

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



As we begin the month of April, we are in the last two weeks of the season of Lent. Our steps during this month take us ever closer to the foot of the Cross of Calvary. On Sunday, April 7th during our 10:30 worship service, the children of our Sunday School will be sharing their joyous music with us. It is good to have the youth of our church share in worship in many different ways.

Palm Sunday worship will feature the Procession with Palms with our children participating in the procession. It is the time for us to hear the story of the Passion of our Lord according to the Gospel of St. Luke. This day the mood of worship changes rapidly from one of joyful "Hosannas" to the march to the Cross of Calvary.

Remember that during Holy Week there will not be a mid-week worship service on Wednesday. Instead we will gather on Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday) at 7:30 PM to recall the institution of the Lord's Supper and the stripping of the altar at the close of worship in preparation for Good Friday.

Good Friday Worship begins at 7:30 PM as we gather around the Good Friday Cross with our Tenebrae Service of Worship and the gradual extinction of the light of Christ until our worship time together ends in total darkness.

Holy Saturday finds us hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt beginning at 10:00 AM for all the children of the Exeter community. We are in need of donations of candy which can be placed in our plastic eggs. Also, volunteers are needed to make this annual event a success. If you can help in any way, contact Linda Strain or Crystal Jordan.

Easter Sunday will begin for us at 8:00 AM with the Festival Service of the Resurrection and Holy Communion. Easter Breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall from 9:00 to 10:00 AM. Join us for food and fellowship. At 10:30 AM, our second Festival Service of Holy Communion will be held. If you and your family have not shared in worship recently, join us as we share Word and Sacrament of the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

For those who desire a more informal worship service, Holy Communion will be celebrated at Second Sunday Coffee House on Palm Sunday at 6:30 PM.

Hope to see you in church at Schwarzwald during this Holy time of the Church Year.

In His Service,

Pastor Don Simmons
Interim

CHURCH NEWS

Have you been by church lately to see all the work that has begun on the installation of the new roof?

Sick and shut-in among us during the last month were Ron Slepecki, Emma Herb, Jan Zabodyn, Penny Kroznuski, Judith Merkel, Greg Pomian and Ronald Owens. Bob Schmehl is now a resident of Mifflin Center. Connie Brewer presently resides at Berkshire Commons. Geraldine Wagner is now a resident of Berks Heim. You might want to send these fellow members a greeting card.

Reading Choral Society will present a concert of music by American composers on Sunday, April 7th at 4:00 PM at Atonement Lutheran, Wyomissing. Tickets at \$15.00 are now available from Pastor Simmons.

The marriage of Matthew Thren and Becky Robinson will be held on April 27th at 3:00 PM.

A special welcome to Terry Jenkins who has become a member of our church family. Terry comes to us from St. Luke Lutheran, Devon.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated on April 7th for Jace Boone Rimby, son of Jason Rimby and Tara Gardecki.

The West Berks Lenten Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, April 17th at the Inn at Reading. The speaker will be Pastor Steven Shussett speaking on "Our Spiritual Well Being." The ticket deadline is April 7th. Check with Diane in the office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Delegates are needed to attend the WBMD Spring Assembly on Tuesday, May 14, at 7:00 PM at Bern Lutheran Church OR the one-day Synod Assembly on Saturday, June 1, at Genetti Inn and Suites in Hazleton. All fees will be paid by SLC. If you are interested in attending, please call the church office.

THE WHITE CAPS OF PEARL HARBOR

On Sunday, May 5th at 9:15 AM in Fellowship Hall, Winnifred Woll will present a visual program in slides and memorabilia from World War II. Winnie is a member at our sister church down the hill, Schwarzwald UCC. Her mother was an Army Nurse who served on Oahu at the time of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Her story will focus on the nurses of Pearl Harbor and many of the stories that these nurses shared with Winnie. The program will end with everyone singing "Remember Pearl Harbor" while waving American flags. Do invite friends and family to join us for this special event.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

We are in the process of receiving gifts from church and family members in order to purchase the newest hymnal of the ELCA, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. A hymnal costs \$25.00 and can be given in honor of or in memory of a loved one. You received a special envelope with last month's newsletter in order to make your gift to the church. Extra envelopes for this purpose can be found at each entranceway to the church nave.

