



# The Herald



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**From The Pastor's Desk:**

**John 11:25: Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."**

*The Season of Lent is here.*

*It seems hard to believe that it can be the time for Lent, when it feels as if we have just finished putting away all our Christmas decorations, and, perhaps, finished paying some of the extra expenses incurred during the Christmas holiday season.*

*During Lent, we walk with Jesus as his ministry leads him to the Cross at Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull).*

*Jesus is mocked, beaten, spit upon and crucified on the Cross.*

*This man, who had never sinned, was crucified for our sins. This man, who loved us as no one will ever be able to love us, became the Sacrificial Lamb so we might have eternal life.*

*So as we move through the Lenten Season, I hope you will join in Jesus' journey and be a part of some or all of the Lenten worship services we have planned.*

*Then, when we awaken on Easter Morning, we will realize what a blessing it is to rejoice because this Savior, this man who loved us as no one else can, has once again defeated death and risen from the dead.*

*The Lenten Season is a time for your personal introspection about your relationship with Jesus. I pray you will use this time wisely.*

*Prayer: "Gracious Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief. I know that belief is vital if I am to relate to you. And I also know that it is easy for me to miss the most important facts of faith. I can get hung up and start sending my thoughts in the wrong direction. So, above all, let me believe. In the name of Jesus, Amen."*

*Pastor Fran*

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Our annual meeting will be held on Sunday March 26th following worship service. Please plan on attending this very important meeting.

**BAD WEATHER INFORMATION**

In the event of bad weather, please refer to the following for cancellation notification:

- \* On radio WEEU 850AM
- On the internet: www.wfmz.com
- On television: channel 69 news
- By telephone: 610-926-7176 option 5 for special announcements



# WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

## **Worship services for March/April 2023**

March 05	2nd Sunday in Lent, Communion service, Bell Choir to play, <i>The Rev. Scott Davis</i>
March 12	3rd Sunday in Lent , regular service, <i>Randy Schlegel</i>
March 19	4th Sunday in Lent, Communion service, <i>The Rev. Robert Kramer</i>
March 26	5th Sunday in Lent, regular service, <i>The Rev. Fran Merkel</i> , Annual Meeting following worship service
April 2	Palm Sunday
April 9	Easter, Bell Choir to play
April 16	2nd Sunday of Easter
April 23	3rd Sunday of Easter
April 30	4th Sunday of Easter

**Communion services in April will be announced in the Sunday bulletins.**

**Dates are dependent on pastor availability.**

### **Other Notes:**

The next Worship & Music meeting will be held at 8:00 PM on Thursday, March 9.

### **LENTEN SCHEDULE:**

**Mid-Week Lenten Services will be held from 12:00 to 1:00 PM at different churches.**

**They will begin with a soup and sandwich lunch, followed by an abbreviated Lenten worship.**

- February 22-Ash Wednesday Service at **Epler's UCC** at 7:00 PM.
- March 1-Mid-week Lenten Service at **Gernant's** from 12:00-1:00.
- March 8-Mid-week Lenten Service at **Belleman's** from 12:00-1:00.
- March 15-Mid-week Lenten Service at **Bern UCC** from 12:00-1:00.
- March 22-Mid-week Lenten Service at **LCHT** from 12:00-1:00.
- March 29-Mid-week Lenten Service at **Bethany EC** from 12:00-1:00.
- April 6-Maundy Thursday Service at **Gernant's** at 7:00 PM.
- April 7-Good Friday Service at **Belleman's** at 7:00 PM.

## Worship Attendance



1/1	15
1/8	34
1/15	25
1/22	37
1/29	47
2/5	30
2/12	20
2/19	27
2/26	37



## **The fellowship committee would like to thank everyone who supported the recent chicken pot pie / pepper cabbage sale.**



There were 14 volunteers who prepared a total of 243 quarts of pot pie, 69 pints of pepper cabbage and assorted baked goods that were for sale. The sale raised \$3006.75 which was allocated as follows: \$366.75 to community outreach, \$1500.00 to capital improvements and \$1140.00 to the general account.

