

MUDDY CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH

Celebrating 290 Years!

MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

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Outdoor Yard Clean-Up, Saturday May 7

On Saturday, May 7, from 8 a.m. to noon, you are invited to come help clean up the church grounds for the Annual Spring Clean-Up. Come help pick up the sticks and branches in the Grove (you don't have to rake as we will be mulching the leaves with the church mower). As well, we will remove weeds around the church building, trim shrubbery and small trees (bring clippers), and remove leaves from the cemetery fence.



Mother's Day, May 8: Confirmation, Bells, and a Special Guided Tour of the Stained-Glass Windows

Come out on Mother's Day, May 8th. At both services, we are privileged to have three youth share their Confirmation Faith Statements with us as the sermon. The three youth, Jack Lamme, Mason Sheaffer and Grace Youndt, will also be confirmed at the 10:15 a.m. service. We rejoice with them and their families as they affirm their faith in God on this day!

All women and children are invited to come forward to play the colored bells during worship as part of our Mother's Day festivities. It's fun and easy – no experience necessary.

And finally, at 9 a.m. on that day, Pastor Peter will be giving a special guided tour of Muddy Creek's beautiful stained-glass windows, as part of our church's 290th anniversary celebration this year. Hope to see you on Mother's Day!

Annual Meeting Will Be Held on May 15 Including Vote on Air Conditioning Project

On Sunday, May 15, immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service, our Annual Meeting will be held. It was rescheduled from the original date of January 30 due to CoVid. At the meeting, we will hold a vote on moving forward with the Air Conditioning Project. At the Church Council meeting in March, the Council voted to recommend to the congregation at the upcoming Annual Meeting that we commence with the Air Conditioning of the Sanctuary at a cost not to exceed \$100,000, with the money to come from the Air Conditioning Fund and the Bequest Fund. Also at the Annual Meeting, we will approve the Annual Bulletin of Reports. An advance copy of the Bulletin of Reports is available from the table under the mailboxes. Please come out for this important meeting to help us get our quorum of 40 people! Additionally, we will have a time of fellowship, coffee and refreshments following the Annual Meeting.

Prayer Shawl Dedication May 15



At both services on May 15th, we will dedicate the latest prayer shawls which our Knitting Group have been faithfully creating. If you know of anyone going through a difficult time who could benefit from God's warm embrace through a prayer shawl, pick up a shawl to give to them. Or anytime, see Pastor Peter to get a shawl to give to someone.

If you are interested in knitting shawls for our prayer shawl ministry, the Knitting Group meets at Yvonne Weaver's house on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The next knitting meetings are May 10 and May 24.

Outdoor Jesus 'n Me Playgroup on May 22

"God Made Ladybugs" will be theme of the Jesus 'n Me Playgroup on Sunday, May 22 at 9 a.m. in the Church Grove (inside in the nursery if it's raining). We will have fun with **real, live ladybugs!**, sing songs, play with the parachute, and have a story, craft and snack. All parents and children age newborn – 4 years old are invited!



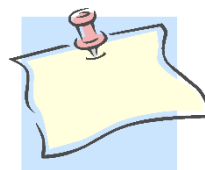
Ascension Service at Swamp Lutheran on May 26

On Ascension Day, Thursday, May 26, at 7:00 p.m., our local Lutheran Churches will gather for a Cluster Service at Swamp Lutheran Church, 275 Swamp Church Road, Reinholds. Pastor Peter will be preaching on the theme "Returning with Joy – Luke 24:44-53".



Come Sing in the Choir for May 22!

Everyone is invited to come and sing with the choir (no previous experience necessary). Practices will be on Sunday mornings, May 15 and May 22, from 9:15-10:00 a.m. in the choir loft, and the choir will sing on Sunday, May 22 at the 10:15 a.m. service.



News and Notes

Copies of the History of Muddy Creek

Updated copies (corrected edition) of the history of Muddy Creek (by Pastor Peter) are available on the table by the mailboxes. This presentation was part of our 290th anniversary celebration.

Please Return Easter Yard Signs

Thank you to all who put out yard signs to advertise our Easter services to your neighborhood! Signs can be returned to the church anytime and put by the mailboxes or put in the money counting room.

Thank You to all Who Brought in Snack Items for the Goodie Boxes to send to our College Students and Military Members!

A special thanks to all who brought in snack items to send out as goodie boxes to our college students as they studied for final exams, and to our military members. Through your generosity, we were able to send out ten goodies boxes!

How Can I Help With the Ukrainian Humanitarian Crisis?

Simply make a donation payable to Muddy Creek in the offering and indicate “Eastern European Crisis Response” on it, or else go the church website, click the “Give Online” button and then select “Ukrainian Crisis”. 100% of your gift will go to displaced Ukrainians and those affected in neighboring countries. Your donation will be sent by us to **Lutheran Disaster Response** as it works through our companion churches in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as the Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners will provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits.

