

Christ's Corner on the News



Happy Easter

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April 2026

Thurs., April 2

Maundy Thursday @ 7:00pm

Fri., April 3

Good Friday @ 7:00pm

Sat., April 4

UIC Easter Egg Hunt @ 2:00pm

Sunday, April 5

Easter @ 9:30am

Wed., April 8 – Sat. April 11

Preschool Kid's Market

Thurs., April 9 & 16

Ladies Bible Study @ CELC
9:30am & 6pm

Sun., April 12 2pm - 4pm

UYG Picnic @ Faith Lutheran

Thurs., April 16 & 30

CELC Men's Bible Study @ 6pm

Sat., April 18 9am-noon

UYG help at Beacon Free Shop

Sunday, April 19

4:30pm–6:30pm Faith Lab @ UIC

Tues., April 15

Deadline for early summer
Camp Mt. Luther registration

Sun., April 26 6:30pm –8:00pm

UYG Road Trip Bible Study
@ St. Paul's

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER'S early registration deadline for a discount is **April 15th**. See Tom Stahlnecker, our camp-person, or Charlene Rineer if you have any questions. For more information, visit: www.campmountluther.org.

RAISE THE REGION: We raised \$37,000! This is a new record. A great big thank you to all who donated to camp.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on **April 6th**, (the Monday after Easter). Please note that Easter flowers may be taken home after the Easter worship service or picked up throughout the week during church office hours (Mon. – Thurs. 8am – 4:30pm) beginning Tues., April 7th.

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

A memorial was received in memory of **Gloria Walters** from Judy Bechtel and Bill Metzger Sr., of Lewisburg.

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100 S. Third St., Lewisburg, PA 17837

Dear Christ's Lutheran,

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! This is the recurring triumphant proclamation that we declare each week in this Easter season. A reminder that our Lord Jesus overcame death, revealing to us the depths of God's love for us on the cross. And so we celebrate the risen Christ, the promise of new life, and the reassurance that death does not have the final say. And as we move through this season, I want us to pause for a moment and look at the images we surround ourselves with—lilies, tulips, palm trees, empty tombs, bunnies, eggs. And some of these we've embraced whole heartedly in the church and others have become known more in the secular world. The Easter Bunny comes from an old German tradition of the *Osterhase* (Easter Hare) who would deliver Easter eggs and baskets full of goodies to children who were good and hopping (ha! See what I did there) over the children who were naughty. German Lutherans brought this tradition with them when they came to America.

But I'd like to turn our attention to the Easter egg. For many of us, these eggs have probably decorated our tables for the Easter meal, served as an activity to do with our families when we would dye them, or become the bane of your existence when you try to remember how many you've hidden for the children to find during an Easter egg hunt. They come in many varieties now! Some of us might picture hard-boiled eggs that have been hand painted or hand dyed, some might be envisioning the brightly colored, neon plastic eggs that have chocolate inside. And these showy, bright pieces might seem far removed from this empty tomb. But the egg has long been a symbol of new life across many cultures. Even before Christianity, it was associated with springtime, fertility, and renewal. The early Church then, rather than remove the image or the piece, reinterpreted it in light of Christ. For Christians, the egg has become a powerful symbol of the resurrection. Just as a chick emerges from what appears to be a lifeless shell, so our Lord Jesus emerged from the sealed tomb, breaking forth into new and everlasting life. The shell, in this sense, represents the tomb—closed, dark, and seemingly final—until it is broken open by the power of God. Early Orthodox churches used to distribute blessed eggs at Paschal vigil services on Holy Saturday. The tradition of dyeing eggs began in Mesopotamia, where Christians dyed them red to represent the blood of Christ.

Another connection to this red color and particularly meaningful tradition connects the egg to Mary Magdalene. Mary Magdalene is the first witness to the resurrection in all four Gospels and she is the one entrusted with proclaiming the good news to the disciples and to the world. According to early Christian legend, Mary Magdalene later traveled to Rome and met with the Emperor Tiberius. She proclaimed that Christ had risen from the dead, and the emperor more or less laughed in her face remarking that a man could no more rise from the dead than the egg in her hand could change color to red. In that moment, the egg miraculously changed color and confirmed her testimony.

While there is no biblical account of this story, it has endured because it captures the boldness and power of Mary's faith and witness to the surprising, world-changing truth of the resurrection.

In the Gospel of John, Mary Magdalene stands weeping outside the tomb until she encounters the risen Christ, though she does not recognize him at first. It is only when he calls her by name that she recognizes him. She is then sent to the disciples with the message, "I have seen the Lord." Because of this, the Church has long honored her as the "apostle to the apostles." The image of the egg, simple, unexpected, and filled with life, resonates with her story. What seems ordinary becomes extraordinary; what seems lifeless becomes the bearer of new life; what seems impossible becomes the very center of our hope.

We remember that our faith doesn't rest in customs or symbols, but in the living Word of God and the saving work of Jesus Christ. We are justified by grace through faith, not by tradition or practice. And yet, we also affirm that such traditions can serve as helpful teaching tools. They give us ways to pass the faith on to our children, to tell the story again and again, and to see reminders of God's promises in the world around us. They invite us to live into a bold witness that can miraculously turn an egg from white to red.

