

MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN

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From the Pastors

Stories of Discipleship

During our Wednesday evening Cluster Lenten Services this year, we will be exploring stories of discipleship from the book of Acts. There are many powerful stories of how the Holy Spirit worked on the first followers of Jesus to move them into extraordinary and unexpected undertakings for God. The Spirit opened their hearts to have fuller compassion for people and greater inclusion of all, especially the poor, women, and non-Jews.

Our Lenten book study on “Mountains Beyond Mountains” follows a similar theme, inviting us into the world of Dr. Paul Farmer as he helps the poor and needy in Haiti and other places by giving them free medical care. His true story helps inspire and motivate us to serve the poor in our own ways. It is also a powerful reminder of the Holy Spirit moving through Jesus to proclaim “good news to the poor”, and his Sermon on the Mount which proclaimed that God was firmly on the side of the poor and wishes to bless them.

May your Lenten journey be inspired by these and other stories of fellow Christians, as we seek to more fully live out the agenda of our loving Lord Jesus in our lives and actions.

March 2020

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Lenten Services - “*Stories of Discipleship from the Book of Acts*”

Wed. Feb. 26	7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Communion Service with ashes
Wed. Mar. 4	7:00 p.m. Cluster Lent Service at Faith United, Denver
Wed. Mar. 11	7:00 p.m. Cluster Lent Service at Bergstrasse, Ephrata
Wed. Mar. 18	7:00 p.m. Cluster Lent Service at St. John Center, East Earl
Wed. Mar. 25	7:00 p.m. Cluster Lent Service at Muddy Creek
Wed. Apr. 1	7:00 p.m. Cluster Lent Service at St. Paul Lutheran, Adamstown

Holy Week Services at Muddy Creek:

Sun. Apr. 5	8:00 and 10:15 a.m. - Palm Sunday, Passion Narrative
Thu. Apr. 9	7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Fri. Apr. 10	7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Sun. Apr. 12	6:30, 7:30 and 10:15 a.m. - Easter Services

Special points of interest:

- *Lenten Book Study*
- *Goodie Box Collection*
- *Family Ministry Bowling*
- *Bring and Take Donations for Shut-ins and Older Members*
- *Easter Egg Hunt Donations*
- *Disaster Relief Trip*
- *Spring Fling*
- *Lenten Service Schedule*

Upcoming Events



Family Ministry Bowling

Sun. March 15, 1:00 p.m.

All Muddy Creek families and their friends are invited to come bowling on March 15 at Dutch Lanes in Akron. The cost is \$4 per person per game. Shoe rental is \$2.75 plus tax. Please RSVP to Wendy and Mike Sheaffer at sheaffer237@comcast.net, and get ready to roll!



Donations for Shut-Ins Needed for the "Bring & Take" Event Families invited to assemble and deliver

Sun. March 29, 11:15 a.m.

Please sign up on the clipboard under the mailboxes to bring in items to be delivered to our shut-ins and older members for Easter. Please see the list for food items and personal items which can be dropped off up until the day of the event, Sunday March 29th. Monetary donations are also being accepted. All families are invited then at 11:15 a.m. on that day to the fellowship hall for the Family Ministry "Bring and Take Event" to assemble the items and make Easter cards, followed by delivering them to our older members and shut-ins.



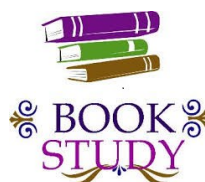
Questions? Please contact
Jennifer Youndt, 717-989-6443,
jenniferyoundt@gmail.com,

Easter Flower Order Deadline

The deadline to order Easter lilies (\$7.25), tulips (\$5.45) and daffodils (\$5.40) is earlier this year due to changes at the greenhouse. Please order by March 8th. Forms are in your bulletins.

Lenten Book Study

"Mountains Beyond Mountains"



During Lent, Pastor Peter will lead a book study on "Mountains Beyond Mountains" by Tracy Kidder. This book follows the real-life story of Dr. Paul Farmer, who gives free medical care to the poor in Haiti and other rural impoverished areas in the world.

The book is inspiring with its example about how to serve the poor and needy in our world as Jesus insisted and modeled for us.

Discussions will take place in the sanctuary at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings on the following dates: Feb. 23 (Part 1), March 8 (Parts 2 and 3), March 22 (Part 4) and March 29 (Part 5). Come even if you haven't read the part yet, or can't make it to all. Or read it on your own!