Air Conditioning Fund Open

The Air Conditioning Fund is now open and gratefully accepting donations for this, our next improvement project. As of April 24, we have \$2,307.00 in the Air Conditioning Fund. Thank you to all for your generous support! The vote on the Air Conditioning Project will be at the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 15th.

Help Make Hygiene Products for Women in the Developing World

Everyone is invited to come on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon in the Fellowship Hall to help make feminine hygiene pads out of cloth for women in the developing world. The pads are made by volunteers with LCBA and distributed through UNTO (formerly the Gain Warehouse). Any questions – contact Pat Brendle.



Food Collection

Peter's Porch Collection

Please 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 placed in the collection bins inside the entrances at Muddy Creek.

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

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's

Thank you to everyone at Muddy Creek for the cards, visits, and help I received throughout my recovery from my recent accident. Your caring and thoughtfulness was great encouragement to me and was very much appreciated. God bless, David Sensenig

I want to thank everyone that helped with the gift box of snacks I received. I really appreciate the time everyone took out of their week to put together something for me during my finals week. Hopefully the snacks can get me through my late night studying to come. Once again, thank you so much to everyone. - Brandon Walzl

Thank you so much for thinking of us. The box of snacks was wonderful and greatly appreciated. It is always nice to hear from our Muddy Creek family!

- Travis and Kirsten Gerhart, U.S. Coast Guard, New York Harbor

Thank you to everyone in the congregation who helped provide beautiful flowers for our Easter services. The church looked wonderful! Thank you also to all who helped set up and take down the flowers, and to Jane Wenger for coordinating everything.

Our Condolences to:

*Nedra Bearinger and Neal Leid at the death of their brother, Nolan Leid, on April 22.

*Joe Sanchez and family at the death of his uncle, Javier Sanchez, on April 19.

*David and Diane Grube at the death of David's mother, Georgine, on April 13.

Worship Helpers

May 1, Money Counters - Brad and Doris Rauch, Bread Baker - Marliese Smith

Communion Assistants: 8:00 a.m. - Scott Strickland, 10:15 a.m. - Kelby Weaver

10:15 a.m. Acolyte - Mason Sheaffer, 10:15 a.m. Lay Reader - Jill Youndt,

10:15 a.m. Cantor - Greg Gehman

May 8 (Confirmation), Money Counters – Marie and Walter Buohl
10:15 am Acolyte – Cannon Youndt, 10:15 am Cantor - Pastor Peter

May 15, Money Counters – Gloria Aseli, Brenda Berger, Audrey Noll
10:15 am: Acolyte – Jack Lammey, 10:15 a.m. Lay Reader – Doris Rauch,
10:15 am Cantor - Greg Gehman

May 22, Money Counters - Ray and Susan Sweigart
10:15 am Acolyte – Mason Sheaffer, 10:15 am Lay Reader – Brenda Berger
10:15 am Cantor - Gail Bare

May 29, Money Counters – Linda Gerhart, Hollie Kemper
9:00 am Acolyte – needed, 9:00 am Lay Reader – Brad Rauch
9:00 am Cantor - Greg Gehman

Office Hours

Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Please use the intercom button by the elevator entryway, and our Administrative Assistant, Linda Mohn, will buzz you in. Feel free to use the new elevator to come to the 2nd floor!

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 \$35 to sponsor altar flowers or \$15 to sponsor bulletins. Call the church office at 717-336-2770 if you have any questions.

Attendance

<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Viewed on Muddy Creek YouTube Channel and Facebook</u>
March 27, 8 a.m. – 25, 10:15 a.m. – 37	21 (includes livestream)
April 3, 8 a.m. – 24, 10:15 a.m. – 52	28 (includes livestream)
April 10, 8 a.m. – 34, 10:15 a.m. – 56	30 (includes livestream)
April 14 (Maundy Thursday), – 25	23 (includes livestream)
April 15 (Good Friday), - 32	
April 17 (Easter), Dawn – 25, 7:30 a.m. – 42, 10:15 a.m. – 70	38 (includes livestream)
April 24, 8 a.m. – 31, 10:15 a.m. – 48	16 (includes livestream)

(There are currently 78 subscribers to the Muddy Creek Lutheran YouTube Channel, and 187 followers on the Muddy Creek Facebook Page.)

Offering

Income to General Fund in March: \$11,553.30
Expenses to General Fund in March: \$15,404.57
Income to General Fund Year-to-Date as of end of March: \$38,270.26
Expenses to General Fund Year-to-Date as of end of February: \$48,991.81
Air Conditioning Fund as of April 24: \$2,307.00