

2026 Cluster Lenten Services – “Making Change”

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Preacher</u>
Ash Wednesday Feb 18, 7pm	Center / St. Paul's / Swamp / Mellingers Faith United Muddy Creek Noon & 7pm	
Wednesday Feb 25, 7pm	Faith United, Denver	Pastor Sandy Gideon
Wednesday March 4, 7pm	Bergstrasse, Ephrata	Pastor Marissa Becklin
Wednesday March 11, 7pm	St. Paul's, Adamstown	Pastor Scott Brubaker
Wednesday March 18, Noon	Muddy Creek, Denver	Pastor Stacy Chavis
Wednesday March 25, 7pm	Mellingers, Schoeneck	Pastor Jim Goodyear
Maundy Thursday, April 2	Mellingers / Center / St. Paul's – 7 pm Swamp – 7 pm Faith United – 7 pm	
Good Friday, April 3	Faith United Denver prayer walk 10:30 am Adamstown Cemetery – Noon Center Cemetery – 3 pm Mellingers / Center / St. Paul's – 7 pm Swamp – 7 pm Faith United – 7 pm	
Ascension Day Thursday, May 14, 7 pm	Swamp Lutheran, Reinholds	Pastor Tim Craven

GREAT 8 APPEAL

THE FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF THE 8 MISSIONS TO SUPPORT DURING THE GREAT 8 APPEAL WEEKS OF LENT. FOR 2026 THE ELCA HUNGER APPEAL HAS AN ALLOCATED AMOUNT.

BUILDERS OF HOPE (HOUSING MISSION): THE CHURCHES OF COCALICO AND EPHRATA SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE MEETING THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE IN HOUSING TRANSITION AND NEED HELP. ADMINISTRATIVE AID BY EASS.

EPHRATA AREA SOCIAL SERVICES: ALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS MISSION HELP PROVIDE SERVICE TO PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY FOR FOOD, CLOTHING, FUEL, TRANSPORTATION AND MEALS ON WHEELS.

MISSION SUPPORT: THIS YEAR'S SUPPORT WILL FOCUS ON THE MISSION OF SAMANTHA PATSCHKE'S CHURCH IN HONDURAS.

PETER'S PORCH: WE SUPPORT FAITH UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH'S EFFORT IN OUR COMMUNITY TO SERVE THOSE CHALLENGED BY FOOD INSECURITY.

ELCA HUNGER APPEAL: THIS GOES TO THE ELCA OR RELIEF FROM HUNGER. OUR ALLOCATED SUPPORT IS \$1,550.00.

LUTHERAN CAMPING CORPORATION: CAMPING IS OPEN TO ALL FAMILY MEMBERS AT NAWAKWA AND KIRCHENWALD DURING SUMMER SEASON. ALSO EMPLOYMENT HELPS YOUNG ADULTS WORK AT CAMP JOBS. WITTEL FARM HOUSE OF PRAYER IS AVAILABLE FOR RETREATS FOR INSTRUCTIONAL CLASSES FOR SYNOD CHURCHES.

SEMINARIAN FUND: HELP SUPPORT SEMINARY STUDENTS WHO HAVE A FAITH RELATIONSHIP WITH MELLINGERS.

MELLINGERS NEEDY FUND: THIS FUND IS IN SUPPORT OF OUR MEMBERS IN DIRE NEED FOR RENT, MEDICINE, BILL PAYMENT, ETC. IT MAY ALSO BE USED FOR AREA RESIDENTS OUTSIDE OF MEMBERSHIP.

PLEASE USE ENVELOPES PROVIDED, MARK YOUR CHOICE(S), USE YOUR ENVELOPE NUMBER IF YOU WANT CREDIT AND DROP IN THE REGULAR OFFERING PLATE. THE **GREAT 8 APPEAL** SUPPLEMENTS THE BUDGETED AMOUNTS FOR HUNGER APPEAL AND MISSION SUPPORT.