Disaster Relief Mission Trip

May 3-9, 2020

Calling all Volunteers!



You are invited to come and volunteer with other Lutherans from the North Lancaster District on a Disaster Relief Mission Trip to West Virginia on May 3-9 to help with flood recovery!

The deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 1. You may contact Glenn Beard at GBeard@luthercare.org, or come to the meeting in the Community Room of Luther Acres in Lititz on Sunday, March 1. The cost is \$150. Please speak with Pastor Peter if cost is an issue.

Sub Sale to Support the Mission Trip: Sign up under the mailboxes by March 1 to order subs. Subs can be picked up on March 5th at 16 Cardinal Dr, Stevens.

Spring Fling Fellowship Dinner

Saturday, April 18, 6 p.m.



Muddy Creek's annual Spring Fling Dinner will be held at the Reamstown Fire Hall on April 18. The meal is pot roast, gourmet potatoes, California blend, apple sauce, and assorted delicious desserts. Donations for the Silent Auction (items, baked goods, craft/hobby items, gift certificates, services, etc.) would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the church on Sunday, April 12 (Easter), or you can contact Pat Brendle at 717-799-2591 if you would like to bring them the night of the dinner. Tickets for the dinner can be purchased at church services on Sundays in March and April. The cost is \$9 (\$5 for children age 9 and under, free for 4 yrs and under). Proceeds go to the Elevator Fund. Hope to see you for The Fling!

Upcoming Events

Jesus 'n Me Parent/Child Group Monthly Sunday Mornings 9:00 am for 0 - 4 year olds

Come join the fun in this interactive experience for parents and children (grandparents, or other adults are welcome with their little ones too!). Pastor Peter will lead everyone in simple songs, stories, activities, parachute play, puppets, and more.

March 15 Gathering:

Theme: "Jesus is Alive, an Easter Celebration"

Celebrate the Easter theme with the story of Jesus' resurrection, and an Easter parade.

Reminder: There will be a special area for the little ones at the April 5th Easter Egg Hunt!

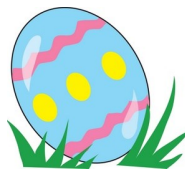
Goodie Boxes for College Students and Military

Please bring in donations of snacks to be sent to college students from Muddy Creek and relatives who are in the military. Items may be brought in beginning March 15 and placed in the bins at the entrances. The deadline is March 29th.

If you have a name of a student or service member to be included, please contact Jane Wenger at jlwredjet@gmail.com, 717-336-2085.

Easter Egg Hunt Donations

Any donations of empty plastic eggs and small wrapped candy/items that can be used to fill plastic eggs would be greatly appreciated and can be brought to church by Sunday, March 29 and placed in the tub near the mailboxes. The Easter Egg Hunt for children of all ages from the community and from Muddy Creek will be Sunday, April 5 (Palm Sunday) at 11:30 a.m.! Let your friends and neighbors know!



Easter Yard Signs

The evangelism committee has prepared yard signs advertising Easter services at Muddy Creek. Please consider using these in your lawn as a way to let the community know about our Easter Services and invite them to attend. Signs may be picked up from the church beginning Sunday March 15.

Thank you for your help in spreading the news about services.

Cluster Lenten Services

This year, the area Lutheran churches will worship together during Lent around the theme "Stories of Discipleship from the Book of Acts". In case of snow or wintry weather, please contact the host church on the day of the service if you have questions.

Wed. March 4 7:00 p.m. at Faith United, Denver

Pastor Jim Goodyear of Bergstrasse preaching on "Pentecost"

Wed. Mar. 11 7:00 p.m. at Bergstrasse, Ephrata

Pastor Marissa Becklin of Faith United preaching on "Stephen's Martyrdom"

Wed. Mar. 18 7:00 p.m. at St. John Center, East Earl

Pastor Sandy Gideon of St. Paul's preaching on "Paul's Conversion"

Wed. Mar. 25 7:00 p.m. at Muddy Creek

Pastor Tom Darr of St. John Center preaching on "Peter's Vision"

Wed. Apr. 1 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's, Adamstown

Pastor Tim Craven of Mellingers preaching on "The Council at Jerusalem"

Confirmation Gatherings



Youth in grades 6—9 are invited to attend mid-week gatherings at the church. Friends always welcome!

