

MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN

MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

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Worship Update

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 see and download a copy of the Sunday bulletin for your use as you follow along in the service.

We will let everyone know as soon as the community spread of CoVid is low enough for us to begin safely having either outdoor or indoor worship.

Cluster Lenten Services Are Online

Together with our neighboring Lutheran congregations, we will be having online Wednesday worship services during Lent. This year's theme is "Community". The cluster services will not be livestreamed. To access each week's video (it will be posted on the morning of the date listed), simply go to Muddy Creek's YouTube Channel or the church website.

Wednesday, March 3 – "*In Community with All the Saints*". Pastor Marissa Becklin and Faith United Lutheran Church, Denver, will produce 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 the service. Mark 2:1-12 - *A community comes together.*

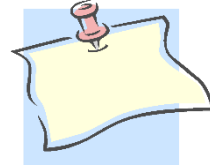
Wednesday, March 17 – "*In Community with Those on the Margins*". Pastor Tim Craven and Mellinger's Lutheran Church, Stevens, will produce the service. Mark 5:1-20 - *Jesus crosses barriers to attend to those on the margins.*

Wednesday, March 24 – "*In Community with Christ*". Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry and Muddy Creek Lutheran Church, Denver, will produce 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 the service. John 13:21-32 - *Jesus predicts his betrayal.*

Greg Gehman Palm Sunday Special Online Organ Concert

On Palm Sunday, March 28, our organist and Director of Music Greg Gehman will have a special online pipe organ performance. See it anytime that day 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 and Good Friday.



News and Notes

Card Shower for Paul Shober's 100th Birthday

We would like to have as many people as possible send birthday cards to our oldest member, Paul Shober, who turns 100 on March 9th! Paul's address is 221 Penn Ave, Ephrata, PA 17522. And yes, he still lives independently in his own house and is in robust health!

Update on the Elevator Project – "It's Going Up!"

Construction work on the Elevator Project is scheduled to begin on April 1st, and is slated for completion on June 25th. We are eagerly looking forward to this project finally commencing!

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 free copies of the "Christ in our Home" Daily Devotional booklets (regular and large-print). The April-June ones have already arrived! 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

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

List of Local Food Pantry Distribution Sites

*Peter's Porch distributes food (drive-through) on the first Saturday of every month from 8-10 a.m. at Faith United Lutheran Church. 357 Walnut Street Denver. No need to sign up.

*Swamp Lutheran Church, in cooperation with Ephrata Area Social Services. Drive-thru is on the second Wednesday of each month, 1:00-3:30 p.m. at Swamp Lutheran Church, 275 Swamp

Church Road, Reinholds. Please call in advance to Swamp at 717-336-2849 or EASS at 717-733-0345.

*Cocalico Food Pantry run by Real Life Community Services in their Warehouse 916 building behind the parking lot at 240 Main Street, Denver. Call 717-336-7797 to become a client of Real Life and qualify for monthly free groceries.

Thank You Notes

Thank you to everyone who brought in snacks for local school staff as part of our “Caring Corner” in December. Because of your generosity, we were able to give gift baskets of goodies to three local elementary schools: Adamstown, Reamstown and Denver to thank the staff for going above and beyond to help our children during this stressful CoVid time at schools.

From Adamstown Elementary School: “A very big thank you for the beautiful gift basket that was delivered to Adamstown Elementary for the school staff. It means so much to us that you thought of us and that you appreciate what everybody does here. We are incredibly grateful. I am personally so proud of our dedicated staff and so grateful that we serve a supportive and encouraging community. A special thank you to from us”. – Principal Susan Snyder

From Reamstown Elementary School: “Thank you for the delicious snacks! We are so grateful for support from organizations in our community such as yours in serving the children in the Reamstown Elementary attendance area. Your support and encouragement is greatly appreciated!” – Reamstown Staff

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.

March 7 – On this day, we join Linda and Brenda Berger in remembering their dad, Nathaniel Berger.

Condolences

Our heartfelt and sincerest condolences and sympathy to:

- The family of Lavern Lausch who passed away on Feb. 2 at the age of 82. His graveside service was on Feb. 6.
- Mary Zerbe at the death of her sister Luciene Zerbe.
- The family of Ella Mae Shupp who passed away on Feb. 15 at the age of 89.

Attendance

Indoor Worship Attendance	Viewed on Muddy Creek YouTube Channel and Facebook
January 31	89 (includes livestream)
February 7	115 (includes livestream)
February 14	128 (includes livestream)
February 21	72 (includes livestream)

(There are currently 68 subscribers to the Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube Channel, and 161 followers on the Muddy Creek Facebook Page)

Offering

Income to General Fund in January: \$12,551.82, Expenses to General Fund in Jan.: \$16,529.68
Elevator Fund total as of Feb. 16: \$205,567.79