

# Christ Calls

The Monthly Newsletter of Memorial Lutheran Church

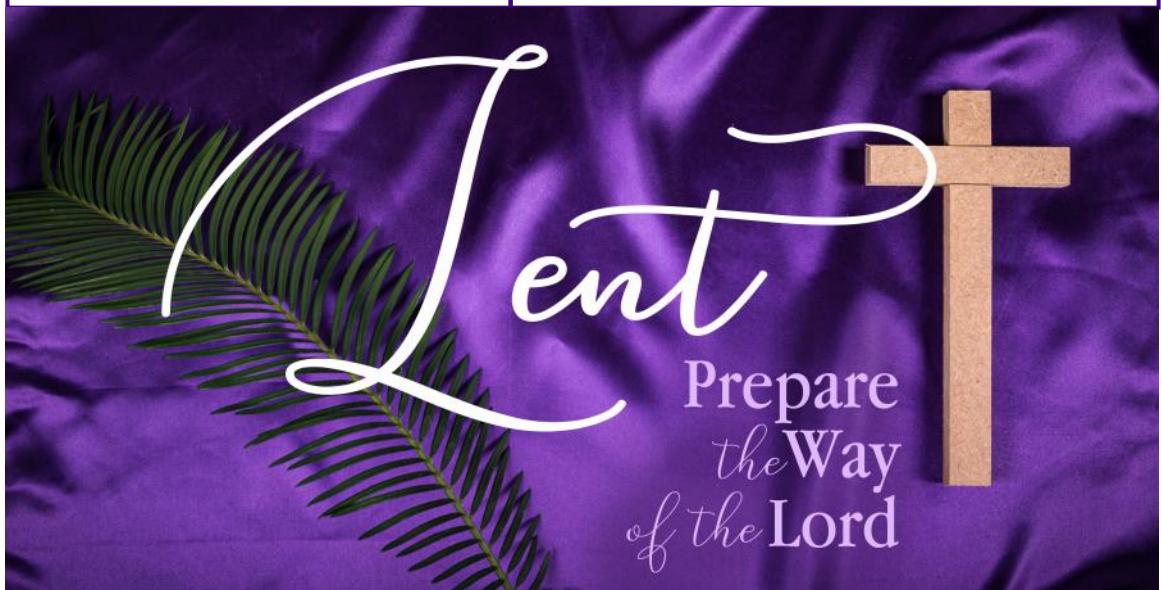
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## Dates To Remember

March 2	Ash Wednesday Services - Noon & 7:00 pm
March 6	Sunday School / Coffee Hour - 9:00 am Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am
March 9	Midweek Lenten Service - 7:00 pm
March 13	Sunday School / Coffee Hour - 9:00 am Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am
March 14	Church Council Meeting - 6:30 pm
March 16	Newsletter Deadline Midweek Lenten Service - 7:00 pm
March 20	Sunday School / Coffee Hour - 9:00 am Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am
March 23	Midweek Lenten Service - 7:00 pm
March 27	Sunday School / Coffee Hour - 9:00 am Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am
March 30	Midweek Lenten Service - 7:00 pm



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# A NOTE FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

*A time to be born, a time to die; a time to plant, a time to pluck the planted.*  
-Ecclesiastes 3:2

It seems like the season to plant is on the horizon. March brings the anticipation of the end of winter and those early tastes of spring. This coincides nicely with our church year, as the season of Lent is a sober season of preparation and anticipation for the refreshing new of Easter. We've tucked away our words of celebration, but we know they will be back.

There's also a different, tangible hope in the world that has some resurrection overtones. The long-anticipated "new normal" might be around the corner. Like with Lent, I suggest a sober and steady preparation for this, because we have had this hope before. It seems like every few months, someone declares "mission accomplished," and then we end up having to shut things down again. As I have hoped before, I hope this is really it. As I'm writing this, things are looking pretty good. By the time you read it, who knows?

I was reviewing a Bible study resource recently, and study author Laura Story wrote something of an editorial on getting back to normal. She suggested two truths about normalcy: "The first truth is one we learned about ourselves. We learned that we were created for normal." The idea here is that we crave stability. She uses the image of the garden (Eden, in particular), as a predictable, steady, "normal" existence. There is a comforting idea of safety and security built into our concept of normal.

"[This led her] to the second truth: we don't have to place our hope in God returning our lives to normal; we can simply place our hope in God." She suggests that we grieve the loss of normal. And she's exactly right. This Lenten season, our Wednesday services will be focusing on lament, which is one of the richest traditions of our Biblical faith. Lament is all throughout the Bible, especially in the Psalms.