The Easter egg, then, becomes more than a decoration or a game. It becomes a bold testimony. It speaks of life emerging from death, of hope breaking through despair, and of God's power to do what seems impossible. It invites us to remember not only the empty tomb, but also the call given to Mary Magdalene—to go and tell, to bear witness, and to share the good news with others.

So as you see eggs this Easter—whether carefully dyed, hidden for children to find, or placed at the center of your table—pause for a moment and reflect on what they represent. Let them point you beyond themselves to the greater reality: the risen Christ, who has broken open the grave and given us the promise of new life, both now and forever. In that sure and certain hope, we continue to proclaim with joy: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Yours in Christ,
Pr. Katy

Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church Letters of Transfer

by Gary W. Parks

A small file has recently been abstracted and archived within the Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) Archives. The file contains letters requesting membership to our church or requesting a transfer to another church. The letters were generated by CELC Pastors Larry Hofer, Charles Glandorf, or Steven Middernacht as well as local Pastors Bob Linke, Tom Musser and Harry Sagar. The correspondence dates from 1978 until 1983. Additional information may be found within the letters of transfer including: confirmation dates, marriage dates, and parentage. There is a copy of the list at the Welcome Desk for those interested in learning more. If anyone who would like their own copy of the list please contact the church office.

Spiritual Growth News for April 2026

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, crafts, & a family dinner sponsored by the host congregation. During the month of April, we'll be discovering Easter. There is also a Bible study class for the parents. Faith Lab will take place on the April 19th at United in Christ Lutheran on Churches Road from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm.

Synod Youth Event – PICNIC – Sun., April 12 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at Faith Lutheran Church.

UNITED YOUTH GROUP 6 th - 12 th Graders			
Date	TIME	EVENT	Place
Sat., April 18	9:30 am — Noon	Help at Beacon Free Shop	Beaver UM
Sun., April 26	6:30 to 8 pm	Road Trip Bible Study	St. Paul's
Fri – Sat., May 1-2	6 pm to 4 pm	UYG Spring Retreat	Mount Luther
Sat., May 9	10 am to 1 pm	Road Clean up and Lunch	Christ's
Sun., 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 will take place at Milton Lutheran Church. The days run from 9 to 3. Lunch will be provided. This is for children in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Notes from the Music Ministry

Tentative Worship Schedule for April

Thursday, April 2 - *Maundy Thursday Worship* - ELW Setting 10 - Eucharist
Stripping of the Altar
7:00 pm - Anthems TBA

Friday, April 3 - *Good Friday Tenebrae*
7:00 pm - Anthems TBA

Sunday, April 5 - *Resurrection of Our Lord* - Easter Sunday - ELW Setting 4
9:30 am Worship - Anthems by Parish Peal Handbell Ensemble,
Parish Choir & Children's Choir with handbell accompaniment by Youth;
**Children & Youth Processional (shakers and streamers) during Gathering Hymn. All
children & youth welcome! (Please see announcement for more information.)

Sunday, April 12 - *Second Sunday of Easter* - ELW Setting 4
9:30 am Worship - Anthems TBA

Sunday, April 19 - *Third Sunday of Easter* - ELW Setting 4
9:30 am Worship - Anthems TBA

Sunday, April 26 - *Fourth Sunday of Easter* - ELW Setting 4
9:30 am Worship - Anthems TBA



Choir/Ensemble Updates - Contact Joanne

1) Parish Peal Handbell Ensemble - Will provide anthems for Easter Sunday. Ringers are asked to check e-mail for updates to the rehearsal and ringing schedule for the remainder of the month. Anyone wishing to learn to ring handbells is asked to contact Joanne.

2) Parish Choir - Will provide anthems on Easter Sunday. Singers are asked to check e-mail for updates to the rehearsal and singing schedule for the April. New singers welcome at any time! No previous choir experience is necessary. Contact Brandy.

3) Children's Choir - Will provide an anthem on Easter Sunday and lead the procession on the Gathering Hymn. All pre-school and elementary children welcome! Rehearsals will continue during the Sunday school hour for the remainder of April. Next date to share in worship - TBD. Contact Brandy.

4) Youth Ringers/Chimers for Easter Sunday - Middle School and High School youth are invited to provide bell/chime accompaniment for the Children's Choir anthem on Easter Sunday. Interested youth should contact Brandy.

5) Youth Drumming/Orff Ensemble - More information will be forthcoming regarding this ensemble and participation in worship for the remainder of April. Interested youth should contact Brandy.

6) Special Music - Members and friends of the congregation are always welcome to provide anthems for worship. All ages and experience levels welcome! Anthems may be instrumental and/or vocal. Some advanced notice is appreciated for planning purposes. Interested folks should contact Joanne.

Children & Youth Processional for Easter Sunday - All children and youth are invited to process on the Gathering Hymn on Easter Sunday. Interested children and youth are asked to gather in the atrium prior to the start of worship. Children and youth will be given shakers and streamers to wave. For more info, contact Brandy.

