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**JESUS LOVES US,
THIS WE KNOW,
FOR THE BIBLE
TELLS US SO**



FROM THE PASTOR

Remember the story of the prodigal son in Luke 15:11-32? Here's a summary from the NRSV, I adapted to refresh us:

A reflection from Pastor Althea as we head into the season of Lent

The Christian hymn “Jesus Loves Me” was first written to be a poem by Anna Bartlett Warner. Then it was adapted to be a hymn by William Batchelder Bradbury in the mid 1800’s. We sing, “Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong. They are weak but He is strong.” These words have stayed with many of us our whole lives. It is quite a simple song, and yet it has deep comfort for us. God loves us dearly and Christ is our strength when we just cannot muster up the motivation, courage, or muscle to keep going.

As a social worker and a pastor, I have witnessed people actively dying in body, feeling like such a burden in their mind that they attempt to take their own life, and stray so far from their faith and spirituality that they forget God will never leave them or forsake them. These are extremes. Many of us struggle somewhere in between the extremes and tough stuff in our daily living. “Jesus Loves Me” reminds us that Christ is always with us and approaches us with love and mercy whether it is our body, mind, or spirit (sometimes even all three) which need healing.



Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So, he divided his property between them. “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need... but no one gave him anything.

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“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘...I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son...’ So, he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him...Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So, they began to celebrate...

Hopefully, most of us aren’t struggling with the most extreme scenarios in our lives at present. Even if we are, God is with us as we navigate it. Wherever we exist as Lent begins this year, Jesus loves us and is strong when we feel weak. Lent is a time of reflecting and remembering that the Holy Trinity, Three-in-One, is always present with us to greet us, guide us, and love us. God rejoices when we remember who is most powerful. Almighty God, who created us and who created the world, holds us dear and greets us as we turn back to Him. Lent is full of repentance and repentance is “turning back”. We are reminded to let go of the things which distract us from being close with God and the things which hold us back from being healthy humans in mind, body, and spirit.

I have created an opportunity for everyone to join me Wednesdays at 12:00 noon during Lent for a casual

Church Council Members

- Neal Galbraith (*President*)
- Louise Lundquist (*Vice President*)
- Nancy Brightbill (*Secretary*)
- Brad Bishop (*Church Treasurer*)
- Kathy Bishop
- Jay Brown
- Karen Fitting
- Pam Gainer
- Heidi Gerver
- Jessie Green
- Renee Hunter
- Lynn Kern
- Henry Wampler



time of checking in with one another, discussion, and reflection. Bring your own lunch and join me and your brothers and sisters in Christ for some spiritual encouragement. Spread the word and please don’t hesitate to bring a friend or neighbor! Even if you cannot make the discussion, please feel free to pick up a devotional for Lent in the church lobby.

God loves you. Christ conquered the world long before we were born. The Holy Spirit remains with us to strengthen and encourage us. I am always around to listen, chat, pray, and encourage all of you as well. I am thankful for our community of faith which also supports and uplifts one another daily.

Lean on one another. Take some time for quiet prayer. And, if you ever get too overwhelmed or feel alone, cry out to Christ who overcame death and the grave so that we may never need fear. We are all priceless children of God. Sing the song and remember we are given the gift of His great LOVE and eternal life during Lent, Holy Week, and always.

