

# MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

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## Congregational Hymn Sing on Sunday, April 28th at 3:00 P.M.

All are invited to a Congregational Hymn Sing at Muddy Creek on the afternoon of Sunday, April 28 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Music Director and Organist Greg Gehman will be playing hymns and special music on the pipe organ. You may make hymn requests by using the forms located on the table under the mailboxes and putting them in the marked baskets. Please note that we may not be able to sing all the hymn requests, depending on how many we receive. Hope to see you there!



## “Planning For The Future” Congregational Forum Well Attended

Thank you to all who came out to the Congregational Forum on Sunday, March 3rd to discuss the report and recommendations from the Planning for the Future Committee for Muddy Creek. Forty-five people attended, and we had an excellent and productive discussion! The Church Council will now take up the recommendations at each upcoming monthly Council Meeting.



## Peter's Porch Collection

The next food collection for Peter's Porch (our local food pantry) will be Sunday, April 7, 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.)

## **“Thank You God For Ladybugs”: Jesus ‘n Me Playgroup, April 14**

On Sunday, April 14, come out for the Jesus ‘n Me Playgroup at 9:00 a.m. in the nursery. The theme is “Thank You God for Ladybugs”. We will have real live ladybugs!

Upcoming Playgroup: Sunday, May 12 (Mother’s Day) at 9:00 a.m. in the nursery. The theme is “Thank You for the People Who Love Me (Including Mommy!). We’ll celebrate Mother’s Day and the love that exists within families!

Sunday School for all children is also held every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. All invited!

## **Concert at Peace U.C.C. on Sunday, April 7th**

Everyone is invited on April 7 at 3:00 p.m. to a concert at Peace U.C.C, 37 Swartzville Road, Denver. The concert, “Traveling to the Resurrection”, features soloist Donna Danielski and Organist/Pianist Phyllis Sands.

## **Free Community Clothes, Toys and Household Items April 4-6 at St. Paul’s Lutheran, Adamstown Donations Needed**

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 80 E. Main St., Adamstown, is sponsoring a free Community Out-Grown Exchange of clothing, toys, and household items. Donations (please no TV’s, furniture, electronics or car seats) can be dropped off at St. Paul’s from 9 am to 1 pm on April 1st, 3rd and 4th. Shopping begins on Thursday, April 4, 5-8 pm (donations also accepted at this time as well). Shopping only (no donations please) continues on April 5 (9am - 1 pm) and April 6 (8 am - noon). For more information, call 717-4848-4885.

## **Synod Assembly**

Council President Will Wood and Pastor Peter will be delegates to the Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly on Friday, May 31 (by Zoom) and Saturday, June 1 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in York. The theme is “For the Healing of the Nations: Christ’s Healing in a Broken World”. They will also be attending the North Lancaster Conference Spring Assembly at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Ephrata on April 18th.

## **Upcoming in May:**

- \*April 28 - May 4: North Lancaster Lutherans and Synod Disaster Relief Mission Trip to Port Charlotte, FL. The participants’ cars will be parked in Muddy Creek’s parking lot this week.
- \*Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m., Cluster Ascension Service at Swamp Lutheran Church.
- \*Mother’s Day, May 12: All women and children are invited to play the colored bells as special music as we celebrate mothers!
- \*Confirmation Sunday: May 19 at the 8:00 a.m. service only. Emma Tafuri-Carretta will be confirmed.
- \*Summer Worship Schedule begins on Sunday, May 26 (Memorial Day weekend). The worship services will be at 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

## **“Brenda and Friends” Bus Trip Schedule**

April 9, 2024 - “Beehive the Musical” at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse  
 April 18-20, 2024 – Virginia International Tattoo in Norfolk, VA, plus Berkeley Plantation, Norfolk Botanical Gardens, American Rover Sailing Cruise, Hullabaloo before Tattoo, Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, and Ocean City, MD  
 May 7, 2024 – Flight 93 Visitor Center, Flight 93 Memorial, and Tower of Voices  
 May 12, 2024 – Gaither Concert in York, PA - Sunday Evening  
 May 21, 2024 - Mount Vernon and Boat Cruise on the Potomac River  
 June 1, 2019 – One Day Mystery Trip  
 June 11, 2024 – “Weekend Comedy” at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse  
 June 21, 2024 - “The Highwaymen Live” - Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings and Johnny Cash Tribute at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse  
 June 24-27, 2024 - Wytheville, VA and Mt. Airy, NC (Mayberry)  
 July 18, 2024 - “Daniel” at Sight and Sound Theatre with meal afterwards at Hershey Farms

## **Congratulations!**

\*Rich Yerger, who joined Muddy Creek as a member on January 7th. Welcome, Rich!  
 \*To Grace and Hope McCalicher, who celebrated their first Communion on February 25th.  
 \*To Harrison Weaver (son of Phil and Mollie Weaver), who completed his Jesus and Me Award for cub scouting.

## **Condolences**

Our deepest condolences to:

\*The family of Jim Weber (including wife Mary Ann and daughter Michelle Dimitris and family) who passed away on March 15. Funeral was on March 25.  
 \*Jean Hummel at the death of her sister Sharon King.  
 \*Pastor Tim Craven at the death of his twin brother Tom Craven.