Thanks to all musicians who shared their talents in worship during the month of March.



Holy Week

MAUNDY THURSDAY	7 PM	April 2
GOOD FRIDAY	7 PM	April 3
EASTER SUNDAY	9:30 AM	April 5

There will be a coffee and pastry bar in the Atrium following the Easter worship service.

Worship Assistants for April 2026

	April 2 – Maundy Thursday	April 3 Good Friday	April 5 Easter	April 12	April 19	April 26
Worship Asst.	Sarah Patte	Chad Hershberger	Dale Beisecker	Heather Miller	Joseph Martin	Sarah Patte
Lector	Laura Faux	xxxx	Tim Goff	Carole Bollinger	Patti Faux	Beckie Stahlnecker
Acolytes	Marie Winder Lilly Patte	Ruth Miller	Violet Hauck Marie Winder	Maddie Hauck Devlynn Williams	Olivia Koontz Ellis Reed	Lilly Patted Lilly Tillson
Communion Ushers	Tim Goff Brian Miller	xxxx	Jim Snyder Mel Wunder	Colleen Nevil Bill Borys	Brian & Diane Miller	Beckie & Tom Stahlnecker
Communion Assistant	Jackie Goff	xxxx	Tess Trowbridge	Gregg Wetzal	Rick Slear	Tim Goff
Communion Pourers	Laura Faux Rick Faux	xxxx	Jackie Cvik Laura Adams	Mark & Adelyn Elliot	Colleen Nevil Darlene Rowe	Carole & Bill Bollinger
Usher Team	Tim & Carol Apple	Beckie & Tom Stahlnecker	Tim Varney Bob Varney	Miriam Milbrand Laura Faux	Jerry & Julie Albright	Oliver Patte Rick Slear
Welcome Desk	xxxx	xxxx	Janie Keiser	Jackie Cvik	Rick & Laurie Slear	Robertta Winder
Altar Guild	All Teams for Holy Week/Easter					
CPIC	Bev Harvey's Team					
	Rick Faux					

**BUFFALO VALLEY
FAITH LAB**

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

Free family dinner!

Sponsored by:

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

**LEWISBURG
COOPERATIVE
PRESCHOOL**

2026

100 S. 3rd
Street
Lewisburg

KIDS MARKET

WEDNESDAY, 4/8: 9AM - 1PM
THURSDAY, 4/9: 4PM - 7PM
FRIDAY, 4/10: 9AM - 1PM
SATURDAY, 4/11: 9AM - 12PM

1/2 price on Saturday!

**Children's Clothes, Costumes
Toys, Games, & Gear**

CASH OR CHECK ACCEPTED

8-SESSION BIBLE STUDY

New study begins
March 26, 2026

VIDEO
ACCESS
INCLUDED

*Finding Hope in God Who Reigns
over Heaven and Earth*

Angels

THURSDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY

9:30 AM & 6:00 PM @ CELC

MELISSA SPOELSTRA

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD OF
ARMIES; HIS GLORY FILLS THE WHOLE
EARTH.

ISAIAH 6:3

In this 8-session Bible study, join Melissa Spoelstra as she explores Scripture from Genesis to Revelation to learn about angels – who they are, what they do, and what they have to do with you. There’s no reason to fear or ignore what’s happening in the supernatural, unseen realm. We can live with confidence that God is in control of it all. *Angels* is a call to put your hope in the God of Angel Armies who reigns over heaven and earth.



YOU'RE INVITED!
United In Christ
Lutheran Church

Easter Egg Hunt!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH
2:00PM**

PRE-K - 5TH GRADE
**UNITED IN CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
1875 CHURCHES ROAD
LEWISBURG, PA 17837

The invitation features a central white oval with a tree logo and text, surrounded by various colorful Easter eggs with patterns like polka dots, stripes, and zig-zags on a light teal background.



LUTHERAN DAY AT THE CAPITOL

They'll know we are Christians by our love. In a time of turbulence in our nation and around the world — with consequences that threaten our neighbors, our democracy and our common home — what does it mean to show up as church together for the sake of the world God loves?

Join us on Monday, April 20, for a day of learning, community-building, inspiration, and advocacy. Gather with advocates from across the Commonwealth to be grounded in our faith and equipped to act together on issues that make a difference to the wellbeing of all. For decades, this has been known as Lutheran Day in the Capitol. This year we are leaning into a call to equip all disciples to act for justice and peace — building more welcoming communities and a more resilient Commonwealth.

We will learn from each other about what is working in our communities, including lessons from the church around the country. We will learn from legal and policy experts about what to expect in 2026 and how we can be prepared to act. We will learn from peace builders about progress in Pennsylvania and how we can both model a vision for a better future and support and encourage leaders who are building bridges now to help us get there together.

Registration is open!

Registration Rate – \$60 – Closes at 5 p.m. on **April 13**. *Registrations after this date may not be guaranteed a boxed lunch.*

Student Rate – \$35 – for middle school, high school, college, and grad students. All youth and young adults will have the option to join together for a youth and young adult track, accompanied by Pastor Justin Lingenfelter, LAMPa Policy Council member from Upper Susquehanna Synod.