In order to have the hymnals ready with the appropriate book plates in each hymnal, the deadline for your gifts for this special project is May 15th, so that all will be ready for their dedication to the honor and glory of our God on Pentecost, June 9th.

SCHWARZWALD LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP

Schwarzwald Lutheran Church will award two \$500 scholarships to applicants (high school seniors only) planning on continuing their education beyond high school. Special consideration will be given to applicants whose faith and service to others has influenced their life and their plans for the future.

The applicant must be a member of Schwarzwald Lutheran Church and may attend any school district or be home-schooled.

Please pick-up an application in the church office. The application, along with your transcript, must be returned by Monday, April 22, 2019, either by dropping it off at the church office, Attention: Scholarship Committee, or e-mailing it to: administrator@schwarzwaldlutheran.org and placing "Scholarship Application" in the subject line.

If you have any questions, please call the church office,
610-779-3480.



SLC Scholarship Fund

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE CALENDAR

Wednesdays - April 3, 10

7:00 PM Weekday Evening Lenten Services
Holden Evening Prayer Service

Sunday, April 7

5th Sunday of Lent
10:30 AM Worship Service

HOLY WEEK CALENDAR

Sunday, April 14

Palm Sunday

10:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion
6:30 PM Second Sunday Coffee House Worship Service
(Coffee at 6:00 PM)

Thursday, April 18

Maundy Thursday

7:30 PM Holy Communion Service
Stripping of the Altar

Friday, April 19

Good Friday

7:30 PM Worship Service
Tenebrae Service

EASTER

Alleluia!

He is Risen!

Sunday, April 21

Easter Sunday Festival Worship

8:00 AM Early Service with Holy Communion

9:00 to 10:00 AM Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

10:30 AM Festival Worship with Holy Communion

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Erica Weaver, Hannah Houp
- 2 Megan Himmelreich
- 3 Julie Ninni, Kathleen Eveland
- 4 James Kohler, Louise Paradiso
- 5 Adele Diefenderfer, Katherine Rosales
- 6 Kelly Marburger, Connor Marburger, Graham Gibson, Mark Moyer,
- 8 Taylor Mack
- 11 Sarah Morganti
- 13 Fay Weaver, Samantha Kerber, Becky Robinson
- 14 Craig Updegrave, Patricia Grove, Elizabeth Kennedy, Kyle Marburger,
Benjamin Trexler
- 15 Rita Seidel, Nancy Hoover, Evan Burkert
- 16 Janice Smithson, Tami Readinger
- 17 Giovanni Sgroi
- 18 Janice Rigg, Mary Chupkai, Christy Herber, Matthew Gross, John Gibson
- 19 Carey Burkhardt, Katyana Strain
- 21 Edward Hecker, Jr., Jen Morgan
- 22 Ruth Hoover, April Prince
- 23 Christopher Strain, Stephanie Kohler, Joann Rosales, Dolly Collins
- 24 Matthew Kline, Carol Broskey
- 25 Barbara Hafer, Denton Quick, Richell Garipoli
- 26 Evan Readinger
- 27 Daniel Heydt
- 28 John Kennedy

If your birthday is in April and is not listed here,
please call the church office, 610-779-3480,
with your full birth date M/D/Y. Thank you.

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! . . .

. . . **to** Judi Merkel, coordinator, and Ruth Hoover, Barbara Hafer, Susan Kent and Pat Arndt for labeling and tabbing the March issue of the *Pulpit and Pew*.

. . . **to** Janet Hafer for making two new white linen veils for the altar to cover the vessels and elements for communion. They were much needed and hand done. Thank you!

. . . **to** Corinne Brumbaugh, Ruth Correll, Steph Kohler, Louise Paradiso, Beth Vought, and Devon Zackon for preparing 12 pans of baked ziti for the soup kitchen in February and to the Quicks for delivering it.

. . . **from** New Journey Soup Kitchen—Thank you so much for the delicious baked ziti. Our clients loved it. Thank you for thinking of them.

. . . **to** Lori Bauer, Susan Bryant and Laurie Vlasak for preparing 6 tubs of alphabet vegetable soup for New Journey Soup Kitchen and to the Jaegers for delivering it.

. . . **from** Ron Slepecki — I want to thank you for the beautiful altar flowers delivered to me while I was in the hospital. I greatly appreciated them and they brightened my day.

