



The Herald

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From The Pastor's Desk:

As the months of the year move into May and June, we can reflect on the Easter Resurrection as we see signs of new life all around us. Trees begin budding, their beautiful floral displays bring beauty to our surroundings. Lawns become green and begin to grow, starting the weekly ritual of mowing.

Gardens and flower beds are planted with seeds or small plants that will grow into beautiful floral displays or yummy vegetables to eat or to share with others.

Blossoms on fruit trees give the promise of delicious fruit to come later in the summer season.

All these things should remind us of Jesus' Resurrection. During the winter months, with the exception of the evergreen trees, plants die, lawns become dormant, leaves fall from the trees, leaving them bare and with the appearance of something with no life. It is a reminder of Jesus' death, the ending of his life.

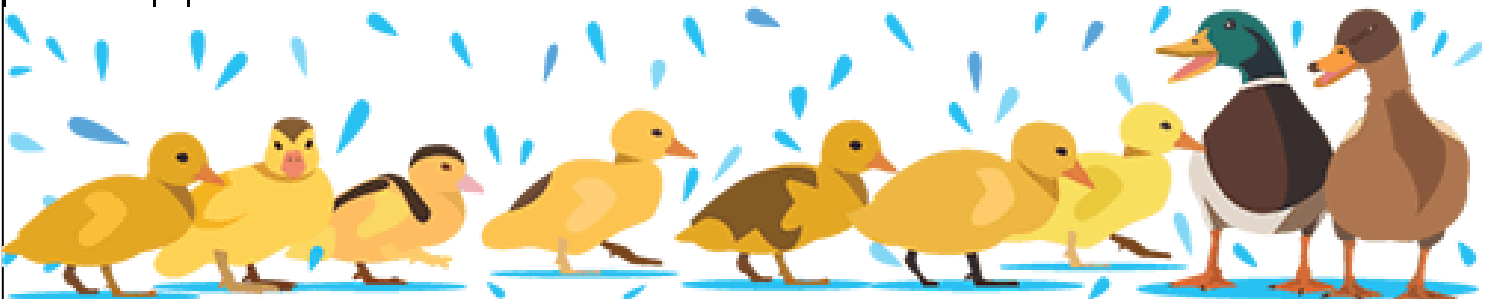
But when Spring comes, the trees, lawns and plants are resurrected to new life again. As we witness this rebirth of life in the world around us with joy, we should reflect on the joy the disciples knew when they witnessed Jesus, alive in their midst, showing them his hands and side. Then they saw and believed.

How different it is for us who have not seen and yet we believe.

Just as I believe that every Spring there will be a resurrection of the life in the plants and trees and lawns around us, I believe that Jesus Christ has risen, and walks beside us every day. While I cannot see Jesus with my own eyes as the disciples had, I still believe. That is called "faith".

May your faith be strengthened as you witness the beauty of the rebirth of nature in this Spring season. And let it be a reminder to you of our Lord's Resurrection, and all that his Resurrection means for us.

Pastor Fran



WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

Worship Attendance



Worship services for May and June :

- May 05-6th Sunday of Easter - 9:00AM Worship/Holy Communion,
Bell Choir plays. *The Rev. Kenneth Gould*
- May 12-7th Sunday of Easter - 9:00 AM Worship -*Mother's Day.*
The Rev. David Werley
- May 19-Day of Pentecost – 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion,
Confirmation. *The Rev. Frances Merkel*
- May 26-Holy Trinity Sunday-9:00 AM Worship - *Memorial Day Observance.*
The Rev. Burlington Latshaw
- June 2- 2nd Sunday after Pentecost-9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion
The Rev. Burlington Latshaw
- June 9- 3rd Sunday after Pentecost-9:00 AM Worship
The Rev. Robert Kramer
- June 16-4th Sunday after Pentecost-9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion
Father's Day, the Rev. Susan Fox
- June 23- 5th Sunday after Pentecost-9:00 AM Worship
The Rev. Norman Dresher
- June 30- 6th Sunday after Pentecost-9:00 AM Worship
the Rev. Susan Fox

March 3	32
March 10	24
March 17	32
March 24-Palm Sunday	29
March 31-Easter	47
April 7	39
April 14-Baptism	55
April 21	29
April 28-joint service at Zion	

Other Notes:

- * The next Worship & Music meeting will be held on May 19 following the service.
- * Holy Communion services are dependent upon pastor availability. Updates will be in the weekly bulletins.

NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS:

- * Shirley Weist at Columbia Cottage.
- * Pauline Bond at Maiden creek Place.
- * Audrey Delong at her home in Leesport.
- * Richard Reiber at Berkshire Commons.
- * Dennis Stoudt at his home in Leesport.
- * Betty Strause at Berks Heim.
- * Glenn Miller at the Highlands in Wyomissing.

CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF:

- * Carole Imgrund

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.



MAY 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	3	4 8:00 PM AA Meeting
5 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Com- munion <i>the Rev. Kenneth Gould</i> Bell Choir to play	6 1:00 WELCA Meeting	7	8	9 7:00 PM Council meeting 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	10 8AM-5PM Pot pie prep	11 3:00-5:00PM Pot Pie sale 8:00 PM AA Meeting
12 <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 AM Worship Service <i>The Rev. David Werley</i> Mother's Day	13	14	15	16 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	17 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	18 9:00 AM Food Pantry 8:00 PM AA Meeting
19 <i>Day of Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion <i>The Rev. Fran Merkel</i> <i>Confirmation</i> 10:00 AM Worship & Music meeting after the service 2:00 PM- Prayer Shawl meeting	20	21	22	23 6:30 PM RHPS Graduation 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	24	25 8:00 PM AA Meeting
26 <i>Holy Trinity Sunday</i> 9:00 AM Worship Service Memorial Day Observance <i>The Rev. Burlington Latshaw</i> 7-8:30PM- SVYS meeting	27  Memorial Day	28	29	30 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	31	

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

MAY / JUNE VOLUNTEERS

May Altar Flowers

05 -Donald Kauffman
12 - Janice Care
19 - available
26- available



May Bulletins

05 - available
12 - Janice Care
19 - available
26 - available

May Ushers

05-Vicki Fetterman
12-Lori Lowery
19-Dennis Savage
26-Janice Care

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.

Nursery

no attendant but room will be open

June Alter Flowers

02-Virginia Lash
09-available
16-Virginia Lash
23-available
30-available

June Bulletins

02-available
09-available
16-available
23-available
30-available



June Ushers

02-Linda Roshong
09-Daren DeAntonio
16-Ron Davidheiser
23-Dan DeAntonio
30-Darlene Savage

ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

SUBMITTED BY MS. WOODS

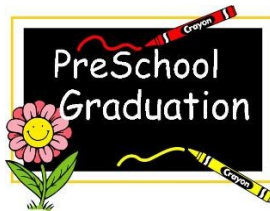


It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of our school year! It has flown by.

In between all the rainy days we have managed to get outside during a few of our afternoon classes and burn off some of that spring fever all

the students seem to be experiencing. Hopefully the weather will cooperate for our end of year Field Day that is scheduled to take place on Thursday May 16th.

Graduation will take place on May 23rd at 6:30pm. 20 students will be moving on to kindergarten next year. We are proud of our graduating students and know they will do great in the years to come.



We thank everyone who participated in our R&K Sandwich Fundraiser this year. It was once again a successful fundraiser for us.

During our last month of school, we will be learning about pirates, family, sports and the beach!



For next school year (2024-2025) we currently still have spaces available in both our AM & PM classes. If you know someone who may be interested, please feel free to share our contact information with them. The easiest way to get in touch is by email rhps@comcast.net. You can also find more information by visiting the church website at www.lcht.org and clicking on the Rocking Horse Preschool tab.

LCHT NEWS

READING PHILLIES GAME:

We will be attending a Fightin Phils game as a group this June! We are planning on attending a game on **Sunday, June 9** in the Penn State St. Joseph Club 67 picnic area. Game time is 5:15. Gates open approximately 1 hour prior to game time. The \$39 price per person includes the buffet from 4:15-6:45. 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. Sign-up deadline is May 5.



POT PIE SALE:

Saturday, May 11, 2024. Order form is on the bulletin board. Orders are due by May 5. Pick up is between 3:00 and 5:00 PM on May 11. Quarts of pot pie will cost \$10. Pints of pepper cabbage will be \$5. There will also be baked goods for sale. Call Daren DeAntonio with questions or to place an order at 610-926-6402.



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. 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

Submitted by Janet Kleffel

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

REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES

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.

A W.E.L.C.A. INVITATION TO JOIN BIBLE STUDY

The W.E.L.C.A. group meets to discuss concerns of members within our church as well as to provide assistance to various needs within our community. It was decided to continue with meetings on the regular monthly basis from October thru June. The meetings will still take place falls on that day) at 1:00 pm.

It was indicated we would do a short business meeting and then continue with a Bible Study with Pastor Fran Merkel leading this Bible Study. This would begin at 1:15 pm. We are seeking others (male and female) to join us in the Bible Study period. If the first Monday of the month does not suit your schedule, please let us know and we can discuss changing to another Monday which might be more suitable to you and others. We can discuss making a change.

