

# Christ's Corner on the News



March  
2025

## Sun., March 2 & 16

UYG ReMix Lesson

5:30–7:30pm @ First Baptist

## Wed., March 5

7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service

## Wed., March 5, 12, 19 & 26

12pm Soup & Scripture @ CELC

## Sun., March 9

Faith Lab

4-6pm @ MLC

## Wed., March 12, 19 & 26

Lenten Suppers & Holden Prayer  
Meal -6pm, Service-7pm @ CELC

## Sun. March 23

Youth Game Night

5:30–7:30pm First Baptist

## Fri., March 28, Sat., March 29

& Sun., March 30

RENEW Retreat @ CML

## Sun. March 30

Bus trip sign-up deadline

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** with Imposition of Ashes is 7:30 pm on **Wed., March 5<sup>th</sup>**. All are welcome to this special evening service geared towards personal examination and spiritual renewal.

**SOUP & SCRIPTURE LUNCHEONS** will be served on Wednesdays beginning **March 5<sup>th</sup> through April 9<sup>th</sup>** at noon in the Lower Church Hall. Everyone's welcome to come and enjoy a soup & sandwich lunch with a devotional given by one of the Lewisburg area clergy members. The meal & devotional time lasts about 1 hr.

## **LENTEN MEALS & HOLDEN PRAYER SERVICES:**

Lenten suppers will be served at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays beginning **March 12<sup>th</sup> through April 9<sup>th</sup>**, followed by Holden Evening Prayer Services at 7:00 pm.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 9<sup>th</sup>**: Don't forget to set your clocks AHEAD one hour before retiring Saturday, March 8.

**APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** is **Mon., March 17**, newsletter will be mailed on March 26.

**EASTER PLANTS:** All orders must be received by **Mon. March 31**. Order form in this newsletter.

We'll soon be ordering 2026 contribution envelopes. **If you give electronically or no longer need contribution envelopes, contact the church office.**

## MARCH 80+ BIRTHDAYS

5	Richard Shannon
6	John Hafer
13	Bill Bollinger
19	Donna Hafer
21	Joyce Stogner
24	Bruce Wallis
29	Gloria Walters

## MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Julie Borys	3/04/78
Ken & Barb Stitley	3/25/1967



<sup>12</sup>Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; <sup>13</sup>rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. <sup>14</sup>Who knows whether he will not turn and relent and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God?

Joel 2: 12-14

Dear Christ's Lutheran,

While I have previously stated that Advent is my favorite season of the church, I have to share that the season of Lent is a close second—perhaps even a tie! Lent, the dreaded season of the church. I think many of us tend to experience these forty days, these six weeks as incredibly drawn out and at times seemingly never-ending. As a child, my parents were fairly insistent on mine and my sisters' participation in giving up something for the season. Often it was dessert or chocolate or soda. My attempts at trying to give up homework were laughed at and I was told that it did not meet whatever Lenten criteria there was of giving up something that I really liked and would actually miss.

Lent is the very solemn season where we resist small temptations in our lives in a pale imitation of Christ's time in the wilderness. It's why we throw a big celebration on Tuesday, eating pancakes, indulging ourselves, before Ash Wednesday where we begin the Lenten season. Where we are reminded of our mortality, of being returned to dust, and are given the explicit reminder and invitation of the season "I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament."

We hear this invitation to self-examination and repentance, and I think we tend to recoil a bit. Repentance often feels like a dirty word, shameful almost, and while it's a year-round call for us, this season highlights it especially. To repent is *not* to feel miserable and wallow in our sinfulness or sit in the regrets that we are not as attuned to our faith as we could be, to repent is to turn our hearts and our minds *to God*. The practice of giving something up for Lent is to help us let go of things that have distracted us from God, to remove the things that pull us away from full relationship. During this season, we are intentionally creating space in our lives to examine our relationship with God and with others. We are intentionally returning our hearts to our gracious Lord.

