

YARD SALE

8 June 2019

7:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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Church Social Hall
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Bring your items to Schwarzwald Lutheran Church on or before June 6 and leave them in the breezeway at the office entrance. Please see the announcement in today's bulletin for further information.



Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

Serving and Loving Christ since 1737
Join our family, share God's love.

The people of Schwarzwald - Ministers
The Rev. Donald C. Simmons - Interim Pastor
Mrs. Patricia A. Weiser - Director of Music
Ms. Diane V. Hafer - Office Administrator
Mrs. Crystal Jordan - Christian Ed. Director
Mrs. Rochelle Chelius—Youth Minister Leader
Mrs. Melissa Kerber—Sexton

SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2019



WELCOME!

**In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ,
welcome to worship this morning!**

If you are a visitor, a special welcome to you, and if you are without a church home, we invite you to join our fellowship. Please fill out the guest card in the pew rack and pick up a welcome packet from the stand in the foyer. If you do not have a Bible at home, please take one from the welcome table.

For your assistance, comfort and safety, we have ushers on duty before, during and after worship today. Should you need any help, please look for any of the men and women with an "usher" badge. There will be at least one in the lobby during worship. Our ushers are also instructed to offer help to anyone who appears in distress. Restrooms can be found through the door on the left at the front of the church; either proceed downstairs or to the left into the Fellowship Hall.

Large print bulletins and hearing receivers are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance. Please be sure to turn off the hearing receivers after the worship service.

For parents with small children: We are blessed to have so many children in our congregation. Our church family knows that teaching children to worship is simply one of our most important ministries. If there is a need, please take advantage of our nursery room available during worship with a changing table, plenty of toys and audio of our service. Please ask any usher in the foyer to help you find the nursery room.

Children's bulletins for readers and pre-readers are provided each week. They can be found on clipboards in the marked milk crates in the narthex and vestibule. Storybooks are also provided there for children to enjoy.

SERVING AT WORSHIP

Usher Team Captain Larry Houp
Assisting Minister Barry Hoover
Carillonneur Sally Kennedy
Acolyte Jay Worrall
Greeters Bill and Doris Jaeger
Nursery Attendant Sarah Gibson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptized today is Scarlett Elsa Kistler, daughter of Brittany Lorah. Scarlett was born on June 8, 2018 in Chester County Hospital. Her sponsors are Rebecca and Ryan Lesagonicz.

The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by Walt and Janice Smithson in honor of their wedding anniversary.

The **bulletins** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by Mike and Beth Vought in celebration of the marriage of Hannah Vought to Matthew Berman.

NEEDED! Bulletin sponsors (\$14) and **altar flower sponsors** (\$25) are needed for all of June. Please use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

CASH FOR CAUSES—The Redner’s and Giant gift cards will be available for purchase in the Narthex after worship today. Please see Walt Smithson.

SCHWARZWALD'S BREAKFAST BUNCH

Schwarzwald’s Breakfast Bunch will gather on Thursday, June 13th, at 9:00 AM at Effie’s Charcoal Chef Restaurant. Join us for food and fellowship!

ATTENTION GRADUATES

We will be recognizing graduates on Sunday, June 9. If you will be graduating (high school, college, trade school), please call the church office with your name, where you are graduating from, and your future plans.

NEW MEMBERS

New members will be received on Pentecost Sunday, June 9. If you would like to join our church family, please call the church office.

BIER, BRATS AND BIBLE

The BB&B Men's Group is running a yard sale at Reformation Lutheran Church on June 8 from 7 am - 2 pm. It is a fundraiser for the BB&B Men's Group and the Native American Ministry. We are accepting kitchenware, decorative items, clothing, lawn and garden items, tools and electronics. (NO TELEVISIONS AND NO ITEMS WITH A GASOLINE/DIESEL MOTOR). Bring your items to Schwarzwald Lutheran Church on or before June 6 and leave them in the breezeway at the office entrance. Please see the flyer on the last page of today’s bulletin.

CHURCH WOMEN’S SOCIAL — **SAVE THE DATE!** — There will be a Church Women’s Social on Tuesday, June 25th, 6:00 PM, at the Mt. Penn Family Restaurant. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

The prayers conclude:

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God.
Come near to us with your saving help,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C Amen

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

BLESSING

P The blessing of the living God,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
surround and sustain you,
keep you from harm,
and fill you with courage.

C Amen

SENDING SONG, *The Church of Christ, in Every Age*
LBW #433 (please use green hymnal)

DISMISSAL

A You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE, *God the Omnipotent* Chesterton

A Celebration of the Earth
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Please stand.