Please contact me to let us know you will gladly join in with the Bible Study portion (at 1:15 pm) of the monthly W.E.L.C.A. meetings. We look forward to having more of our members (male and female) participate in this worthwhile study of the Bible.

Janet Kleffel, President of W.E.L.C.A. 610-926-2083

MAY / JUNE CELEBRATIONS

May 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



May Anniversaries:

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

June Birthdays:

- 02 - Evan Lash
- 06 - Mary Ann Franklin
Shirley Weist, Judy Corl
Deborah LaFaver
- 07 - Stone Weber
Peter Miller
- 08 - Michael Miller
- 09 - Jenna Strause
- 16 - Oliver Graeff
- 20 - Braiden Lash
- 23 - Bryce Hawkins
Lori Lowery



- 24 - Jacob Lowery
- 25 - Chuck Mowery

June Anniversaries:

- 06 - Paul & Juliana Clery,
Deborah & Larry Lafaver
- 10 - Ken & Jean Stoudt
- 15 - Raymond & Linda Reichard
- 17 - Bruce & Sandy Buchalter
- 19 - Richard & Sue Hawkins
- 30 - Jeffry & Linda Greely,
Michael & Lori Lowery

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.

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.



IN OUR COMMUNITY



Leesport Lock House Redware Workshops

featuring

Zettlemoyer Pottery

at

Bethany E.C. Church, 308 Main St., Leesport
 Saturday, April 20, 2024
 Saturday, December 7, 2024

Morning Class : 9:30 - 12:00 Afternoon Class : 1:00 - 3:00

- Pennsylvania German art supplied or personalize with your design
- Light refreshments provided • Feel free to bring a packed lunch

- 7.5" small round plate, 5.75" small oval plate - \$30
- 7" Scallop plate or small pie plate - \$40 • 9" Dinner plate \$50
- 12 Round Ornaments - \$30 • 12 Miniature Plates - \$33
- 12 Seasonal Ornaments :
 July - Star, Heart, Dove, Tulip - \$35
 December - 3 each - Star, Heart, Dove, Snowman - \$35

\$5.00 discount if participating in both sessions on the same day

Mail checks to: Leesport Lock House Box 231 Leesport, PA 19533

RESERVATIONS NEEDED - LIMITED SEATING



Elaine Strause 610.926.5770

Ryan Strause 610.568.5185



ONTELAUNEE TOWNSHIP BUS TOUR!

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024
 BUS LEAVES AT 9 AM AND 12 NOON
 FROM THE UNION FIRE CO., LEESPORT
 (ONLY 40 SEATS EACH BUS)
 RESERVE SEATING
 CALL 610-926-5770

LEESPORT LOCK HOUSE FOUNDATION

STEP BACK IN TIME



GAMES FOR
 ALL AGES

STRAWBERRIES
 & ICE CREAM



FOOD & DRINKS
 Historical and Nature Displays, Marbles
 Butter making, Laundry, Crafts
 House and Museum Tours

JUNE 8, 2024 - 9:00 - 4:00
 ONTELAUNEE TOWNSHIP HISTORY TOUR
 BY LEESPORT AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 9:00 & 12:00 Reservations - 610.926.5770

LEESPORT LOCKHOUSE FOUNDATION

INVITES YOU TO A

Victorian Tea

A FIVE COURSE MEAL

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Seatings for 10:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 3:00
 Serving men and women of all generations
 \$25 PER PERSON LIMITED SEATING
 Victorian dress welcome but not required.
 Call Elaine 610-926-5770



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. No breakfast in June, July, August or September. Breakfasts will resume again October through December.



JUNE 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Communion Sundays are dependent upon pastor availability. Updates will be printed in Sunday bulletins.</p>						<p>1 8:00PM AA Group Meeting</p>
<p>2 <i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion <i>The Rev. Burlington Latshaw</i></p>	<p>3 1:00 PM WELCA</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 8:00PM AA Group Meeting</p>
<p>9 <i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship <i>The Rev. Robert Kramer</i></p> <p>LCHT attends Reading Fightin Phillies game. Game time 5:15 PM</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting</p>	<p>14 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery</p>	<p>15 9:00 AM Food Pantry</p> <p>8:00PM AA Group Meeting</p>
<p>16 <i>4th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion <i>The Rev. Susan Fox</i> Father's Day</p> <p>2:00 Prayer Shawl meeting</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20  7:30 PM NA Group Meeting</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 8:00PM AA Group Meeting</p>
<p>23 <i>5th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship <i>The Rev. Norman Dresher</i></p> <p>7-8:30PM- SVYS meeting</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 8:00PM AA Group Meeting</p>
<p>30 <i>6th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship <i>The Rev. Susan Fox</i></p>						

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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Rocking Horse Preschool Information:

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