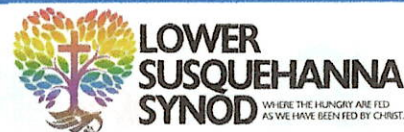


February 2024 Newsletter



"By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."
Genesis 3:19

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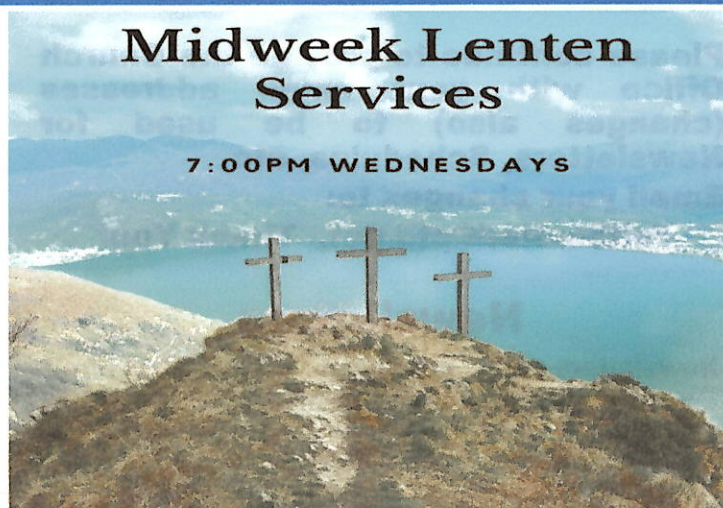
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Souper Bowl Of Caring Saturday, February 10 At Weaver Markets

On Saturday, February 10 Faith United will, alongside the Cocalico Football Team, greet shoppers at Weaver Markets between 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, inviting them to purchase canned and dry goods while shopping to help support Peter's Porch Food Bank.

If you're interested in volunteering to help by greeting folks during a two hour time slot that day, please contact Terry Burkholder (717-962-0839).

We also need volunteers after Worship on Sunday, February 11 to help unload all of the donated food into the rooms downstairs for distribution.



Cluster Lenten Services

Join in Wednesday Evening Worship along with other local Lutherans this Lent as we gather under the theme "Open My Life, Lord".

Worship is at 7:00 PM each Wednesday beginning on February 21.

All offerings collected at these Services goes to support the Lower Susquehanna Disaster Relief Mission Trip. Checks can be made out to North Lancaster Conference Dean's Fund, with "Disaster Trip" on the memo line.

February 21: Service at Faith United, Denver, Rev. Scott Brubaker preaching: "Open My Eyes, Lord".

February 28: Service at Bergstrasse, Ephrata, Rev. Marissa Becklin preaching: "Open My Hands, Lord".

March 6: Service at Muddy Creek, Denver, Rev. Jim Goodyear preaching: "Open My Ears, Lord".

March 13: Service at Mellingers, Schoeneck, Rev. Sandy Gideon preaching: "Open My Heart, Lord".

March 20: Service at St. John Center, East Earl, Rev. Peter Schwabe-Fry preaching: "Open My Life, Lord".

Thursday, May 9: Ascension Worship at Swamp, Reinholds, Rev. Tim Craven preaching.



Ash Wednesday Worship Wednesday, February 14

Join us for In-Person Worship on Ash Wednesday at 7:00 PM or for Online Worship at 7:00 PM.



**Deadline For March
2024 Newsletter
Sunday, February 25, 2024.**



INVITE A NEIGHBOR to Church

Please continue to provide the Church Office with your email addresses (changes also) to be used for Newsletters, Schedules, etc.

Email your changes to:
faithunited@ptd.net. Thank You!

Newsletters

Newsletters are published following Church Council meetings which are held the first Wednesday of each month.

WANTED

Recipes, inspirational articles, poetry, gardening tips, household tips, etc. to be used in Monthly Newsletters.

Please put your items in the Secretary's mailbox marked "Shirley Sweigart" in the Hallway. Thank You for sharing your useful items with your Church Family.

Church Office Requests

Please call the Church Office at 717-336-2141 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.
- 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 or 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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Ways for you to support our ministries as we bring the good news to the world:

1. A physical offering put in the plate during Sunday worship.
2. To set up a recurring automatic offering straight from your bank account, contact our office at (717) 336-2141.
3. To make a one time or to set up a recurring gift online today, visit our website and click the "Give" tab at the top.



We invite you to consider setting up a recurring, automatic offering for the sake of regular stewardship. To do so, or to ask questions about this process, contact the Church Office, 717-336-2141, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM for more details or Shirley Sweigart at: grammyss46@gmail.com or call 717-538-1946.

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.



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Pastor — Pastor Marissa Becklin

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Newsletter Editor — Shirley Sweigart

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From Pastor Marissa Becklin

Three Kings Day And Baptism Of Our Lord In The Caribbean

The liturgical season immediately following Christmas is one that often feels overlooked. December is filled with the “hurry up and wait” of Advent, the anticipation of Christmas, and too quickly our world is ready to put away the trappings of Christmas and to move to the next commercially observed holiday. Already on January 2nd I had valentines advertised to me online!

What this rush from Christmas to Valentine’s misses, of course, is that Christmas is actually twelve days. Our observation of the birth of Jesus does not end on December 26; it spans all the way to January 6 (Epiphany). And as I mentioned in last month’s newsletter article, Epiphany is a beautiful celebration of the revelation of Christ’s love not just to Jews and people of Israel, but to *the whole world—the Gentiles, too*. This day is a reminder that the limitations and boundaries we put on love, equality, and justice in this world are *man-made restrictions*, and are not of God.

In the continental US we tend to miss this holiday, not often observing it in a meaningful way. But in Puerto Rico, where I spent January 6 this year, Three Kings Day is a day to be honored and celebrated. Most of the stores in San Juan were closed on this day, because shopkeepers and families were celebrating the morning at home with their families. The streets were decorated with symbols of the three kings (see pictures on page 4). The basilica in town was packed with people for a noon service with the bishop presiding over worship. The service had an epiphany pageant, and concluded with the bishop blessing the whole congregation and the kings handing out bags of Puerto Rican candy to the congregation.

The next day, January 7, was the Feast Of The Baptism Of Our Lord. This day was celebrated in ELCA congregations throughout the country and in Christian congregations throughout the world with an order of remembrance of our baptism, reflection on the story of Jesus’ baptism, and thanksgiving for this gracious gift that God has extended to the whole family of God. Each of us has a baptismal anniversary, but not all of us know ours. For those of us who do not know, Baptism Of Our Lord serves as our stand-in baptismal anniversary. If you did not take time yet this month to give thanks for your own baptism, I invite you to spend some time at home lighting a candle, tracing the sign of the cross on your forehead, and reflecting in prayer on the gift that you’ve received by having the Holy Spirit poured into you. Ask God for insight and help as you move through this next year of baptized life. How might God be calling you to serve the world in love and healing this year?

I spent January 7 worshipping with the congregation of Frederick Lutheran Church in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands. This is the oldest Lutheran congregation in the Americas, founded in 1666. A plaque outside the gates read:

“In 1666, the same year that the Danish West India Company took possession of St. Thomas, this congregation was founded by Pastor K. J. Slagelse as an outpost of the Evangelical (Lutheran) State Church of Denmark. Worshipping at first in private homes, a wooden chapel was later erected in the Christiansfort courtyard. When outgrown by the congregation, this property was provided and the present structure completed in 1793. Since 1917, with the transfer of the Virgin Islands to the United States, Frederick Lutheran Church has been part of the Lutheran Church in America. Although gutted by fire in 1826 and damaged by a hurricane in 1870, the structure remains solid and was completely restored in 1973 in conjunction with the 180th anniversary of the building’s dedication.”