OFFERTORY

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
 it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence. and take
 not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the
 joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

After each petition of the prayers:

A Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Members:

Janet Adams	Pat Arndt	Connie Brewer
Zena Burkert	June Collison	Delores Conrad
Melissa Crotty	Diane Dinkelocker	Emmy Faber
Janet Griesemer	Marcia Holbrook	Stephanie Kohler
Penny Kroznuski	Cynthia Lott	Steve Marquard
Barb Quick	Joann Rosales	Katie Rosales
Noelle Rutherford	Jeremy Schaeffer	Bob Schmehl
Ron Slepecki	Geraldine Wagner	

Family, friends and loved ones:

Julianne Arnold	Justin Baylor	Jeannie Crass
Linda Dean	Virginia Diehl	Jon Dillon
Bob Dries	Breanna Elison	Larry Galloway
Pearl Garman	Donald Gotshall	Emma Herb
Wilbur Herb	Elaine Lutz	Patsy Pierce
Joe Plank	Lucile Reynolds	Bob Rutherford
Brittany Schmehl	Elisabeth Scollick	Bobbie Searle
Joan Sehl	Gail Sittler	Joseph Smith



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

Join the gang of folks who are going out to a Reading Fightin' Phils game on Sunday, July 21st at 5:15 PM. It is Faith Night at the ball park, plus Christmas in July and to top it off the one and only Phillie Phanatic will be on hand as well. We have reserved a block of 30 tickets behind home plate under the roof for this outing. Cost per ticket is \$8.00. All reservation money should be given to Diane no later than July 7th. Any questions, you can talk to Greg Pomian, who is one of the ball park workers, or to Rochelle Chelius, our youth leader.

If you know anyone who may be interested in our Director of Music and/or Organist position, please pass along the following information:

"Organist and/or Director of Music is needed at Schwarzwald Lutheran Church, Exeter Township, PA. Two positions or may be combined into one position. Organist responsibilities include all church services (normally one Sunday morning service plus special services/holidays) and accompanying choir(s) one evening per week. Part-time position estimated to average 10 hours per week. Director of Music is responsible for 3+ choirs, hand bell choir, directing summer youth music and drama camp (one week), coordinating, overseeing, maintaining and growing musical aspects of the church. Part-time position estimated to average 15 hours per week. Salary(s) commensurate with experience; all candidates will be considered regardless of their education status, experience and current salary. 4 weeks vacation; annual raise. Send letters of interest and resumes to the church office, 250 Church Lane Road, Reading, PA 19606 or administrator@schwarzwaldlutheran.org."

MAY 26 through JUNE 2

Sun 5/26	8:00 PM AA meeting
Mon 5/27	MEMORIAL DAY—Church Office closed 8:00 AM Exercise class 8:00 PM AA meeting
Tue 5/28	6:00 PM Youth Group Scavenger Hunt
Wed 5/29	5:30 PM Exercise class 6:00 PM Weight Watchers meeting 7:00 PM Fellowship Hall in use
Thu 5/30	7:30 PM Sr. Choir rehearsal
Fri 5/31	6:30 PM Girl Scout troop #167
Sat 6/1	8:00 AM Exercise class
Sun 6/2	10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM "Gathering" in honor of Pat Weiser 8:00 PM AA Meeting

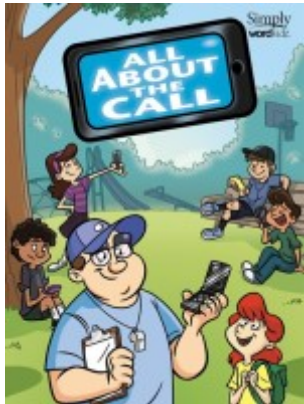
LOOKING AHEAD

June 9	Confirmation, 10:30 AM
June 16	9:30 AM worship time starts
July 14-18	M.A.D. Camp (see flyer on next page)

SAVE THE DATES

M.A.D. CAMP 2019—All About the Call (Music, Art and Drama Camp)

Dates: July 14th – July 18th



6:00 - The children will enjoy a meal together.

6:30 - camp begins

8:00 - camp ends

July 18th dinner will not be served. The children will proudly show off what they have been working hard on all week at 7:00 PM. Please plan to come and enjoy the program!

Once again, Heather Claus will be sharing her musical talents in leading the music portion of camp.

We are in need of volunteers to help make our camp a huge success. If you are able to volunteer any time at all please contact Melissa Kerber – melissadkerber@gmail.com or 484-955-5234 (call or text)

SERMON

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY, *Battle Hymn of the Republic*
LBW #332 (please use green hymnal)

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of our Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*The minister and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these words: **Peace be with you.***

Please be seated.

OFFERING, *Lest We Forget* DeKoven

SR. CHOIR ANTHEM, *A Celebration of the Earth* Bates/Ward/arr. Moore

Congregation Part:



O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of



gold; for pur - ple moun - tain mag - es - ties a bove the fruit - ed



plains! A - mer - i - cal A - mer - i - cal God shed his grace on



thee, and crown thy good with heav - en - born train, sea - to - ship thy sea.

