

Christ's Corner on the News



April 2025

Tues., April 1 - noon

Soup & Scripture @ CELC

Wed., April 2 – 6pm

Lenten Dinner/Holden Prayer
@ United in Christ

Wed., April 2 – Sat. April 5

Preschool Kid's Market

Sun., April 6

Camp Mt. Luther Sunday

Sun., April 6 & 27 5:30 – 7:30 pm

United Youth Group @ Beaver UM

Wed., April 9 @ CELC

- 12pm Soup & Scripture
- Lenten Dinner/Holden Prayer

Palm Sunday, April 13

4pm–6pm Faith Lab @ LCH

Tues., April 15

Deadline for early summer
Camp Mt. Luther registration

Thurs., April 17

Maundy Thursday @ 7:30pm

Fri., April 18

Good Friday @ 7:30pm

Sunday, April 20

Easter @ 9:30am

Wed., April 23

Bus Trip to Longwood

SOUP & SCRIPTURE LUNCHEONS continue to be served on Wednesdays **through April 9th** at noon in the Lower Church Hall. Please make note however that the first week of April, Soup & Scripture will be held on TUESDAY, APRIL 1st (No fooling)!

LENTEN MEALS & HOLDEN PRAYER SERVICES:

Lenten suppers are being served at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays **through April 9th**, followed by Holden Evening Prayer Services at 7:00 pm. ****The first week of April the meal & service will be held at United in Christ Church at 1875 Churches Rd., Lewisburg****

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER'S early registration deadline is **April 15th**. The church is giving everyone who is going half their cost up to \$250.00. See Tom Stahlnecker, our camp-person, or Charlene Rineer if you have any questions.

RAISE THE REGION: We raised \$29,140! A great big thank you to all who donated to camp.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on **April 21st**, (the Monday after Easter). Please note that Easter flowers may be picked up throughout the week during church office hours beginning Tues., April 22nd.

CELEBRATIONS

80+ April Birthdays

1 Julie Borys
13 Janet Shuman
10 Joan Zimmerman
20 Joyce Beck
24 Emmy Gearhart

April Anniversaries

9 Steve & Brandy Aguirre
21 Keith & Sue Smalley
25 Bill & Carole Bollinger
29 Rick & Patti Faux

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¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness God called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day...⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1: 1-5, 9-12

Dear Christ's Lutheran,

April grounds us firmly in the vibrant season of spring! In this time, we are reminded of new beginnings and the refresh that comes with this season of growth and renewal. Spring is a time of rebirth, a season where the earth starts to reawaken from the wintry cold. In this season of new life, as the earth blooms around, we are invited to reflect on God's creation and God's ongoing presence in our lives. God, the Almighty Creator, who created the heavens and the earth, who separated light from dark, who called forth dry land, and who caused vegetation to grow, is the very one who also breathes new life into us!

As we head into the season of spring, we see God's handiwork on full display. The earth is alive with plants, trees, and flowers, each one a testament to God's creativity and provision. As the earth is renewed, we too are called to renew our spirits in Christ, to grow in faith, and to bear fruit for God's kingdom. Just as God saw that creation was good, we are reminded that we, too, are created in the very image of God and our lives are meant to reflect God's goodness and love for all people.

In this season of hope and growth, we can find ourselves looking for the ways that God is creating and shaping us here and now—bringing new life and possibilities even in the midst of challenge. Later this month, we will celebrate Easter—Christ's triumphant resurrection and victory over death! Easter reminds us that God is making all things new. We find ourselves renewed through the resurrection of Jesus, being offered new life, new possibilities—both here and now, and in the life to come!

Just as the earth is renewed each spring, so too are we renewed through the resurrection of Jesus. The same God who spoke light into existence, who formed the earth and brought forth life, is the God who, in Jesus Christ, has conquered sin and death, and calls us to a new and abundant life in Christ. This spring, as we rejoice in the beauty of creation and the glory of Easter, let us be reminded of the new creation we have in Christ. May we live in the light of Christ's resurrection, allowing God's love and grace to transform us, so that we, too, can bear fruit for God's kingdom.

