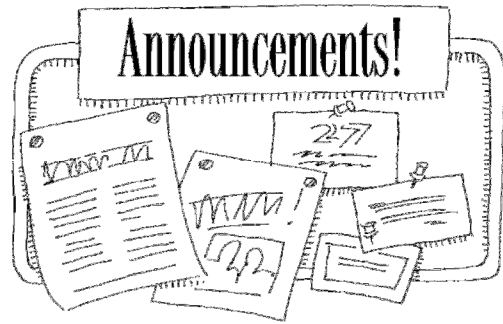


March 27, 2011
Third Sunday in Lent
Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
10:00 am – 2:00 pm



Pastor's Hours
Monday 12:00 Noon – 2:00 pm
Tuesday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am – 11:30 am
Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

* Call anytime on cell phone
(717)468-9049

**PLEASE CHECK WITH THE CHURCH SECRETARY FOR AVAILABILITY
BEFORE SCHEDULING EVENTS AT THE CHURCH!**

† ACTIVITIES †

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES: 9:00 am Holy Communion; Coffee Social Time following service; 10:30 am Sunday School; 6:30 – 8:00 pm Book Club / Youth Group.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES: Monday: 9:30 am Women in Prayer; 7:00 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting/ Boy Scouts; **Tuesday:** 7:00–8:30 pm Bible Study; 7:00 pm Cub Scouts; **Wednesday:** 11:45 am Release Time; 7:00 pm Lent Worship, St. Paul, Adamstown, Pastor Joe Veres; **Thursday:** 6:00 pm Free Community Meal at Holy Trinity, Ephrata; 6:45 pm Chancel Choir; 7:00 pm North Lancaster Conference Spring Assembly, Trinity, Ephrata.

ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL 3, 2011:– Fourth Sunday in Lent: 9:00 am Holy Communion; Coffee Social Time following service; 10:30 am Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL 3, 2011:– Fourth Sunday in Lent: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41.

***REMINDER – Lenten Denial Program “Pick 6”** continues through Easter Sunday, April 24th. Extra envelopes are available on the card table in the narthex. Thank you, Stewardship Committee

***IMPORTANT NOTICE – The Men's and Women's Prayer Breakfasts** will be held at 8:00 am at the Ephrata House beginning in April. The Ephrata House is located at 333 North State Street in Ephrata. Parking is available across the street. The menu is available on our website under the Monthly Prayer Breakfasts tab.

PRAYER CORNER:

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:



PHOEBE BERKS VILLAGE: Robert Henry

FAIRMONT NURSING HOME, hospice: Marian Zell

EPHRATA HOSPITAL: Erla Pannebecker

LANCASTER GENERAL HOSPITAL: Mary Hagy

ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY, Harrisburg: Lorraine Doster

THOMAS JEFFERSON, Philadelphia: Colleen Lynch

IRAQ: Steve Elmer

CHURCH MEMBERS AT HOME: Mary Burkholder, Jeanette Engle, Barbara Fetter, Georgette Haldeman, Alice Hehnly, Ann Jones, Jim Klopp, Martha Leed, Lottie Leshner (w/son Ron), Ruth Messner, Readith Petery, Pat Rampolla, Sally Wealand, Betty Weik, Joan Wentzel, Ronald Bingaman, Randy Brubaker, Dave Emberger, Mike Gahring, Leonard Gehman, Alvin Hollinger, Richard Keller, Bill Pannebecker Russel Pannebecker, Ernie Shimp, Harry Wentzel Sr., Marvin & Michael Showalter, Carl Usner, Eugene Usner, Bonnie & Ron Weinhold

FAMILY & FRIENDS AT HOME: Kristin Blank, Elizabeth Bold, Nicole Burkey, Barb Carbaugh, Bonnie Comeau, Alice Craven, Sue Dolla, Karly and Katie Facembaker, Bobbi Loose, Bill Magnan, Kim McDonnell, Mary Ellen O'Shea, Karen Pannebecker, Erica Procopio, Gerry Shuey, Lindsay Smith, Katherine Taimuty, Judy Weaver, Linda Williams, Rick Barron, Bob Cannon, Justin Eberly, Joe Emmi, Cory Ehret, Sheldon Ehret, Dean Gehman, Jack Lyons, Aidan McQuate, Michael Puepke, Rodger Steffy, Scott Stokes, Mahlon Stoltzfus, Brian Thomas, Harry Weaver, Richard Weaver, Lynn Whetstone, Randal Wolf, Jared & Kerri Rabold, Joe & Vicki Stoltzfus, Monroe & Susie Wentzel

If you have family or friends in need of prayer, please contact the office. Then contact the office weekly regarding the status of those we are praying for.