As we journey together through Lent, let us heed Joel's call to return to the Lord with all our hearts. Let us use this season to examine our lives, to repent of our sins, and to draw closer to the One who is merciful and loving. May this time of reflection lead us to a deeper appreciation for the ultimate act of grace—Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. In Christ, we are forgiven, and we are renewed.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Katy

## Social Ministry News for March

**MEAT PROJECT**: Thanks to all who contributed to the Meat Project. Totals coming soon.

**EVANGELICAL COMMUNITY HOSPICE** will be holding an interactive workshop covering the basics of grief and loss on **Thurs., March 27<sup>th</sup>** from 10 am –noon or 5:00 -7:00 pm. Registration is not required. If you're interested in learning more, please call Andrea Runkle at 570.522.2157.



### From the Archives

#### Mary Himmelreich Nogel Memorial Library by Gary W. Parks

The Church Archives contains the "Catalogue of the Mary Himmelreich Nogel Memorial Library, Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lewisburg, PA., Founded 1904." The listing was written in 1904, but updated in 1914, containing a listing of books #100 through #1675". Most of the books relate to Biblical history and theological thought, dating from the latter decades of the 19th century and the early 1900s. The books are alphabetically listed by author. The Library became the Church Lending Library and books were loaned out on a weekly basis with the name of the borrower, the title of the book and the dates when borrowed and returned.

There are a number of volumes which record the loans. Dates of the volumes are: September 4, 1904- August 11, 1907; August 18, 1907- December 26, 1909; January 23, 1910- April 13, 1913, September 14, 1913- March 29, 1914; April 12 [1914]- September 4, 1921; September 11, 1921- March 31, 1924; [volume(s) not located?]; September 10, 1933- March 27, 1938; April 3, 1938- March 8, 1942; [volume not located?]; January 4, 1944- November 20, 1947; April 6, 1947- September 8, 1957.

Many of the books from the Nogel Memorial Library are still within the holdings of the Church Archives.



Mary Himmelreich Nogel was born 21 September, 1826, the daughter of Peter (1791-1866) and Elizabeth Charles (1808-1867) Himmelreich, Jr. She married William Nogel (1822-1893) and four children were born to the union: Edwin "Clarence", John, an infant, and James Andrew. Mary's parents are buried at Driesbach Church cemetery, Mary died 17 January, 1864. Mary and her husband and two of her children are buried at the Lewisburg Cemetery. Two sons are buried in the Mazeppa Union Cemetery. At this writing, it is not certain what prompted the formation of the library.

## **Faith Formation Team Info for March**

**UNITED YOUTH GROUP:** For the month of March we will be meeting at First Baptist Church. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> we will be doing Remix lessons. Youth should bring their Bible. On Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be having a games night. Youth should bring a game they would like to play. These gatherings are for youth in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and they run from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Bring your own dinner/snack and beverage.

### **WINTER JAM CHRISTIAN CONCERT**

#### **AT BRYCE JORDAN CENTER – SAT., MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>**

The plan is to leave from the church at 3:00 pm. The cost per ticket is \$15.00.

**FAITH LAB:** The combined educational program with Christ's, Milton, and UIC is continuing in March with the Love that Never Ends. They will meet on the 9<sup>th</sup> at Milton Lutheran from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Even if you have not joined us before all children in preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **MINI MISSION MONDAY - CARE PACKAGES FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL** **MARCH 17 - 6:30 PM – MEET IN ROOM 204-206**

We are collecting items for these boxes: disposable razors, soap, deodorant, socks, lip balm, tissues, wipes, band aids, Q-tips, hard candies, gum, granola bars, individual juice mixes, puzzle books, and pens/pencils. There is a blue mesh bin beside the faith formation bulletin board for any donations.

\*\*\* If you have a military person in your family, please see that Charlene has their current address so we can send them a package. Thank you! \*\*\*

## **YOUTH RETREAT – RENEW AT CAMP MOUNT LUTHER – FOOD AND FAITH**



From 6:30 pm Friday, March 28 to 1:00 pm Sunday, March 30, the 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth from our synod are invited to gather at Camp Mount Luther to explore how food can enhance faith. Registration for this retreat is done on Camp Brain. You can get to a link through the Camp Mount Luther website – retreat page. Youth pay \$80.00 and the church will pick up the rest of the cost. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Charlene or Chad.

### ***Coming in April and May – Save the Dates***

- **Road Clean Up:** Our spring road clean-up will take place on Sat., April 12. We'll meet at the church in the youth room at 10:30 am. We'll have gloves, safety vests, trash bags, and water. You need to wear proper footwear, and it is best to wear clothing that covers your legs and arms. This is for anyone in confirmation and older! Confirmands get credit for a service project! We will go out for a meal afterwards.
- **Brunch/Silent Auction** for the Summer Mission Trip - **Sunday May 4 - 10:30 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, 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're 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 3rd at 5:00 pm. If you have any questions - please see Charlene.