. . . **from** Geraldine Wagner — I want to thank you for the lovely prayer shawl that Pastor brought to me. It is beautiful. It keeps me cozy and warm. I have received many compliments on it from the other ladies. It makes me feel loved when I wear it. Thank you again to you ladies who knit so beautifully. Something I could never do. Thanks for the shawl and for thinking of me! Love you all!

. . . **from** Leon Kerner — Just a note of thanks for the recent visit by Pastor Simmons. Needless to say on these dreary winter days, it was great to spend time together. Also a big thanks to whoever made the great soups Pastor Simmons brought along. They were great!

ALTAR FLOWER UPDATE



*Due to a change in florists (our previous florist is no longer providing fresh flowers), there is an increase in the altar flower sponsorship from \$21 to \$25. Also, if possible, please return the vases to the church office after use.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

10:00 am

Egg Hunt, Music, Stories, Crafts, Prizes!

Donations of the following are needed:

1) **CANDY DONATIONS:** All candy donations should be small enough to fit in plastic eggs and can be dropped off in the church office or given to Crystal Jordan or Linda Strain.

2) **Refreshments & Snacks:**

Please place in the church kitchen.

Lemonade and Tea Mix

Cupcakes

Brownies

Cookies



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
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| <h1 style="text-align: center;">APRIL 2019</h1> | 1 5:00pm Sanctuary in use (S) 5:30pm Exercise class (FH) 7:00pm Exeter Community Chorus rehearsal (CR) 8:00pm AA Meeting (SR) | 2 10:00am Bible Fellowship / Action Team (FH) | 3 5:30pm Exercise 6:00pm Weight (CR) 7:00pm Lenten 7:45pm Social mtg (FH) |
| | 7 9:15am Sunday School (SS/FH) 10:30am Worship Service (S) 5:00pm Girl Scout Troop #1779 8:00pm AA Meeting (SR) | 8 1:00pm Sanctuary in use (S) 3:30pm Exercise class (FH) 7:00pm Exeter Community Chorus rehearsal (CR) 8:00pm AA Meeting (SR) | 9 10:00am Bible Fellowship / Action Team (FH) 6:30pm Christian Education Committee meeting (FH) 6:30pm Prayer Group (S) 6:30pm Youth meeting (SS) |
| 14 8:15am Rehearsal (Scout room) (M/Th) (S) 9:15am Sunday School (SS/FH) 10:30am Palm Sunday Worship 11:30am Rehearsal (M/Th) (S) 6:00pm Coffee served (FH) 7:00pm Second Sunday Coffee 8:00pm AA Meeting (SR) | 15 5:00pm Sanctuary in use (S) 5:30pm Exercise class (FH) 7:00pm Exeter Community Chorus rehearsal (CR) 8:00pm AA Meeting (SR) | 16 10:00am Bible Fellowship / Action Team (FH) | 17 12:00pm Exeter (FH) 5:30pm Exercise 6:00pm Weight (CR) |
| 21 8:00am Early Easter Worship Service w/HC (S) 9:00am Continental Breakfast (FH) 10:30am Easter Worship Service w/HC (S) 8:00pm AA Meeting (SR) | 22 8:30am Church Office CLOSED 5:00pm Sanctuary in use (S) 5:30pm Exercise class (FH) 7:00pm Exeter Community Chorus rehearsal (CR) 8:00pm AA Meeting (SR) | 23 10:00am Bible Fellowship / Action Team (FH) 6:30pm Prayer Group (S) | 24 5:30pm Exercise 6:00pm Weight (CR) |
| 28 9:15am Sunday School (SS/FH) 10:30am Worship Service (S) 5:30pm Dinner/Confirmation class (FH) 6:00pm Confirmation class (FH) 8:00pm AA Meeting (SR) | 29 5:00pm Sanctuary in use (S) 5:30pm Exercise class (FH) 7:00pm Exeter Community Chorus rehearsal (CR) 8:00pm AA Meeting (SR) | 30 10:00am Bible Fellowship / Action Team (FH) | |

