

# MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN

MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

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

Sunday, March 24, 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, March 28, 7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Friday, March 29, 7:00 p.m. – Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Sunday, March 31, 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

## **Congregational Forum About the “Planning for the Future” Report Sunday, March 3 at 9:00 A.M.**

Everybody from the congregation is invited to a special forum on the report and recommendations which will be held on Sunday, March 3 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there as we talk together about the future of Muddy Creek! Thank you to the Committee members for all their hard work!

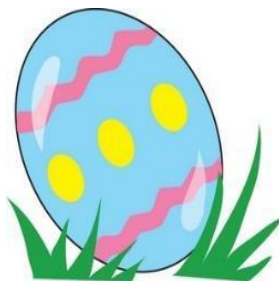
## **The Deadline to Order Easter Flower Sponsorships is March 10th**

You may give daffodils, tulips or lilies to adorn the church on Easter, and take them home following the Easter services on March 31. Use the form located at the end of this newsletter or on the table under the mailboxes. Please place your orders and money in the marked box under the mailboxes.

## Easter Breakfast, March 31 at 8:30 a.m.

On Easter morning, March 31, 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, aan7@ptd.net.

## Community Easter Egg Hunt in the Grove Sunday, March 24, 11:30 a.m.



On Palm Sunday, March 24 at 11:30 a.m. in the Muddy Creek Church Grove, we will again hold our Community Easter Egg Hunt! Tell all your friends and neighbors! There will be separate sections for 2 years old 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!

## Help Needed With Collection for Easter Egg Hunt & Goodie Boxes and Assembling Eggs

\*From March 3 to March 17, we are collecting chocolates, candies and plastic Easter eggs for our Community Easter Egg Hunt in the Grove on March 24 (Palm Sunday) at 11:30 a.m. Items may be placed in the marked box near the mailboxes. This is being sponsored by the Evangelism Committee.

\*You are invited to help stuff the plastic eggs immediately after the 10:15 a.m. service on March 17th.

\*From March 10 - March 31 (Easter), we are collecting snack items for Goodie Boxes to be sent to Muddy Creek participants who are college students or serving in the military. Snack items may include cookies, chips, candies or crackers. Donations can be placed in the marked bins at any of the entrances. If you know of any student or service member to add to our list, please contact Jane Wenger (717-471-0556). This is being sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee.



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

## Cluster Lenten Services for March 2024

All are invited to Lenten services, held together with other local Lutheran churches in our cluster. Following this year's theme of "Open My Life, Lord", the schedule will be as follows:

\*Wed. March 6, 7 p.m. here at Muddy Creek. Pastor Jim Goodyear from Bergstrasse Lutheran will preach on "Open My Ears, Lord".

\*Wed. March 13, 7 p.m. at Mellingers Lutheran Church, Schoeneck. Pastor Sandy Gideon from St. Paul Lutheran will preach on "Open My Heart, Lord".

\*Wed. March 20, 7 p.m. at St. John Center Lutheran Church, East Earl. Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry from Muddy Creek will preach on "Open My Life, Lord".

\*Thurs. May 9, 7 p.m. at Swamp Lutheran Church, Reinholds. Pastor Tim Craven from Mellingers Lutheran will preach at the cluster Ascension Day service.

The offering will go to support this year's Disaster Relief Mission Trip which will be in Port Charlotte, Florida. April 28 - May 4. Checks may be made out to: "Disaster Relief Trip, North Lancaster Conference Dean's Fund"

## Please Help with Grove and Outdoor Clean Up on March 16!



To prepare for the Community Easter Egg Hunt in our Grove on Palm Sunday, we will be having a clean up of all the fallen wood and leaves in the Grove on Saturday, March 16 from 8-11 a.m. We will also clean up around the outside of the church. Please come for some or all of the time, we could really use your help! Bring your own rake. We especially need vehicles with trailers to help haul the debris over to the yard waste recycling center. We also need someone to help transport mulch. If you can help, please contact Tim Fritz at 717-335-0776.

## Cemetery Workday on Sat. April 20 at 9 a.m.

The Muddy Creek Cemetery Board announces a workday, weather permitting, on Saturday, April 20 at 9 a.m. in the cemetery. Help is needed to level tombstones. Equipment such as wheelbarrows, shovels, crowbars and carjacks are also appreciated.

## All Invited to Upcoming Evangelism Committee Meeting on Mar. 24

All are invited to come to a meeting of the Evangelism Committee on Sunday, March 24 (Palm Sunday) at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

## Money Collected on Super Bowl Sunday for World Hunger

On Super Bowl Sunday, the congregation collected \$303.27 for World Hunger. This is part of the "Soup-er Bowl of Caring", and the collected money was sent to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Thank you to all who so generously contributed!

## Jesus 'n Me Playgroup, Sun. March 10 at 9 AM in the Nursery



### “Jesus is Alive.. An Easter Celebration”

All toddlers, babies and preschoolers and their parents (and friends) are invited to come to the Jesus 'n Me Playgroup on Sunday, March 10 at 9 a.m. in the nursery. We'll celebrate the Easter theme with “Jesus is Alive.. An Easter Celebration”



### Peter's Porch Collection

The next food collection for Peter's Porch (our local food pantry) will be Sunday, March 3, which is the first Sunday of the month. Food donations can be placed in the bins in the sanctuary 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.)