Yours in Christ,



Pastor Katy

memorials & gifts

Memorials have been received in memory of **Ethel Snook** from Tom & Beckie Stahlnecker of Selinsgrove, Rick & Laurie Slear, Bill & Julie Borys, Gary & Barbara Baylor, Jim Apple, Brian & Diane Miller, Trudy Cardellino, Beverly Harvey, Judy Bechtel and Bill Metzger Sr., all of Lewisburg, Paul & Sharm Liddick of Millmont, Rosalyn Ewan of Chambersburg, Chris & Judith Pfleegor of Bellfonte and Taylor's Auto of Milton.

Memorials have been received in memory of **Joe Keller** from Tom & Beckie Stahlnecker of Selinsgrove, Rick & Laurie Slear, Pam Souders, Brian & Diane Miller, Gary & Barbara Baylor, Stephen & Gertraud Ziegler, Trudy Cardellino, Bill & Julie Borys and Beverly Harvey all of Lewisburg, Cherie Jarrett & Mary Lou Shedden of New Columbia, Richard Bice of Martinsburg, and Robert Mayer & Jan Muzyczka of Bethlehem.

Faith Formation News for April 2025

UNITED YOUTH GROUP – In the month of April we'll be meeting at Beaver Memorial United Methodist Church. On the 6th and 27th we will be doing Remix lessons about being created to be disruptive disciples. These gatherings are for youth in 6th through 12th grade, and they run from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Bring your own dinner/snack and beverage, and Bible.

ROAD CLEAN UP – Our spring road clean-up will take place on Saturday, April 12. We will meet at the church in the youth room at 10:30 am. We will provide gloves, safety vests, trash bags, and water. You need to wear proper footwear (ie... sneakers), and it is best to wear clothing that covers your legs and arms. Afterwards we will go out for lunch. Confirmants get credit for a service project! This is for anyone in confirmation class and up!



PALM SUNDAY – Combined Sunday School: On April 13, Palm Sunday, we'll have a combined Sunday school for people of all ages. It's an opportunity for people of all generations to come together and grow in their faith. We'll do activities to explore Holy Week.

FAITH LAB – The combined educational program with Christ's, Milton, and UIC is continuing in April with the Love that Never Ends. They will meet on Sunday the 13th at Christ's Lutheran from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Even if you have not joined us before all children in preschool through 6th grade are invited to join us. Parents also have their own Bible Study with the same stories that their children are learning. We end our time together with a meal.

Coming in May

- **Brunch/Silent Auction for the Summer Mission Trip**
Sunday, May 4 - 10:30 am to noon

This festive fund-raiser will take place in the lower church hall. Doors open right after the worship service, and you can start bidding on the silent auction items at that time. The meal will be various egg casseroles, fruits, tossed salad, muffins, various other pastries, and assorted beverages. Bidding on the silent auction items ends at 11:45 am. The tickets have a suggested donation of \$10.00 for adults, and \$5.00 for children aged 3 to 10. We are also looking for donated items for the silent auction. The auction items can be a service you are willing to provide, an item that you made, or something that you bought and want to give.



All mission trip participants are asked to help by bringing muffins or pastries, supplying an item or two for the silent auction, and setting up, serving, and cleaning up. Other youth are welcome to come and help also. For the confirmation students this can count as service hours! We will begin setting up and make some of the food items on Saturday, May 3 at 5:00 pm. If you have any questions - please see Charlene.

- **Youth Overnight Retreat** – The United Youth Group will join with youth from Christ's for an overnight retreat at Camp Mount Luther on Friday, May 9th. We will play games, have a campfire, and clean our sponsored cabin. We will meet in Pine Village at 6:30 pm. The cost per youth is \$40.00. Sign up for this retreat on the bulletin board by May 1st. The retreat ends with a nerf war with the Christ Community United Methodist Church Youth in Selinsgrove. Pick up from CCUMC at 8 pm on Saturday.