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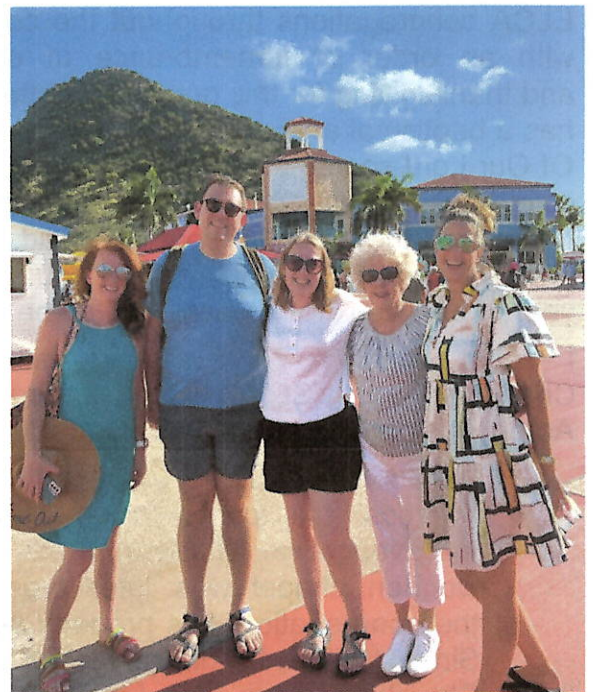
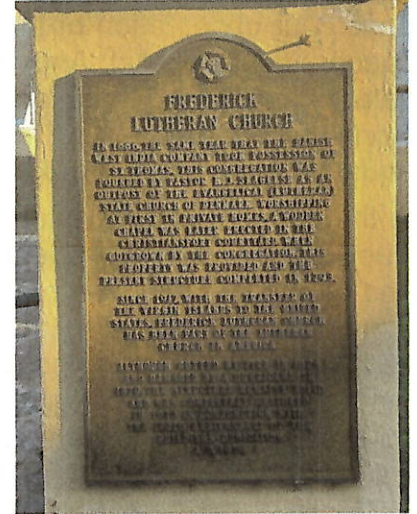
From Pastor Marissa Becklin

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As we worshiped together we sang some of the same hymns you did in Pennsylvania that morning (although with a bit more steel drum). The ability to worship together and honor our Lutheran faith and our baptismal promises in community was a holy thing.

This season between Christmas and Valentine's Day (which, consequently, is Ash Wednesday this year), is more than just a rush between two calendar dates—it is a season rich with reminders of God's divine promises to us—promises to abide with us, to forgive us, to pour out grace for us, and to love us completely.

In Christ's Love, Pastor Marissa



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Pastors Becklin were surprised to see Ann Roseboro, Melissa Voler, and Angela Stewart in St. Maarten!

**Faith United Evangelical
Lutheran Church Council Minutes
Wednesday, January 3, 2024, 6:30 PM**

Jim Kreider called the meeting to order. In attendance were: Jim Kreider, Terry Burkholder, Tim Wise, Scott Gola.

A slate of 2024 officers was presented for consideration and then voted upon: Jim Kreider - President; Terry Burkholder - Vice President; Kelly Leshner - Secretary; Scott Gola - Treasurer. There were no additional nominations, and the list was voted on, and unanimously passed.

It was recognized that the minutes of our previous meeting were approved by consent.

Scott Gola presented a Treasurer's Report.

Discussion was held regarding duties for opening the church and providing Devotions at future meetings. A sign-up sheet was circulated, and members selected months to serve in those capacities. It was suggested that we circulate the list at our next meeting to assure that all months are covered.

Jim checked to see if anyone needs a key to the church. Tim will need a key. It was mentioned that Pastor Marissa will be taking care of passing on a key to Tim.

Special note was made regarding Sunday, January 7th and the fact that we will be having a Supply Pastor. Terry Burkholder will be opening this Sunday and will greet Pastor Peter Rustico at 8:15 AM.

Possible weather concerns for the weekend and Sunday's Service were discussed. Jim Kreider had been in touch with Pastor Marissa, and it was decided that unless there was a blizzard-like condition, we would not cancel services. Jim will be checking with Mike Gable to make sure snow removal procedures have been made.

Pastor Marissa sent her report to council members via email and her report was briefly reviewed. Of note is that Council needs to yearly approve her contracted Housing Allowance in the amount of \$20,400.00. A motion was made by Jim Kreider that we approve the allowance, seconded by Ellen Houser, voted on and the motion carried. Scott will assure that that business is taken care of.

Having no further business, the meeting was concluded with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Jim Kreider

**Congregation Council
Meeting
Tuesday, March 5, 2024
6:30 PM**

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Jim Kreider - President
Terry Burkholder - Vice President
Kelly Leshner - Secretary
Scott Gola - Treasurer
Ellen Houser Bob Gates Tim Wise



The Cozy Comforters need gently used sheets (no flannel please) or fabric to use for their comforters. Please put your donations at the back of the Sanctuary or in the Cozy Comforters

Sewing Room.

Transportation Help

Are you in need of help with transportation? If so, please contact Mary Stewart at (717) 201-4652. If you're interested in helping provide transportation to others, please also let Mary know.



**Bible And Breakfast
Saturday, February
10 - 7:30-9:00 AM**

Shrove Saturday: Join Pastor Marissa this month to celebrate "Shrove Saturday": - we will learn about Shrove Tuesday and its history, and observe the preparation for Lent together through Bible study, eating good doughnuts, and preparing our Lenten practices.



**Bible And Breakfast
Saturday, March 9
7:30-9:00 AM
The Passion According To
Mark**

Join Pastor Marissa this month for Breakfast and a Bible Study on the passion according to the gospel of Mark. How does this gospel tell the story differently than the others, and what might we be listening for as we prepare for Holy Week and the reading of the passion on Palm Sunday?

Sign the chart only if you are donating a food item.

Church Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

To submit information for the bulletin or newsletter, please email Shirley Sweigart at:

grammyss46@gmail.com or
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FEBRUARY

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- February 13:** Jeffrey Hartman
- February 15:** Mark Shober
- February 19:** Tracey Weidner
- February 21:** Jean Bradbury
- February 25:** John A. Luciani, Kellie Gerhart
- February 26:** Todd Stewart
- February 27:** Marc Lescoe

Anniversary

- February 28:** Mitchell and Adrienne Arment

MARCH

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- March 1:** Jamie Carpenter, Kaylee Boose
- March 2:** Kara Gerhart
- March 6:** Michael Roseboro
- March 7:** Joseph Boose, Mike Gable, Kimberly Lescoe, Haley Leshar

Anniversaries

- March 3:** William and Shirley Ludwig
- March 11:** David and Michele Lacy



80+ Birthdays

Blessings on your Birthday! Please remember our 80+ members with a card, visit, or phone call:

Janet Hirneisen - March 4 - 90 Ashlea Gardens, New Hol-

land, PA 17557

Marlene Fritz - March 9 - 13 Frederick Avenue, Denver, PA 17517

Gerry Phillips - March 11 - Apartment 3344, 300 St. Mark Avenue, Lititz, PA 17543

Ariene Monyer - March 14 - 814 Snyder Hill Road, Lititz, PA 17543



February



February/March Food Collection

Food, household, and personal items will be collected for Peter's Porch in February and Ephrata Area Social Services in March.. Please deposit the items in the grocery cart.

