



The Herald

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Dear Friends of the Resurrected Christ,

Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! As I write this letter, we bask in the glow of our Easter joy, and yet simultaneously there are other Christians half way around the world who are suffering the torment and terror of bombardment, torture and death at the hands of their Russian neighbors. I'm speaking, obviously, of the people of Ukraine who have demonstrated unbelievable courage in the face of this onslaught. What I find particularly vexing is the power that one man, President Vladimir Putin, has over this whole enterprise that has engulfed, not just Ukraine, but by extension the entire world.

How can one have such unchecked power over so many? As I pondered this question, I was reminded of St. Paul's teaching in his epistle to the Romans: "For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many" (Rom. 5:15). "The one man's trespass" refers specifically to Adam's (and Eve's) sin in the Garden of Eden, and the "free gift" in the one man, Jesus Christ, and His victory over sin and death comes through the resurrection.

In our contemporary setting, Paul's teaching is relevant for us as well. While one man, Putin, may wield disproportionate power for evil in setting the world aflame, the one Man, Jesus Christ, vindicated by God in raising Him up from death and the grave, has the ultimate power for good in His embodiment of peace, justice and love.

No, this isn't just some muddle-headed wishful thinking with no concrete foundation in reality. The Ukrainian people themselves have demonstrated quite clearly how patriotism, communal solidarity and faith can overcome even a much larger and better equipped enemy that's not sure what it's fighting for. Only time will tell the outcome at the besieged and largely obliterated city of Mariupol, but the patient resolve and unflagging optimism that President Zelenskyy radiates before his people and the world bodes well for a positive outcome.

Please support the Ukrainian people with your prayers and material support. Contributions can be sent to Lutheran Disaster Relief (Ukraine aid) through www.elca.org.

Your pastor and friend,

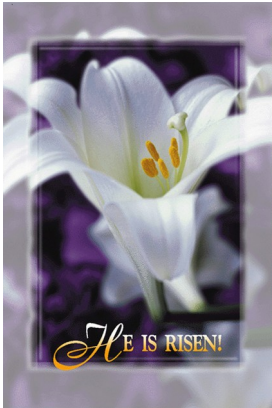
Carl W. Filer



WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

Worship Attendance

Worship services for May :



- May 01 – 3rd Sunday of Easter - 9:00 AM communion service
- May 08 – 4th Sunday of Easter - 9:00 AM worship service, *Mother's Day*
- May 15 – 5th Sunday of Easter – 9:00 AM communion service, Bell choir to play
- May 22 – 6th Sunday of Easter - 9:00 AM communion service, Preschool Sunday
- May 29 -- 7th Sunday of Easter 9:00 AM worship service, *Memorial Day Observance*

March 27	31
April 3	30
April 10	37
April 14-Maundy Thursday	18
April 15-Good Friday	22
April 17-Easter	79
April 24	37

Other Notes: Pastor Filer will be taking vacation the weeks of June 19 and 26.
The next Worship & Music meeting will be held on June 16 at 7:00 PM.

NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS:

- * Shirley Weist at Columbia Cottage.
- * Cynthia Leutze at Masonic Village in Elizabethtown.
- * Pauline Bond at Maiden creek Place.
- * Lollie Seaman at Rittenhouse Village.
- * Carole Imgrund in Elizabethtown.
- * Audrey Delong at her home in Leesport.
- * Richard Reiber at Berkshire Commons.

THANKS TO:

- * All our other volunteers who help with the SV Food Pantry.
- * Everyone who has, and continues to, support the Gift Card program.
- * Those who save Redner's tapes. (*Remember to use your save-a-tape card.*)
- * To the leaders of our congregation.
- * To all the scientists and frontline workers who continue to fight COVID 19.