LOOK AHEAD TO THE SUMMER - It is not too early to plan for the summer. Here is a week that families should put on your calendar – July 14-18 - Day Camp Week. It will be at Milton Lutheran Church, and we are doing it in conjunction with Milton Lutheran and United in Christ Lutheran. We will have staff from Camp Mount Luther to lead us. It is for children who are currently in kindergarten through 5th grade. It runs from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm each day. The theme for the week is "Who are you Jesus?" It will be a fun week of Bible stories, crafts, games, and special activities! Lunches will be provided, and registration is FREE! Registration forms are at www.myvbs.org/miltonlutheranchurches. Registration deadline is July 1st.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR CAMP YET? There are many different programs to choose from; traditional camps, specialty camps, and family camp. Camp Mount Luther's early registration deadline is April 15th. The church is providing members who are going half their cost up to \$250.00. Register at www.campmountluther.org/summer-camp/.



YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP TO TOLEDO, OHIO – July 20 through 26

Registration ends on Easter Sunday so youth can still decide to go! If a youth in 6th through 12th grade wants to go, they need to give Charlene \$100.00 by April 20th. Some of the projects we will be doing are building beds for children, helping pack food boxes for senior citizens, and cleaning parks and riverways. We will end our trip with a visit to Cedar Point.

From the Music Team - Joanne & Brandy

Proposed Worship Schedule for April 2025 - Subject to change

Wednesday, April 2 - Holden Evening Prayer - 7:00 pm at United in Christ Lutheran Church
(Please note change in location) - Making Room at the Table
Tom Booth, cantor Michelle Shearer, speaker

Sunday, April 6 - Fifth Sunday in Lent - Camp Mount Luther Sunday - ELW Setting 10
9:30 am worship - Camp songs and more led by Pastor Katy, Chad Hershberger and
Charlene Rineer

Wednesday, April 9 - Holden Evening Prayer - 7:00 pm - Empty Chairs at the Table
Pam Souders, cantor and speaker

Sunday, April 13 - Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday - ELW Setting # 10
9:30 am worship - Communion anthem by Pop-Up Choir - Go to Dark Gethsemane
(Stanzas 1-3) - All interested singers welcome!
(Please refer to Pop-Up Choir announcement for more info.)

Thursday, April 17 - Maundy Thursday - ELW Setting # 10
7:30 pm worship - Special Music - TBA

Friday, April 18 - Good Friday Tenebrae
7:30 pm worship - Anthems by Parish Choir - All interested singers welcome!
(Please refer to Parish Choir announcement for more info.)

Sunday, April 20 - Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day - ELW Setting TBA
9:30 am worship - Pre-service and prelude by Parish Peal Handbell Choir; Children & Youth
Processional with streamers, shakers, jingle rings; Introit by Children & Family Choir;
Communion Anthem by Parish Choir; Hallelujah Chorus Postlude
(Please refer to individual announcements for details.)

Sunday, April 27 - Second Sunday of Easter - ELW Setting TBA
9:30 am - Offertory anthem by Youth Drumming Ensemble; Additional Anthems TBA

Important Choir & Ensemble Info for April

1) Pop-Up Choir - Will provide the communion anthem on Passion/Palm Sunday, April 13. Anthem will be "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (Stanzas 1-3) ELW # 347. All interested singers welcome! All ages and experience levels! Simply come forward as indicated in the bulletin. Singers not comfortable singing an alto, tenor or bass part may stay on the familiar melody. This is an unrehearsed choir, but we are more than willing to rehearse with anyone interested. Due to the nature of the service on Passion/Palm Sunday, holy communion will be much earlier in the service than usual. Contact Brandy Aguirre.

