



To all the saints of Schwarzwald Lutheran Church,
Grace to you all, and peace!



If you can remember back to our Annual Meeting in January, you may have wondered why I asked to write three things you think about SLC. So much has happened since then, I've almost forgotten myself! But with this issue of *Pulpit and Pew* I'm glad to be reminded of the WordCloud you helped to create. It is a reminder that the church you love so much is so much more than the building you understandably miss so much. Each of these words represent the people who make this the church it is, people whom you can call, write, email, or text, and at the very least, pray for. These your friends are as present in these words as when you look at the pews on a YouTube video and your heart swells.

Yes, we are Schwarzwald Lutheran Church. Yes, we are the Body of Christ. God is all in all,

Pastor Steve



AN EXETER AREA FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Hello all Exeter Area Food Pantry volunteers,

As you know we have had to adjust to the new "normal" for many things in our lives. The food pantry gives being just one! When we realized that our normal situation for gives would not be safe for volunteers or clients we made a difficult decision to cancel the March 20th give. We called all clients that had pre-registered for the month and posted signs on the doors at the church. However, as a steering committee and with the assistance of Helping Harvest, we found a new way to get food to our neighbors. We were able to find a program that would send out a message to all of our clients informing them that we would do a drive-by give at the church on March 26. We limited volunteers to a core group of about 15, Helping Harvest delivered pre-made boxes, soup, and pre-bagged frozen meat for 200. We set up outside the church and clients drove up with trunks open, food was put in and off they went.

The traffic through Reiffon was quite a sight! At that give, 176 families were given a limited amount of food. We soon realized two things: the need was going to be greater and the space at the church and surrounding streets were not going to be sufficient. We made some contacts with the township officials (not the supervisors!) and they were willing to let us have the give at the Old Giant utilizing the parking lot to control traffic. One of our volunteers sons made a layout that the township then put together the morning of the give. We also decided that one time a month was not going to be enough and set dates for April to give food on the 8th and 22nd. Helping Harvest provided 500 boxes of non-perishables, 250 bags of meat, produce and dairy for that give on April 8th where we served 283 clients. Helping Harvest then reached out to us because they did not have the manpower to pack 500 boxes every other week. So the next plan was to have 2 trucks of non-perishables delivered to the Old Giant and we would have volunteers pack the 500 boxes.

We have done this twice and will be continuing this routine probably through June. On the day of the give, Helping Harvest delivers pre-bagged meat, dairy, deli and produce. We have also been blessed with dessert donations from Sweet Street, meats from Berks Packing, bread from Bimbo bakery and dog and cat food from the Vets group. On April 22nd we served 293 clients, but this past week on May 8th we served 362 families! We have experienced love, support... from everyone and are so grateful, we cannot thank you enough. So here are some staggering numbers.....since March 26 we have served 1,114 families, 1,455 children, 1,781 adults and 782 seniors, that is over 4,000 people that have received food in just 4 gives.

Thank you for your outpouring of support to volunteer! We do have enough volunteers for our upcoming "Give" on May 20th. We will send out a future email for new volunteers for June.

Sorry for such a long e-mail but we are so blessed, and I just wanted to share that blessing with all of you. Again, thank you all for your support, and we all look forward to when we can meet again!

God Bless, Karen Williams, Exeter Area Food Pantry

Exeter Area Food Pantry May 6 Food Give

The first \$700 in donated Giant cards purchased 135 three pound bags of carrots and 135 bags of six apples each. Two hundred and seventy families will benefit from this effort today!

Exeter Area Food Pantry May 20 Food Give

Two hundred and seventy families benefitted from this effort!

Total number served on the May 20 food give was 367 families. The gift cards from Schwarzwald provided either 3 lbs. of carrots OR 6 apples to each of 300 of those families. We will be ordering apples and carrots again for June 3rd food give. This donation from Schwarzwald is very much appreciated.

THANK YOU!
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THANK YOU! . . .

. . **to** the Jaegers for delivering 10 tubs of vegetable soup prepared in March.

. . **from** Leon Kerner—Just a note to thank everyone involved in the delicious Easter Basket that was delivered to my front door. I enjoyed all the goodies. Also a thank you to Pastor Steve for the uplifting Easter message he sent me at this special time. And a thank you for my friends who called to offer help.

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

. . **to** Cindy and Bob Fliegel on the birth of great-granddaughter, Reese Elizabeth Sakelaridso, born on April 21 weighing 6 lbs. 3 oz.

. . **to** Becca and Curtis Prince, Jr., on the birth of their son on May 11. Nathaniel Blake Prince was 6 lbs. 12 oz. and 20 1/2.”

. **to** Lizzie Prince on the birth of her son on May 4, Cohen James, 6 lbs. 1 oz.