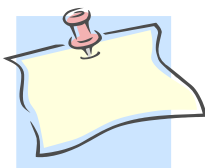
This month's Wednesday Gatherings

- March 4, 6:30—8:00 p.m. (includes filling of Easter Eggs)
- March 18, 6:30—8:00 p.m.

This month's Parent Class

Sunday, March 1, 9:00 am. - in the Fellowship Hall

News and Notes



- Dear Pastor Peter and the Muddy Creek Congregation, We wanted to thank you for performing Christopher's baptism. It was such a beautiful and blessed experience for our family. Our extended family felt so welcomed by the congregation. Thank you! - Mark, Lauren and Christopher Gallagher
 - Charles and I would like to thank everyone who made meals for us. We also would like to thank the Berger family for the flowers, and thank our church family for flowers, cards we received, and prayers. Pastor Peter, we want to thank you for your visits to see Charlie at the hospital and your calls to me. Thank you everyone and God bless - Charles and Janet Frantz
 - Thanks to everyone for all the birthday cards I received. Also, thanks for the prayer shawl. It's nice to be remembered. - Leroy Berger
 - Thanks to everyone who sent me cards and prayers, and especially to Pastor Peter for his visits. I am thankful that I am getting better and my thinking is improving. – Paul Moyer
 - Thanks to everyone who generously contributed \$317.33 for the hungry during the "Soup-er Bowl of Caring" during the services on Feb. 2nd. The money went to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.
 - Thank you to the Parish Life Committee for the wonderful Congregational Luncheon following the Congregational Annual Meeting on Jan. 26.
 - Our Sympathies to:
 - The family of Edith Demming (our oldest member), who passed away on Jan. 27 one month shy of 99 years old. Funeral was Feb. 3
 - June Leid and family at the death of her brother Stanley Burkhart on Feb. 6.
 - Molly Fritz and family at the death of her brother Pierce Leshar.
 - We rejoice to welcome as New Members to Muddy Creek the following people who joined on Feb. 16:
 - Ken and Lynn Merring
 - Michelle and Jay Warkentin, Jack Lammey
 - We rejoice to welcome Pat Marino as a New Participant to Muddy Creek.
- News:**
- A birthday card shower is being held for Paul Shober, 221 Penn Ave, Ephrata, PA 17522, who will turn 99 on March 9. Paul is now our oldest member! Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Paul!
 - On Sat. March 28, 8 a.m.– noon, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Adamstown in offering a free Community Exchange of clothing, toys and household items. Donations can be made to the church the week prior.

Council and Committee Highlights

Church Council

- The Council received a report on the Elevator Project, which is currently meeting with Horst to try to find a way to reduce costs.

Parish Life Committee

- The Committee served the Congregational Luncheon following the Congregational Annual Meeting, and is making plans for the Spring Fling on April 18th, and for the refreshments following the Cluster Lenten Service at Muddy Creek on March 25th.

Cooperative Ministry Report

- On Sunday, March 15th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Muddy Creek will host the upcoming meeting of the Co-operative Ministry Group of local Lutheran Churches (founded by lay people from congregations). There will be a special presentation from the Synod and from representatives of different existing cooperative ministries in our synod. Pastors and Council Members from Lutheran churches in our Conference are invited.

Congregational Annual Meeting on January 26, 2020.

- The congregation approved the Annual Reports and the budget for 2020. There was no new business.

March Birthdays

1	Vicky Stephens	14	Joseph Tortorelli
	Micah Brooks	16	Andrew Colabove
3	Nina Haines	17	Cindy Frankhouser
	James Weinhold		J. Jason Schutter
	Betty Foulkrod		Matthew Eshleman
4	Michael Grant	18	Wendy Sheaffer
5	Leah Nixon		Alexandria Craig
	Harrison Weaver	20	Hazel Fry
6	Barbara Wentzel		Glenda Gehr
	Linda Berger	21	Kristin Kunkle
	William Wood	22	William Swavely
	Tiffany Wert	23	Thomas Trego
	Carolyn Wegelin	24	Josephine Martin
7	Britta Killian		Jason Weaver
	Abbie Rutt	25	Minerva Bitner
8	Charlotte Shober	26	Shari Eshleman
	Jane Wenger	27	Marie Buohl
	Travis Schnader	28	Lucy Snader
	Nicholas Foulkrod		Daniel Sukanick
9	Paul Shober	29	A. Neal Leid
	Dean Lutz		Randolph Hassler
	Herbert Merritt		Michael Breidenstein, Jr.
10	Barbara Fetter	30	Michelle Walzl
12	David Loose		
	Matthew Aungst		



A Special Happy Birthday to our “Over-Eighty” Members!!

