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Reservations: (717) 677-8211

Boy Scout Troop 115

All-You-Can-Eat!!!



SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Saturday, February 28, 2015

3:00—7:00 PM

Come early: One FREE Dessert between 3 and 4 PM

Mellingers Lutheran Church

80 Gockley Road, Schoeneck

TICKETS FROM A SCOUT OR AT THE DOOR

ADULTS (12 & UP): \$8.00

CHILDREN 5—11: \$4.00

CHILDREN UNDER 5: FREE

Benefits Boy Scout Troop 115

Nikolaus Benfield is a member of this Scout Troop. If you wish tickets, call Tyna Benfield at 610-334-8919.



PRAYER CARDS

We are trying a new way to share prayer concerns. Cards are printed and on the cabinet next to the doorway to list those we wish to hold before God's power and healing. PLEASE PRINT USING BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS and hand the cards to Pastor Joe or a Greeter before the service. When announced, you may offer additional information useful to the congregation understanding the need or joy.



The Pathways Center for Grief & Loss
4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy
offers a wide variety of support programs for adults,
teens and children impacted by serious illness
and loss.

For information call (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610
and visit www.pathwaysthroughgrief.org.

The Pathways Center Resource Library offers a
wide variety of books, journals, videos and DVD's
about grief for free rental for children, adults, clergy,
teachers, and medical professionals. Hours: 8:00 AM-
5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.



ADULT DROP-IN GROUPS

Are you grieving the death of someone you care about? Would you like to talk with others who have experienced a loss? These free meetings include a presentation and an informal time to talk with others. No registration is needed. For more information on any of these programs, call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610.

February Topic: Physical Effects of Grief

Coping with the Loss of a Parent or Sibling: Tuesday, February 3 from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Pathways Center for Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy.

Coping with the Loss of a Companion or Spouse: Tuesday, February 17 from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Pathways Center for Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy (A separate breakout group is available for younger individuals.) Tuesday, February 24 from 12:30-2:00 PM at the Pathways Center for Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike Mount Joy.

Coping with the Loss of a Child (of any age): Tuesday, February 24 from 6:30-8:00 PM. at the Pathways Center for Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy.

NEWLY BEREAVED PROGRAM (a 3-week series): Tuesdays, February 10, 17 and 24, 6:30-8:00 PM, Pathways Center for Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. If your loss was recent, this free series provides an overview of common grief responses and will help you to begin to identify coping tools. Space is limited and registration is required. If interested, call (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to discuss with a Bereavement Counselor.

SOCIAL DINE-OUT OPTIONS

After the loss of a loved one, many find their social environment has changed. It may be difficult to know where or how to start socializing again. Hospice provides the following options to dine with others. Each participant pays for his/her own meal.

LADIES LUNCH: Wednesday, February 18, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Loxley's Restaurant, 1500 Centerville Road, Lancaster. No registration needed. For further details, call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Tuesday, February 24, 8:00-9:30 AM, Apple Tree Restaurant, 100 South Centerville Road, Lancaster. No registration needed. For further details, call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610.

Church Office Requests

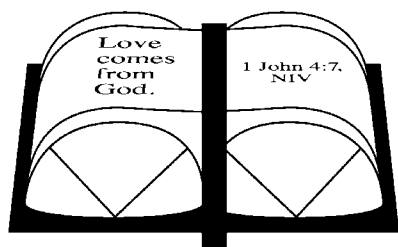
Please call the Church Office at 336-2141 when:

- **You are in the hospital or prior to going to the hospital** (or have a relative call for you. In order for the pastor to visit, someone needs to inform the church and you need to give the hospital permission to notify the church.);
- **You are confined to your home for an extended period of time** because of illness or accident;
- **You are going to a rehab center or a nursing home;**
- **There is a change in your family status** (birth, death, marriage, or divorce);
- **You move to a new home, move out of the area, or go away to college or graduate school;**
- **You schedule a meeting or an event of a group, committee.** In an effort to be open and communicative with everyone, we would like to include all scheduling on the Church Calendar and in the Weekly Bulletin.

A MOMENT WITH YOUR CHILD...