MAY 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion	2 1:00 PM WELCA Meeting 6:30 PM Cemetery Board Meeting 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	3	4 3:15 PM RHPS Board meeting	5 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	6 4:30 - 6:30 PM Sandwich prep	7 8:00AM-11:00AM Sandwich Sale 3:00PM-7:00PM Hall Rented 8:30 PM AA Meeting
8 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 AM Worship <i>Mother's Day</i>	9 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	10	11 7:00 PM Council meeting	12 9:30 AM Pastoral Care Team Meeting 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	13	14 8:30 PM AA Meeting
15 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion Bell Choir will play	16	17	18	19 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	20 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	21 9:00 AM Food Pantry 8:30 PM AA Meeting
22 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 AM Worship Preschool Sunday	23	24	25	26 6:30 PM RHPS Graduation 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	27	28 8:30 PM AA Meeting
29 <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 AM Worship Memorial Day Observance	30	31				

For up to date calendar information, visit our website, www.lcht.org and click on the on [Calendar tab](#)

MAY VOLUNTEERS

Altar Flowers

01 - available
08 - Janice Care
15 - WELCA
22 - available
29 - available

Bulletins

01 - available
08 - Janice Care
15 - WELCA
22 - available
29 - available

Nursery

no attendant but room will be open

Ushers

01-Linda Roshong
08-Janet Kleffel
15-Phyllis Heffner
22-Linda Roshong
29-Vicki Fetterman

See bulletin board to sign up to sponsor flowers or bulletins. The cost to sponsor flowers is \$25. The cost to sponsor bulletins is \$15.



ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

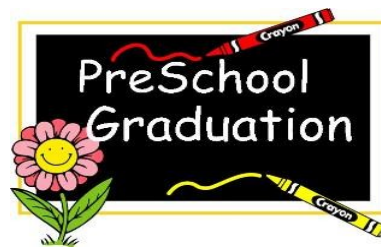
Submitted by Mrs. Woods

It's hard to believe that May is on the way and that it is our last month of school. We are very busy getting everything done for the end of the school year.

During the month of May, we will be working on some fun Mother's day and Father's day gifts, talking about family, and exploring the theme of beach and sports.



We will have field day on Thursday May 19th.



We have preschool Sunday coming up on May 22nd and graduation for our PM students will take place on Thursday May 26th at 6:30pm here at the church.

Thank you to everyone who bought a pizza kit during our final fundraiser with Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser. We will update you with our grand total profit in the next newsletter.



Our Easter egg hunt unfortunately got rained out but that didn't spoil our fun! We had our egg hunt inside.

GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Gift cards continue to be available for Redner's and Weis.

Giant gift cards are available upon request.

Our church will receive a 5% rebate with each gift card you purchase.

All cards are available in \$25, \$50 and \$100 denominations.

Cards can be purchased after church on Sunday mornings from Phyllis Heffner.



LCMT MINISTRIES INFORMATION

FOOD PANTRY:

Our church is the distribution site for the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry. It is a monthly distribution done on the third Saturday of each month, from 9 to 11 a.m. There is an income guideline and a registration form to fill out, giving us your name and address as well as the number of family members in your household. Also, there are brochures and information available on heating assistance, ways to conserve energy and general concerns of limited income families. Please contact the church for further information.

The food pantry continues to serve many families in our area.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

There is a box in the vestibule for donations.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

MONTHLY MEETING

Join us on Monday, May 2 at 1:00 p.m. for our monthly meeting.

REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES

Submitted by Janet Kleffel

Redner's Warehouse Markets gives 1% of purchases back to the Women of the ELCA. This one percent can really add up! And the monies go to good things like the Mission Trip, VFW, Berk's Women in Crisis, just to name a few.

In order for Redner's to count the receipt (a.k.a. - register tape), it has to be the ENTIRE receipt, and it has to have a "save-a-tape" number on it.

Use your pump perks card or save-a-tape card at the checkout. Then, just drop the ENTIRE receipt in the box at the ushers station in the narthex.

DO NOT cut the bottom off. We only get credit for COMPLETE tapes! Also, please be sure to turn your tapes in in a timely manner, as Redner's will not accept any over three years old. Your help is so appreciated. If you have any questions, please see Janet Kleffel.

Veterans Making a Difference is an ongoing project through WELCA and Pastoral Care. There is a box in the narthex for collecting needed items for the veterans.

Items will be delivered as they accumulate.

Suggestions for items are as follows: Toothpaste (preferably Crest), toothbrushes, mouthwash, deodorant (preferably Old Spice), shampoo, sleep pants (L, XL, XXL), toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, liquid body soap and dish soap.



Submissions deadline for the June Newsletter will be Monday, May 16

Please let the office know if there is anything you would like to see in the newsletter.