March 9	Paul Shober, 99 221 Penn Ave. Ephrata, PA 17522
March 20	Hazel Fry, 88 432 South Fourth St. Denver, PA 17517
March 24	Josephine Martin, 85 521 Willow St. Reinholds, PA 17569
March 25	Minerva Bitner, 93 54 Meadow Valley Rd. Lititz, PA 17543
March 28	Lucy Snader, 91 1920 Kramer Mill Road Denver, PA 17517



Brenda & Friends Tours

March 2, 2020 - Philadelphia Flower Show and Asher's Chocolate with lunch at Cracker Barrel

March 14, 2020 - "The Irish Cabaret" starring Andy Cooney at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

May 30, 2020 – “I Left My Dignity in My Other Purse” starring Joyce DeWitt at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse.

June 6, 2020 – 1-Day Mystery Trip

June 17-21, and again, June 27 -July 1, 2020 - The Inn at Crumpin-Fox, Bernardston, MA, Kringle Candle, The D. L. Moody Center, Cruise on Lady Bea, Rockefeller Mansion, Billings Farm, Saint-Gaudens Historic Site, Cornish-Windsor Covered Bridge, Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Hancock Shaker Village, Bridge of Flowers at Shelburne Falls, Richardson Candy Kitchen, Yankee Candle, 4 Nights at the Inn at Crumpin-Fox, 13 meals, Tour Guide and Evening Entertainment

For more info contact Brenda at 717-336-6886 or bergerb@dejazzd.com. More info also on hallway table outside pastors' office.

Worship Helpers

Coffee Ministry

March

- 1 Needed
- 8 Needed
- 15 Needed
- 22 Brenda Hinden
- 29 Needed

Altar Guild

March and April

Altar Guild Members

Bulletin and Newsletter Folders

March

- 5 Charles and Janet Frantz
- 12 Kathleen Ebling
- 19 June Leid, Pat Marino
- 26 Kathleen Ebling, Denise Burkhart,
Charmaine Wenrich

April

- 2 Marian and Shorty Weinhold, Joyce Keith
- 9 Judy Dengler, Brenda Hinden, Sandra Bassett
- 16 Joyce Litzenberger, Judy Nichol
- 23 Pat Marino, June Leid, Charmaine Wenrich
- 30 Linda Berger, Nancy Beck

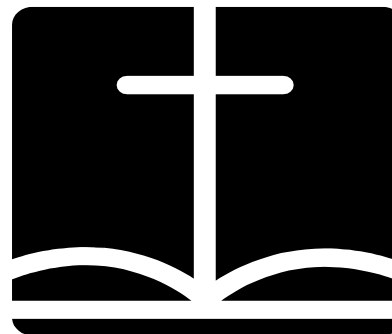
Lay Readers

March

- 1 Haley Leed
- 8 Brenda Berger
- 15 Diane Leed
- 22 Nancy Beck
- 29 John Schutter

April

- 5 Will Wood, Passion Narrative Readers
- 12 (Easter) Dean Lutz
- 19 Haley Leed
- 26 Lynn Breidenstein



Money Counters

March

- 1 Marie and Walter Buohl, John Schutter
- 8 Gloria Aseli, Brenda Berger, Audrey Noll
- 15 Ray and Susan Sweigart
- 22 Linda Gerhart, Hollie Kemper
- 29 Lesia and Matthew Aungst, Kim Eshleman

April

- 5 June and Neal Leid
- 12 (Easter) Dave and June Sloat
- 19 Dean Lutz, Jim Weber, Jane Wenger
- 26 Lori & Mike Martin, Josephine Martin

Ushers

March and April

4/5, 4/9 (Maundy Thurs.), 5/3 - Jane Wenger, Julie Emrhein, Terri Meckley, Linda Gerhart, Craig Brossman