## **Upcoming Prayer Shawl Knitting Group Gatherings April 9, No Prayer Shawl Knitting on April 23**

The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group meets at Yvonne Weaver’s house, typically on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Upcoming gathering is April 9. Note: There will be no gathering on April 23. Contact: Yvonne Weaver at 717-371-6453. All are invited!

## **Save the Date: Our Community Yard Sale is Sat. June 8!**

On Saturday, June 8 from 7 a.m. to noon, Muddy Creek is again sponsoring our Annual Community Yard Sale in our church Grove. Everyone is invited! Each selling spot (12 foot frontage) costs only \$5, which goes entirely to our local food pantry, Peter’s Porch. The Schoeneck Lions Club will be there with a food truck and our church will be selling baked goods and cookbooks. If you are interested in reserving a spot to sell your items, please contact Will Wood, will.wood@live.com, 717-917-3141. Thanks to the Evangelism Committee for sponsoring the event!



## Thank You's

To our dear friends at Muddy Creek - We are so grateful for the outpouring of love and prayers during Dave's recent illness. He continues to progress, although not as quickly as he would like. We hope it won't be too long before we can worship with you again. May God bless you all,  
Pastor David and Janet Klepper

Thank you to everyone from the congregation who:

\*So generously brought in donations of chocolates, candies, and plastic Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on March 24th! Thank you also to everyone who helped stuff the eggs after the later service on March 17th, to the Evangelism Committee for sponsoring the event, and to those who helped to put out the Easter Eggs!

\*Generously 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 Spring Clean-Up on March 16. Thank you to the many hard workers who raked and hauled leaves and who helped spread mulch. The church grounds looked great for Easter and for the Egg Hunt in the Grove. Thank you to Scott and Cole Dimitris for bringing a trailer and delivering the mulch, and to Rich Yerger for bringing his trailer as well. Thank you to Property Committee Tim Fritz for organizing the clean up. And a special thank you to the Cub Scout Pack which Muddy Creek hosts in our building on Sunday evenings (Cub Scout Pack 3204 Adamstown) for gathering the sticks and branches together in piles in the Grove, and to Scoutmaster Kevin Grant, Mike Klein (who brought his big trailer) and to the two older scouts who hauled away all the stick piles from the Grove.

\*Donated refreshments for the Cluster Lenten Service at Muddy Creek on March 6.

\*Donated breakfast food and helped with the Easter morning breakfast. Thank you to Audrey Noll and everyone on the Parish Life/Social Ministry Committee who planned and served the breakfast.

\*Decorated the church for Easter, and to all who donated flowers to adorn the worship space!

## Worship Helpers in April

April 7 8:00 am Communion Assistant - Scott Strickland  
10:15 a.m. Communion Assistant and Acolyte - Zach Sheaffer  
10:15 am Lay Reader - Fred Hainley  
10:15 am Cantor - Gail Bare  
10:15 am Money Counters - Brad and Doris Rauch  
Bread Baker - Marliese Smith

April 14 10:15 a.m. Acolyte - Mason Sheaffer  
10:15 am Lay Reader – Lynn Breidenstein  
10:15 am Cantor - Greg Gehman  
10:15 am Money Counters - Brenda Berger, Judy Nichol, Audrey Noll

April 21 10:15 am Acolyte - Grace Youndt  
 10:15 am Lay Reader - Will Wood  
 10:15 am Cantor - Hollie Kemper  
 10:15 am Money Counters - Ray and Susan Sweigart

April 28 10:15 am Acolyte - Jack Lammey  
 10:15 am Lay Reader - Doris Rauch  
 10:15 am Cantor - Pastor Peter  
 10:15 am Money Counters - Linda Gerhart, Hollie Kemper

### **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 \$45 to sponsor altar flowers or \$15 to sponsor bulletins. Call the church office at 717-336-2770 if you have any questions.

### **Attendance**

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| Worship Attendance                           | Viewed on Muddy Creek YouTube Channel and Facebook |
| February 25, 8 a.m. – 24, 10:15 a.m. – 60    | 60 (includes livestream)                           |
| March 3, 8 a.m. – 31, 10:15 a.m. – 74        | 41 (includes livestream)                           |
| March 6, Cluster Midweek Lenten Service - 85 | 24 (includes livestream)                           |
| March 10, 8 a.m. – 16, 10:15 a.m. – 60       | 52 (includes livestream)                           |
| Mar. 17, 8 a.m. – 31, 10:15 a.m. - 60        | 44 (includes livestream)                           |
| March 24, 8 a.m. – 28, 10:15 a.m. – 70       | 37 (includes livestream)                           |

(There are currently 96 subscribers to the Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube Channel, and 211 followers on the Muddy Creek Facebook Page.)

### **Offering**

Income to General Fund in February: \$19,263.01  
 Expenses to General Fund in February: \$13,772.43  
 Income to General Fund and Mission Support Year-to-Date as of end of February: \$34,861.49  
 Expenses to General Fund and Mission Support Year-to-Date as of end of February: \$32,230.80