Communion Bread

Please Sign the chart on the cabinet at the back to provide One Loaf of bread each Sunday.



Please Bring The Bread To The Church By Friday 9:00 AM—12:00 PM.



Coffee And Conversation

Coffee and Conversation is being held following the Worship Service. Please sign the chart at the back to provide the refreshments.

For questions contact Terri Kilrain, 717-201-0099.

Christian Symbol

CROSS OF ASHES: On Ash Wednesday, as Lent begins, worshipers' foreheads are often marked with ashes in the sign of the cross. The ashes traditionally come from burning palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. In the Old Testament, ashes were a sign of mourning and repentance. Today, some worshipers wipe off the ashes before leaving church, to symbolize being cleansed from sin by Jesus' death; others wear the ashes the rest of the day, carrying the cross of Christ into the world. Reciting Genesis 3:19 often accompanies the placement of ashes: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."



Bible Quiz

Use one word (perhaps in different forms) for all the blanks to complete this Scripture passage:

"Dear friends, let us ____ one another, for ____ comes from God. Everyone who ____ has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not ____ does not know God, because God is ____."

- A. believe
- B. help
- C. love
- D. forgive



Answer: C (See 1 John 4:7-8, NIV)



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11 Adult Education, By Heart: Conversations With Luther's Small Catechism, Following Worship Service Super Bowl Transfiguration Of Our Lord 9:00am Kid's Church 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service 10:30am Confirmation For 7th And 8th Graders	12	13 Fasnacht Day 12:00pm In-Person And Online Bible Study And Prayer Group	14 Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Faith Fellowship Hall 1:30pm Swamp Lutheran Church, Reinholds Food Pantry - Call 717- 733-0345/717-336- 2849 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service	15 Pastor Marissa At Candidacy Committee	16 Pastor Marissa's Day Off	17 8:00am Peter's Porch - Zion Lutheran Church, 435 Main Street, Akron
18 Adult Education, Lenten Study Following Worship Service First Sunday In Lent 9:00am Kid's Church 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	19 President's Day	20 9:00am Cozy Comforters Sewing Group 7:00pm Denver Women's Club Meeting - Faith Fellowship Hall	21 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Adamstown Area Library, 110 West Main Street, Adamstown 10:30am Conference Meeting At Zion, Leola 7:00pm Cluster Lenten Service: Faith United	22	23 Pastor Marissa's Day Off	24 8:00am Peter's Porch - Landis Valley Christian Fellowship Church, 2420 Kissel Hill Road, Lancaster

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What's Happening at Faith United?

Send your pictures in for
next month's newsletter!



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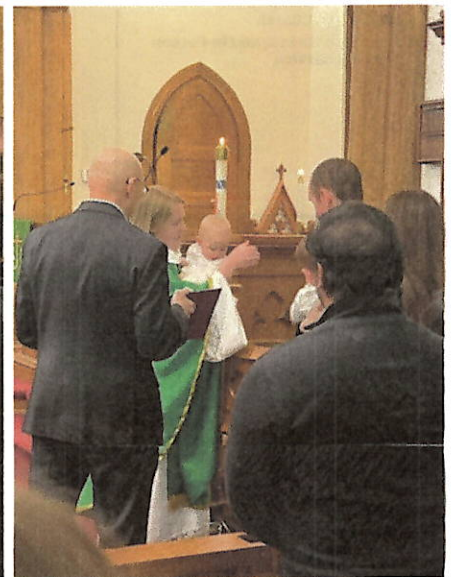
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**Penny Gutshall speaks about
Peter's Porch at VFW**

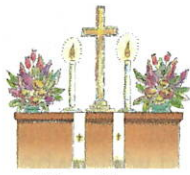


**Baptism of Isla Ann Rabe, Lucas David Rabe, and
Theo Graham May**



Our littlest helper at Peter's Porch

2024 Altar Flower/Bulletin Sponsor Sign-Up



Altar Flowers

The Altar Flower Chart for 2024 is on the board by the Walnut Street entrance. **New Format:** To sponsor flowers, sign your name on the chart; order the flowers from the florist of your choice, pay them and call Jamie Carpenter, 717-286-8821, to arrange to bring them to the Church. You will receive a paper in the mail to fill out with the wording you want in the Church Bulletin. Put it in the mailbox of "Shirley Sweigart" or call the Church Office, 717-336-2141.

The Bulletin Sponsor Chart for 2024 is on the board by the Walnut Street entrance. **Cost is \$25.00 per Sunday.**

You may call Shirley Sweigart, 717-538-1946 to get your name on either Chart.



Bulletins



Connect With Us On Facebook!

For regular invitation to prayer, devotional reflections, and updates, follow us on Facebook: @faithunitedelca.

Also, consider joining our Private group: Faith United Lutheran Church Community Building, where we are spending time getting to know one another and check in with each other.

We'd love to have you join us!

The Upper Room Daily Devotional
March—April, 2024

Christ In Our Home Daily Devotional
January, February, March, 2024

Also, A Large Print Version is Available
Please call Shirley Sweigart, 717-538-1946 to set up an appointment to pick one up.

Peter's Porch



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The First Saturday of Each Month

March 2, 2024

April 6, 2024

8:00-10:00 AM

Please contact Pastor Marissa or Terry Burkholder if you are interested in helping on the first Saturday of the month.


Bags for Peter's Porch are packed on the last Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM.



Have you been attending Worship with us online or in-person, and are looking for more information about joining our community in an official way? Membership is a mutual commitment between

you and our congregation to love and support one another on our faith journey. If this interests you, please email Pastor Marissa at:

pastormbecklin@gmail.com.



The Vestry and Congregation
of Trinity Lutheran Church
in the City of Reading, Pennsylvania
request the honor of your presence
at the Holy Eucharist
with the installation of

the Rev. Hans E. Becklin
as Senior Pastor

by the Rt. Rev. Christopher deForest
Bishop of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Vigil of the Transfiguration
Saturday, February 10th, 2024
One o'clock in the afternoon

Trinity Lutheran Church
527 Washington Street, Reading, Pennsylvania

The Rev. Marissa K. Becklin, preaching
Dcs. Deborah Graf, assisting
Karen S. Eddinger, conducting the Trinity ensembles

Reception to follow

Clergy: cassock, surplice, and white stole or alb with white stole



On behalf of the Social Ministry Committee, we would like to **Thank** all those who shared their lovely Christmas cards with our shut-ins. You brought a lot of joy to many people.

Also, a big **Thank You** to those who delivered the bags to bring love from the congregation.

God bless each one of you.

I wish to **Thank** Faith United and congregation members who sent me cards for my recent Birthday.

John Luciani

Pastor Marissa & FUEL,

Thank You so much for your support and guidance through Lucas and Isla's baptism.

And **Thank You** to the Cozy Comforter's Group for the beautiful quilts to remember this special day!

