



# The Herald

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## From the Pastor

Dear Friends of the Resurrected Christ,

There's an old contemporary hymn that we used to sing in youth group when I was growing up. The first verse went like this:

“It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
And soon all those around can warm up in it's glowing;  
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it.  
You spread His love to everyone, you want to pass it on.”

That's the way Jesus' disciples felt when they witnessed the presence of their risen Lord, Jesus, and then fifty days later were empowered with the gift of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. They were alive with the joy of knowing that Jesus would always be with them, that he would empower them to go out into all the world to share God's love with people of all nations, races, and languages.

It only takes a spark to get the fire of our faith going here at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity. As baptized believers in the Triune God, the spark has already been lit. So, what are we waiting for? A personal invitation from God? That we have every Sunday when we gather for worship. For instance, in our prayer after Communion, we pray, “Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.”

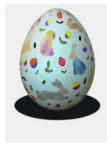
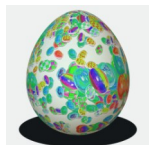
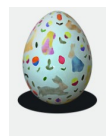
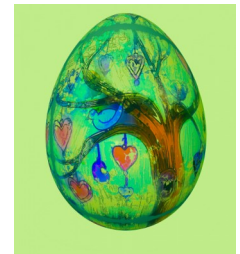
Each of us through our baptism has been endowed with gifts and talents that are to be used to build up the Body of Christ, the church. We discover these gifts and talents as we get involved in the life and faith of our local congregation at LCHT. As we worship, work and play together; we raise our antennae of awareness to the comments of those around us about things we seem to have a knack for doing well: perhaps singing or organizing, teaching or sharing. We intuit God's nudging during times of prayer and meditation.

Let's covenant during the joy of this Easter season to open our hearts and minds to the Spirit's leading, so that we might fan the flame of faith. In the words of the third verse of that hymn I cited earlier:

“I'll shout it from the mountain top,  
I want my world to know:  
The Lord of love has come to me,  
I want to pass it on.”

A blessed and happy Easter to one and all,

Pastor Filer



# WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES



## Easter Blessings

### Worship Attendance



2/27	34
3/2 (Ash Wed)	17
3/6	37
3/13	23
3/20	30

### Worship services for April:

- April 3 - *5th Sunday in Lent* - Communion Service
- April 10 - *Passion/Palm Sunday* - Worship Service - Bell choir to play
- April 14 - *Maundy Thursday* - 7:00 PM Communion Service
- April 15 - *Good Friday* - 7:00 PM Tenebrae Service
- April 17 - *Easter Sunday* - 9:00 AM Communion Service
- April 24 - *2nd Sunday of Easter* - 9:00 AM Worship Service

Next meeting date: To be determined at the March 31st meeting.

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.

## NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

### PRAYERS:

- \* Audrey Delong at her home in Leesport.
- \* Shirley Weist at Columbia Cottage.
- \* Carole Imgrund in Elizabethtown.
- \* Delores Seaman at Rittenhouse.
- \* Pauline Bond at Maiden creek Place.
- \* Cynthia Leutze in Elizabethtown.
- \* 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 contribute Choice Dollars to the church.
- \* Those who save Redner's tapes. (*Remember to use your save-a-tape card.*)
- \* To all the leaders of our church, the nation and the world.

# APRIL 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2  <b>8:30 PM</b> AA Meeting
<b>3</b> <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship/Holy Communion	<b>4</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> WELCA meets  <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>Small Group Bible Study</b> <i>Living Love</i>	<b>7</b> <b>9:30AM</b> Pastoral Care Team Meeting  <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>7:30 PM</b> NA Group Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>8AM-6PM</b> Flower Sale for Leesport Historical Society and LCHT  <b>8:30 PM</b> AA Meeting
<b>10</b> <i>Passion/Palm Sunday</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship- Bell Choir to play. Distribution of Palms <b>Deadline for LCHT flower orders.</b>  <b>11AM-5PM</b> Flower Sale for Leesport Historical Society and LCHT	<b>11</b>  <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> <i>Maundy Thursday</i> - Holy Communion Service <b>7:30 PM</b> NA Group Meeting	<b>15</b> <b>8AM-6PM</b> Flower Sale for Leesport Historical Society and LCHT <b>7:00 PM</b> - <i>Good Friday</i> - Tenebrae Service	<b>16</b> <b>8AM-6PM</b> Flower Sale for Leesport Historical Society and LCHT <b>8:30 PM</b> AA Meeting
<b>17</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship/ Holy Communion	<b>18</b>  <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>7:00 PM</b> Council Meeting	<b>21</b>  <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>7:30 PM</b> NA Group Meeting	<b>22</b>  <b>2:00 PM</b> Food Pantry Delivery	<b>23</b>  <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Distribution  <b>8:30 PM</b> AA Meeting
<b>24</b> <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship <b>Congregational meeting and brunch to be held after worship.</b>	<b>25</b> <b>6:30PM</b> Cemetery Board Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>7:30 PM</b> NA Group Meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>8:30 PM</b> AA Meeting