GRIEVING FAMILIES OF: Draven Goodison, Carolyn Dunn, Gertrude Wolf, Nathan Haller, Kathy Uibel, Jerry Hauck, George Carter, Robert Fisher, Roger Gehman (Susie's husband), Lucy Good, Mary Lou Sweigart, Pearl Henly

ARMED FORCES: Jeff Barnett, Jason Freeze, Shane Horning, Patrick Thompson, Chris Weidman, Troops in Afghanistan – Jesse Deller

PRAYER MENTOR PROGRAM: Stephanie Seymour, Molly Fasnacht, Dillon Shortuse, Abigail Brubaker, Victoria Stief

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT (717) 336-8800 OR SEND AN EMAIL TO mellingerslutheran@gmail.com IF YOU HAVE AN UPDATE FOR PRAYER CORNER. Thank you!

***EASTER FLOWERS:** It's the time of year for ordering Easter flowers. This year, we will be offering:

Lilies - 6" pot white lily with 3-4 blooms for \$6.50

Tulips - 6.5" pot with 6 bulbs for \$5.50

Daffodils - 6.5" pot for \$5.50

Mini Daffodils – 6.5" pot for \$5.00

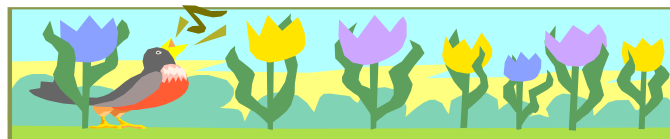


Please complete the order form attached to the envelope to include your name, telephone number, number and type of flowers, and the total amount due. Please list to whom you would like your flowers made in memory of or in honor of. Include your cash or check inside the envelope and place the envelope in the SPECIAL FLOWERS mailbox or give to Melanie Brubaker at church. Please make checks payable to Mellinger's Lutheran Church.

DUE DATE TO ORDER FLOWERS IS SUNDAY, APRIL 10th.

Please pick up your flowers after the Easter Sunday service.

***The Social Ministry Is Hosting a Pig Roast / Bible Quiz Bowl / Everybody's Birthday Party on April 30th, 2011 at 5:00 pm.** The cost of the event is \$8.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for Children ages 4-12 and Free for Children ages 3 and under. For more information contact Theda Raffauf at 445-0857 or the church office at 336-8800. Please RSVP by April 15th.



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR GARDENING SPOT! A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. Your time and nurturing are greatly appreciated!



FICTION, FAITH, AND FRIENDSHIP:

March Meetings

*March 13th: Three Cups of Tea
(Greg Mortenson)—Chapters 1-13*

March 27th: Three Cups of Tea (Greg Mortenson)—Chapters 14-23

All meetings @ 6:30 pm

Email for Book Club:

mellingers_bookclub@googlegroups.com

Website for Group Discussion:

http://groups.google.com/group/mellingers_bookclub

***‘A Workshop for the Unemployed’** will be offered April 9 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 167 E. Main St., Ephrata free of charge, from 9 to 11 a.m. that day, in the church social hall. The workshop is not a job fair or job-placement event but is constructed to provide access to the supportive services that are available to help people find employment and to cope with problems that arise from lack of financial resources. Registration is required; call the church office, 733-4134, no later than Friday, April 8. Informational literature will be available at the workshop. Light refreshments will be served.