LCHT NEWS

FIGHTIN' PHILS NIGHT

Plans are being made for us to attend a Fightin Phils game as a group this June!

We are planning on attending a game on Sunday, June 12 in the Club 67 picnic area along the 3rd base line.

Game time is 5:15. Gates open approximately 1 hour prior to game time.

The \$32 price per person includes the buffet. Children ages 5-18 who are members of LCHT will be paid for by the church. Children ages 0-4 are free but must be included in the count.



SIGHT AND SOUND EXCURSION

“DAVID”

July 16, 2022 – 3:00 PM Show

Twenty (20) tickets at cost of \$89/person have been ordered for the presentation of “David” at the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA for July 16 at 3:00 PM.

Reservations are being accepted at this time until June 5.

All reservations should be made by signing the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the church’s entry foyer, OR call Nettie Kauffman at 610-926-5389 to place a reservation. If there are more than 20 reservations, we will obtain extra tickets (please contact Nettie).

Payments should be made payable to Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity (L.C.H.T.) and given to Nettie, or mailed to the church (102 Apple Street, Leesport, PA 19533) with indication of “Sight & Sound” on the envelope.

It has been suggested we have a meal planned for after the show (ends around 5:00 PM). Arrangements can be made after receipt of all reservations by June 5.

All reservations for the Sight and Sound “David” activity must be paid for by June 5.



MAY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

05 - Makayla Lowery
13 - Harold Bond
17 - Jesse Gruber
18 - Susan Biehl
24 - Ron Corl
26 - Janice Weaver
27 - Linda Roshong
30 - Jake Biehl



Anniversaries:

05 - Dennis & Darlene Savage
08 - Glenn & Sally Miller
14 - Scott & JoAnn Gruber

If you do not see your Birthday or Anniversary listed, it means the office is missing this information. Please write your information down, drop it by the office, or email it to: lchtsecretary@comcast.net. Thank you.



NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD NEWS

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What's it like to be a Pastoral Intern in NEPA?


By Melissa Hrdlicka

It is hard to believe I have been on internship with Common Ground Recovery Community for nine months already! My time with Common Ground has been a deep blessing to me and to my education. I have witnessed the presence of God in the open vulnerable sharing during our Wednesday worship, in the heartfelt reverent "thank you's" when serving communion and meals in downtown Reading and in our study of the scriptures and 12-steps. Common Ground truly is a place of radical love and where God's grace embraces our brokenness.

As part of my internship project, I invited our worshiping communities and ministry partners to reflect on these three questions: What does Common Ground mean to you? What does community mean to you? And where do you see God here and in the world? They then drew on white cotton squares that will be sewn together to make an altar cloth to fit all of our communion tables. The responses were profound and beautiful!

There are drawings of stick figures holding hands around the globe, animals peacefully living together, a place of refuge in the storm and in the desert, flowers, hearts, and crosses. There are phrases like, "Freedom, break the chains", "God is love", "We are better together", "Never give up hope because there is hope in everything", and so much more on these 33 squares!

As these squares are knit together to make one, we are reminded that God weaves all of us together in a tapestry of love to bring warmth, comfort, grace, and peace to a weary world! May we live out this good news and may it spill over into thanksgiving! (Colossians 2:2-7)



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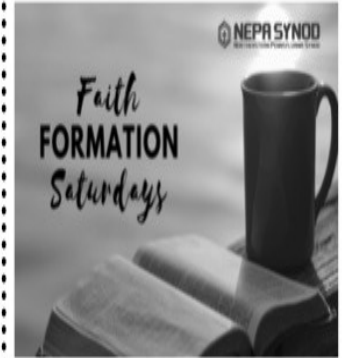
Our 2022 Assembly will be held online on June 10-11. Each congregation is entitled to bring two voting members. Register on the synod website today!

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STEWARDSHIP EXTRAVAGANZA



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



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



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

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About The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity

Our Mission:

"The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity is a worshipping, community of faith in Christ Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit to reach out and serve all people with God's love."

About The Herald:

The *Holy Trinity Herald* is a newsletter distributed by the beginning of each month, except August. Articles can be submitted to the church office or e-mailed (preferred) to the Secretary.

Deadline for article submission is the 15th of each month.

LCHT Sundays' Schedule:

Worship services are being held in the sanctuary every Sunday at 9:00 AM.

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