Key: FH—Fellowship Hall SR—Scout Room CR—Choir Room
 SS—Sunday School room(s) LGI - Large Group Instruction
 RLC—Reformation Lutheran Church E—Effie's Charcoal

| Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|---|
| | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Exercise class (FH) Night Watchers mtg. | 6:00pm Daisy Girl Scout Troop #1909 (FH) 6:10pm Church Choir rehearsal (CR) 6:30pm Junior Choir rehearsal (CR) 7:00pm NA Meeting (SR) 7:30pm Sr. Choir rehearsal (CR) | | 9:00am Exercise class (FH) |
| | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| Exercise class (FH) Night Watchers mtg. | 8:00am Breakfast Bunch (SI) 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop #1126 (FH) 6:10pm Church Choir rehearsal (CR) 6:30pm Junior Choir rehearsal (CR) 7:00pm NA Meeting (SR) 7:30pm Sr. Choir rehearsal (CR) | 2:00pm Exeter Area Food Pantry (RUC) 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop #167 (FH) | 9:00am Exercise class (FH) 10:00am Fellowship Hall in use (FH) |
| | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| Senior Citizens Exercise class (FH) Night Watchers mtg. | 5:00pm Daisy Girl Scout Troop #1909 (FH) 7:00pm NA Meeting (SR) 7:30pm Maundy Thursday service w/40 (SI) | 7:30pm Good Friday service (SI) | 8:00am Exercise class (FH) 10:00am Decorating (SI) 10:00am Egg Hunt (P4 P PV K) |
| | 25 | 26 | 27 |
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LOOKING AHEAD - Mark your calendar!!

May 27 Memorial Day (Church Office closed)
June 9 Confirmation, 10:30 AM

EASTER FLOWERS



The cost is \$7 per plant.

The dates to order are April 7 and 14.

Please use the Special Envelope in your packet or a pew envelope (and check seasonal flowers) and drop in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Please indicate your name on the order form as you wish it to appear in the bulletin.

FLOWER SPONSOR

NAME _____ Env. # _____

(As you wish it to appear in the bulletin)

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MUMS \$ _____

TULIPS \$ _____

DAFFODILS \$ _____

**WEST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT
Annual Lenten Prayer Breakfast at 8:00 AM**

Wednesday, April 17 at The Inn at Reading

1040 Park Road Wyomissing PA 19610

The Inn at Reading offers easy parking and is handicap accessible.

Cost is **\$18** for a breakfast buffet including:
breakfast pastries and biscuits, fresh fruit, scrambled eggs,
cinnamon French toast, red potatoes, bacon, coffee, tea and juice

**Our guest speaker will be The Rev. Steven Shussett on the topic:
“Spiritual Well-being: Becoming Who We Were Meant to Be”**

Join Marian and Pastor as we reserve a table of 8 for Schwarzwald. Reservation money should be given to Diane in the church office no later than April 7th.



EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

April 21, 2019

9-10 A.M. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please help by selecting any of the items listed below. Bakes goods may be placed in the breezeway on Saturday April 20, or delivered early Easter morning, April 21.

Complete the bottom half of the form and return to the church office or drop in the offering plate on the Sundays of April 7 and 14.

BAKED GOODS

Bagels & Cream Cheese _____
Muffins _____
Coffee Cake _____

Fruit _____

Cookies _____
Danish _____
Donuts _____



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| 3 | 7:00 PM Lent | Danny Woodford |
| 7 | | Brody Oswald |
| 10 | 7:00 PM Lent | Chase Cupitt |
| 14 | Palm Sunday | Crucifer —Tony D’Angelo Acolytes —Samantha Kerber & Charlie Brumbaugh |
| 18 | 7:30 PM Maundy Thursday | Crucifer —Tony D’Angelo Acolytes —Noelle Rutherford and Harry Brumbaugh |
| 21 | 8:00 AM Easter | Crucifer —Lukas Kohler Acolytes —Aimee Oswald and Hailee Oswald |
| | 10:30 AM Easter | Crucifer —Josh Shaffer Acolytes —Jenna Russo and Harry Brumbaugh |
| 28 | | Nathan Morgan |
| <u>May</u> | | |
| 5 | | Ashley Doll and Jay Worrall |

PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets every other Tuesday at 6:30 PM.
The April meeting dates are the 9th and 23rd.



SCHWARZWALD'S BREAKFAST BUNCH

BREAKFAST BUNCH will meet on Thursday, April 11th, at 9:00 AM at Effie’s Charcoal Chef Restaurant.

Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

Mission Statement:

We are a family of faith called to do God’s will by inspiring Christian life through teaching and sharing His unconditional love for all.