***Gently Used Book Sale:** During the months of March and April, the Youth Group will be collecting used books for a May Book Sale. Books can be placed in boxes which will be in the narthex. Both hardback and paperback books as well as puzzles will be accepted for this sale. Profits from this book sale will be used to help with the costs for those attending the 2012 Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

Youth Group / Gathering Collections

**The Youth Group is continuing to collect tabs from soda cans. A group of youth members will be taking the tabs to Ronald McDonald House in Hershey sometime this summer. Please place the tabs in the jar on the table in the narthex.*

** There is a jar on the table in the narthex for Moo Money caps from Turkey Hill milk products (must be purchased at a Turkey Hill store.) Profits from this venture will benefit the 2012 Youth Gathering participants.*

A **Memorial Funds List is being created at the request of the Endowment Committee to aid people in designating monies for memorials. Currently, the following funds are available for contributions.*

- † The Sanctuary Fund*
- † The Internship Fund (Vicar)*
- † Worship and Music Fund – Organ Pipes Addition*
- † Christian Education*
- † Capital Fund (new construction)*
- † Building and Maintenance (repairs)*
- † Youth Gathering 2012*
- † Campus Crusade for Christ*

****Zion Lutheran Church is seeking assistance** in obtaining personal items (Bar Soap, Deodorant, Shampoo, Tooth Brushes, & Toothpaste) for families who visit Peter's Porch. A box has been placed in the narthex to accept these donations. Melanie Brubaker from Mellinger's will work as the liaison between Mellinger's and Peter's Porch and deliver the items to Zion Lutheran. Please consider donating to this worthy cause and aiding our neighbors in need.*

Volunteers are also needed the two Wednesday evenings before Peter's Porch (from 6:30 - 8:00 PM) to organize and ready donations for distribution. Peter's Porch is the 3rd Saturday of every month - come early (7:15 to 8:15) - although we open at 7:15 am, our families begin to gather at our door around 5:30 AM. Interested individuals or groups contact Tracy Lagaza at 859-2100 Monday thru Friday from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Please direct families in need to Peter's Porch.

NORTH LANCASTER LUTHERAN 2011 LENT SERVICES

This year's theme will be **"Give it up for Lent!"** The offering from the services will be donated to Habitat for Humanity. Refreshments will follow each service and a nursery will be provided.

The services will begin at 7:00 pm. If there is a question about the service because of the weather, please call the host church after 10 am on the day of the service and information will be provided.

The series schedule is as follows:

March 30th Pastor Joe Veres from Faith Denver will be at St. Paul Adamstown and the topic will be "Give up Life". **(717)484-4885**

April 6th Pastor Herb Lohr from Bergstrasse Ephrata will be at St. John Center, East Earl and the topic will be "Give up Offering."
(717)445-5505

April 13th Vicar Tina Toburen of Mellingers in Schoeneck will be at Muddy Creek in Denver and the topic will be "Give up Prayer".
(717)336-2770

April 20th Pastor Paul Smeltz of Muddy Creek, Denver, will be at Mellingers in Schoeneck and the topic will be "Give up Thanks".
(717)336-8800

Included in the Cluster series is Ascension Day Worship with Holy Communion at 7:00 pm on Thursday evening **June 2nd** at Swamp Lutheran Church in Reinholds. Preaching on that evening will be Pastor Robert Kramer of St. John Center, East Earl.
(717)336-2849

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

Lenten Cluster Service: Pastor Paul Smeltz of Muddy Creek, Denver, will be at Mellingers in Schoeneck and the topic will be “Give up Thanks”.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21: Maundy Thursday

Communion in the fellowship hall at 7:00 pm at which time members share Communion with one another after which we go upstairs to the nave and chancel and commemorate the betrayal of Christ.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22: Good Friday

*Noon-3 pm **reflection, prayer and Scripture readings** held largely in silence

***Service of the Shadows at 7:00 pm** remembers the death of Our Lord

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

On Saturday April 23, 2011 @ 9:30 AM all are welcome to assist with the **set up and preparation for the breakfast.**

We will be holding our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** here on the grounds of Mellingers on Saturday, April 23 at 11 a.m. Our egg hunt is for the entire community, so bring your neighbors, friends & your grandchildren. Again this year we will extend a special invitation to Swamp Lutheran Church to have their children join us for the egg hunt. Last year over 70 children attended the hunt so many eggs are needed to make this event a success. If you wish to donate eggs for the children, please bring them to the church on the 23rd. If you are unable to make it that day but still wish to donate, please see Shari Weaver or Diane Adair and we will make other arrangements. We are accepting both decorated hard-boiled eggs and candy-filled (wrapped candy only please) plastic eggs. Thank you for supporting the hunt!