2) Parish Choir - Will provide anthems for the Good Friday Tenebrae service on April 18 as well as for Easter Sunday, April 20. All interested singers welcome to participate for one or both services. This will be a rehearsed choir hopefully singing SAB or SATB anthems. There will be various rehearsal options to fit everyone's busy schedules. Options will include: Monday evenings in April following Parish Peal Handbell Choir rehearsal; Wednesday, April 9 following Holden Evening Prayer; and also preceding the services. If none of these options will work, Individual times can be arranged. Folks may also have the anthems ahead of time. PLEASE let Brandy know if you wish to be part of the Parish Choir for Good Friday and/or Easter Sunday so appropriate music can be chosen. Interested singers should watch for e-mail updates regarding rehearsals. Contact Brandy Aguirre.

3) Parish Peal Handbell Choir - Will rehearse Monday evenings April 7 and 14 at 7:30 pm in preparation for ringing on Easter Sunday, April 20. Ringers should check their e-mail for updates. Contact Joanne Vasey.

4) Children & Family Choir - Will continue rehearsals during the Sunday School time in preparation for singing an anthem on Easter Sunday. All pre-school and early elementary children welcome! Contact Brandy Aguirre.

5) Youth Drumming/Orff/Chime Ensemble - Will continue rehearsals during the Sunday school hour in preparation for providing the offertory anthem on April 27. Contact Brandy Aguirre.

6) Special Music - Folks in the congregation are always welcome to provide anthems for worship. Anthems may be vocal and/or instrumental. All ages and experience levels welcome! Some advance notice is helpful for planning purposes. Contact Joanne Vasey.

Easter Processional for Children & Youth

On Easter Sunday, all children and youth of Christ's Lutheran Church are invited to take part in the processional during the gathering hymn. Children and youth will wave ribbons and play shakers as they process to the front of the sanctuary. Interested children and youth should gather in the atrium prior to worship. Parents welcome!

Thanks to March Musicians

- Thanks to all musicians who shared their talents in worship during the month of March.
- Thanks Holden Evening Prayer Cantors and Speakers
- Thanks to the following cantors and/or speakers for their participation during the month of March: Brandy Aguirre, Tom Booth, Heather Miller and Bev Hoffman.

Worship Assistants for April 2025

9:30 am	April 6 5 Lent	April 13 Palm Sunday	April 17 Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm	April 18 Good Friday 7:30 pm	April 20 Easter	April 27 1 Easter
Worship Asst.	Joseph Martin	Sarah Patte	Heather Miller	Chad Hershberger	Dale Biesecker	Tom Booth
Lector	Charlene Rineer	Ken Stitley Beverly Harvey	Ann Sabol		Tim Goff	Beckie Stahlnecker
Acolytes	Aaron Hershberger Violet Hauck	Marie Winder Maddy Hauck	Ruth Miller		Orissa & Ellis Reed	Lilly Patte Olivia Koontz
Communion Ushers	Tim Goff Cordell Dean	Mel Wunder Judy Cotner	Laura Faux Beckie Stahlnecker		Ken Stitley Jim Snyder	Tim & Carol Apple
Communion Assistants	Patti Faux	Tess Trowbridge	Rick Faux	Bill & Deedee Wagner	Laura Faux	Carole Bollinger
Usher Team	Ruth Miller Claire Hershberger	Jerry & Julie Albright	Tess Trowbridge Jackie Cvik		Wayne Hook Gary Parks	Tim Goff Laura Faux
Welcome Desk	Jackie Cvik	Roberta Winder	Laura Adams	Jackie Goff	Pam Baker	Bill & DeDee Wagner
*Communion Pourers	Mark & Adelyn Elliott	Jackie Goff	Darlene Rowe		Colleen Nevil Rick Slear	Diane Miller
Altar Guild	Jackie Goff					
CPIC	Pam Baker					



BUFFALO VALLEY FAITH LAB

You're invited to the launch of a new monthly family faith formation program!

Second Sunday of the Month
4:00pm-6:00pm

Free family dinner!

Sponsored by:

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Milton Lutheran Church
United In Christ Lutheran Church