These events are only possible because of the dedicated church members and friends who come for fun and fellowship.

Our next chicken pot pie sale will be in the fall. Stay tuned for more details.

# NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

### **PRAYERS:**

- \* Shirley Weist, at Columbia Cottage.
- \* Cynthia Leutze, in Elizabethtown.
- \* Pauline Bond, at Maiden creek Place.
- \* Carol 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.)*



# March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> <b>12:00-1:00PM</b> Soup & sandwich lunch followed by Lenten Worship at St. John's Gernant's Church	<b>2</b>  <b>7:30 PM</b> NA Group Mtg	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>8:30 PM</b> AA Meeting
<b>5</b> <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship/Holy Communion Bell Choir to play  <i>The Rev. Scott Davis</i>	<b>6</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> WELCA meeting  <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>12:00-1:00PM</b> Soup & sandwich lunch followed by Lenten Worship at Belleman's Church	<b>9</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal  <b>7:30 PM</b> NA Group Mtg  <b>8:00 PM</b> Worship & Music meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>8:30 PM</b> AA Meeting
<b>12</b> <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Randy Schlegel DAYLIGHT SAVINGS-MOVE YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD	<b>13</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Council Meeting	<b>15</b> <b>12:00-1:00PM</b> Soup & sandwich lunch followed by Lenten Worship at Bern UCC	<b>16</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal  <b>7:30 PM</b> NA Group Mtg	<b>17</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Food Pantry Delivery  	<b>18</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Distribution  <b>8:30 PM</b> AA Meeting
<b>19</b> <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship/Holy Communion <i>The Rev. Robert Kramer</i>	<b>20</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal  	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>12:00-1:00PM</b> Soup & sandwich lunch followed by Lenten Worship at LCHT	<b>23</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal  <b>7:30 PM</b> NA Group Mtg	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Hall Rented-Sue B.  <b>8:30 PM</b> AA Meeting
<b>26</b> <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship <i>The Rev. Fran Merkel</i> Annual Congregational Meeting following worship service	<b>27</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>12:00-1:00PM</b> Soup & sandwich lunch followed by Lenten Worship at Bethany EC	<b>30</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>7:30 PM</b> NA Group Mtg <b>Evening-</b> set up tent for flower sale	<b>31</b> <b>3:30 - 6:00</b> Hall rented for sandwich prep. Karen Bausch	


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

# MARCH & APRIL VOLUNTEERS

<u>March Altar Flowers</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>April Altar Flowers</u>	
05-Donald Kauffman	<i>no attendant but room will be open</i>	02--available	23--available
12--available		09--Vicki Fetterman	30--available
19--available	<u>March Ushers</u>	16--available	<u>April Ushers</u>
26--available	05-Phyllis Heffner	23--available	02--Janet Kleffel
<u>March Bulletins</u>	12-Linda Roshong	30--Irvin&Nettie Kauffman	09--Darlene Savage
05--available	19-Dennis Savage	<u>April Bulletins</u>	16--Phyllis Heffner
12--available	26-Dan DeAntonio	02--available	23--Vicki Fetterman
19--available		09--Vicki Fetterman	30--Phyllis Heffner
26--available		16--available	

# MARCH & APRIL CELEBRATIONS

March Birthdays:

- 01 - Sally Miller
- 08 - JoAnn Gruber
- 11 - Kerry Miller
- 16 - Kenneth Frankhouser
- 18 - Macy Zimmerman
- 19 - Darlene Savage
- 20 - Linda Reichard
- 21- Judd Weber
- 27- Sarah Strause
- 31- Carole Imgrund



March Anniversaries:

- 07 - David & Patricia Easterbrook
- 24 -Dave & Tracy Stoudt

April Birthdays:

- 01 - Kenneth Stoudt
- 02 - Bruce Buchalter
- 07 - Vicki Fetterman  
Juliana Clery
- 11 - Owen Manwiller
- 16 - Eldon Kibler  
Patricia Easterbrook