BLOOD DRIVE / YARD SALE / PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

These events have been postponed until a later date.

Keep collecting things for the sale, and if you can, make an appointment to donate blood! When asked to designate an organization, tell them "SLC"! The need is great!

CHURCH OFFICE

The Executive Committee of SLC has determined that for the health and safety of everyone involved, until further notice, only employees of SLC should enter the church office unless an emergency situation exists. If you need to deliver something to, or obtain something from, the church office, please contact Pastor Steve or Diane in advance via telephone so that items can be placed in the breezeway for subsequent pickup. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

A new **EXETER CARES website** has been established, at www.exetercares.net
If you need help, or if you can give help (including donations), go here!

We change to 9:30 AM worship time on Sunday, June 21. Join us at 9:30 AM for a "Watch Party" via Facebook or YouTube.



Schwarzwald is now set up with PayPal.

When making a donation from your PayPal account,
(connected to your checking account),

please use "Friends and Family" and

send your contribution to SchwarzwaldOffering@gmail.com.

(If your PayPal account is connected to a debit/credit card, there will be a fee to you.)

Contributions may also be made through bill pay at your banking institution, through the U.S. mail or you may drop off your contribution in the office mail slot.

The faithfulness in generosity that so many of you have shown is a blessing to all of us.

**Thank you for remembering SLC in your giving,
as much as you are able.**

PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets via telephone every other Tuesday at 6:00 PM.

The June dates are the 2nd, 16th and 30th.

Please contact Joanne Rutherford for additional information.

610-406-9355 or jmr14290@gmail.com



All events, activities and functions are cancelled
until further notice.

Please be sure to check the SLC website and emails
for further announcements.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

10:30 AM "Watch Party" via YouTube or Facebook

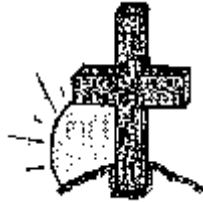
(or you can watch them anytime!)

9:30 AM "Watch Party" beginning June 21

The worship service link is sent to your email address,
usually on a Friday.

If you would like to be added
to the email list, please call the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION



We hope all of our children are able to enjoy the Sunday School lessons that have been emailed weekly to our families. Continue to check your email for weekly news and activities that you can enjoy during our time at home. Make sure to email Crystal some pictures of you completing the lessons!

Calling church members of all ages! Do you want to be part of our children's Sunday School experience? Email Crystal a video of you or your family reading your favorite Bible story. You could read a stand-alone story book or a chapter out of the Beginner's Bible. We will use your video in upcoming Sunday School lessons that go out to our families during our time at home! Crystal can be reached at clw1481@aol.com or 610-451-2983.



Congratulations to all of our high school and college graduates!

Join Exeter Township High School's Baccalaureate on June 3 at 7:00 PM. Some familiar faces will be taking part! The YouTube address will be sent out prior to the

Exeter Senior High School graduates:

Carey Burkhardt

Parents—John and Rebecca Burkhardt

Joshua Cupitt

Parents—Christopher and Patricia Cupitt

Josh has played football since his days in EYF and has been a member of the varsity Exeter football team as a kicker/punter for the past few years. He also was on the Homecoming court this past fall and played basketball for Key Club. Joshua has had many great experiences at Exeter! We are beyond proud of our son for all of his hard work and determination! Joshua will be attending Towson University in the fall to pursue a degree in accounting and to play football for the Towson Tigers.

Madeline Paige Doll

Parents—Matthew and Heather Doll

Madeline is an honor student who enjoyed playing field hockey and being a member of the ski club and Leo Club. She is going to Penn State University Park in the fall as a Pre-Med student with the hope of someday becoming a dermatologist.

Wyatt T. Klopp

Parents—Mike and Erica Klopp

College - Jacksonville University majoring in Sports Management - Wyatt hopes to work for a professional sports team or in Collegiate Athletics in the future.

Katrina Marquard

Parent—Rosanna Marquard

Katrinia will attend Penn State Berks majoring in Occupational Therapy Assistant. She works at Elmcroft Assisted Living, was on Exeter Track and Field team for 4 years, was in Orchestra for 10 years and Chamber for 4 years.

Noelle Rutherford

Parents—Robert and Joanne Rutherford

Noelle will attend Rowan University majoring in writing arts. A fun activity while attending high school was playing the drums in the marching band.

Joshua Lawrence Shaffer

Parents—Mike and Julie Dickerson; Dwight Shaffer

Josh is an honor student who enjoys playing sports. He played on the high school baseball team 9th, 10th and 12th grade and on the volleyball team in 11th grade. He played club volleyball and travel baseball. He also enjoyed ski club and playing Key club basketball. He will be attending West Chester University in the fall majoring in Criminal Justice. His goal is law enforcement.