GOD'S SWEET WORD

Share this Bible treat — and God's love — with a special valentine.

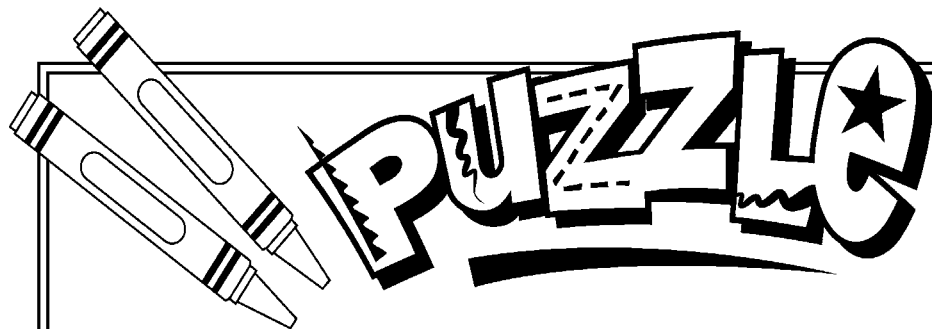


What you need:

- Black card stock or construction paper (2" x 1.5")
- Double-sided tape
- 2 wrapped Hershey's Nuggets candy bars (silver or gold)
- Pen or marker
- White paper (2.75" x 1")
- Thin sliver of red paper or ribbon
- Scissors

What you do:

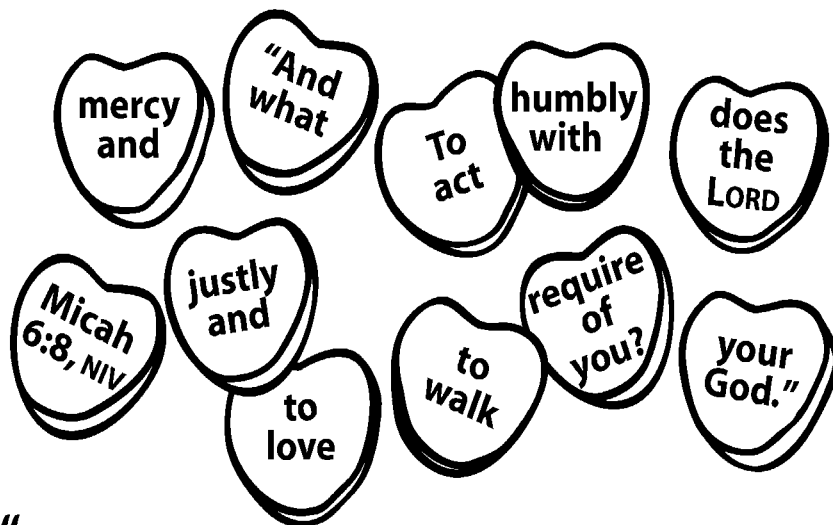
1. In the center of the black paper, tape down the candy bars side by side.
2. On the white paper, write a short Bible verse about love. Then wrap it around the candy bars horizontally and tape it down.
3. Place the red paper or ribbon between the two candy bars, and tape the top of this "bookmark" to the Bible.
4. Give away this fun, sweet message of God's love!



Conversation hearts

The world encourages people to look out for themselves and seek success, but in Micah 6:8, God tells us to live differently.

Directions: Put the conversation hearts in the correct order by writing the words on the lines below. Hint: Capitalization and quotation marks are included.



"

_____ ? _____

_____ " _____ 6:8 _____

Answer: "And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8, NIV

February Worship

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany Sunday, February 1

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111:1-10; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28.



In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that

trumps any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany Sunday, February 8

Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39.



In Isaiah it is the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars—it is that God who strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up to

health and diakonia. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

Transfiguration Of Our Lord Sunday, February 15

2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 1:40-45.



The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's beloved son. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled

to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

Ash Wednesday Wednesday, February 18 7:00 PM

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 103:8-14; 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21.



Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. As we hear in today's readings, now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord. During Lent the people of God will reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in

God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.

First Sunday In Lent Sunday, February 22

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15.