Love, Emily, Tyler, Isla & Lucas Rabe

Who Is A "Real" American? **From the office of the Presiding Bishop, The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton**

My husband and I live in Skokie, Illinois, a diverse community. Our neighbors to the west are an octogenarian Taiwanese Evangelical couple who regularly order meals from Kosher to Go. Our neighbors to the east are a Ukrainian and Russian multigenerational family. Our grocery stores have both kosher and halal departments. As I drive past the elementary school on my way to work, I see moms and dads in jeans along with women in saris or hijabs and men in thobes or yarmulkes. More than 90 languages are spoken in the homes of our school district. We pay our taxes, mow our (tiny) lawns, worship, raise our children and pretty much get along in our little village of Skokie.

Late one afternoon a few years ago I was finishing up yard work. I had been weeding and trimming all day. I was tired and grass-stained. Just one more pile of leaves needed to be swept up. I noticed a woman walking toward me so I hurried to get the sidewalk cleared. She stopped and told me that she had seen me working all day and thought I might be too tired to prepare supper. She had made a meal for me and my husband. It was during Ramadan—the month when Muslims fast from food and water during the day and engage in prayer and acts of charity. This was her act of charity and generosity. She smiled and walked away. I was stunned.

There has been an alarming rise in hate speech and violence against religious and ethnic minorities in this country. At the same time, we've seen an

increased polarization among us, even in our dear church. There is a movement to define what it means to be a "real American." Some would define this as white, Christian and native born. When Lutheran immigrants first came to this country in the 18th and 19th centuries, they weren't considered real Americans. They didn't speak English or fit in with the Deist, Calvinist religious majority. They were "other" and therefore suspect. German Lutheran immigrants weren't considered white when they settled here. Neither were Irish, Italians or Poles. Catholics and Jews were considered an alien threat.

An element in our country wants to legislate that the United States is a Christian nation where Christianity should be privileged and only Christians should hold office. This is Christian Nationalism, which is neither Christian nor patriotic.

It's ironic that the Puritans fled religious persecution and that the First Amendment states "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free expression thereof," yet an element in our country wants to legislate that the United States is a Christian nation where Christianity should be privileged and only Christians should hold office. This is Christian Nationalism, which is neither Christian nor patriotic. There is no doubt that the Founders were Christian and that a majority of Americans identify as Christian. That is different from declaring Christianity as the established religion of the United States. And, dear church, let's be clear, a Christian Nationalist does not define Lutherans as "Christian."

God knows I love my country. This beautiful, fragile, yet surprisingly resilient experiment in democracy and nationhood that's not predicated on shared ethnicity is unique among nations. My grandfather, father and uncles all served during World War I and World War II. I had the honor of placing a wreath on behalf of the ELCA at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. I won't have my patriotism questioned. Christian Nationalism is a perversion of the gospel and a threat to our democracy. It's precisely because I love my country that I warn against it.

Who is a "real American"? I say that my Muslim neighbor walking freely down the street in a hijab to offer a meal to her Christian neighbor during Ramadan is a real American. Motivated by her Muslim faith she acted as neighbor to me. She is not less American because she is Muslim. Because she is an American, she can be her authentic self and participate in building our community and country. What binds us together is not ethnicity but shared participation in our civic life springing out of our cultural heritages and working for the common good.

February Worship

Transfiguration Of Our Lord Sunday, February 11, 2024

2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9. 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. 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 14, 2024

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21. On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that "now is the day of salvation." Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.



First Sunday In Lent Sunday, February 18, 2024

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.

Second Sunday In Lent Sunday, February 25, 2024

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38. The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.



March Worship

Third Sunday In Lent Sunday, March 3, 2024

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22. The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.



Fourth Sunday In Lent Sunday, March 10, 2024

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21. The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.



Refreshments For Lenten Service

Faith United will host the Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 7:00 PM Cluster Lenten Service. We will need contributions of refreshments for the fellowship time after the Worship Service. People to help set up, serve and clean up, are also needed.

There is a sign-up sheet on the cabinet at the back of the Church.

Adult Education Schedule

Join Pastor Marissa and fellow congregants in learning about our faith together through our different Adult Education Series following Worship this spring. As always, you're invited to drop in to as many sessions as you are able, and do not have to have attended a previous session to come:

Through February 11: *By Heart:* Conversations with Luther's Small Catechism.

February 18-March 24: Lenten Study

April 7-May 26: Paul Study

SERVING IN FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL

Date	Lector	Technology	Ushers	Offering Counters
February 11, 2024	Cindy Kauffman	Tim Wise	Linda Riddell Jeff Hartman	Dawn Frees Craig Stover Lori Stover
February 14, 2024 Ash Wednesday	Ann Roseboro	Scott Gola	June Wolf Don Wolf	XXXXXXXX
February 18, 2024	Todd Stewart	Deb Demler	Terri Kilrain Ellen Houser	Bruce Carpenter Jamie Carpenter Linda Riddell
February 21, 2024 Cluster Service	XXXXXX	Tim Wise	Jamie Carpenter Bruce Carpenter	XXXXXX
February 25, 2024	Dawn Frees	Lori Stover	Mary Stewart Jim Stewart	Bruce Carpenter Robert Gates Gloria Gates
March 3, 2024	Angela Stewart	Tim Wise	Angela Stewart Todd Stewart	Terri Kilrain Richard Billings Chris Billings
March 10, 2024	Lori Stover	Scott Gola	Teri Arment Harold Martzall	Dawn Frees Craig Stover Lori Stover
March 17, 2024	Harold Martzall	Deb Demler	Jamie Carpenter Bruce Carpenter	Bruce Carpenter Jamie Carpenter Linda Riddell
March 24, 2024	Gloria Shoher	Lori Stover	Cynthia Hegeman Tim Hegeman	Tim Hegeman Robert Gates Gloria Gates
March 28, 2024 Maundy Thursday	Scott Gola	Tim Wise	Jennie Weinhold Chris Weinhold	XXXXXX
March 29, 2024 Good Friday	Deb Demler	Scott Gola	Linda Riddell Jeff Hartman	XXXXXX
March 31, 2024 , Easter	Cindy Kauffman	Deb Demler	June Wolf Don Wolf	Tim Hegeman Cynthia Hegeman Ann Roseboro
April 7, 2024	Ann Roseboro	Lori Stover	Terri Kilrain Ellen Houser	Terri Kilrain Richard Billings Chris Billings
April 14, 2024	Todd Stewart	Tim Wise	Mary Stewart Jim Stewart	Dawn Frees Craig Stover Lori Stover
April 21, 2024	Dawn Frees	Scott Gola	Jamie Carpenter Bruce Carpenter	Bruce Carpenter Jamie Carpenter Linda Riddell
April 28, 2024	Angela Stewart	Deb Demler	Angela Stewart Todd Stewart	Tim Hegeman Robert Gates Gloria Gates

Substitute: Melvin Schmeck, 717-336-5792

If you are unable to be present to count the offering, please call Melvin.

