

Christ's Corner on the News



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 8th: Don't forget to set your clocks AHEAD one hour before retiring Saturday, March 7.

APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is **Mon., March 16**, newsletter will be mailed on Tues., March 24 at 9:15 am.

SOUP & SCRIPTURE LUNCHEONS will be served on Wednesdays beginning **Feb. 18th** through **March 25th** at **noon at the Presbyterian Church** in Lewisburg. 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.

EASTER PLANTS: All orders must be received by **Monday, March 23, 2026.**

If you give electronically or no longer need contribution envelopes, please contact the church office.

Sun., March 1

11 am Annual Meeting – NAVE
Faith Lab @ CELC
4:30-6:30pm

UYG Road Trip Bible Study
6:30-8:00pm @ CELC

Tues., March 3, 10, 17, & 24

6pm Lenten Study @ UIC

Wed., March 4, 11, 18, & 25

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

Sun. March 15

Faith Lab @ UIC
4:30-6:30pm

Sun. March 22

UYG Movie Night
6:00-8:00pm UMC

Mon., March 23

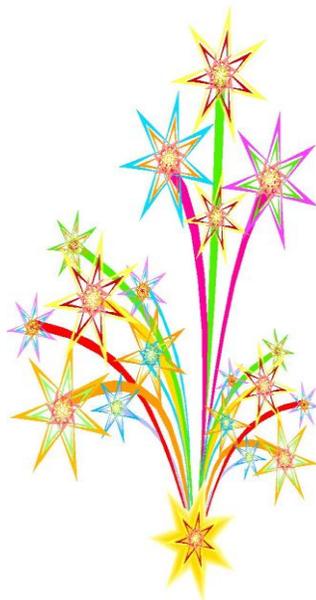
Easter flower orders due

Sun., March 29

Palm Sunday
3pm -5pm Taste of Camp @ CML
6-8pm UYG Easter Escape Room @
1st Baptist

MARCH 80+ BIRTHDAYS

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



MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

MEMORIALS: Memorial gifts were received in loving memory of Gloria Walters from Brian & Diane Miller and Bill & Julie Borys all of Lewisburg.

Dear Christ's Lutheran,

I've shared in the past that Lent is one of my favorite seasons in the church alongside Advent. I particularly like the seasons that call us into repentance and reflection as we examine our relationship with our Lord. While this reflection and repentance are actions we should be taking year-round, Lent in particular invites us to be particularly intentional and mindful about our practices that ground us in faith. Some of the common practices for the season are giving up something (like chocolate or soda) or adding a specific new activity to our daily lives (like intentional prayer or meditation).

These 40 days are ones of great opportunity for us—but you might have noticed that if we calculated all of the days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday, we have more than 40 days. We actually have 46 days, due to the Sundays in Lent. You'll notice with that on our bulletin covers when we are in a particular season like Advent or Easter, we will have “The Fourth Sunday OF Advent” but during Lent we write “The Third Sunday IN Lent.” You might be thinking to yourself, “Oh Pastor Katy, does that really matter?”

Well, yes—it does. Those small words carry deep meaning. The Sundays *in* Lent are not counted among the forty days because every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. Even in a penitential season, we are Easter people. Each Sunday is a “little Easter,” a reminder that repentance always lives alongside hope. So, we journey *through* Lent, but each Sunday we pause to remember the victory that is already ours in Christ.

Historically, these Sundays have carried beautiful Latin names drawn from the opening words of the Psalm appointed for the day. Those names help us hear the particular emphasis of each step along the way.

The First Sunday in Lent is called **Invocabit**, from Psalm 91:15: “When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.” It is the Sunday of the wilderness, when we hear of our Lord's temptation. As Lent begins, we are reminded that when we call upon the Lord in our own wilderness seasons, the Lord is faithful. Our Lenten disciplines are not about testing God, but about trusting God.

The Second Sunday in Lent is **Reminiscere**, from Psalm 25:6: “Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love.” This Sunday gently turns our eyes toward God's mercy, reminding us to pray and to confidently hold God to God's promises. As we remember our sins, we also ask God to remember compassion. Repentance is never separated from the steadfast love of the Lord.

The Third Sunday in Lent is **Oculi**, from Psalm 25:15: “My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.” There is a sharpening here, a call to focus. With distractions and temptations all around us, this Sunday invites us to fix our eyes on Christ. It is a week to consider where our gaze has wandered and to intentionally turn it back to the One who delivers us.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent is **Laetare**, from Isaiah 66:10 in the historic introit: “Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy.” In the midst of our penitence, the Church bids us rejoice. The purple of the season lightens, if only slightly. We are given a breath of joy, a reminder that Lent is not endless and is leading somewhere good. Even now, grace is breaking in.