College Graduates:

Kyra Hoerr

Parent—Dorothy Hoerr

Kyra is graduating from Bryn Mawr College with a B.A in Philosophy. While at Bryn Mawr, she studied abroad at University College London, did a workaway in Sicily, and served as a teaching consultant to science faculty. She'll be attending the University of Pittsburgh to pursue a Ph.D. in History and Philosophy of Science.

Elizabeth Kennedy

Parents—Kevin and Sally Kennedy

Elizabeth is graduating from West Chester University of Pennsylvania with a dual BSED in Elementary Education (PK-4) and Special Education (PK-8).

Bio: My name is Elizabeth Kennedy and I have been a member of Schwarzwald Lutheran Church since the day I was born. I attended Exeter Township School District and most recently graduated from West Chester University magna cum laude. Growing up in a family of faith influenced me in many ways and has shaped me into the woman I am today. As a member of Schwarzwald Lutheran Church, I participated in Sunday school, choir, Bible school, acolyting, mission trips, confirmation, handbells, secretarial work with Diane Hafer, and performed a number of musical pieces on the carillon and the harp. I cannot imagine my life without Schwarzwald Lutheran Church, and I appreciate its continued love and support through this new and exciting chapter of my life.

Zachary Vlasak

Parents—Steve and Laurie Vlasak

Zachary is graduating from the University of Pittsburgh with a Computer Engineering degree.

Margot Wegman

Parents: Gary and Anne Wegman

Ithaca College Major: Music Performance -Voice

Margot will continue at Ithaca for the fall semester next year to complete her second major in Music Education. She plans to perform with Classical Voice/Music Ensembles, and to give voice lesson instruction.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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



- 4 Amanda Pawlewicz, Lillian McCord, Quinn Robinson
- 5 June Noll, Kathryn Lehman, Jay Worrall
- 6 Matt Godek, Carrera Robison
- 7 Madeline Doll
- 9 Patricia Arndt
- 10 Robert Erisman
- 12 Gwyn Chobot
- 13 Danielle Gillaspy, Daniel Brickner
- 16 Cecelia Erisman, Scot Griesemer, Richard Rutherford
- 17 Keith Schmehl
- 18 Cody Morgan
- 20 Joseph Specht, Michael Delp
- 21 Rebecca Burkhardt
- 22 Margaret Trexler
- 24 Timothy Eisenhard
- 25 Jacob Palange, Nate Woodford, Reece Wilson
- 26 Evelyn Claus, Melissa Reinert
- 27 Andrea Ashley, Joshua Shaffer
- 28 Nathan Morgan
- 29 Carolyn Worrall, Lisa Bingaman
- 30 Jack Coates



Church Council Highlights: (April)

Treasurer's Report – Sue Bryant, Treasurer

General Fund vs. Budget Report for March shows \$13,500 in offering vs. a budget of \$20,500. Expenses were \$6,707 vs. a budget of \$15,868.

The Fund Balance Report was reviewed. \$817,900.52 is the total of all monies in all funds.

Old Business

Mic purchase - last month we approved the sound system upgrades. That cost was for everything new needed to upgrade the sound system from ESG. However, Kevin purchased a mic for Christmas Eve 2019 which was not included in the ESG estimate. Kevin would like reimbursement. Council approved the reimbursement.

New Business

Small Business Administration PPP (Payroll Protection Plan) is being offered through the Federal Government for small businesses during the pandemic. We submitted an application. It is based on 2.5% of monthly payroll, health insurance and pension from 2019 average. We are eligible, according to the application, for \$35,000. We are waiting to hear back from BB&T Bank.

Discretionary spending - The list of capital projects will be suspended except the sound system and security system upgrades since both contracts were signed prior to the pandemic.

Council reviewed “Ten Ways the Church will be Changed by COVID-19,” an informational report.

The Exeter Area Food Pantry gave food to 250 families, 80 of which were first timers. EAFP needs to buy additional food for these gives. A suggestion was made to have folks sponsor one of the Cash For Causes Giant cards and then give the gift card to the EAFP to purchase fresh produce for the gives.

Additional software will need to be purchased for approximately \$75 to expand the audio of our on-line services so we can include singers. Purchase approved.

From Pastor - Our virtual numbers on Facebook and YouTube are very good. Also, Pastor is thrilled with the every member calling that has taken place. We think folks know they are being cared for.

Committee meetings - If committees want to “meet,” we have a Zoom time set up every Wednesday. Call the church office to choose one of the Wednesday slots for your committee.

The SLC scholarship information will be in the P&P and in a mass email.