SERVING IN FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL

Date	Acolyte	Communion Bread	Altar Committee	Altar Flowers, Bulletins
February 11, 2024	Kellen Strohl	Mary Stewart	Mary Stewart Joanne Phillips	Luther and Doris Reinoehl
February 14, 2024 Ash Wednesday	Jackson Leshner	Bruce Carpenter	Janet Hirneisen Dawn Frees	
February 18, 2024	Josh Gola	Bruce Carpenter	Janet Hirneisen Dawn Frees	
February 21, 2024 Cluster Service	Kellen Strohl	XXXXXX	Janet Hirneisen Dawn Frees	
February 25, 2024	Lily Arment	Lori Wise	Janet Hirneisen Dawn Frees	
March 3, 2024	Aaron Wolf	David Harnish	Donna Gerhart Jamie Carpenter	
March 10, 2024	Kellen Strohl	Joanne Phillips	Donna Gerhart Jamie Carpenter	
March 17, 2024	Jackson Leshner	Joyce Fischer	Teri Arment Joyce Fischer	
March 24, 2024	Josh Gola		Teri Arment Joyce Fischer	
March 28, 2024 Maundy Thursday	Lily Arment		Jamie Carpenter Bruce Carpenter	
March 29, 2024 Good Friday	Aaron Wolf		Jamie Carpenter Bruce Carpenter	
March 31, 2024 , Easter	Kellen Strohl		Jamie Carpenter Bruce Carpenter	
April 7, 2024	Lily Arment	Lori Wise	Jamie Carpenter Bruce Carpenter	
April 14, 2024	Aaron Wolf		Karlene Cook Doris Reinoehl	
April 21, 2024	Kellen Strohl		Karlene Cook Doris Reinoehl	
April 28, 2024	Jackson Leshner		Lori Stover Ann Roseboro	

Coffee & Conversation
March 17, 2024 - Lori Wise



Adamstown Area Library Events

The Adamstown Area Library is a passport office for the United States Department of State. Passports are done by appointment only. Please call 717-484-4200 to make an appointment.

Adamstown Area Library is located at 110 West Main Street in Adamstown, next to the Post Office. Regular Library hours are Monday through Thursday 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM, Friday 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Learn more and register for events at:

AdamstownAreaLibrary.org or 717-484-4200

Friends Book Sale - Every Tuesday from 9:30-5:30 PM in the Library Community Room. Whatever your favorite genre, you'll find something to love at the Friends Book Sale! \$2.00 hardbacks, \$1.00 trade paperbacks, 50 cent paperbacks, plus kids' books, puzzles, DVDs and audiobooks. February 13, 20, 27; March 5, 12.

Winter Reading Bingo - Through February 29 - Pick up a Bingo card at the Library, cozy up with books this winter, and enter to win a beautiful winter prize basket and other prizes. For readers 16 and older.

222 Dutch Lanes Bowling Winter Reading Challenge - Through March 30. Pick up your log at the Library, choose 10 different marshmallow challenges, and return to the Library before March 30th to receive a coupon for one FREE game courtesy of 222 Dutch Lanes! Additionally, adults will receive a buy one/get one free pass. For ages 2-15.

American Girl Bag Pickup - On Monday, March 4 there will be a new American Girl packet to pick up, filled with fun for you and your doll! Starting that day, you can pick up a kit in the Library foyer. One per family please while supplies last. For ages 5-12 years.

Bedtime Stories - Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00 PM in the Children's Room. Craft, stories, and snack on the first Tuesday of each month. Don't forget to wear your pajamas! Ages 2-6.

Young At Heart - Wednesday, February 21 and March 6 from 9:00-11:00 AM. REAL Life Community Services invites you to Young at Heart, with free events for anyone age 60 and up. Join us at the Library for coffee, chatting, games, crafts, and more on the first and third Wednesday of each month. For more information, call 717-336-7797 or visit RE-ALLCS.org.

"Budding Bookworms" Preschool Storytime - Every Wednesday at 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM. Stories and an easy craft for ages 3-6 with adult. February 14, 21, 28; March 6, 13.

Oreos & Opinions - Wednesday, February 21 and March 6 and 20 at 3:30 PM. Everyone has strong opinions. Let's hear yours! Grab a drink at our coffee bar before we delve into some cookies and opinions/skills important to tweens and teens. Every first and third Wednesday after school. For teens and tweens.

"Twinkling Stars" Baby Storytime - Every Thursday at 10:00 AM. Simple stories, rhymes, puppets, songs, and fingerplays. Bring along your 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten packets to help achieve your goal! For babies with adult. February 15, 22, 29; March 7, 14.

"The Young And The Restless" Toddler Time - Every Thursday at 11:00 AM. Stories, songs and fingerplays, followed by an easy craft and free play. Bring along your 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten packets to help achieve

your goal! For toddlers with adult. February 15, 22, 29; March 7, 14.

Connect With A Social Worker At The Library - Every Friday from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Are you facing challenges or seeking support in your life? A licensed social worker from REAL Life Community Services is here to help! To make an appointment, call Emelia at 717-336-7797, option 1 or email her at Emelia@realcs.org. February 16, 23.

Sit & Knit - Friday, February 16 at 11:00 AM. Do you knit or crochet? Bring your latest project and join your fellow crafters on the comfy chairs in front of the fireplace. Drop-in to work on your craft, get inspired, trade tips, and chat in a comfortable, relaxed setting. All ages and skill levels welcome.

LEGO® Activity Bag Pickup - Monday, February 12 while supplies last. On the second Monday of each month there will be a new LEGO® packet for you to pick up, with instructions for a special project. Starting that day, you can pick up a kit in the Library foyer. 1 per family please. For ages 5-12 years.

Drop-In STEAM - Tuesday, February 13 drop-in from 3:00-5:00 PM. Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math through games, activities, and projects with Miss Maribeth on the second Tuesday of each month. This month's activities include Valentine Challenges (Design a card and Valentine Engineering Challenges). An adult is required to accompany children under 8.

Genealogy Group - Tuesday, February 13 from 6:30-7:45 PM. This group meets at the Library on the second Tuesday of each month for lively discussions, research help or short talks from genealogy researcher Ken McCrea. For older students and adults.

Library Special Hours - Monday, February 19. On President's Day, Adamstown Area Library will be open from 1:00-5:00 PM.

Digital Device Clinic - Friday, March 1 from 1:00-3:00 PM. Could you use some help with your mobile devices? If so, come to the Library! Library staff will provide community members with one-on-one support in using their eReaders, tablets, smartphones, or other electronic devices. Appointments are free and open to members of the public, but advanced registration is required. Thirty-minute appointments are available between the hours of 1:00 and 3:00 PM on the second Friday of each month. Register online at calendar.lancasterlibraries.org/ or contact the Library at 717-484-4200.

Take and Make Packet Pickup - Monday, February 19 while supplies last. Get creative with our ready-to-go kits on the third Monday of each month. Supplies are limited, so stop by to claim your bag today! Children: Money Jars. Teen: Fantastic Flier.

Almost Perfect Crimes - Tuesday, February 20 at 6:30 PM on Zoom. Join Miss Jess as we discover together "Whodunit!" Upon registration, you will receive the Zoom link and the Mini Murder Mystery Story. Additional clues and evidence will be revealed during our meeting as we try to solve the crime together. Third Tuesday of each month. For ages teen/adult due to some graphic content.

Book Club In A Bag Pickup - Monday, February 26 while supplies last. Families can pick up a Take Home Book Club. This month is *Good Night, Good Knight* and includes book, mini-journal, and lots of fun activity pages. For ages 5-12.

MJWK (Miss Jess Wants To Know) - Teens, we want your opinion! Stop in the Young Adult and Teen Graphic Novel Book Section of the Library for the question of the month! With this self-directed voting program, teens can vote with a sticker dot to select their favorite. Results will be posted on our Facebook page at the end of the month. This month is *"Vivacious Vacations - Where do you like to go or wish you could go?"*

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"Spectacular Space" I SPY Window Game, Story Window, And Play & Learn Center - Through February. Stop in at the Library to enjoy some "galactic games"! Our story corner Play & Learn Center is a great place to hang out for some educational fun with toys, puppets, vocab, figures, blocks, and more all with a celestial theme. The I SPY window list changes weekly—stop at the desk for your congratulatory sticker. Read the themed book on the Story Window at the outside ramp—come inside with the answer to the question and get a prize.