Paul wrote that "we do not grieve as those who have no hope," (1 Thessalonians 4:13) but that does not mean we don't get to grieve. When we lose something, our normal is changed, and we do not have to pretend that it is sunshine and roses. We have hope, yes, but we still have grief too. In the near future, I hope that the new normal will be better than the old normal. But I know that the best hope we can have does not depend on this world.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Chris  
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# COUNCIL NEWS

## REPORT of the CHURCH COUNCIL – February 14, 2022

Church Council met Monday, February 14, 2022 in-person in Fellowship Hall and via BlueJeans.

Jean Goldthorpe shared a reading from the devotional “Mornings with Jesus”. Since our meeting was on Valentine’s Day, we remembered the greatest gift of love ever presented, John 3:16: *“For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”*

Pastor Chris shared plans for the upcoming Lenten season, including a burning of the palms with the youth, and a first communion class at some point. The Worship & Music Ministry reported that undesignated Lenten envelopes will go to the new Community Cares Center on Burd Street. (The former Episcopal Home.) The center serves homeless people in times of need. Ash Wednesday is March 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be two services: a shorter midday service and a 7:00 pm service with the more traditional format. Both services will offer ashes to worshipers. Midweek Lenten services will be in person at 7:00 pm. The Maundy Thursday service will be April 14<sup>th</sup>. Other services of the Easter season will be planned at the February meeting. The Ministry committee noted that additional volunteers are needed for ushers, acolytes and communion servers.

Members of the Finance Ministry met with the insurance company to review our coverage to update and consider options for a more efficient/cost effective plan. Church Property will assist in the decision as well. The Chamber of Commerce membership was renewed and approval was given to pay a portion of Jerry Cramer’s summer campership. The observation was made that although the monthly gas bill was high, and the next month’s bill could be high also, we are nearing the end of the main heating season.



Bill Drake reported for the Church Property committee that the primary boiler is fixed. Bill explained that there are three boilers: the primary one, the second one that kicks in for additional heating when outside temperatures fall below a certain level, and the third which serves as a back-up to the system. The sign-up sheet for the 2022 lock-up schedule for Sundays was passed around. Also noted were other projects on “the list”. They include, but are not limited to, office light fixtures; AC for offices; 2-sanctuary AC units need replaced; retaining wall; FH floor. The work of the Church Property Ministry is never ending. *“Let them deliver it into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the Lord, and let them give it to the workmen who are in the house of the Lord to repair the damages of the house, to the carpenters and the builders and the masons and for buying timber and hewn stone to repair the house.”* (2Kings 22: v5-6) We are blessed to have such dedicated, faithful servants.

The names of the 2022 Nominating Committee were approved to be presented for election by the congregation at the February 27<sup>th</sup> congregational meeting. They are Bill Drake, Larry Basler, Linda Benethum, Pat Haller, Tasha Koenig, and Andy McCole. (This committee asks for nominees from congregation members for the election of church council for the upcoming year.) The 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is meeting and is working on a plan for a fundraiser. Details to be shared in the upcoming months. Women of the ELCA will hold their monthly meeting Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. All women are welcomed to attend. The Call Committee has interviews scheduled with two potential candidates.

The next meeting of the Church Council will be Monday, March 14, 2022.

Blessings and peace be to you and yours.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Cox  
Congregation President

**On the recommendation of the Covid Task Force and the endorsement of the Church Council, beginning Sunday, February 27, 2022 masks will be optional in worship and at all church functions. Masks are strongly recommended for those unvaccinated and those feeling ill. Please consider wearing a mask when singing. The Covid Task Force will continue to meet and keep an eye on the statistics report and health situation in our area. As always, the task force and Church Council appreciate your patience and support.**



**There will be in-person  
Ash Wednesday Services  
on March 2nd at 12 Noon & 7:00 pm.  
*The Noon service will be a condensed  
service without music or communion.***

**There will be in-person  
Midweek Lenten Services  
each Wednesday in Lent at 7:00 pm.  
(March 9 - April 6)**



# KEEP IN PRAYER

Wanda Brown	Brian Helman	Ray Luffy	Bill Robinson
Jerry Cramer	June Hile	Doug/Pat Maun	Dave Schriner
C. Eugene Creek	Mary Kendall	Erin Nollenberger	Ed Shade
Dan Dortsy	Ron Kerr	William Porter	Polly Sherman
Beverly/Robert Florig	Bernita Killian	Dot Railing	
Susan Frirsz	Jerry Lyons	Ron Richards	



Please pray for the families of Shelia Barklow, Betsy Watson and Lincoln Fogelsanger who recently passed away.