Pastor Althea

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Committee Chair Persons

Worship & Music:
Paul Copenhaver

Finance:
Horace Ehrgood

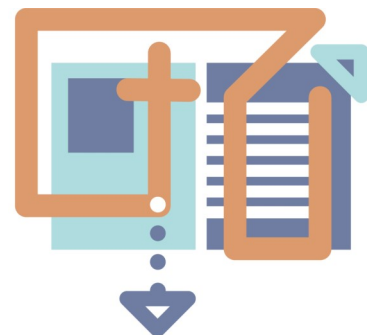
Christian Education:
Elizabeth Hershey

Property:
Henry Wampler

Archives:
Position Vacant

Social Ministry:
Jim Dibert

Social Activities:
Stephanie Kaylor





Council Notes

Highlights of Church Council Meeting, February 20, 2025

- Pastor mentioned as a reminder that we always have a need for greeters. Greeters are needed throughout the year.
- Pastor will continue with Children’s Sermons on Sundays when there are children in attendance. She is meeting with Christian Ed along with parents and the youth to work out a plan on how to move forward with Sunday School. Teachers never know if there will be children present for Sunday School. The meeting was rescheduled due to the weather for February 23, 2025, after worship.
- Confirmation classes continue to go well. She did mention that the date of Confirmation needs to be changed due to a scheduling conflict.
- Pastor has had many visitations to people in the hospital. She mentioned there is a great need for pastoral care for people who are grieving deaths. She encouraged us to please let her know if we hear of anyone that may have gone into the hospital and/or needs her pastoral care. She is willing to rearrange and prioritize her schedule to meet these needs. She also recognized her “Care Team” from our church that visit our members.
- The Personnel Committee is almost complete.
- Lenten Noah’s Ark Project – A goal of \$1020 was set for an “Abundant Community”, which is a new gift in the ELCA Good Gifts catalog. Temple Talk will be held each Sunday during Lent highlighting different features of this gift.
- 50+ Celebration will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025. Two possible programs for the event were discussed and information will be gathered.
- Election of Council Officers – All current officers are willing to continue to serve. Officers are as follows: President – Neal Galbraith; VP – Louise Lundquist; Secretary – Nancy Brightbill
- Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy – The current policy needs to be edited and adjusted so it better applies to our church. The policy on file is from 2019 and it came from another church. This policy will protect all adults and youth working together and each person must sign off on this policy as needed. Neal and Pastor explained that a small group of people are needed to sit down together and review this policy to find what items need to be removed or changed to better serve our church. The outline originated from the ELCA, but there are many items that do not pertain to our church.
- The Church Constitution and Bylaws must be updated this year. Our constitution is dated 2016 and it followed the format of Synod’s constitution dated 2013. More discussion to follow.
- Installation of Church Council Members – A date was set for Sunday March 16, 2025, during the worship service.
- NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – March 20, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.



Church Treasurer’s Financial Summary - January 2025

	Month of January	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date
Income	\$37,408	\$37,408	\$25,631
Expenses	(\$43,136)	(\$43,136)	(\$44,646)
Net Income	(\$5,727)	(\$5,727)	(\$19,015)



WORSHIP with us

March Worship Schedule

March 2, 5*, 9, 16, and 23

9:00 AM—Traditional Service

10:15 AM— Sunday School for
all ages



Online Worship Service:

Our online worship will continue to be available. You can find the service by going to <https://www.trinityle.org/links>. Here you will find links to the live-stream, the bulletin, and the replay of the service so that you can watch at any time you wish during the week.

Inclement Weather Policy: If Church is going to be cancelled due to weather, it will be posted on our website page: www.trinityle.org. Don't forget to refresh your browser when viewing the website. You can also find information on our Facebook page: facebook.com/htclebanonpa. The decision will be made by 7 p.m. the Saturday prior to service.

***March 5: Ash Wednesday:** Services will be held at both 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Prayer Partners

If you would like your name added to the list for prayer, please call the church office, 717-273-8567 or email at stephanie@trinityle.org.

If you no longer wish to be included in the prayer update list, please let the Church Office know to remove your name.

We ask our readers to include the following people in their prayers:

Becky, Bryan Albright, Barb Atwood, Bev Birch, Linda Blessing, Terry Clearwater, The Family of Jane Demler, Deb Dobson, Susie Eckert, Dan Fox, Fred, Lohla, Mo Gockley, Mike and Nancy Hentz, Patty Hess, Joette Hollinger, Jim & Judi Light, The Family of Charles Malstrom, The Family of Megan, George Smith, Marie Smith, Ernie Thompson, Nancy Warner, The Family of Sharon Widell, and Mary Yeagley in our prayers.