SUNDAY, APRIL 24: EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Dawn Service 6:00 AM and ending by approximately 6:30 AM

Breakfast will be served from 6:30 AM till 7:30 AM

Breakfast will include the following: Scrambled eggs, potatoes, ham, pancakes, toast, fruit cup, assorted breakfast pastries, juice, and coffee/tea.

A freewill offering will be collected to be donated to a needy fund. Thrivent will provide matching funds to increase the overall donation.

Anyone interested in helping with the breakfast or donating items of food should see Dave Henry.

Holy Communion is at 9:00 am.

Easter Flowers may be picked up after the Sunday Service.

	3/20/2011 9:00 am Service		
Attendance	136		
General Receipts	\$3,951		
Capital Fund	\$0		
Bldg./Repair Fund	\$0		
Receipts Compared to Budget As of 3/20/2011			
General Funds			
Adopted Yearly Budget \$233,345			
	Receipts	Budget	Over/(Under)
MTD	\$12,947	\$15,623	(\$2,676)
YTD	\$48,295	\$54,387	(\$6,092)
Other Funds			
	Receipts Month to Date	Receipts Year to Date	
Building & Repair	\$230	\$880	
Capital / Building Fund	\$200	\$570	
Repay Capital Loan	\$20	1,052	
Undesignated Memorial	\$20	\$20	
Organ Pipes	\$340	\$965	
Sanctuary Improvements	\$0	\$2,275	

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MARCH 27, 2011



bible readings

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:



These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	John 4:5-42	The woman at the well
Monday	Genesis 24:1-4,10-27	Rebekah at the well
Tuesday	Genesis 29:1-14	Rachel at the well
Wednesday	John 7:37-44	Streams of living water
Thursday	Revelation 21:5-7, 22:1-5	The spring of the water of life
Friday	Revelation 22:12-17	Come, whoever is thirsty!
Saturday	Psalms 104:1-14,24-30	God waters the earth
Sunday	John 9:1-41	The man born blind

scripture

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

But no one who drinks the water I give will ever be thirsty again. The water I give is like a flowing fountain that gives eternal life." *John 4:14 (CEV)*

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Pour your love into our hearts, God, and let it overflow to others. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God, our bodies and souls depend on you. Thank you feeding our bodies. Please feed our souls too for eternal life with you. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May Jesus pour his love into your heart. May you be filled to the brim with his living water, a spring gushing up to eternal life. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What is your favorite drink? Why?
- Jesus says that those who drink the water he gives to them will never be thirsty again (John 4:13-14). What do you think he means?
- The woman Jesus met at the well asked him some questions. What is a question you would like to ask Jesus?

DEVOTIONS:

Jesus told the woman at the well that God wants people to worship him "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23). As part of your home devotional time this week, talk about your household's experiences of Sunday worship. Why do you worship? What helps you to worship? How does participating in Sunday worship assist you to know and follow Jesus? Discuss ways in which you could better support the worship life of your congregation. Say a prayer of thanks for your congregation and those who plan and lead worship.

SERVICE:

Lent is a season for getting back to basics, centering our focus on the most important things and stripping back some of what is excessive or unnecessary. Consider one or more of these ways of simplifying your household's lifestyle in Lent:

- Designate one day a week as "media free day" – turn off TVs, computers, stereos etc. Go for a walk or play a game together.
- Cut back on desserts or meal trimmings. Eat soup and bread at least once a week.
- Sort through your household items and set aside what you no longer use. Donate items still in good condition to a local charity store.
- Try to cut back on your usage of water and electricity. Agree to shorten showers and to turn off unnecessary lights.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:

Resolve to drink only water in your home this week. Write up or type Jesus' words "Come to me and drink" (John 7:37) and attach to your water jugs or water bottles. Throughout the week, reflect on ways in which God has satisfied your needs in body and in spirit.