## EXTRAVAGANZA 2025 – Dare

In January, I attended the ELCA children, youth, and family ministry Network's Extravaganza. It was a time of renewal, education, worship, and making connections. The theme of the "E" this year was DARE. We focused on working together and sharing our stories as we stand up for others and spread God's love. The workshops I attended revolved around collaboration, building relationships, and reflective evaluation of ministries. I encourage you to DARE with me as we work together to spread God's love. *Charlene Rineer*



**Look ahead to the Summer:** It is not too early to plan for the summer. Here is a week that you should put on your calendar – July 14 -18 - **Day Camp**. We are holding this with Milton Lutheran and United in Christ Lutheran. We will have staff from Camp Mount Luther to lead us. It is for first through fifth graders. The theme for the week is Who Are You Jesus? It will be a week filled with songs, crafts, games, and other various activities.

**IT IS TIME TO REGISTER FOR CAMP!** The theme for this summer is "Who are you Jesus?"! There are brochures at the church to check out the programs they are offering. You can then go to the Camp website to register for the week you want to attend. Camp Mount Luther's early registration deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.



## From the Music Team: Joanne & Brandy

### Tentative Worship Schedule for March - Subject to change based on availability of musicians

**Sunday, March 2** - 9:30 am Worship - *Transfiguration of Our Lord* - ELW Setting # 3  
Pre-service music and prelude by Handbell Quartet

**Wednesday, March 5** - *Ash Wednesday* - Worship at 7:30 pm - ELW Setting # 10  
Prelude and communion anthem by Parish Choir

(Interested singers should arrive by 6:45 for a rehearsal. All interested singers welcome!  
Please refer to Parish Choir announcement.)

**Sunday, March 9** - 9:30 am Worship - *First Sunday in Lent* - ELW Setting # 10  
Prelude by Children & Family Choir  
Communion anthem by Pop-Up Choir –  
"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" - ELW # 774

**Wednesday, March 12** - 7:00 pm - Holden Evening Prayer - *Meeting Jesus at the Table*  
Brandy Aguirre, cantor    Tom Booth, speaker

**Sunday, March 16** - 9:30 am Worship - *Second Sunday in Lent* - ELW Setting # 10  
Communion anthem by Pop-Up Choir –  
"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" - ELW # 596

**Wednesday, March 19** - 7:00 pm - Holden Evening Prayer - *Meeting Jesus at the Table*  
Joey Martin, cantor & speaker

**Sunday, March 23** - 9:30 am Worship - *Third Sunday in Lent* - ELW Setting # 10  
Pre-service music and prelude by Parish Peal Handbell Choir  
Offertory anthem by Youth Orff Ensemble

**Wednesday, March 26** - 7:00 pm - Holden Evening Prayer - *Meeting Jesus at the Table*  
Heather Miller, cantor    Bev Hoffman, speaker

**Sunday, March 30** - 9:30 am Worship - *Fourth Sunday in Lent* - ELW Setting # 10  
Communion anthem by Pop-Up Choir - "Amazing Grace" # 779

## **Choir & Ensemble Updates**

**Please contact Joanne & Brandy with any questions.**

**Parish Choir** - Will provide the prelude and communion anthem for the Ash Wed. service on March 5. All interested singers welcome! Interested singers are asked to arrive at 6:45 pm for a rehearsal. The anthems are flexible and will work with any combination of singers and are based on familiar hymn tunes. No previous choir experience necessary. If you would like the anthems ahead of time, please contact Brandy.

**Pop-Up Choir** - Will provide the communion anthem on various Sundays in March. The dates and anthem titles are listed in the Worship Schedule for March. All interested singers are welcome to be part of the Pop-Up Choir on any given Sunday. No previous choir experience needed. All ages welcome! Simply come forward when indicated in the bulletin and grab a binder! Folks not comfortable singing an alto, tenor, or bass part may stay on the familiar melody. For more info, contact Brandy.

**Children & Family Choir** - Will provide the prelude on March 9. Rehearsals will continue during the Sunday school hour. All pre-school and early elementary children welcome! For more info, contact Brandy.