Golden Ticket Search - During the month of February, check out a book with a golden ticket inside and get a piece of candy at the circulation desk!

February Is Love Your Library Month! This month, Adopt-a-Book (New Children's Book) for the Adamstown Area Library—it's a gift that the whole community can enjoy! Have your name, or the name of someone you care about, inscribed in each book you adopt. Adopting a Library book makes a great gift for the person who has everything. Your gift includes an inscribed bookplate in a brand-new children's book, and a certificate of adoption. Book adoptions are \$20.00. Charitable tax receipts are available.

in Our Prayers

Fundraising For ELCA Youth Gathering: July 16-20, 2024

Every three years, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) holds their Annual Youth Gathering. In the summer of 2024, the Gathering will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana. This is an amazing time to Worship with approximately 30,000 other Lutheran youth and adults. There will be times of service, fellowship and Worship throughout the four days we are in NOLA.

We need your help! We are looking to raise around \$1700/person for this trip, and will be sending three (3) teens and one (1) adult. We will have a fundraiser each month of the year as we look forward to this important event!

September's Fundraiser: 144 Envelopes

Instructions: Head to the back of the Sanctuary, take an envelope off of the wall, and fill it with the dollar value that is on the envelope (return to offering plate). Feel free to take more than one envelope—your generosity will help us send our teens to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July 2024. If we fill all of the envelopes with the corresponding donation, together we can raise \$10,440.00 for our Youth!

**Confirmation for
7th and 8th Graders**

Meets after Sunday worship from 10:30am-11:30am on the following Sundays of each month:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 10 (Parents AND Students) • September 24 • October 15 • October 29: Retreat • November 5 • November 19 • December 3 • December 17 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 14 • January 28 • February 11 • February 25 • March 10 • March 24 • April 14 • April 28 • May 12 • May 26
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Children's Bulletins
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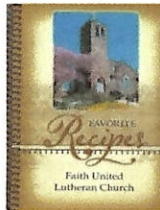
On The Counter At The Back Of The Sanctuary



Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 10, 2024

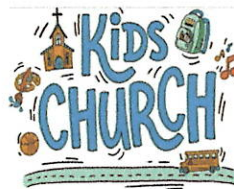
Spring Forward

Church Cookbooks



They are sold for \$10.00 each and are on the counter at the back of the Sanctuary.

Proceeds benefit Faith United Youth Ministry.



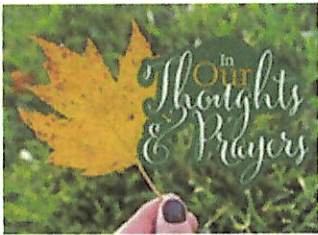
We are hosting Kid's Church during 9:00 AM Worship. Children will come up for the Children's Sermon, exit to Kid's Church, and return for Holy Communion.

We are also looking for volunteers to help lead this session with our kids once every few weeks—the curriculum is prepared for you, with minimal stress and preparation on your part! Please email Pastor Marissa at:

pastormbecklin@gmail.com.

Young At Heart Meets At Faith United 2nd And 4th Wednesdays

Join folks 60+ from the community in a time of fellowship, games, food, and guest speakers on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Faith United in the Fellowship Hall downstairs from 9:00-11:00 AM.



In Our Prayers

We ask you to daily pray for the following people and those in your life you know that are in need:

For Comfort Of The Holy Spirit:

Lois Geist Family

Vera Voler Family

Faye Reber Family

For Healing:

Debbie Anthony
Thom Kilrain
Shana Boose
Maryann Herr
Dawn Smith
Robin Althouse
Merv Nolt
Gayle Weidner
Patricia Krick
Eileen Norton
Maggie Carpenter

Lori Moyer
Richard Kachel
Eileen Garman
Lisa Beard
Brenda King
Rachel Fisher
Jane Imhoff
Peg Perella
Keiser Family
Lydia Bearinger

Pastor Glenn Beard
Nevin Rutt
Holly Witmer
Sharon Levering
Sally Wise
Jennie Tomlinson
Christine Diener
Sallie Eachus
Jared Snyder
Arlo Schmidt

Beatrice Hassler
Dawn Harting
Sean Worrall
Deb Kozlowski
Mary Zimmerman
Matt Hershey
Dan Roseboro
Gloria Eitnier
Beverly Kilmer
Victor Rodriguez

You're Also Invited To Call And/Or Send Cards.

Continuing Concerns

Ethel Farrow, Mae Raudenbush, Bill Ludwig, Caryl Lausch, Jack Dewald, Diane Konopka, Lillian Troutman, Jean Worline, Mel Schmeck, Jim Kreider, Donna Deibler, Betty Witmer, Dave Harnish, John Luciani, Matt Donley, Audrey Grill, Dorothy Hoyer, Michele Lacy, Traci Krick, Rob and Terri Macker, Phyllis Dellinger, Lorna Buehl, Ralph Whitcomb, Sue Henkel, Susan Means, Florence Rutt, Susan Hartman, Dave Steiner, Stanley and Jeannette Uibel, Joyce Hahn, Carl Haberman, Elsie Becker, Marlene and Joe Battisti, Day Fasnacht, John Werner, Reaser Family, Dennis Hill, Janice Houp, Cathy McQuate, Terry Moyer, Betsy Sensenig, Marie McQuate, Glenn Beard Sr., Martha Sheaffer, Jean Wolf, Donald Ernst, Shirley Leathery, Ginny and Jim Stoltz, Tracy Augustine, Stan Henderson, Jeri Lynn Pickel, Dean Camp, Jed Weidner, Men and Women Serving in our Armed Forces.

WINTER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, February 27 at 6:30pm

Join Pastor Marissa and fellow congregants in discussing chapters 6 and 7 of Liturgy of the Ordinary.

Bible Study

Second and Fourth Tuesdays
In-Person AND Online at Noon

Join us for fellowship and the study of the Gospel of John.

Gather at church, or see below for how to join virtually using Zoom.

Communion Visits By Request



Pastor Marissa continues to offer in-home Holy Communion. She'd love to visit with you.

To schedule a visit, contact the Church Office by Phone or Email; 717-336-2141; faithunited@ptd.net.

To Join Bible Study Online: Click this link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/411053586> and follow the prompts.

You can also call in by telephone to [1-929-205-6099](tel:1-929-205-6099) and enter our meeting ID: 411 053 586.

As we are taking all necessary precautions for the health and safety of our patients and families, staff, volunteers and visitors our support group will be held In-Person and via Zoom. Call the Pathways Center at

(717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to receive Zoom credentials.

ADULT DROP-IN GROUPS

These free meetings, held online via Zoom and In-Person, include a presentation and an informal time to talk with others. Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to discuss with a bereavement counselor who will also provide the log-in information.

In-Person at Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. Groups are led by Master's-level counselors and volunteers who have experienced the same type of loss. They provide time to share experiences and ask questions. Groups are designed for those within the first two years following the death of a loved one. Call to register. **Registration deadline is one week prior to the group. Register online at pathways.hccnet.org/groups or call the Pathways Center.**

Coping With The Loss Of A Child (Of Any Age): Monday, February 19, 6:00-7:30 PM.