- 19 - Dennis Biehl
- 20 - Leanna Stoudt
- 21 - Weston Hawkins
- 22 - Angel Zimmerman
- 24 - Mary Gruber
- 27 - David Biehl
- 28 - Glenn Miller



April Anniversaries:

- 11 - Ronald & Donna Kessler

*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: [lichtsecretary@comcast.net](mailto:lichtsecretary@comcast.net). Thank you.*

# ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

SUBMITTED BY MS. ALIESHA WOODS



February was over in a blink of an eye. We had many things going on to keep us busy and we got lucky as far as the weather was concerned.

On Tuesday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup> we had our Valentine's party everyone was so excited to hand out their awesome Valentines and see what they got from their classmates.

On Tuesday Feb 21<sup>st</sup> we had our picture day. Everyone did a great job. We can't wait to see how our photos turned out. Thank you to Martin Miller Photography for always coming and doing the photos.

During the month of February, we also participated in the Keystone to Reading Book Award Project sponsored by the KSLA Brandywine Valley Forge Council – Preschool Literacy Project. Over the



course of 2 week's, we read 8 books that were provided to us and then the students got to vote for their favorite. We look forward to participating in this event again next year!

**R & K Sandwich Fundraiser**

During the month of March, we will be doing our R&K Sandwich sale. The sale will run from March 1<sup>st</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. Sandwiches will then be delivered to the school on March 29<sup>th</sup>. This is our only fundraiser for the year, so we are hopeful for a good turnout.



In March we will be finishing up our letter and number books. It is hard to believe we are nearing the end of our school year already.

We will be planning our Easter parties soon as well as planning a spring field trip.



**BREAKFAST AT ONTELAUNEE GRANGE:**

Breakfast will be served at Ontelaunee Grange the first Sunday of the month from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM beginning February and continuing through May 2023. Breakfasts will resume again October through December.



# LCMT NEWS

## **COUNCIL OFFICERS for 2023**

Council officers for 2023 are as follows:

President - Ronald Davidheiser  
Vice President - Linda Roshong  
Secretary - Diana Biehl  
Treasurer - Patricia Miller



### **A FRIENDLY REMINDER:**

Please make sure to fill out a communion card at least once at the start of the year for our records of communing members.

Cards are located in the pew racks and can be placed in the offering plate or left in the office.

### **GIFT CARD PROGRAM:**

## THANK YOU

**This has been one of the most successful years for the gift card program!**

For 2022 the total amount of gift cards purchased by congregational members and friends was \$40,075.00! Yes, that is correct!! By purchasing these cards you have helped the church raise \$2003.75. As I have said in the past, we are a small congregation, but we have a mighty spirit!!

I would like to thank everyone who supports this worthwhile program and look forward to working with you in 2023. Let's see if we can beat 2022's total!

*Phyllis*



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

Giant gift cards are available upon request. All cards are available in \$25, \$50 and \$100 denominations.

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

If Phyllis is not in attendance she can be reached at 610-926-1004.

Please leave a message with your request and she will make arrangements to deliver your cards.

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA

### **MONTHLY MEETING**

*Submitted by Janet Kleffel*

Join us on Monday, March 6 at 1:00 p.m. for our monthly meeting.

### **REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES**

Did you know that 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 goes 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. How do you insure this? Well, you must 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. Requests include personal care items:

*toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, mouthwash, deodorant, sleep pants (size L,XL & XXL), toilet paper, white socks, laundry detergent, liquid body soap, paper towels, dish soap.*



### **Special Collection in March**

WELCA and the church council will be placing a special collection container in the church beginning in March. The money from this collection will be for the purchase of chickens, goats and maybe even a cow for underdeveloped countries in Asia.



Deadline for collection is Easter Sunday.