Thank you to the staff for all the new and extra work. Sally is playing the carillon bells every Sunday morning, and we thank her for that. It would be nice for all the churches in the area to ring the bells at 9:00 AM on Easter. Pastor will get the word out to other churches. Ken and Jim volunteered to ring our bells at 9:00 AM.

“Adopt a Flower Bed” will continue this year. Tim will contact the township building to see if they can deliver mulch to the church.

SYNOD NEWS

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More Stories of Being the Church in a Time of Pandemic



Masks for Health Care Workers

Kourtney Keim from New Life, New Tripoli is a sophomore at Northwestern Lehigh High School. Seeing a need for protective gear for healthcare workers, she organized a community effort to make and distribute masks and headbands.

"It reminds me of the story of the fish and bread where the collections of few created plenty for many. Some members of our group could sew beautifully but had no material. Some had material and no sewing machine. Some had a machine, but not the skills or time to use it. Some had fabric, others thread, still others (the coveted) elastic. Some had time to cut or money to donate materials. All of these efforts came together to provide more than 7000 masks, and counting."

Masks were donated to Lehigh Valley Health Network, St Lukes Health Network, KidsPeace, visiting nurses, Children and Youth Centers, dialysis centers, rehab clinics, homeless shelters, banks, grocery stores, and others. They have continued to donate to various healthcare workers as well as provide masks available to the general public. Asking for a \$5 donation to a local food pantry in exchange for a mask, they've raised over \$5,000 in just a few weeks - while helping to keep everyone safer.



Muhlenberg Chaplaincy Responds to the Pandemic

The worldwide coronavirus pandemic has shown how very important our grounding in the Lutheran theological tradition lived out in a multi-faith environment has been. At the forefront of decision making, has been the care and support for all people, including students, faculty and staff. While most students left campus by March 16, around 100 students initially remained for various reasons (30 will remain on campus for the summer). In some cases, they are international students unable to travel to their homes, or students with no primary residence outside the college. During the pandemic, the work of the Religious and Spiritual life team of the college has been grounded in a collaborative effort with many different colleagues, to provide care, counseling, support and

programming for students online—as well as actively supporting students who have remained on campus.

Here is the story of one student, Kate Ekanem, who remained on campus. "Since the outbreak, I've honestly been in a constant on and off panic mood. I am a first generation student, a single-mother to a six-year-old daughter, and an international student from an economically underserved family in Nigeria. It is the first time in many years that I'll feel like I don't have anything under control because I am afraid of failing in my usual responsibilities to myself, my child and my elderly father back home.

"Since the pandemic, the college has gone beyond what's expected of any institution to express genuine care and love for students like me on campus. I have seen love, felt it deeply, and I cannot begin to explain how my heart bursts in joy to have a school that cares



The Food Pantry at Friedens, Oley

For almost 30 years, **Friedens, Oley** has been serving the surrounding community by hosting a Food Pantry. Allowing clients to enter the building, grab a grocery cart, and shop through the aisles of food was our mode of operation. All that changed during the pandemic! Like many congregations, we struggled how to allow this vital, life sustaining ministry in the midst of fear, regulations and hope. 75% of our food pantry volunteer force were identified as falling in the "most at risk" category. This included our food pantry directors! We did not want to put anyone in danger!

We decided to invite folks in the "least at risk" category to help us continue this important ministry. Our young people stepped up and volunteered with the understanding that strict safety standards and regulations would need to be followed. There was no hesitation! The volunteer hours were long, noon to 8pm. There was unloading trucks, repackaging food into boxes, delivering food to waiting vehicles and clean up all while maintaining physical distancing and wearing a mask and gloves. No time for rest while we created a new way of serving the community.



I like helping with the food pantry because unfortunately, so many people need it. Ethan Hohl (9th grade)



I like that we are helping with the food pantry during COVID-19 because people need food! Jacob Hohl (6th grade)



The Covid 19 pandemic caused me to come home from college. I was pleased for this opportunity to serve in my community. -Jenna Reed (senior in college)



My grandparents and Mom work during the regular food pantry. Since I do not have school or sports, I have time to help! Kristina Kauffman (10th grade)

Lunch for a Homeless Shelter

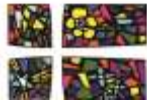


St. John's downtown Easton was asked by Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter to provide 24 bagged lunches for people who usually come to the shelter to eat at noon but are not residents of the shelter. Because of the virus and fear of spreading, a table is set up at noon at Safe Harbor and the take away bagged lunches are available (and taken) by people who stop by. Some are homeless, some are temporarily sleeping at the homes of friends, some are food insecure. St. John's adjusted how the lunches were made as the rules of social distancing evolved. They began making the meals every Wednesday at the church and then started making the lunches at individual homes. Vicar Matthew picks the lunches up and transports them to the shelter. The program began March 25 and will continue until Safe Harbor no longer requests the help.

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