**Parish Peal Handbell Choir/Handbell Ensemble** - Parish Peal Handbell Choir will provide pre-service music and the prelude on March 23. Rehearsals will be Monday evenings March 10 and March 17 at 7:30 pm. If ringing in the handbell quartet for March 2, please watch for e-mail updates regarding rehearsal time. For more info, contact Joanne.

**Youth Orff Ensemble** - Will provide the offertory anthem on March 23. Rehearsals will continue during the Sunday school hour. All confirmation age youth welcome! High school youth welcome, too! For more info, contact Brandy.

**Special Music** - Musicians in the congregation are always welcome to provide special music for worship. Anthems may be vocal and/or instrumental. All ages and experience levels welcome! Team up with a friend or family member! Some advanced notice is required for planning purposes. For more info or to volunteer, contact Joanne.

**Thanks** to musicians of all ages who shared their talents in worship during the month of February. Your participation is appreciated.



### So, Why Camp?

We want to see our kids **thrive**, and we want to choose activities, experiences, and opportunities for them that foster faith, develop characters, and build connections. Below, you'll find some statements that you'll likely agree with, alongside some insights from recent research on the difference camp makes. So, why camp? Because...



**Kids thrive when they have a place for next-level fun.**

92% of campers cite "fun" as the number one reason for attending camp.



**Kids thrive when they have a place to truly unplug.**

87% of parents agree that camp is a place for young people to unplug from technology.



**Kids thrive when they have a safe place to explore faith.**

90% of campers agree that "My questions about God and faith were taken seriously."



**Kids thrive when they experientially develop character.**

85% of parents say that their child grew in self-confidence.



**Kids thrive when they build positive relationships.**

91% of campers said they often or always felt supported and happy at camp.



Camp Mount Luther offers kids and families incredible summer camp experiences! The camp is located outside Mifflinburg. There are camp opportunities for all ages.

Learn more and sign up for camp by heading to [campmountluther.org/summer](http://campmountluther.org/summer)

[campmountluther.org](http://campmountluther.org) [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org)

We know how boring summer can get.

# CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

is here to help!

*Like you, we think summer vacation should be fresh and fun, filled with new friendships and new experiences. Camp Mount Luther offers 400 acres and a host of awesome programs to feed your hunger for adventure.*

### 3 easy steps to your best. summer. ever.

1. Check out our 2025 Summer Camp brochure and pick your program
2. Register (scholarships are available)
3. Pack your bags and come to camp!

### Our promise to you:

1. You will be safe
2. You will be welcomed
3. You will be loved
4. You will have fun!



Register now!

*Don't suffer another long, boring summer! Come to camp and create friendships, memories, and faith that will last a lifetime!*



**CAMP MOUNT LUTHER**  
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570-922-1587  
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## *Longwood Gardens Bus Trip*

Kennett Square, PA

**Wednesday, April 23, 2025**

11:00 am – 4:00pm

**Depart 8:00 am** from the old  
Walmart (next to Weis  
Markets)

**Last day to sign up-March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**\$27.00pp** inc. bus trip/ticket  
(Payment due day you sign up  
to secure your ticket)

**Make checks payable to:**  
Christ's Lutheran Church

### Itinerary:

- Depart Lewisburg @ 8:00am from the old Walmart (next to Weis Markets). Be there by 7:45am so the bus can leave promptly by 8:00am. We have timed tickets for admission to the gardens at 11:00am. We will depart Longwood Gardens at 4:00pm.
- Lunch is on your own in the gardens. There is a cafe or if you want fine dining you must make your own reservation at the 1906 Restaurant (610-388-5290) but they recommend making the reservation online. We will NOT be stopping anywhere after we leave the gardens so plan accordingly.