# LCHT NEWS

## **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 10.

This year the following flowers are available -  
Lilies, hyacinths (blue, pink or white), tulips (red, yellow or pink), yellow daffodils and miniature yellow daffodils.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

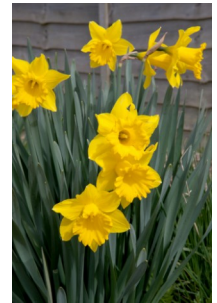
### **LEESPORT AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL SPRING FLOWER SALE**

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



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

Saturday, April 9 from 8 AM to 6PM  
Sunday, April 10 from 11AM to 5 PM  
Friday, April 15 from 8AM to 6PM  
Saturday, April 16 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 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. Sign- up sheet is on the bulletin board.



**SEE "DAVID" AT THE SIGHT & SOUND THEATER:**

Saturday, July 16 at 3:00 PM.

WELCA is organizing a group trip for LCHT members, families and friends to travel to the Sight & Sound Theater on July 16 to see "David".

Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Tickets sell out quickly so please don't hesitate. The cost is \$89 per person. A group discount is offered for 15 or more tickets with an added bonus of a free ticket for a group of 25.



**SEMIANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING:** Scheduled for Sunday, April 24 following worship.

The meeting will take place in the fellowship hall followed by a brunch.

This is an important meeting so please plan to attend.

In order to prepare the brunch for the correct number of people we are asking that you fill in the form below if you plan on attending.

Completed forms can be placed in the offering plate or on the desk in the office.

I plan on attending the meeting and brunch \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending brunch \_\_\_\_\_

I plan on attending the meeting but will not be at the brunch \_\_\_\_\_

# APRIL VOLUNTEERS

## Altar Flowers

03-*available*  
10-Donna & Ron Kessler  
17-*available*  
24-Irvin & Nettie Kauffman

## Bulletins

03- *available*  
10- *available*  
17- *available*  
24- *available*

## Nursery

*no attendant but room will be open*

**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.**



## Ushers

03-Janet Kleffel  
10-Dennis Biehl  
14- Diana Biehl, Dan DeAntonio  
15-Darlene Savage  
17-Phyllis Heffner  
24-Vicki Fetterman

# WOMEN OF THE ELCA

## MONTHLY MEETING

Join us on Monday, April 4 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.

Requests include personal care items, laundry detergent, large size winter coats, boxer shorts, white socks, large size flannel night pants, Crest toothpaste and Old Spice deodorant.



## 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. 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.



## LCMT MINISTRIES INFORMATION

### **FOOD PANTRY:**

Our church continues to be 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, if you are in need or know of someone who is in need of supplemental food.

The need continues to be great in our area.

All donations are greatly appreciated.



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# ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

Submitted by Aliessa Woods

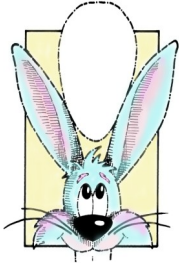
March has come and gone, and we are looking forward to the last two months of school. During the month of April, we will have our Easter parties and egg hunts. This is always a fun day! Let's hope the weather cooperates so we can have our egg hunt outside this year.



At the end of the month on Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup> we will be taking our Spring field trip to the Lehigh Valley Zoo. We are so excited to be able to incorporate field trips back into our school year.

Some of the themes we will be learning about in April include Easter, Pets and Planting.

We will be holding our Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser from April 4<sup>th</sup> – May 5<sup>th</sup>. Kits are mailed directly to your home. These are great for busy nights when you need a quick yummy dinner that everyone will enjoy!!



## APRIL CELEBRATIONS

### 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

### Anniversaries:

- 11 - Ronald & Donna Kessler



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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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## LCHT Sundays' Schedule:

Worship at 9 a.m.

## LCHT Staff Information:

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Ms. Kimberly Wentzel  
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