The Fifth Sunday in Lent is **Judica**, from Psalm 43:1: “Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; from those who are deceitful and unjust, deliver me!” The tone deepens as we draw near to Holy Week. There is a growing intensity in the readings. We begin to see more clearly the cost of redemption and the opposition Christ faces. We pray for God’s righteous judgment—not in arrogance, but in humble trust that God alone sets things right.

And then we enter Holy Week with **Palmarum**, or Palm Sunday. This is our entrance into Holy Week. We wave palms and sing “Hosanna,” echoing the crowds who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem. Yet even in that celebration, the shadow of the cross looms. The King who comes in the name of the Lord comes to lay down his life.

These names may seem like small details, remnants of an older tradition. But they remind us that Lent is not shapeless. It is a carefully guided journey. Each Sunday has its own voice, its own invitation—calling, remembering, fixing our eyes, rejoicing, pleading for justice, and finally welcoming our king. So yes, those little words matter. We are not simply counting down days. We are being formed. As we walk these Sundays *in* Lent, may the Lord deepen our repentance, steady our hope, and prepare our hearts to sing the alleluias of Easter with renewed joy!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Katy

March Information for Spiritual Growth

Souper Bowl of Caring – Thank you for your generous support. We received 64 cans of soup and \$224.86.

FAITH LAB - Faith Lab continues in 2026 as we welcome students from pre-k through sixth grade to explore “Living in God’s Time”. Each month we gather for Bible study, songs, games,



The poster for Buffalo Valley Faith Lab features a central graphic with a cross, gears, and a bar chart. It includes a QR code for sign-up and details about the program's schedule and locations.

**BUFFALO VALLEY
FAITH LAB**

Scan to sign up!

1st and 3rd Sundays of the Month
4:30pm-6:30pm
September-May
Grades K-6
Free family dinner!

1st Sunday @ Christ's Lutheran
100 S. 3rd Street
Lewisburg, PA 17837

3rd Sunday @ United In Christ
1875 Churches Rd.
Lewisburg, PA 17837

crafts, and a family dinner sponsored by the host congregation. During the month of March, we will be discovering holy week and Easter. There is also a Bible study class for the parents. Faith Lab takes place on the first Sunday of the month at Christ’s Lutheran from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Then on the third Sunday of the month we meet at United in Christ Lutheran on Churches Road from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

UNITED YOUTH GROUP – For youth in 6th through 12th grade

- Sunday, March 1 - 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm – Road Trip Bible Study of MOSES. We will meet at Christ’s Lutheran in the youth room.
- Sunday, March 22 – 6 pm to 8 pm – Movie Night at Beaver Memorial United Methodist
- Sunday, March 29 – 6 pm to 8 pm – Puzzles for an Easter Escape Room at 1st Baptist.

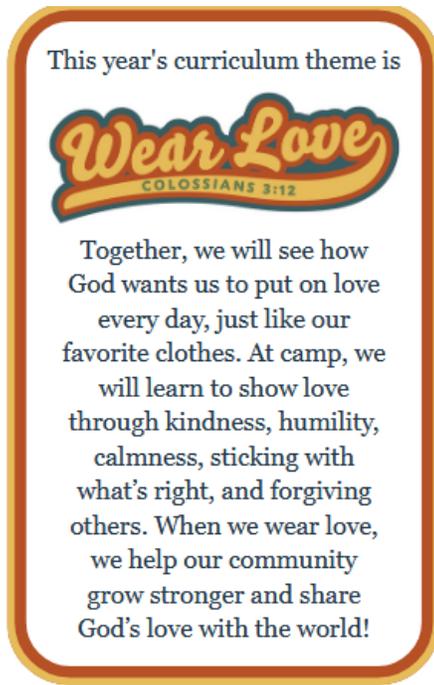
MINI MISSION MONDAY – We will be putting together care packages for military persons on March 16 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. We will gather in room 204-06. We are looking for donated items for these packages. Requested Items are socks, foot powder, baby wipes, Q-Tips, lip balm, puzzle books, pencils and pens, powdered drink mixes, nuts, jerky, and other snacks. You can put your donations in the blue bin that is by the faith formation bulletin board. Thank you for your support. If you have a person in your family that we can send a package to please make sure we have a current address.