Vision Statement:

To encourage growth of our faith family through community outreach and engaging youth to serve God.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS (February)

- Contact Directory – Rochelle Oswald is working on a contact directory. It was suggested to perhaps hook the directory to google on our website when it is complete.
- Roof – The construction will begin soon. Please be mindful of the scaffolding and construction equipment. All persons/groups/committees who use the building will be contacted regarding the construction.
- Director of Music – Pat Weiser is retiring. Her last day will be Sunday, June 9. The next step is for the Executive Committee to form an ad-hoc search committee and ask for volunteers to serve on that special committee.
- SLC Scholarships – We will award two \$500 scholarships. The applicants (high school seniors only) must plan to continue their education beyond high school. Special consideration will be given to applicants whose faith and service to others has influenced their life and their plans for the future. The applicant must be a member of Schwarzwald Lutheran Church and may attend any school district or be home-schooled. The applicants may pick up the scholarship application in the church office, complete it, and return it with their transcript by April 19. The ad-hoc committee will review the scholarship applications and choose the winners.
- Fellowship Hall set-up/tear-down – The Tuesday group will be asked to help with the set-ups and/or tear-downs when possible. Many of the groups will use the set-up as it is or they may wish to set-up for their own use and return it the way they found when finished.
- Audit Committee – The Audit Committee is a group of three members of the congregation. It is council's job to elect the three members. The audit must be completed before March 31.

2nd SUNDAY Coffee House



April 14

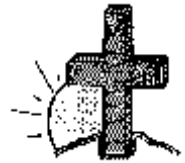
6:30 PM

IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Coffee 'n Chat starts at 6:00 PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES



✓ All Sunday School children through grade 5 will be performing a song immediately before the Children's Sermon during worship on April 7th. The children have enjoyed learning the sign language that goes with our song. We are so excited for the children to share their enthusiasm and amazing singing with our church family!

✓ Ready, set, GO! All ages are welcome at our annual SLC Egg Hunt beginning at 10:00 on 4/20. Families are asked to report to Fellowship Hall at 10:00 for crafts, flowers, snacks, and music before the official egg hunt begins. Bring friends and get ready to have fun! All children in attendance will leave with a prize. We would greatly appreciate any dessert donations for the snack table!

✓ Our Sunday School children are participating in the ELCA World Hunger Global Farm Challenge. This youth-driven fundraiser supports the agriculture-related programs of ELCA World Hunger. Our children will assemble a pig piggybank that can be filled with coins between now and Easter. The piggybanks can be returned to Crystal, the church office, or Peg Gumpert on or before Easter. If you have any questions about the drive, please see Peg Gumpert.

✓ Happy Easter! There is no Sunday School on April 21st. Enjoy church and all of the family activities you have planned for the day!

✓ Confirmation class will be held on April 28th from 5:30 - 8:00. Please note that this is a change from the original calendar.

✓ The church is accepting candy donations for the egg hunt. The donations may be dropped with Diane in the church office on weekdays or with Crystal on Sunday mornings.

APRIL YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES



*** Please keep an eye on the GroupMe app in April for information about SLC events that I hope you will consider attending.

Please RSVP through the GroupMe app or by contacting Rochelle Chelius (610-823-1324, feel free to text, or via email at rochelle_bbbs@yahoo.com).

Confirmation Field Trip - From Greg Pomian

On Sunday March 17th, we ventured to Muhlenberg College in Allentown to attend their weekly Sunday evening Chapel Service. The service is held in the beautiful Egner Chapel (dedicated in 1931), located in the heart of the campus. Services are open to those affiliated with the college (student, faculty and staff) as well as the community at large.

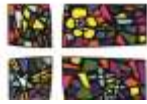
Our group consisted of seven students and two adults. The invitation was extended to 7th grade students as well, as they will enter the confirmation program next academic year, and I am pleased that two 7th grade students took advantage of the opportunity to attend.

We were given some historical background of the Chapel and had time to explore the beautiful gothic architecture and artwork throughout. Following the service, which included communion, we were invited to dinner at the Hoffman House on campus, which is provided to all that attend each week.

A special thank you to Jen Oswald who volunteered to chaperone and help with driving.

Next year we will visit Old Augustus (Trappe Church) Lutheran Church in Trappe, PA. The oldest continually operational Lutheran Church in America.

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Pulpit and Pew

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