### “Brenda and Friends” Bus Trip Schedule

March 1, 2024 – The Mahoney Brothers - Neil Diamond Tribute and Homage to Billy Joel at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

March 4, 2024 – The Philadelphia Flower Show and Asher's Chocolates

March 16, 2019 – “The Irish Cabaret” with Andy Cooney at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

April 9, 2024 - “Beehive the Musical” at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

April 18-20, 2024 – Virginia International Tattoo and more in Norfolk, VA

May 7, 2024 – Boal Mansion and Columbus Chapel and more

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

## **Thank You Notes**

I would like to thank the Muddy Creek congregation for the cards, prayers and visits during my long recovery from my mishap and slow recovery that continues. - Bill Lausch

Dorothy Beam thanks everyone for the prayers and cards. Blessings to all.

A belated thank you to my Christmas angels. Also, thanks for all the remembrances for my birthday. Gratefully, Peggy Leid

The East Cocalico Lions Club would like to thank the congregation of Muddy Creek Lutheran Church for welcoming us to your church service on February 11th as we celebrated our 80th year of service to our community. Each Lionistic year, coinciding with our charter date, the East Cocalico Lions Club attends a worship service at a church in the local area. It is always nice when we are made to feel special, and we thank you for doing this. Your congregation was very friendly and made us feel welcomed. And the message that was given was very inspiring. Thank you also for the special snacks and for inviting us to share them with you after the service.

Thank you and God bless, yours in Lionism, East Cocalico Lions Club

## **Condolences**

Our condolences to:

\*Janet Frantz and Russell Beck at the death of their aunt Mary Miller

\*Pat Marino at the death of her relative Suzette Marino

## **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.

## **Offering**

Income to General Fund Year-to-Date as of end of January: \$14,993.48

Expenses to General Fund Year-to-Date as of end of January: \$17,853.37

## Attendance

Worship Attendance	Viewed on Muddy Creek YouTube Channel and Facebook
January 21, 8 a.m. – 14, 10:15 a.m. - 39	43 (includes livestream)
January 28, 8 a.m. – 8, 10:15 a.m. - 40	52 (includes livestream)
February 4, 8 a.m. – 24 10:15 a.m. – 59	39 (includes livestream)
February 11, 8 a.m. – 19, 10:15 a.m. – 62	43 (includes livestream)
February 14 (Ash Wednesday) 7:00 p.m. - 32	34 (includes livestream)
February 18, 8 a.m. – 20, 10:15 a.m. – 62	29 (includes livestream)

(There are currently 93 subscribers to the Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube Channel, and 208 followers on the Muddy Creek Facebook Page.)

## Worship Helpers in March

- March 3 Bread Baker - Marliese Smith    8:00 am Communion Assistant - Scott Strickland  
 10:15 a.m. Communion Assistant and Acolyte - Zach Sheaffer    10:15 am Cantor - Gail Bare  
 10:15 am Lay Reader – Hollie Kemper    10:15 am Money Counters - Linda and Tim Fritz
- March 10, 10:15 am: Acolyte - Grace Youndt    Lay Reader - Jill Youndt  
    Cantor - Greg Gehman    Money Counters - Gail and Ted Bare
- March 17, 10:15 am: Acolyte - , Lay Reader - Joe Sanchez, Cantor - Hollie Kemper  
    Money Counters - Nick Duong and Thai Phan, Pat Brendle
- March 24 Palm Sunday 10:15 am: Acolyte - Cannon Youndt, Cantor - Pastor Peter  
    Money Counters - Jeanette and Mike Leid  
 Passion Narrative Readers 8 am & 10:15 am – Lynn Breidenstein, Hollie Kemper, Will Wood
- March 31 Easter Sunday  
       7:30 am Communion Assistant and Acolyte - Grace Youndt  
       7:30 am Lay Reader - Joe Sanchez  
       10:15 am Communion Assistant and Acolyte -  
       10:15 am Lay Reader - Brad Rauch    10:15 am Cantor - David Sensenig  
       10:15 am Money Counters - Marie Buohl, Connie Hoover, David Sensenig

## *Easter Flowers*

If you wish to order any flowers to decorate the church on Easter (March 31, 2024), please give the money and order form to Jane Wenger, or put the money and form in an envelope and place it in the marked box under the sanctuary mailboxes (or you may mail your order in to the church office with your check.) Lilies, Tulips and Daffodils are available.

Deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 10.



Cost is:        \$6.50 per 6.5” pot of Daffodils  
                     \$6.50 per 6” pot (5-6 bulbs) of Tulips  
                     \$8.00 per pot of Lilies (white) (3-4 blooms per pot)

Checks are preferred (please note on check “Easter Flowers”) but, if you choose to use cash, exact amount of money is needed.

1 order per form, please

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Number and type of plants: # \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like “in honor of” or “in memory of” included in the bulletin, please fill in the appropriate lines.

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_

(optional)

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_

(optional)

(Optional) Do not include in bulletin \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions, please contact Jane Wenger @ [jlwredjet@gmail.com](mailto:jlwredjet@gmail.com) or (717) 471-0556

**\*\*All flowers ordered can be picked up following the service.**

Deadline for ordering is March 10.     Please PRINT CLEARLY. Thank you.