

MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN

FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

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Livestream of Worship Continues at 9:00 A.M.

The livestreaming of the worship service continues at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday morning. It is accessible through the church website (www.mclchurch.org) and the Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube channel. Soon afterward, the service is then posted to the website, the YouTube channel and FaceBook. Also on the church website, you may now also see and download a copy of the x Sunday bulletin for your use as you follow along in the service.

Cluster Lenten Services Will Be Online

Together with our neighboring Lutheran congregations, we will be having online Wednesday worship services during Lent. We will send out the link each week so that you may view each service at your convenience (they are not livestreamed). This year's theme is "Community".

Wednesday, February 24 – "*In Community with Creation*". Pastor Sandy Gideon and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Adamstown, will produce and post the service. Mark 4:35-41 - *Jesus calms a storm*.

Wednesday, March 3 – "*In Community with All the Saints*". Pastor Marissa Becklin and Faith United Lutheran Church, Denver, will produce and post the service. Mark 9:2-8 - *Jesus is in conversation with those who have gone before him*.

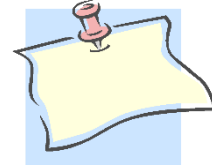
Wednesday, March 10 – "*In Community with Our Neighbor*". Pastor Tom Darr and St. John Center Lutheran Church, East Earl will produce and post the service. Mark 2:1-12 - *A community comes together*.

Wednesday, March 17 – "*In Community with Those on the Margins*". Pastor Tim Craven and Mellinger's Lutheran Church, Stevens, will produce and post the service. Mark 5:1-20 - *Jesus crosses barriers to attend to those on the margins*.

Wednesday, March 24 – "*In Community with Christ*". Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry and Muddy Creek Lutheran Church, Denver, will produce and post the service. Mark 10:32-45 - *Jesus reminds us that we are walking the way of the cross*.

Wednesday, March 31 – "*In Community with Creation*". Pastor Jim Goodyear and Bergstrasse Lutheran Church, Ephrata along with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Ephrata, will produce and post the service. John 13:21-32 - *Jesus predicts his betrayal*.

A reminder – We will not be posting an Ash Wednesday service this year.



News and Notes

2021 Annual Congregational Meeting Postponed

Because of the community spread of CoVid, the Annual Congregational Meeting, originally scheduled for January 31, has been postponed by the Church Council until such time as we can meet in person to hold the meeting. Everyone will be given at least two weeks notice of the meeting when the new date is set.

Congregational Officers Elected

At the January 13th Council Meeting, Audrey Noll was elected President. Mike Leid, whose term was up for President, was elected Vice-President. Will Wood was elected Secretary.

Our sincerest and deepest thanks to Mike Leid for having served as President for the past two years, to Fred Hainley for having served as Vice-President, and Audrey Noll for having served as Secretary.



Peter's Porch Collection

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 other 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

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 Notes

Thank you from the Property Committee to the sixteen people who came out and helped with the Fall Outdoor Clean Up at the church. Branches and sticks were cleared from the Grove, and a huge volume of leaves were mulched. A special thank you to the five people who brought out their mowers to mulch leaves in the Grove and around the church. Special thanks to Jere Hartranft for using his special landscaping vacuum and mulcher to remove all the leaves along

the Cemetery fence. He removed three and a half truckloads of mulched leaves! Thank you to everyone for helping!

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.

Feb. 14 – On this day, we join with Dorothy Beam in remembering her husband,
C. Richard Beam and his mother, Marcella Slabach Beam.

New Members

Welcome to our newest members, Clayton Dengler and Michael Dengler! Clayton is the husband of Judy Dengler, and Michael is their son. Welcome to Muddy Creek!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Katie and Zach McCalicher on the birth of their daughter, Mercy Marie McCalicher on January 15. Proud big sisters are Grace and Hope.

Condolences

Our heartfelt and sincerest condolences and sympathy to:

- The family of Verna Good who passed away on January 11 at the age of 89. Her graveside service was on January 15.
- The family of former pastor Jeffrey Lott who died in Clarksville, TN at the age of 57. Pastor Lott was serving Christ Lutheran Church in Clarksville for the past 17 years after leaving Muddy Creek.
- Gail Bare and Jere Shimp at the death of their brother Thomas Shimp on January 27.

Attendance

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| Indoor Worship Attendance | Viewed on Muddy Creek YouTube Channel and Facebook |
| January 10 | 78 (includes livestream) |
| January 17 | 104 (includes livestream) |
| January 24 | 94 (includes livestream) |

(There are currently 65 subscribers to the Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube Channel, and 158 followers on the Muddy Creek Facebook Page.)

Offering

Income to General Fund in December: \$11,155.00
 Income to General Fund Year-to-Date as of end of November: \$195,899.93 (includes \$30,000 CARES PPP Loan which was forgiven).
 Expenses to General Fund Year-to-Date as of end of December: \$183, 128.02
 Elevator Fund total as of December 31: \$203,067.79