Our Vision...Our mission is to grow in faith and discipleship, share the Good News of Jesus through word and deed, love others as Christ loves us, and celebrate life in Christ through worship, sacraments and service.

Our Mission...We are a community of believers who come together in:

- ✠ **Worship** to be transformed by the presence of Jesus Christ in and through God's gift of Word and Sacrament.
- ✠ **Christian Education** to deepen our faith and strengthen us in faithful service, trusting in the creative activity of the Holy Spirit.
- ✠ **Friendship** to celebrate our unity in Christ and sustain and nurture each other as we journey with Him in our day-to-day lives.
- ✠ **Stewardship** to gratefully use the time, talents and possessions we have been given in furthering our mission in response to Jesus' call and the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- ✠ **Evangelism** to share the Jesus story so that others may come to know God's reconciling grace and the peace, joy and hope that his divine grace gives.
- ✠ **Social Ministry** to respond to the spiritual, mental and physical needs of our neighbors and advocate for the poor, hungry and vulnerable peoples of the world.



Confirmation Class

Upcoming Classes:

March 30*

May 18*

**Sponsors Invited to Attend*

PSALM 116:1, NRSV

I LOVE THE LORD,
BECAUSE HE HAS HEARD MY VOICE
AND MY SUPPLICATIONS.



LCCM Food Bank Item

The items requested in March is **pasta**.

Items can be brought to the church at any time and placed in the red shopping cart labeled **"LCCM Food Bank"** located in THE GIVING PLACE (Arnold St. side annex of Luther's Place).

Please continue your generosity by continuing to donate to the Food Bank. Your donations are greatly needed and appreciated.



Join Us!

We need YOU to Join the fun by volunteering for the Mission Trip at Camp Kirchenwald from June 22-27, 2025. Ages 14 to adult can be a lodger at camp, or commute one to five days. There is something for every skill level from building to painting and gardening. Commitment forms are due March 23. Get yours from Heather Buffington or from the welcome tables.

Questions: Heather Buffington (717) 926-3917, Denise McDaniels (717) 628-1461

Donation Item

The items requested in March are **peanut butter or cheese crackers** and **deoderant**.



Items can be brought to the church at any time and placed in the bin labeled **"SHARE & CARE"** located in THE GIVING PLACE (Arnold St. side annex of Luther's Place).

Bazaar 2024

I am so impressed with this financial report for our 2024 Fellowship Bazaar.

Our total income of \$9,503.50 is

exceptional. Our total expenses of \$846.38

were minimal. Our profit of \$8,657.18 is

absolutely amazing. We add the \$8,657.18 to our already existing balance of \$1,701.71 and we have a grand total of \$10,358.89 in our account. Your dedication and commitment to volunteer your time and resources to this event speaks volumes about your resolve to make this Church event one of the best in Lebanon County. Congratulations Committee on an event well done!!



At our meeting held Sunday, February 16, 2025, the Bazaar Committee unanimously voted to donate \$4,500 to the Church General Fund and \$4,500 to the Church Building Maintenance Fund, leaving \$1,358.89 in our Bazaar Account.

The 2025 annual Fellowship Holiday Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 8. Details for the Bazaar will be discussed at the Summer Meeting.

I have resigned as Bazaar Chairperson. That does not mean the end of the Bazaar because YOU are the Bazaar. Without you, the plans you make, and the work you complete, there would not be an annual Bazaar. Whether a new person volunteers to be the Bazaar Chair, or individual Committee members volunteer, the Bazaar will go on.

THANK YOU!

- Denise McDaniels



The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

Upcoming Events:

March 15: Lenten Day Apart at The Wittel Farm

March 16: Summer Camp Open House at Kirchenwald and Nawakwa

March 21: Quilting Weekend at Kirchenwald

For more information, please visit:
www.lutherancamping.org



March 26 - Give a Hoot about Barn Owls

Dan Mummert from the PA Game Commission will present, Pennsylvania's Barn Owl Conservation Initiative: What Has Been Learned Over The Past Decade? Dan will focus on our state's barn owls. He will discuss a number of topics related to everything from nesting habits and habitat requirements to conservation issues related to their decline in Pennsylvania. Information will also be provided about the PA Game Commission's Barn Owl Conservation. All are welcome! Program starts at 7:00 p.m.