On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves

us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

MOOVELOUS MOO MONEY!



On the cabinet, there is a basket and poster on the wall. Please drop off your Turkey Hill milk caps to help Kiddie Korner. Turkey Hill donates money to the preschool for each cap!

VALENTINE HEART



A FRIEND AND HELPER at Peter's Porch does Valentine's Day baskets and gifts. Examples are at the back of the church for you to see.

If you are interested please contact

Sandy at 717-756-0519

SERVING THIS MONTH — FEBRUARY

	Lector	Greeters	Nursery	Acolytes	Sound	Sponsors	Counters	
February 1	Janice Daub	Angela and Grace Stewart	Jodi and Rachel Weaver	Grace Stewart	8:00 AM OPEN 10:15 AM Blake Daub	Flowers Ethel Farrow Bulletins OPEN	Matt Luciani Skip/Lorna Buohl Mary Ann Fichthorn Mae Raudenbush Gloria Shober	
February 8	Scouts	Lori and Craig Stover	Mitch and Adrienne Arment	Nicholas Gable	8:00 AM OPEN 10:15 AM Mike Gable	Flowers Reamstown Troop #60 Bulletins Reamstown Troop #60	Tracy Nissly Lois Geist Lori/Craig Stover June Wolf Marlene Fritz	
February 15	Jim Kreider	Vernon and Barbara Boose	Terri Kilrain and Tyna Benfield	Olivia Voler	8:00 AM OPEN 10:15 AM Janice Daub	Flowers Gloria Shober Bulletins Ethel Newman	Todd Stewart Jim/Mary Stewart Ralph/Ann Roseboro David/Kathy McGarvey	
February 18 Ash Wednesday	XXXXX	Bill and Shirley Ludwig	Bruce and Jamie Carpenter	Sam Stewart	7:00 PM OPEN	XXXXX	XXXXX	
February 22	Blake Daub	Olivia and Kathryn Voler	Craig and Lori Stover	Grace Stewart	8:00 AM OPEN 10:15 AM Bruce Carpenter	Flowers Mary Stewart Bulletins OPEN	Mitch Arment Janice Daub Mike/Lisa Gable William Ludwig Dawn Frees	
Ushers	Communion Ushers	Communion Assistants	Children's Sermon	Communion Bread	Altar Care	Coffee and Refreshments After Worship	Blood Pressures	Open/Close Building
1st Mike Gable Lisa Gable Robert Fischer 8th Harold Martzall Linda Riddell Chris Weinhold John A. Luciani 15th Bruce Carpenter Jamie Carpenter William Ludwig 18th Jim Stewart Blake and Janice Daub Jeff Hartman 22nd Lee Arment Teri Arment Angela Stewart Terry Burkholder	1st Mike Gable 8th Harold Martzall 15th Bruce Carpenter 18th Jim Stewart 22nd Lee Arment Communion Table Usher February Jeff Hartman	1st 8:00 AM Bob Means 10:15 AM Mary Stewart Grady Daub 8th 8:00 AM Ralph Roseboro 10:15 AM Kelly Leshar Rachel Weaver 15th 8:00 AM Karlene Cook 10:15 AM Lori Stover Eric Rothenberger 18th 7:00 PM Gloria Shober Janice Daub 22nd 8:00 AM Harold Martzall 10:15 AM Tracy Nissly Paula Veres	1st Janice Daub 8th Pastor Joe 15th Tyna Benfield 22nd Pastor Joe	1st Joyce Fischer 8th OPEN 15th OPEN 18th OPEN 22nd Bruce Carpenter	January 27th— February 9th Donna Gerhart and Phyllis Dellinger 10th-23rd Nina Mayhew and Dawn Frees February 24th— March 9th David and Arlene Brumbach	1st OPEN 8th OPEN 15th Cozy Comforter's Sewing Group 22nd OPEN	1st 8:00 AM Jean Worline 10:15 AM Dawn Frees	February OPEN Steve Gerhart CLOSE 1st Matt Luciani 8th Tracy Nissly 15th Todd Stewart 22nd Mitch Arment

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