Coping With The Loss Of A Spouse Or Companion: Tuesday, February 13, 6:00-7:30 PM; Tuesday, February 27, 2:00-3:30 PM.

Coping With The Loss Of A Parent Or Sibling: Tuesday, February 20, 6:00-7:30 PM.

Age 50 & Under - Coping With The Loss Of A Spouse Or Companion: Wednesday, February 28, 6:00-7:30 PM.

Virtual Options (via Zoom): Coping With The Loss Of A Parent Or Sibling: Tuesday, February 6, 6:30-8:00 PM.

Newly Bereaved Program (3 Week Series): Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 2:00-3:30 PM, In-Person at Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. Wednesdays, February 14, 21, 28, 6:00-7:30 PM, Virtually via Zoom. If your loss was recent, this series provides an overview of common grief responses and will help you to begin to identify coping tools. Space is limited; registration required. Call to discuss with a bereavement counselor to determine if the group will meet your needs. **Registration deadline: one week prior to the start of the group.**

GRASP (Grief Recovery After A Substance Passing): Tuesday, February 20, 6:30-8:00 PM, In-Person at Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. This monthly group provides sources of help, compassion, and understanding for families or individuals who have had a loved one die as a result of substance abuse or addiction. Pre-registration for new attendees is required. For more information about location or Zoom details, or to register, contact Marjorie Paradise at mparadise810@comcast.net or (717) 951-2720.

Growing Through Grief (Six Week Series): Mondays, March 11—April 15, 6:00-8:00 PM. In-Person at Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. This six week series provides education and support for adults (age 18 and older) who are approaching or past the one year anniversary of the death of a loved one. The group provides a safe place to explore how you have been impacted by your loss, who you are apart from your loved one, and how you continue to reorganize your life. Space is limited, registration required. Call to discuss with a bereavement counselor to determine if the group will meet your needs. **Registration deadline: February 28.**

From Surviving To Thriving (Six Week Series): Every Other Tuesday From February 27-May 7, 6:00-8:00 PM. In-Person at Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. Are you 18-24 months past the death of your loved one? This series offers an opportunity to understand the effect of chronic stress and learn strategies to mitigate stress through mindfulness practices, good nutrition and discovering your sense of purpose. Space is limited, registration required. Call discuss with a bereavement counselor to determine if the group will meet your needs. **Registration Deadline: February 15.**

Family Support Series: Thursdays, March 7—April 11, 6:00-7:30 PM. In-Person at Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. During this series, families gather for a light supper before each group session. Children and teens meet in peer support groups and participate in activities to help them cope with a death, while adults learn how to manage the challenges of supporting their grieving family. Families meet with a counselor to complete an assessment prior to attending to determine if the group will be helpful for their child(ren). Call the Pathways Center for more information or to set up an appointment. **Registration deadline: February 16.**

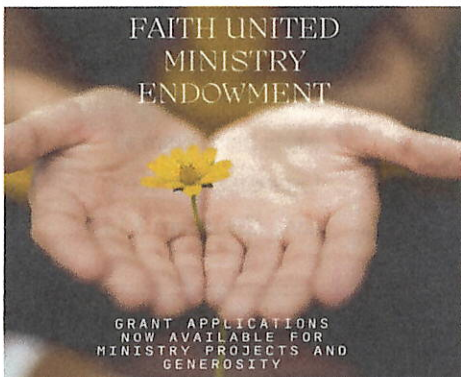
Support For Caregivers: If you are caring for a loved one, who is caring for you? Hospice & Community Care offers an online support group for caregivers of a loved one who is seriously ill. This group offers a place to share your experience with others who may understand. Offered the third Thursday of every month, 6:30-8:00 PM, the sessions are facilitated by a Master's-level counselor and a trained volunteer who has been a caregiver. To receive the link to participate in this free virtual opportunity, call (717) 391-2413 to speak with a counselor.

Individual Grief Support: The Pathways Center offers individual grief consultation for adults, children, teens and families. In-person support sessions are provided in Mount Joy, while adhering to the Center for Disease Control's recommended guidelines. Individual sessions by phone or online via Zoom are also an option. Counselors are available any time Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM. Evening appointments may sometimes be available. Call the Pathways Center, (717) 391-2413, for more information or to set up an appointment.

Social Dine-Out Option: The Pathways Center offers a variety of social options to choose from. Each participant pays for their own meal. These gatherings are facilitated by trained bereavement volunteers who have also experienced loss in the past.

Ladies Lunch: Wednesday, February 28, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM, Loxley's Restaurant, 500 Centerville Road, Lancaster. RSVP to Marie Roach at 717-823-9889 (text or telephone) by noon the day before the event.

Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to request the log-in address or phone number to participate in a Zoom group or to schedule a private Zoom meeting with a Pathways counselor. Visit our website at www.PathwaysThroughGrief.org for updated information about support groups.



**Faith United Ministry
Endowment: Grant Applications Now
Available For Ministry
Projects And Generosity**

After its establishment in 2022, the Faith United Ministry Endowment Fund is now up and running!

The Endowment Committee is requesting that anyone with ideas about ministry projects or generosity in the community/world that these funds might would fill out an application for the Committee to consider. Applications are available in the back of the Sanctuary and in the Church Office.

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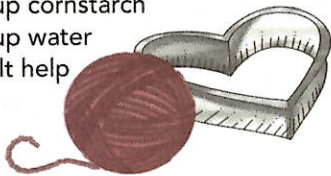
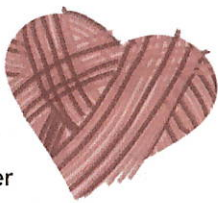
HEART



Make this heartfelt craft as a decoration or gift.

What you need:

- Yarn
- Scissors
- Parchment paper
- Baking sheet
- Heart-shaped cookie cutters
- ¼ cup cornstarch
- ½ cup water
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Cut yarn into 12-inch pieces.
2. Place cookie cutters atop a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.
3. Combine cornstarch and water in a saucepan. Heat mixture over medium heat, stirring until thick and smooth. Remove from heat and cool to form a "glue."
4. Dip each piece of yarn into the mixture to coat completely. Squeeze off any excess.
5. Place yarn in the cookie cutters, allowing pieces to cross and loop within the heart. Add more until the cookie cutter is filled and the yarn looks like a heart.
6. Remove cookie cutters and bake the sheet for two hours at 150°F, or until hearts are dry and hard.

PUZZLE



CONNECTED BY LOVE

God's Word is filled with messages about love, which connects us to God and to one another.

Directions: Draw a line from the beginning of each Bible verse (on the left side) through the heart to the rest of the verse (on the right side). Use the Scripture references for help.

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| <p>a. We</p> <p>b. Above all,</p> <p>c. My command is this:</p> <p>d. And over all these virtues put on</p> <p>e. Greater</p> <p>f. See what great</p> <p>g. There is no fear in</p> | | <p>1. each other as I have loved you. John 15:12</p> <p>2. has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13</p> <p>3. But perfect love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18</p> <p>4. each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8</p> <p>5. the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! 1 John 3:1</p> <p>6. because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19</p> <p>7. which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:14</p> |
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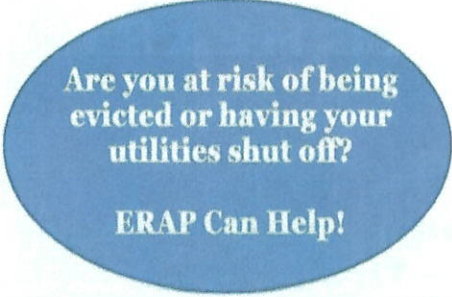
Community Events

Join us at Peter's Porch!



