

MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Holy Week and Easter Worship and Activities at Muddy Creek – Invite Your Friends!

Sunday, April 2, 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. – Palm Sunday, Passion Narrative Presentation

11:30 a.m. – Community Easter Egg Hunt in the Grove

Thursday, April 6, 7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Friday, April 7, 7:00 p.m. – Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Sunday, April 9, 6:30 a.m. – Easter Dawn Service in the Cemetery (assemble at the church)

7:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. – Easter Communion Services

8:30 a.m. – Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

Community Easter Egg Hunt in the Grove

Sunday, April 2, 11:30 a.m.

On Palm Sunday, April 2 at 11:30 a.m. in the Muddy Creek Church Grove, our Community Easter Egg Hunt is returning! Tell all your friends and neighbors! There will be separate sections for 2 years old and under, 3-4 year olds, 5-7 year olds, and 8 and up. Smile for the Easter Bunny, too! Thank you to everyone from the congregation who donated eggs and candy!



Easter Breakfast, April 9 at 8:30 a.m.

On Easter morning, April 9, at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, all are invited to an Easter Breakfast sponsored by our Parish Life Committee. You can help by bringing in breakfast food items. Contact: Audrey Noll, 717-336-3592.

“Planning For The Future” Committee Begins Its Work

A new subcommittee of the Church Council has begun meeting and is currently gathering its initial research. It is called the “Planning for the Future Committee”, and it will look at long-range planning needs for Muddy Creek in the next few years and beyond. The committee met two times in March. Committee members are Mike Leid (Chairperson), Hollie Kemper, Gail Bare, Scott Strickland, Lynn Breidenstein, and Pastor Peter. The Church Council will keep the congregation regularly updated about the subcommittee’s work.



**Food
Collection**

Peter’s Porch Collection

The next food collection for Peter’s Porch (our local food pantry) will be Sunday, April 2, which is the first Sunday of the month. Food donations can be placed in the bins in the church entrances. (Peter’s Porch distributes the food on the first Saturday of every month from 8-10 a.m. Contact Pastor Peter if you are interested in volunteering with the monthly distribution.)

Jesus ‘n Me Playgroup – April 2 and 23

Sunday, April 2 (Palm Sunday) at 11:30 a.m. in the church Grove – Easter Egg Hunt. There will be special sections for the little ones (2 and under, 3-4 yrs)

On Sunday, April 23, come out for the Jesus ‘n Me Playgroup at 9:00 in the nursery. The theme is “Thank You for the People Who Love Me”. Join us as we celebrate the love within families, especially the love of Mommies and Daddies. We’ll read, sing and play together. There will even be “bubble play”.

Disaster Relief Mission Trip to Houston

From April 16 – 22, Pastor Peter, Patti Weaver and Dan Chiffens from Muddy Creek will be in Houston, Texas, along with 25 other people from local Lutheran (and other) congregations to work on repairing houses damaged by flooding. This Disaster Relief Mission Trip is sponsored by the North Lancaster Lutheran Conference, and is being led by Pastor Glenn Beard.

Card Showers for Dorothy Beam, Betty Ramsey

On April 10th, Dorothy Beam will be turning 89. Her friends would like to have a “card shower” for her. Birthday cards may be sent to Dorothy Beam, 406 Spring Drive, Millersville, PA 17551.

On May 16th, Betty Ramsey will be turning 96. Her family also requests to have a card shower of birthday cards sent to her. Betty’s new address is: Betty Ramsey, Pleasant View Retirement Communities, 124 Personal Care, 544 N. Penryn Road, Manheim, PA 17545.

Sunday School on Sunday Mornings at 9 a.m.

All Sunday School children are invited to come to Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. in the Sunday School rooms.

Congratulations and Welcome!

*Tierney Rose Ueberroth was baptized on March 12. Tierney's parents and Ricky and Mackenzie Ueberroth, big sister is Rennie, and grandmother is Lee Anne Ueberroth. Welcome, Tierney!

*Emmett Charles Weaver and Scarlett Kathleen Weaver were also baptized on March 12. Scarlett's and Emmett's parents and Phil and Molly Weaver, big brother is Harrison, and grandmother is Patti Weaver. Welcome, Emmett and Scarlett!

*Traci Galen joined as a member of Muddy Creek on Sunday, March 26. Welcome, Traci!

*Sue and Jerry Peter welcomed a new grandchild, Austin Louis Thayer, on Feb. 4. Parents are Julia and Evan Thayer.

