

# MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN

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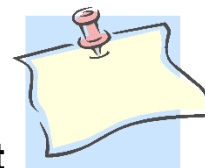
## Outdoor Worship Resumes on Easter Sunday!

Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, marks the resumption of in-person worship outdoors in the Grove! There will be a 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service with luminaries in the Grove (not in the Cemetery), followed by a 9 a.m. Easter Service in the Grove with Holy Communion. Masks over nose and mouth are still required for everyone. Bring your lawn chairs (Easter Sunrise Service is standing – no chairs required). Those who wish to participate while remaining in their cars can park in the Grove. Restrooms in the church building will be open. Services will remain online as well, just not livestreamed. In case of rain, all outdoor services will be cancelled. As soon as the county spread of CoVid subsides to a 5% positive test rate, we can resume indoor worship. See you on Easter!

## Mark the Date – Annual Congregational Meeting is April 11

The Annual Congregational Meeting (postponed from January) will be held on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 9 a.m. Worship in the Grove. Please plan on coming so that we may have a quorum. We will be voting on three changes to our Constitution, including changing the quorum number from 60 to 40, increasing the amount of a non-budgeted expenditure that the Council can authorize from \$3,500 to \$5,000, and appointing rather than electing the Audit Committee. The rain date is April 18<sup>th</sup>. Digital copies of the Annual Report have been sent to all those with computers. Paper copies are available in the blue bin outside under the carport.

## News and Notes



### Greg Gehman Holy Week Special Online Organ Concert

Beginning on Palm Sunday, March 28, our organist and Director of Music Greg Gehman will post a special online pipe organ performance. See it anytime on our Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube Channel (there will also be links on our church website and Facebook page). He will play special music for Holy Week, including Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. As well, there are selections from Handel's "Messiah". Don't miss it!

## Pick Up Your Free Palm!

Pick up a free palm for you to use along with the online worship on Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. The palms will be available for pick up beginning Wed. afternoon March 24 under the carport.



## Construction to Commence on the Elevator Project “It’s Going Up!”

Construction work on the Elevator Project is scheduled to begin this month, April, and is slated for completion at the end of June. We are eagerly looking forward to this project finally commencing!

### Outdoor Confirmation Gatherings Resume

Confirmation Gatherings for both youth and parents resume outdoors in the Grove on Sunday, April 11, at approximately 10:00 a.m. following the Annual Meeting. The gatherings continue weekly thereafter, from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. in the Grove. Other gathering dates are April 18, April 25, May 2, (No gathering on Mother’s Day, May 9), and May 16. Six youth will then be confirmed on Confirmation Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>!

### In the Outdoor Blue Bin

In the Outdoor Blue Bin under the carport, you will find paper copies of each week’s Sunday bulletin and sermon, paper copies of the newsletter and Annual Report, and free copies of the “Christ in our Home daily devotional books. Please let anyone you know who doesn’t have internet that they can stop by the church anytime to help themselves to the latest copies of these.



### Peter’s Porch Collection

Thank you to all who have been bringing in food for the Peter’s Porch Food Bank. As a way of combatting increased hunger and need during this CoVid time, the Social Ministry Committee is continuing to ask you to bring in canned, bagged and boxed items for the Peter’s Porch drive-thru food distribution located at our sister congregation, Faith United Lutheran Church in Denver. Items can be brought to Muddy Creek Lutheran Church and placed any time during the week in the blue collection located outside the downstairs entrance under the carport.

Here is a complete list of items requested by Peter’s Porch -

Cans and Jars: fruits, vegetables, fish, chicken, poultry, beans, soup, spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, salsa, broth boxes (chicken, vegetable, beef).

Pasta, rice, tortillas, taco shells.

Cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix.

Snacks, crackers, popcorn.

Monetary Donations

## Thank You Notes

Thank you to everyone who sent me card and expressions of sympathy on the passing of my sister Luciene. I will forever treasure the time I had with her. God bless you all! In Christian love, Mary Zerbe

## Remembrances/Honors

In place of sponsoring altar flowers or bulletins during this CoVid time, you may submit (for free) any remembrances or honors to Pastor Peter (peter@mclchurch.org), and we will put them in the newsletter and bulletin.

April 4 – On this day, we join with Janet Frantz and family in remembering her husband Charlie Frantz, who passed away on April 2<sup>nd</sup> a year ago.

April 20 – Clarence and Judy Rutt are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on April 20. Celebrating with them are their three sons, Clarence (married to Holly), Courtney (married to Rebecca) and Jason (married to Tanya, and formerly married to Jamie who passed away), and also their eleven grandchildren: Kaitlyn, Brock, Bethany, Montana, Geneva, Gabrielle, Maverick, Savannah, Abbie, Mason and Peyton.

## Condolences

Our heartfelt and sincerest condolences and sympathy to:

- Michael Breidenstein and family at the death of his father, Charles Breidenstein, on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Congratulations

^ Congratulations to Molly and Phillip Weaver at the birth of their daughter, Scarlett Cathleen Weaver, on March 11<sup>th</sup>! Proud big brothers are Harrison and Emmett, and proud grandma is Patti Weaver.

## Attendance

Online Worship Attendance	Viewed on Muddy Creek YouTube Channel and Facebook
February 28	95 (includes livestream)
March 7	95 (includes livestream)
March 14	90 (includes livestream)
March 21	67 (includes livestream)

(There are currently 68 subscribers to the Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube Channel, and 160 followers on the Muddy Creek Facebook Page)

## Offering

Income to General Fund through February: \$27,347.23,  
Expenses to General Fund through February: \$30,690.34  
Elevator Fund as of March 16: \$206,867.79