- 1st Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am
Faith United Lutheran Church
357 Walnut Street
Denver, PA 17517
717.336.2141
www.FaithUnited-elca.org
- 2nd Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am
Lititz Mennonite Church
165 East Front Street
Lititz, PA 17543
717.626.8327
www.LititzMC.org
- 3rd Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am
Zion Lutheran Church
435 Main Street
Akron, PA 17543
717.859.2100
www.ZionAkron.org
- 4th Saturday (STARTING 7/28/18), 8:00 - 10:00am
Landis Valley Christian Fellowship Church
2420 Kissel Hill Road
Lancaster, PA 17601
717.569.6051
www.LandisValleyFellowship.org

Providing a free breakfast and a bag of food for our neighbors
There is donated clothing at Lititz and Akron Peter Porches



The Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Eligibility is determined by:

- Income
- Covid-19 Experience
- Must a renter of a home or lot

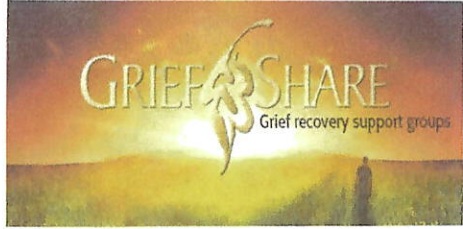
For more details and to receive help, contact:

Ephrata Area Social Services
By Appointment b/x Mon-Fri, 9-4
717-733-0345 Or...

Northern Lancaster Hub
By Appointment
717-723-8258

Or visit:
www.LancasterHelp.rent

For those who do not qualify for ERAP, please reach out for help anyway before the situation becomes a crisis.



New Group Forming
Begins: September 10, 2023
Time: 3-4:30pm
Location: Mohn's Hill Church

Second Location at Lighthouse Community Center
239 Main St. Denver, Pa. 17517
Begins September 6, 2023
Time: 6:30-8:30pm
Contact: Mohn's Hill EC Church
610-775-3667
www.mohnshill.org

REINHOLDS, ADAMSTOWN AND SURROUNDING COCALICO AREA

FOOD PANTRY

EASS has a satellite location at
Swamp Lutheran Church
every 2nd Wednesday of the month
1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Call 717.733.0345 or 717.336.2849 to let us know you are coming



Introducing a new place in Northern Lancaster County for those experiencing homelessness

Discover
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Open every Wednesday and Thursday from 8AM - 4PM starting April 7 at the Community Commons - 1401 E. 101st Ave - 2nd South Reading Rd. Ephrata, PA 17522



First Friday Food Drive

On the 1st Friday of each month
Between 3pm - 5pm
Drop off items at Warehouse 916


PLEASE NOTE:
All unexpired, unopened, nonperishable food donations are accepted. We list the items we REALLY need on our website each month and on Facebook. Thank you! For more information or questions, contact our office at 717-336-7797.

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| FOOD ITEMS: | OTHER ITEMS: |
| • Canned chicken | • Body Wash |
| • Salsa (mild) | • Shampoo |
| • Green Chilis (4 oz cans) | • Deodorant |
| • Black olives | • Picnic products - |
| • Egg noodles (1 pound) | • Plates |
| • Ramen Noodles | • Napkins |
| • Mushrooms | • Cups |
| • Ketchup | • Sun Screen |
| • Mustard | |
| • Relish | |
| • Gluten Free food items - soup, pasta. | |



Community Events

REAL LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICES INVITES YOU TO



YOUNG AT HEART

FREE EVENTS FOR ANYONE AGE 60 AND UP
COFFEE, CHATTING, CRAFTS, GAMES AND MORE!

1st & 3rd Wednesday Mornings
8:30am – 11:00am

Adamstown Area Library
100 West Main Street Adamstown, PA 19501

For more information or to RSVP call 717-336-7797
or visit our website at REALCS.ORG.

East Cocalico Lions



FISH & SHRIMP FRY

With Fries or Baked Potato & Coleslaw

Drive Thru At Reamstown Park

March 8 & March 22
HOURS: 3:00-6:00 PM




Denver Women's Club Meeting
Tuesday, February 20
7:00 PM
"Pushin' Up Daisies"
Marie Sipler

A talk about death care alternatives and the environment. This is an opportunity to know al of your disposition options.

Faith United Fellowship Hall
Everyone Welcome


Annual Quilting Days



Saturday, February 17;
Tuesday, February 20; & Wednesday, February 21
8:00am to 4:00pm
(Lunch served daily)

Farm Crest Community Room
1100 Farm Crest Dr.
Ephrata, PA 17522

Highland Dorothy Rose Smith Concert



Pipes and Keys
Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 7:00 pm

Highland musicians Jonathan Lefever and Paul Thorlakson will "duel it out" on the organ and piano in a concert of classics and hymn arrangements featuring a delightful and inspiring mix of two-piano and piano-organ duets.



TAKE OUT ONLY
Community Meal
No Charge

Thursday – March 14, 2024
Pick up time – 5:30-6:00PM
Trinity United Methodist Church
420 Main Street Denver, PA
(Rear Entrance)

CALL 717 336-6748 OR

EMAIL SWAMPFCF@PTD.NET

3/8 -PRE-ORDER REQUIRED

Highland Presbyterian Church
500 East Roseville Road, Lancaster
717-569-2651

Community Events

A LENTEN DAY APART at The Wittel Farm



Saturday, February 24, 2024
9am - 3pm

Begin your Lenten journey to Easter by joining us for a day apart.



Casual, comfortable clothing will be appropriate. A \$15 registration fee covers program and meal costs.

Register at LutheranCamping.org or call the Camping Office at 717-677-8211 by February 16.



The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm
PO Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303
717-677-8211 • www.LutheranCamping.org



The Lutheran Camping Corporation presents...

A Spring Quilting Retreat



A gathering of women to share fellowship and talents.

Camp Kirchenwald

Friday, March 15 - Sunday, March 17, 2024

Cost of the full weekend (Fri-Sun) is \$180.
Two days (Fri-Sat or Sat-Sun) is \$110.
One day (Sat, 9am-4pm) is \$65.

Register by March 8

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APPEARING LIVE CHARACTER JUGGLER CHRIS IVEY

Faith United and Mellingers

Spring Fling

Sunday, April 14, 2024

11:30 AM

Mellingers Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
80 Gockley Road, Schoeneck

**MORE TO
COME!!!**

CHRISIVEY.COM

FACEBOOK.COM/JUGGLERCHRISIVEY



WORLD DAY
of Prayer
**Friday,
March 1**

Music at Jerusalem

The Lancaster Chamber Singers

Sunday, March 10, 2024
3:00 p.m.

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church
36 Church Street
Rothsville, PA

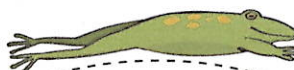
Free-will offerings will be received.
Church building is handicap accessible.
For more information, please call the church office at 717-626-8972.



**Monday,
February
19**



**Wednesday,
February 14**



Leap Day
**Thursday,
February 29**

FAITH UNITED EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
357 WALNUT STREET
P O BOX 157
DENVER PA 17517-0157

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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