SYNOD YOUTH LEAD EVENT - Sunday, March 8 – 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm – Open Mic/Talent Show at Milton Lutheran

Coming in the Spring – Save the Dates

Sunday, April 12	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Synod Youth Event - Picnic	Faith Lutheran
Saturday, April 18	9:30 am — Noon	Help at Beacon Free Shop	Beaver UM
Sunday, April 26	6:30 to 8 pm	UYG Road Trip Bible Study	St. Paul’s
Friday - Saturday, May 1-2	6 pm to 4 pm	UYG Spring Retreat	Mount Luther
Saturday, May 9	10 am to 1 pm	Road Clean up and Lunch	Christ’s
Sunday, May 17	12:30 pm	UYG Year End Celebration Luncheon	Christ’s



SAVE THE DATE – “Wear Love” Day Camp will be July 27-31. We are teaming up with Camp Mount Luther, United in Christ Lutheran, and Milton Lutheran. This is for children in kindergarten through fifth grade.

EXTRAVAGANZA 2026

At the end of January and beginning of February I got to attend the ELCA Network for children, youth, and family ministry's conference. This year we were in St. Louis. There was no specific theme this year, but I was focusing on Living in an Intergenerational Community. The church is one of the last places where all the generations come together. Each generation has value and we need to learn how to communicate with each other. We all should feel welcome and included as we participate and contribute in our own ways.

Some of the sessions focused on the Greatest Commandment from the book of Matthew - Love God with your heart, soul, and mind, and love your Neighbor as yourself. We need to make heart centered connections that spread the Love of God to all. Thanks for allowing me to go to this conference to deepen my network and get recharged for ministry. *Charlene Rineer*

Tentative Worship Schedule for March - Subject to Change

Sunday, March 1 - *Second Sunday in Lent* - ELW Setting 10

Sanctified Art Series: The Good News Is...Great Love for God and Neighbor

9:30 am Worship - Anthems TBA

Wednesday, March 4 - *Holden Evening Prayer*

7:00 pm - Chad Hershberger, cantor & speaker

Sunday, March 8 - *Third Sunday in Lent* - ELW Setting 10

Sanctified Art Series: The Good News Is...Together the Impossible is Possible

9:30 am Worship - Anthems TBA

(Remember to spring clocks ahead one hour!)

Wednesday, March 11 - *Holden Evening Prayer*

7:00 pm - Heather Miller, cantor Beverly Hoffman, speaker (Faith Lutheran/Messiah)

Sunday, March 15 - Fourth Sunday in Lent - ELW Setting 10

9:30 am Worship - Camp Mount Luther Sunday - "Clothe Yourselves in Love"
Sanctified Art Series: The Good News Is...Protection and Care for the Vulnerable
Camp songs and special music led by Chad Hershberger and friends

Wednesday, March 18 - Holden Evening Prayer

7:00 pm - John Warfel, cantor (Milton Lutheran) Michelle Shearer, speaker (UIC)

Sunday, March 22 - Fifth Sunday in Lent - ELW Setting 10

Sanctified Art Series: The Good News Is...Rooted in Justice, Mercy & Faithfulness
9:30 am Worship - Anthems by 12-Bell Ensemble; Additional anthem - TBA

Wednesday, March 25 - *Holden Evening Prayer*

7:00 pm Worship - Pam Souders, cantor & speaker

Sunday, March 29 - Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday - ELW Setting 10

9:30 am Worship - Anthems TBA

Choir/Ensemble Updates

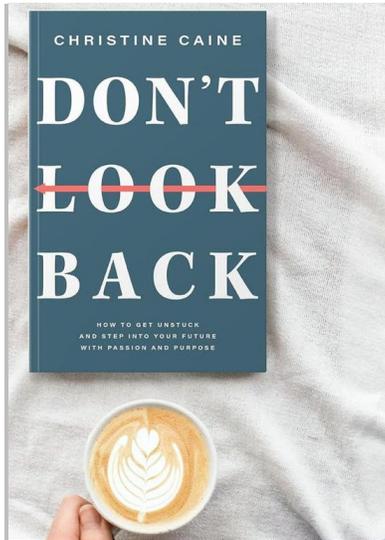
Parish Peal Handbell Ensemble/12-Bell Ensemble - Thanks to 12-Bell Ensemble for sharing anthems for worship on Feb. 15. 12-Bell Ensemble will provide anthems for worship on March 22. Ringers are asked to check e-mail for updates to the rehearsal schedule. Anyone wishing to learn to ring handbells is asked to contact Joanne.

Parish Choir - Thanks for providing anthems for Ash Wednesday and Sunday, Feb. 22. Singers are asked to check e-mail and bulletins for any updates RE: Parish Choir for the month of March.

Special Music - Folks in the congregation are invited to provide anthems for worship. All ages and experience levels welcome! Anthems may be vocal and/or instrumental. Choose pre-service, prelude, offertory or communion slots. Advance notice is appreciated for planning purposes. Contact Joanne.