### Worship Assistants for March 2025

<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>March 2 Transfiguration of Our Lord</b>	<b>March 9 1 Lent</b>	<b>March 16 2 Lent</b>	<b>March 23 3 Lent</b>	<b>March 30 4 Lent</b>
Worship Assistant	Joseph Martin	Pastor Biesecker	Sarah Patte	Heather Miller	Joseph Martin
Lector	Ken Stitley	Beckie Stahlnecker	Carole Bollinger	Ann Sabol	Beverly Harvey
Acolytes	Claire Hersberger Marie Winder	Aaron Hersberger Violet Hauck	Lilly Patte Olivia Koontz	Ellis & Orissa Reed	Ruth Miller Maddy Hauck
Communion Ushers	Don & Connie May	Tim Goff Cordell Dean	Diane Miller Judy Cotner	Mel Wunder Rick Faux	Bill Wagner Colleen Nevil
Communion Assistants	Patti Faux	Jackie Goff	Rick Slear	Mark Elliott	Laura Faux
Usher Team	Colleen Nevil Laura Adams	Rick Slear Tim Varney	Oliver Patte Rick Faux	Cherie Jarrett Mary Lou Shedden	Tim & Carol Apple
Welcome Desk	Roberta Winder	Laura Adams	Laurie Slear	Pam Baker	Bill & DeDee Wagner
Altar Guild		Diane Miller			
CPIC		Andy Anderson			

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TAKE NOTE:** Please check in with the Council person in charge (CPIC) when you arrive on Sunday morning to serve. If you are unable to be here, please try to switch with someone else ahead of time if possible. If changes have been made or assistance is needed, please call the Church Office at 570-524-0745 or email [christchurch@dejazzd.com](mailto:christchurch@dejazzd.com). Thank you-God bless you abundantly for your service to Christ and His Church!



## Easter Flowers & Palm Plant Order Form—2025

On Palm Sunday our Church Sanctuary will feature palm plants and on Easter Sunday it will be colorfully decorated with palms, Easter lilies, hyacinths, hydrangeas and tulips to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please consider donating plants in memory of or in honor of your loved ones.

When you order your plants, please indicate whether you will pick up the plant or leave it to be delivered to homebound members. Plants will be available for pickup after the Easter service or on the Tuesday after Easter (April 22) thru April 24).

**ALL PLANT ORDERS MUST BE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to order: # \_\_\_\_\_ Easter lilies @ \$15.00 each

# \_\_\_\_\_ Tulip plants @ \$10.00 each

# \_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinths plants @ \$10.00 each

# ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ # ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Hydrangeas @ \$24.00 each (choose blue or pink)

# \_\_\_\_\_ Palm Plants (for Palm Sunday, April 13) @ approximately \$25.00 each. This price is subject to change.

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Please make checks out to Christ's Lutheran Church)

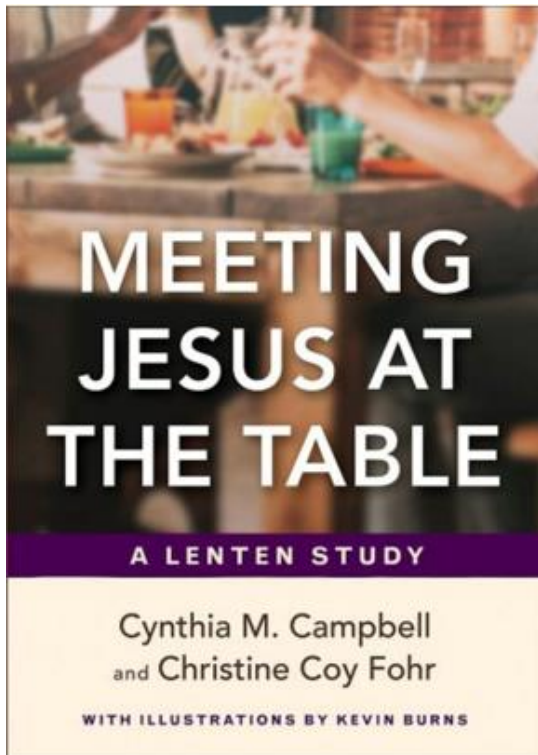
I will pick up plants \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_ I will leave plants to be delivered.

In loving memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: \_\_\_\_\_





**WHEN:** Wednesdays evenings  
March 12<sup>th</sup> through April 9<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** Lenten Suppers @ 6:00 pm  
Holden Evening Prayer Services at 7:00 pm.

**WHERE:** Christ's Lutheran Church\*  
(100 S. 3rd ST., Lewisburg)

\*On Wed. April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lenten Supper & Holden  
Evening Prayer service will be held at United  
in Christ Church (1875 Churches Rd, Lewisburg)

*All are welcome!*