3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/25 (Wed. Cluster Lent Service), 3/29 - Michael and Lynn Breidenstein, Pat Brendle, Nick Duong

4/12 (Easter - 7:30, 10:15) - Michael Leid, Connie Hoover, Brad Rauch, Doris Rauch, Diet Aseli

4/10 (Good Friday), 4/19, 4/26 - Walter Buohl, Roy Becker, Brenda Hinden, Will Wood

Worship Helpers

Acolytes

March

1	Brandon Walzl
8	Cannon Youndt
15	Zach Sheaffer
22	Sophia Dimitris
29	Grace Youndt

April

5	Paige Walzl
9 (Maundy Thurs)	Jack Lammey
12 (Easter) (7:30 a.m.)	Cole Dimitris
(10:15 a.m.)	Brandon Walzl
19	Mason Sheaffer
26	Cannon Youndt

Attendance Report

	Worship	Sunday School
Jan. 26	90	16
Feb. 2	94	15
Feb. 9	91	17
Feb. 16	104	27

Giving Report

	Received	Actual Expenses
January 2020	\$12,032.53	\$23,595.60

Communion Assistant

March 1	Brandon Walzl
April 5	Sada Aungst
April 9 (Maundy Thurs)	Kelby Weaver
April 12 (Easter)	Sada Aungst (7:30 a.m.)
	Brandon Walzl (10:15 a.m.)

Bread Baker

Marleise Smith

Greeter

March 1	Phil Ramsey
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NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSION

DEADLINE: March 15, 2020

Upcoming Events

April 5, Sunday—Palm Sunday/Passion Narrative
 April 5, Sunday—Community Easter Egg Hunt
 April 12, Sunday—Easter
 April 18, Saturday – Spring Fling, at Fire Hall
 April 19, Sunday—Cocalico Drummers
 April 25, Saturday—Spring Outdoor Clean-up
 May 3, Sunday—Cocalico M.S. Select Singers
 May 3-9, District Relief Trip to W. Virginia
 May 10, Sunday -Mother's Day, Moms & Kids Bells
 May 17, Sun. - Last Day Sunday School
 May 24, Sun. - Summer Schedule Begins, 8 & 9 a.m.

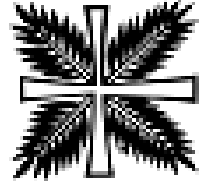
March Office Hours

Admin. Asst.: Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

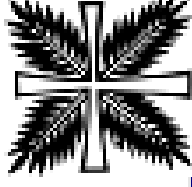
Pastors: Tues. 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Additional hours by appointment and at various times throughout the week



March 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8 a.m. Worship 9 a.m. Sunday School 9 a.m. Conf. Parents 10:15 a.m. Worship 2 p.m. Mission Trip Mitg	2	3	4 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 7 p.m. Lenten Service at Faith United, Denver	5 6:30 p.m. Choir	6	7
8 Clocks Ahead 1 hr D-line Easter Flowers 8 a.m. Worship 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship	9	10 6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawls Gathering at Yvonne's	11 7 p.m. Church Council 7 p.m. Lenten Service at Bergstrasse, Ephrata	12 6:30 p.m. Choir	13	14
15 Newsletter D-line 8 & 10:15 a.m. Worship 9 a.m. Sunday School 9 a.m. Playgroup 1 p.m. Family Bowling 1 p.m. Co-op Ministry	16 6:00 p.m. Social Ministry Committee	17	18 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 7 p.m. Lenten Service at St. John Center, East Earl	19 6:30 p.m. Choir	20	21
22 8 a.m. Worship 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship	23	24 6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawls Gathering at Yvonne's	25 7 p.m. Lenten Service at Muddy Creek	26 6:30 p.m. Choir	27	28
29 Deadline Candy, Goodie Boxes, Shut-in 8 & 10:15 a.m. Worship 9 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Bring & Take Family Ministry Event	30	31		Note: The Sobriety Sisters meet every Thurs evening at the church.		

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Pastors: Peter Schwabe-Fry,

Nancy Schwabe-Fry (on temporary leave)

Director of Music: Greg Gelman, Administrative Assistant: Linda Mohn

Sextons: Mark Saylor, Brenda & Linda Berger

President: Mike Leid

Vice-President: Fred Hainley

Council Secretary: Audrey Noll

Treasurers: Scott Strickland/Gail Bare