Folks are asked to stay tuned for further info on possible additional choirs and ensembles for March.

Thanks to Kailyn White, Lennox White, 12-Bell Handbell Ensemble and Parish Choir for providing anthems for Sunday worship during the month of February. Thanks to Joey Martin for serving as cantor and speaker for Holden Evening Prayer on Feb. 25.



Ladies Bible Study meets Thursdays in March:
 Morning @ 9:30
 Evening @ 6pm
Weather permitting

A new spring study on *Angels* will be starting on April 9th

CHRIST'S LUTHERAN CHURCH INVITES YOU



Men's Bible Study

NEW STUDY of ACTS

6:00PM IN THE PARLOR

THURSDAY

March 5th & March 19th

ALL ARE WELCOME



Tell me something good

Grounding ourselves in the good news this Lent

Sundays
 Worship, 9:30am @ CELC

Tuesdays
 Study Series, 6:30pm @ UIC

Wednesdays
 Soup Dinner, 6:00pm @ CELC
 Holden Evening Prayer, 7:00pm @ CELC

Thursdays
 Brunch Group, 11:00am @ Silver Moon Restaurant

February 22-March 26



March 1

Queen Size Sheets/Pillow Cases

March 8

Bed Pillows

March 15

Queen Size Mattress Covers

March 22

Queen Size Blankets

*Bring new or gently used items to worship each Sunday!
All donations will go to support the mission of
DIG Furniture Bank in Milton!*



the good news is...

a queen-sized bed



PLEASE JOIN US
FOR A LIGHT
LUNCHEON
AS WE
CELEBRATE



WOMEN'S OUTREACH WORKS



MARCH | 24 | AT 12:30 PM



MESSIAH FELLOWSHIP HALL
308 MARKET ST.
NEW BERLIN

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
MIRIAM MILBRAND
570.490.3403



This gathering brings together women to engage in hands-on participation with the Lutheran World Relief quilting ministry. It offers meaningful fellowship and sharing of ideas throughout the day.



CAMP MOUNT LUTHER
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355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844
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cml@campmountluther.org
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Raise the Region

March 11 beginning @ 6pm
March 12 ending @ 11:59pm

Your donation will help CML
Continue to provide quality spiritual
formation, outdoor adventure, intentional
community and leadership experiences
for people of all ages.

Please go to raisetheregion.org to make
your contribution. Thank you for your
generosity!

WHY CAMP?

Parents & caregivers, we're with you.

We're all on a mission together. We want the kids in our lives to grow up with a safe place to have fun, grow in character, and connect with God and others. That's what camp does, and now we've got the research to support the truth that **camp experiences have lasting positive impacts on the lives on kids, their families, and communities.**

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 site "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.

81% of campers said they often or always felt supported and happy at camp.

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 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!



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

TASTE OF CAMP

MARCH 29, 3-5pm

(and stick around for
dinner church after!)



EASTER CANDY COLLECTION

We are collecting candy and little toys to go in
Easter eggs for the preschool!

Please bring them to the church by **March 17**



Worship Assistants for March 2026

	March 1 2 Lent	March 8 3 Lent	March 15 4 Lent/Camp Sunday	March 22 5 Lent	March 29 Palm Sunday
Worship Asst.	Sarah Patte	Heather Miller	Chad Hershberger	Joseph Martin	Dale Beisecker
Lector	Dale Beisecker	Tom Milbrand	Joseph Martin	Miriam Milbrand	Mark Elliot
Acolytes	Lilly Patte Olivia Koontz	Ruth Miller Lilly Tillson	Maddy & Violet Hauck	Aaron Hershberger Devlynn Williams	Violet Hauck Marie Winder
Communion Ushers	Bill Borys Judy Cotner	Miriam Milbrand Laura Faux	Oliver Patte Aaron Hershberger	Beckie Stahlnecker Jackie Cvik	Colleen Nevil Adelyn Elliott
Communion Assistant	Laura Faux	Darlene Rowe	Joseph Martin	Carol Apple	Mark Elliott
Communion Pourers	Tim Goff Colleen Nevil	Mark & Adelyn Elliott	Claire Hershberger Heather Miller	Carole Bollinger Tim Apple	Darlene Rowe Laura Faux
Usher Team	Tess Trowbridge Jackie Cvik	Mary Lou Sheldon Cherie Jarrett	Ruth Miller Ellis Reed	Wayne Hook Gary Parks	Laura Adams Rick Faux
Welcome Desk	Janie Keiser	Bill & DeDee Wagner	Roberta & Marie	Carole Bollinger	Jackie Goff
Altar Guild	Diane Miller's Team				
CPIC	Tom Stahlnecker				