SECOND READING, Hebrews 11:13-16

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

- A The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 5th chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL, John 5:1-9

¹After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ²Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” ⁷The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.” ⁸Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” ⁹At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

TWO ITEMS FROM OUR SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

1. SERVICE TRIP

The Social Ministry Committee is planning a volunteer day at the 10,000 Villages warehouse in Brownstown, PA (near Ephrata) on **MONDAY, JUNE 3, 9:00AM until NOON**. We will leave the church around 8:30. It's a BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch)! The people who went last year are eager to go again and would like more volunteers to join them.

If you are interested, please contact Mary Phillips,
610-779-5875; maryphillips@ptd.net.

2. A WISH LIST from SAFE BERKS

This year we celebrated Mother's Day on Sunday, May 12. There are some women (mothers, sisters, daughters, aunts, friends) who have experienced the trauma of domestic abuse or sexual assault. Safe Berks is our local organization that provides a safe haven and support to victims of such violence. They provide advocacy and education programs to increase awareness of oppression and promote the prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault. They embrace the values of Safety, Respect, Empowerment, Education, and HOPE. Their services to women include a hotline, housing/shelter, counseling, legal services, education and community outreach.

During the Month of May, the social ministry committee will be collecting personal care items to donate to the women of Safe Berks. The list of needed items follows:

DEODORANT, TOOTHPASTE, HAIR BRUSHES, ETHNIC HAIR CARE PRODUCTS, HAIR CONDITIONER, GEL, MOUSSE, SOAP FOR SENSITIVE SKIN, LIP GLOSS OR LIP BALM, COUGH DROPS, LADIES' AND GIRLS' UNDERWEAR AND SOCKS (ALL SIZES), WALMART GIFT CARDS, GAS CARDS (WAWA, SHEETZ, GIANT)

There is a complete (and much longer!) list of items on their website: www.safeberks.org.

Bins for donations will be available in the parlor and the downstairs Sunday School hallway during the month of May. Thank you for your generosity!

Mary Phillips (contact person) maryphillips@ptd.net



WORSHIP SERVICE

HYMNS ON THE CARILLON

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE, *God of Our Fathers* Hughes

CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS

HOLY BAPTISM OF SCARLETT ELSA KISTLER

PRESENTATION

The candidate, sponsors, and parent gather at the font.

P In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

The sponsors present the candidate with these words:

We present Scarlett Elsa to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P In Christian love you have presented Scarlett for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.
Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

R I do.

THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray... Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S CIRCLE

FIRST READING, Acts 16:9-15

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 67 (read responsively)

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,

²**that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

HYMN OF PRAISE



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.



B Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. He made water a sign of the kingdom. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that Scarlett Elsa who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away her sin as she is cleansed by this water and bring her forth as an inheritor of your glorious kingdom. To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen

RENUNCIATION AND PROFESSION

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

R I do.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

BAPTISM

P Scarlett Elsa, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

LAYING ON OF HANDS

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Scarlett Elsa: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C **Amen**

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

P Scarlett Elsa, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

The sponsors and parent respond: Amen

GIVING OF THE LIGHT

P Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE AND WELCOME

R Through Baptism God has made this new sister a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

Choir and Congregation:

I'm going on a journey, and I'm starting today.

My head is wet, and I'm on my way.

Christ's mark is on me; it's on you, too;

It says he loves me, and he loves you, too!

Please stand.


HYMN, *God of Grace and God of Glory* - LBW 415 (please use green hymnal)

GREETING


P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

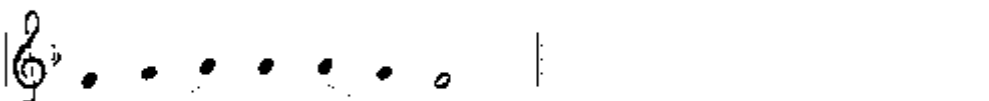
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.




For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



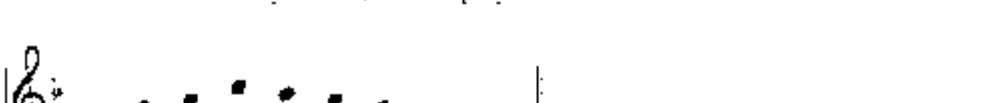
Lord, have mer - cy.



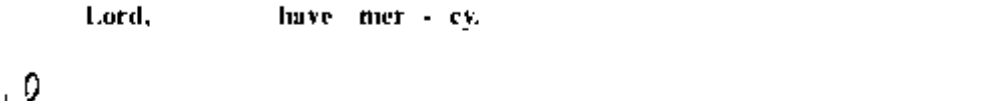
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



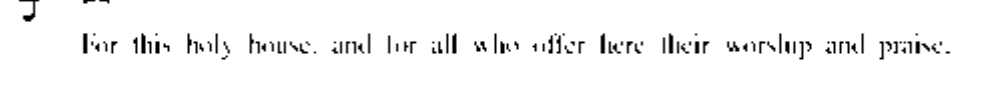
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise.



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - - - - - men.