## FINANCES



JANUARY 2022				
FUND	INCOME	EXPENSES	DIFFERENCE	YTD
CURRENT	\$14,121	\$26,060	-\$11,939	-\$11,939
BUILDING	\$1,686	\$0	\$1,686	\$1,686
	Income	Paid	Needed to be paid for budget	YTD Paid
BENEVOLENCE	\$2,935	\$2,090	-\$1,243	-\$1,243

Jerry Cramer would like to thank everyone for their phone calls, visits, cards, gifts and Birthday wishes as he celebrated his 60th birthday on February 19th.



1	Courtney Hayes	13	Ramona Suehr	22	Ron Shuey	26	Harry Mundorff
1	Savion Forrester	16	Jaxon Alosi	23	Vera Reber	28	Sean Miller
5	Scott Bolton	17	Pat Haller	23	Rylee Drake	28	Patrick Davis
9	Sarah Killian	18	Magdalena Keggereis	24	Nancy Fogelsanger	28	Kaiden Estep
10	Noah Varner	19	Joan Smith	24	Megan Shirk	30	Alexandra Booz
10	Ellen Razzi	21	Zora Frank	25	Ethan Stouffer		
11	Bernita Killian	22	Douglas Maun	25	Janet Nichols		

## **MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CELEBRATES 250 YEARS!**

This issue of *Christ Calls* highlights the windows of our balcony.

(The following information shared here is from the previously published booklet 'for the Rededication of the Renovated Interior of the sanctuary, June 17-24, 1956' by Henry E. Luhrs.)



The large window, which transmits light through the daytime, at the rear of the church from over the balcony is not only of a beautiful design, but the color is soft and enhances the church, and maintains the high spiritual level and reverence of the worshiper as he turns to depart after the worship service. It contains no pictures. The window speaks a timely message of the many unnamed servants of the Lord, whose gifts to this church have been given quietly and in love. This large window has the appearance on the outside of one real large window separated by a solid portion at the level of the balcony floor, and this upper portion visible from the Nave, was presented, "In memoriam to Anthony F. Wolfe, born January 1, 1809, died November 19, 1863."



The March meeting of Women of the ELCA will be held on Wednesday, March 16 at noon in Fellowship Hall. Bring your lunch, and hostess, Linda Eves will provide dessert.

Susan Lyons will lead the Bible Study. This month's Bible Study is Session Two of a four-part exploration of how the expression "kingdom of God" is used in the Bible, especially in Jesus' teaching. The phrase does not refer to a location, but to an activity: the activity of God reigning over all of creation. In session two, we'll look at what Jesus calls the "The kingdom of God: Mysteries of the kingdom" (Luke 8:10)

The service project for March is The Harbor Women's Recover Project.

Women of the ELCA is open to all women, regardless of church affiliation. We welcome all women to join us for fellowship and Bible study.



# PRAYER CRAFTERS MINISTRY

Spring is near and with better weather we invite you to come and help with our various outreach projects. There are no specific skills necessary and all are welcome. "God's work. Our hands."

**Meeting Dates and Times:** (2nd & 4th Thursdays)

March 10 & 24 - 10 am in our upstairs workroom (elevator available)

## Thanksgivings:

- Many thanks again to all who contributed their time and talents for the numerous contributions that were delivered on February 10 to Community Cares Family Shelter. They were extremely grateful.

## Current Projects:

- Baptismal Banners
- Complete neck roll support pillows for chemo patients. This is a requested outreach project from WellSpan Radiation Center in Chambersburg. Anyone interested in sewing some from home (we can provide the cut pieces to assemble) leave a message with the church office.
- Donated materials or projects can be placed in the Prayer Crafters' blue bin in the church office.



# LUTHERAN CAMPING CORPORATION OF CENTRAL PA

**A Lenten Day Apart at The Wittel Farm** on Saturday, March 12, 2022 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Begin your Lenten journey to Easter by joining us for a day apart. Casual, comfortable clothing will be appropriate. A \$15 registration fee covers program and meal costs. Register at [lutherancamping.org](http://lutherancamping.org) or 717-677-8211 by March 4th.

**SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE AT KIRCHENWALD & NAWAKWA on Sunday, March 20 and Sunday, April 10 from 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm.** Meet Summer Camp Staff, Take a tour of camp, and \$10 gift certificate for the camp store to every brand new camper!

In order to receive the Early Registration discount of \$15 you must register with full payment **by April 2nd**. Brochures are available across the hall from the office and at [lutherancamping.org](http://lutherancamping.org).