Sponsor a Mum

Brighten the day of one of our members, who are 80 years or older, and sponsor a mum for Easter! Sponsorships can be made in honor or memory of a loved one. The suggested donation is \$7.00 per mum. To donate, please include the name(s) of the individual(s) being honored/remembered and who is presenting the gift. Donations can be placed with your offering at Church or you can contact the Church Office at 717-273-8526 with the information or any questions. Deadline for submission is April 13.



Charles Malstrom

February 1, 2025

Sharon Widel

February 8, 2025

Jane Demler

February 11, 2025



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4 - Ronald Witmer
221 Cross Wind Way
Lebanon, PA 17042

10 - Bruce Johnson
101 Overlook Drive
Lebanon, PA 17042

Janice Peiffer
1407 Oak Street, Apt. 109
Lebanon, PA 17042

11 - Nancy Hentz
125 John Drive
Myerstown, PA 17067

13 - Quinn Bullock (*celebrating her 6th birthday*)
326 Kauffman Road
Annville, PA 17003

14 - Hunter Nelson
1410 Todd Court
Annville, PA 17003

16 - Beverly Cantrell
2411 Elias Avenue
Lebanon, PA 17046

18 - Kay Diebus
1005 English Drive
Lebanon, PA 17042

Pamela Gainer
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Lebanon, PA 17046

19 - Preston Darkes
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Lebanon, PA 17042

Bartholomew Keip
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21 - Denise McDaniels
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Lebanon, PA 17042

25 - Betty Reese
2411 Elias Avenue
Lebanon, PA 17046

26 - Dennis Michael
151 Weidman Street
Lebanon, PA 17046

28 - Ruth Gassert
1546 Oak Street
Lebanon, PA 17042

Lorna (Cookie) Rothermel
c/o Luther Acres
600 East Main Street
Lititz, PA 17543

29 - Winfield Young (*celebrating his 18th birthday*)
54 Wheatland Circle
Lebanon, PA 17042

Please consider sending a card or giving them a phone call to celebrate their special day.



KIDS PAGE

sweet soil



This snack's layers mimic properties of our planet's crust.

What you need:

- 1 cup rolled oats
- ½ cup nut butter (divided)
- ½ cup chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Silicone mini baking cups



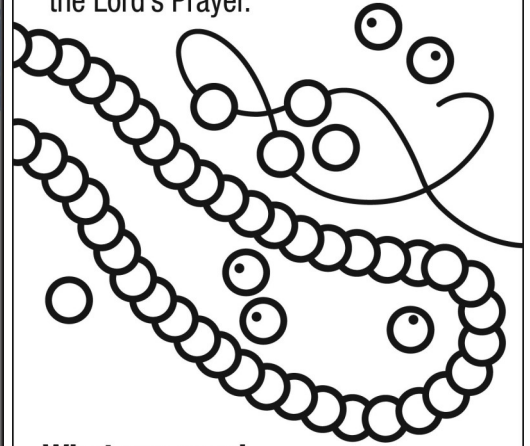
What you do:

1. Combine the oats and ⅓ cup of the nut butter. Mix until oats stick together.
2. Place 2 teaspoons of oat mixture in each baking cup. Press with a spoon. Freeze for 10 minutes.
3. Spread remaining nut butter atop the cups. Freeze for 10 more minutes.
4. Microwave the chocolate chips 30 seconds. Stir and keep heating for 30-second intervals until melted.
5. Spread melted chocolate atop the cups. Freeze until chocolate is firm.
6. Remove from the molds and enjoy! Refrigerate leftovers in an airtight container.



Prayer bracelet

Make this craft to help you remember the Lord's Prayer.