# LCHT 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. Please contact the church for further information.

Families served last year- February-88, March-84, April-75, May-75, June-91, July-78, August-93, September-90, October-81, November-101, December-91



## **MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2022**

*Donna Kessler*

In memory of *Delores "Lollie" Seaman*

Phyllis Weaver, Donald Kauffman, Glenn & Sally Miller, WELCA, Martha & Emery Delbo, Katie Hefner & the Schuylkill Valley Group

In Memory of *Barry Weaver*

Phyllis Weaver

In memory of *Beatrice Mullaney*

Michael Mullaney



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **It's Time To Order Your Easter Flowers:**

Order forms can be found on the small table outside of the office. Please be sure to complete **both sides** of the form and return it to Phyllis Heffner no later than Sunday April 2.

This year the following flowers are available -

Lilies \$7.75

Hyacinths (blue, pink or white) \$5.50

Tulips (red, yellow or pink)\$5.50

Yellow daffodils \$6.75

Miniature yellow daffodils \$2.75



### **LEESPORT AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL SPRING FLOWER SALE**

**Location:** Corner of Route 61 and Apple Street at Steve Moyer Subaru.

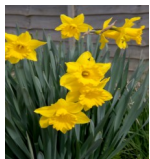
#### **Dates and times:**

Saturday, April 1 from 8 AM to 6PM

Sunday, April 2 from 11AM to 5 PM

Friday, April 7 from 8AM to 6PM

Saturday, April 8 from 8AM to 6PM



***Sign-up sheet to help at the sale is on the bulletin board.***

***Proceeds support LCHT and Leesport Area Historical Society Programs.***

## **FIGHTIN' PHILS NIGHT**

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

We will be attending a game on Sunday, June 11 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 \$34 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. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Deadline for sign-up is May 14. Deadline for payment is June 4.



# APRIL 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>APRIL COMMUNION SUNDAYS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE WEEKLY SUNDAY BULLETIN. COMMUNION IS DEPENDENT ON THE AVAILABILITY OF A PASTOR</b>						<b>1</b> <b>7:00-10:00 AM</b> Hall rented for sandwich sale-pick-up 8:45AM <b>8AM-6PM</b> Flower Sale for Leesport Historical Society and LCHT <b>8:30 PM</b> AA Meeting
<b>2</b> <i>Passion/Palm Sunday</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Distribution of Palms <b>Deadline for LCHT flower orders.</b> <b>11AM-5PM</b> Flower Sale for Leesport Historical Society and LCHT	<b>3</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> WELCA meets  <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> <i>Mundy Thursday</i> Service at St. John's Gernant's Church <b>7:30 PM</b> NA Group Meeting	<b>7</b> <b>8AM-6PM</b> Flower Sale for Leesport Historical Society and LCHT  <b>7:00 PM - Good Friday</b> Service at Belleman's Church	<b>8</b> <b>8AM-6PM</b> Flower Sale for Leesport Historical Society and LCHT  <b>8:30 PM</b> AA Meeting
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<b>23</b> <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship	<b>24</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal  <b>7:30 PM</b> NA Group Meeting	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>8:30 PM</b> AA Meeting
<b>30</b> <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship						

# 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 at the beginning of each month, except August. Articles can be submitted to the church office or e-mailed to the Secretary (preferred).

Deadline for article submission is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## LCHT Sunday Schedule:

Worship at 9 a.m.

## LCHT Staff Information:

### **Pastor:**

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### **Secretary:** Debra Berg

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Thursday 9-1

### **Sexton:** Ana Calencea

### **Treasurer:** Pat Miller

Email: lchttreasurer@comcast.net

### **Music Director:** Virginia Lash

Home: 610-916-1316

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### **Mailing Address:**

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### **Website:** [www.lcht.org](http://www.lcht.org)

**Church Fax Number:** 610-926-7273

## Rocking Horse Preschool

### Information:

**Teachers:** Ms. Aliesha Woods

Mrs. Elisha Zimmerman

Office: 610-926-7176 ext. 3

Email: rhps@comcast.net

### **Mailing Address:**

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