Condolences

Our deepest condolences to:

*Josephine Martin, Mike and Lori Martin on the death of Linda Martin on March 12. Linda's funeral was on March 16.

*Marian Weinhold at the death of her sister-in-law Mary Jane Buchter on March 8.

*Gerry Hartranft at the death of his father Leon Hartranft on March 11.



Thank You's

Thank you to Pastor Peter for his visit while I was in the hospital, and to everyone who sent me cards. It really cheered me up. I guess I have a long road to recovery, but all my friends, family and church are such a big help to me. - Susan Siegel

Our thanks to Mindi Stoner, daughter of Nedra Bearinger, for making an additional 23 pew cushions for our comfort in the sanctuary wooden pews. Thank you so much, Mindi!

Thank you to everyone from the congregation who:

*Brought in donations of chocolates, candies, and plastic Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt!

*Brought in snack donations for the Goodie Boxes we send to college students and military members. Thank you also to Jane Wenger for coordinating the collection.

*Helped with Grove and Outdoor Clean Up on March 26. Thank you also to Tim Fritz for organizing the clean up.

*Donated refreshments for the Cluster Lenten Service at Muddy Creek on March 22.

Upcoming Choir Practices in April

You are invited to come sing in the Choir. The choir will sing in church on April 6 (Maundy Thursday, April 9 (Easter) and April 30. There will be a practice on Thurs. April 27.

Upcoming Prayer Shawl Knitting Group Gatherings

The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group meets at Yvonne Weaver's house, on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Upcoming gatherings are March 28 and April 11. There will be no gathering on April 25. Contact: Yvonne Weaver at 717-371-6453. All are invited!

Worship Helpers in April

April 2, Palm Sunday

Bread Baker - Marliese Smith 8:00 am Communion Assistant - Scott Strickland
 10:15 am Acolyte – Cole Aungst 10:15 a.m. Communion Assistant - Stacy Aungst
 Passion Narrative Readers 8 am & 10:15 am – Lynn Breidenstein, Hollie Kemper, Will Wood
 10:15 am Cantor - Gail Bare
 10:15 am Money Counters - Brenda Berger, Judy Nichol, Audrey Noll

April 6, Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Communion Assistant - 7:00 pm Acolyte –
 Bread Baker - Marliese Smith

April 9, Easter

7:30 a.m. Communion Assistant - Stacy Aungst 7:30 am Acolyte – Cole Aungst
 7:30 a.m. Lay Reader - 7:30 a.m. Cantor - Greg Gehman
 10:15 a.m. Communion Assistant and Acolyte - Kelby Weaver
 10:15 am Lay Reader – Nancy Beck 10:15 am Cantor - Greg Gehman
 10:15 am Money Counters - Ray and Susan Sweigart Bread Baker - Marliese Smith

April 16

10:15 am Acolyte - 10:15 am Lay Reader - Jill Youndt
 10:15 am Cantor - Hollie Kemper 10:15 am Money Counters - Linda Gerhart, Hollie Kemper

April 23

10:15 am Acolyte - Cannon Youndt 10:15 am Lay Reader - Joe Sanchez
 10:15 am Cantor - Pastor Peter 10:15 am Money Counters - June and Neal Leid

April 30

10:15 am Acolyte - Zach Sheaffer 10:15 am Lay Reader - Lynn Breidenstein
 10:15 am Cantor - David Sensenig 10:15 am Money Counters - David and June Sloat

Altar Flower Sign-Ups

If you wish to sponsor altar flowers or bulletins (you may make them in honor of or in memory of someone if you wish), please sign up in the binder located outside Pastor Peter's office. Cost is \$35 to sponsor altar flowers or \$15 to sponsor bulletins. Call the church office at 717-336-2770 if you have any questions.

Attendance

Worship Attendance	Viewed on Muddy Creek YouTube Channel and Facebook
February 26, 8 a.m. – 26, 10:15 a.m. – 40	66 (includes livestream)
March 5, 8 a.m. – 34, 10:15 a.m. – 59	51 (includes livestream)
March 12, 8 a.m. – 34, 10:15 a.m. – 55	31 (includes livestream)
March 19, 8 a.m. – 23, 10:15 a.m. – 68	72 (includes livestream)

(There are currently 83 subscribers to the Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube Channel, and 197 followers on the Muddy Creek Facebook Page.)

Offering

Income to General Fund in February: \$13,287.80
 Expenses to General Fund in February: \$14,911.80
 Income to General Fund Year-to-Date as of end of February: \$27,659.00
 Expenses to General Fund Year-to-Date as of end of February: \$34,930.01