# SHIPPENSBURG PRODUCE and OUTREACH

## SPO Mission Statement:

**Called by the grace of God to love one another, we reach out to those in need with food and/or services.**

Now that King's Kettle has officially closed, SPO has seen a surge in the number of community members in need of food. For the last several weeks we have averaged at least 170 families every week. We are determined to continue our outreach of providing fresh, healthy food to eligible members of our community, as well as strengthening and expanding partnerships to procure fresh produce, eggs, and meat as we strive to meet some of these important nutritional needs.

Remember going out to dinner for a sit-down meal? Have we got a deal for you! SPO will once again participate in Match Madness sponsored by the Partnership for Better Health with our donate-what-you-can lasagna dinner as a fundraiser. SPO receives 100% of all donations designated to us, receives matching funds up to \$1000, and a share of an additional incentive gift. The dinner will be held in Fellowship Hall from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm on Friday, March 18.

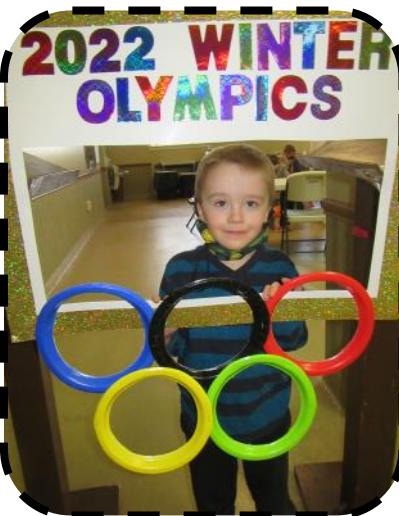
If you aren't ready to eat out yet, you can still support us. To be sure your gift qualifies for the Match Madness Campaign, please donate between March 1 – 31. This can be done by check made payable to PFBH and mailed to PFBH, 274 Wilson St., Carlisle, PA 17013 and write SPO in the memo line. Or you can go online at [www.forbetterhealthpa.org](http://www.forbetterhealthpa.org), click on Match Madness and choose Shippensburg Produce and Outreach as your non-profit of choice.

Want to get out, do something different, and support a great cause? We set up at 12:30 pm and distribute from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm. There are many small tasks needing a volunteer or just drop in and see what is happening.



# MATCH MADNESS

# PRESCHOOL



Our classes had "Winter Olympics" in February.

We had curling with bean bags, hockey with balloons and even luge with ice cube frozen Lego people! Just to name a few. We had some wonderful parents help plan everything for the kids. This includes a "pretend" torch for us to run with. And everyone received a gold medal.

GO TEAM M-L-C Preschool.



We also celebrated Valentines Day and enjoyed special treats and exchanging Valentines.

Our Bible verse is: Love the Lord, your God with all your heart. Luke 10:27

# GOOD & FAITHFUL SERVANTS

## Please keep our homebound in your prayers.

Jackie Bishop 3500 Fairview St, Apt. 4 Bethlehem, PA 18017	June Hile Celebration Villa of Shippensburg Room 121 129 Walnut Bottom Road Shippensburg, PA 17257	William Porter 110 Stewart Place Shippensburg, PA 17257
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## “LITTLE FREE PANTRY” FOOD MINISTRY UPDATE

With the colder weather upon us, please DO NOT place items in the Little Free Pantry that may freeze once weather temperatures drop. There are handouts located on the counter inside the parking lot entrance with a list of suggestions. (No Glass Items)

Hats, gloves, mittens and small scarves during the cooler weather can also be placed in the pantry in a plastic bag to protect from moisture. School supplies are always a welcome addition.

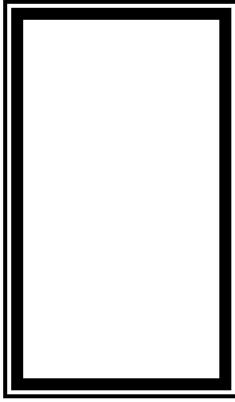
If you have volunteered for the “Food Bank” which is now only the Little Free Pantry (located in the two bins by the preschool information table) please fill our “Little Free Pantry”. There is a list of items that should NOT be placed in our pantry for safety reasons located on a small bulletin board above the bins. Donated Items that shouldn’t be placed in our Little Free Pantry will be taken over to SPO by our SPO volunteers. Some items can be left in the bins for when weather permits.

Our “Little Free Pantry” was established in May of 2018 to assist our neighbors in need. Thank you for your support.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL



*Welcoming all.*

*Reaching out in love.*

*Growing together in Christ..*

*Worshipping and serving in Jesus' name.*