What you need:

- Elastic string (12 inches)
- Colored beads (see below)
- Clear nail polish

What you do:

1. Knot the string at one end. Add beads in this order: blue, white, gold, green, yellow, red, black, orange
2. Tie the ends so the bracelet fits your wrist. Place a dot of nail polish to secure the knot. Trim excess string.
3. As you pray, use the bead colors as reminders of Jesus' words (see Matthew 6:9-13):

- **blue** = the Father
- **white** = God's holiness
- **gold** = God's kingdom
- **green** = the earth
- **yellow** = wheat (bread)
- **red** = Christ's blood (forgiveness)
- **black** = temptation
- **orange** = God's power to deliver

Worship

Lectionary Readings

Sunday, March 2

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 34:29 - 35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2

Luke 9:28 - 36 [37 - 43a]

Sunday, March 23

3rd Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1 - 9

Psalm 63:1 - 8

1 Corinthians 10:1 - 13

Luke 13:1 - 9

Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1 - 2, 12 - 17

Psalm 51:1 - 17

2 Corinthians 5:20b - 6:10

Matthew 6:1 - 6, 16 - 21

Sunday, March 30

4th Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9 - 12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16 - 21

Luke 15:1 - 3, 11b - 32

Sunday, March 9

1st Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1 - 11

Psalm 91: 1 - 2, 9 - 16

Romans 10:8b - 13

Luke 4:1 - 13

Sunday, April 6

5th Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16 - 21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b - 14

John 12:1 - 8

Sunday, March 16

2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1 - 12, 17 - 18

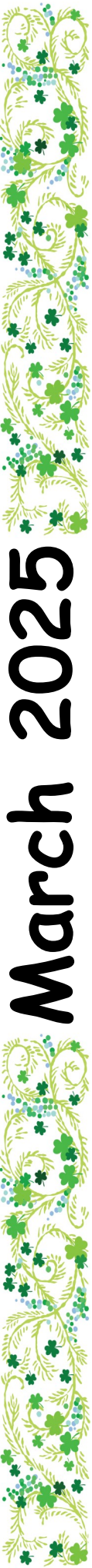
Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

Luke 13:31 - 35



March 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>EVERY SUNDAY:</p> <p>9:00AM Service of Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30AM Sunday School</p>	<p>DAY CARE MONDAY - FRIDAY 5A-6P</p>	<p>Look Ahead April 2025</p> <p>13 Palm Sunday 17 Maundy Thursday 18 Good Friday 20 Easter 22 Earth Day</p>				1
2	<p>3 6P PRAISE RINGERS 7P PSALM RINGERS</p> <p>7P PROPERTY COMMITTEE</p>	<p>4 12P PRIVATE EVENT</p> <p>7P SENIOR CHOIR</p>	<p>5 ASH WEDNESDAY 12P & 7P WORSHIP</p>	6	7	8
9	<p>10</p> <p>6P PRAISE RINGERS 7P PSALM RINGERS</p>	<p>11 2P-8:30P CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS 6P WORSHIP & MUSIC 7P SENIOR CHOIR 8P QUITTAPAHILLA AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING</p>	<p>12 9A QUILTING AT ST. LUKES 12P LUNCH & LEARN 2P-8P CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS 6P DAYCARE COMMITTEE MEETING 7P SOCIAL MINISTRY</p>	<p>13 2P-8P CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS</p>	14	15
16	<p>17</p> <p>6P PRAISE RINGERS 7P PSALM RINGERS</p>	<p>18</p> <p>NOON MEAL @LCCM 6:30P FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 7P SENIOR CHOIR</p>	<p>19 12P LUNCH & LEARN 5:30P MENTOR A MOTHER MEETING 6P WELCA</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30P EXECUTIVE CMTE 7P CHURCH COUNCIL</p>	21	22
23	<p>24/31</p> <p>6P PRAISE RINGERS 7P PSALM RINGERS</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7P SENIOR CHOIR</p>	<p>26 12P LUNCH & LEARN 7P QUITTAPAHILLA AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING</p>	<p>27</p>	28	29
30	<p>CONFIRMATION 11:30A</p>					