

Christ Calls

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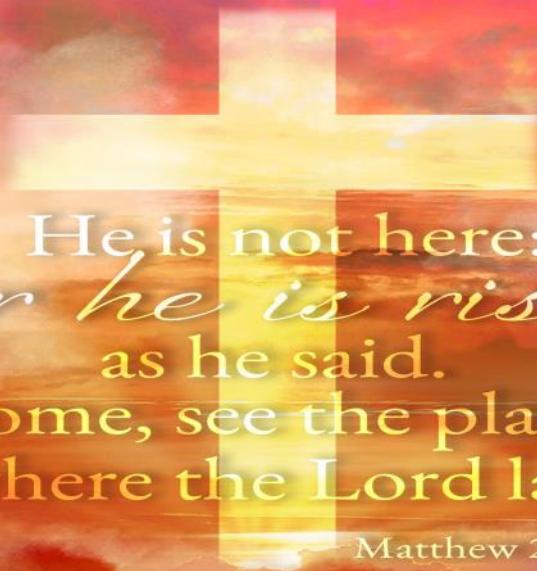
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Dates To Remember

April 3	Sunday School / Coffee Hour - 9:00 am
	Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am
April 6	Midweek Lenten Service - 7:00 pm
April 10	Sunday School / Coffee Hour - 9:00 am
	Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am
April 11	Church Council Meeting - 6:30 pm
April 14	Maundy Thursday Service - 7:00 pm
April 15	Good Friday Service - 7:00 pm
April 16	Newsletter Deadline
April 17	Easter Breakfast - 8:00 am
	Sunday School - 9:00 am
	Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am
April 24	Sunday School / Coffee Hour - 9:00 am
	Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am



He is not here:
for he is risen,
as he said.
Come, see the place
where the Lord lay.

Matthew 28:6

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A NOTE FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

A time to cry, a time to laugh; a time to grieve, a time to dance.
-Ecclesiastes 3:4

It's hard to avoid drawing parallels between Easter and springtime. New life, new energy, renewal, excitement. We are surrounded by plants reawakening, and more and more people are out and about, stretching their limbs and reemerging from their homes. But it's still early. It's not quite Easter, and spring might not have fully settled in. There are still cold nights, possibly even a final freeze to humble the bold blooms of early spring. T.S. Eliot called April the "cruelest month," but it can be as sweet as it is bitter.

This particular spring marks two years after the Covid pandemic lockdown in our communities. The virus been an ever-present focus on our lives, sometimes as a minor annoyance, sometimes as a life-changing trauma. Through these years, it has been hard to have a conversation that is not focused on, or at least impacted by, Covid. I've tried to avoid featuring it in newsletters, reports, sermons, and the like, simply because there is still other stuff going on in the world and in our lives. We can all find out as much or as little as we want just by picking up our phone or turning on the TV, so I didn't feel the need to add to anyone's sense of anxiety or frustration. There is life outside of Covid.

As I'm writing this, Covid seems to be vanishing around us. Infection rates, hospitalizations, deaths, and all of those things are at levels that most consider to be generally safe for the public. And so, alongside the new life of Easter and springtime, there is also a hope for a reawakening from the fog of Covid. Worship services are mask optional and singing has returned. We seem to be on track to resume or revitalize many of our congregational fellowship activities. Our cravings for togetherness and community may soon be satisfied once again. I hope so, and share in the excitement for this!

With all of that said, it is not Easter yet. It is not summer yet. Covid (as of this writing) is still raging in certain parts of the world. It might be premature to say, "mission accomplished." In our worship, this month is bifurcated into Lenten lament and Easter celebration. I hope that our world, like our church year, continues to move from those times of crying, or grieving, or frustration, or annoyance, into a season where we can laugh, dance, and celebrate together. Each of these things have their seasons, and God is with us at all times.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Chris
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COUNCIL NEWS

Church Council met Monday, March 14, 2022 in-person in Fellowship Hall.

The meeting was called to order and Matthew Creek led devotions with a reading from Joel 2:12-13.

It was noted that members should be reminded that undesignated Lenten envelopes will go to benefit the new Community Cares Center on Burd Street, formerly the Episcopal Home. Should you wish to give your contribution to another place/organization, just mark your envelopes accordingly. Any way you choose to help embodies our mission statement and demonstrates Jesus' love.

The need for additional drivers in providing transportation for people who have expressed interest in attending Sunday worship services was reported from the Memorial Cares Ministry committee. Anyone interested and able may contact Mary Beth Fishel or leave their name with the church office.

"Scouting for Literacy" is the Eagle Scout project of Aaron Culbertson, member of MLC Boy Scout Troop #120. His project involves a community-wide book collection to benefit SASD students and community members. A red collection box is outside of Amy's office. Shippensburg University Social Work student Angela Boeren is collecting diapers and hygiene items for a class project. She has connected with Katie's Place and the SPO Diaper Bank for her project. A drop-off box has been placed beside the Little Pantry food donation box. We offer our assistance when we can to forward community efforts to benefit those in need.

The Covid Task Force reported that the Community Risk Level in all areas that we have been monitoring is now at the low level. All the current numbers, as of this meeting, are down except Perry County had a slight rise. With this good news from the task force, the Fellowship Ministry will host a continental breakfast Easter Sunday from 8-9:30 am. A lunch after the worship service is planned for May. It was suggested that Fellowship could provide the hot dishes for the lunch and church family members provide salads/desserts. The date for Church Music Sunday is tentatively set for May 15th. Senior Choir members will participate in Palm Sunday and Easter worship services as they did for Christmas Eve.

An update from the 250th Anniversary Celebration committee reported that invitation letters have been mailed out to former Pastors and staff. A banner has been made for the event and will be hung outside on the railing after Easter. A promotional fundraiser for monetary donations of 250 of pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and/or dollars to be collected was approved. (\$100 bills are acceptable too, if someone is so inclined, the committee said.) Also planned is to sell T-shirts or sweatshirts. More information on this can be found in this newsletter.

Members of the Finance Ministry met with the insurance company broker. They learned that by changing the insurance deductible from \$2,500 to \$20,000 there would be a \$4,256 premium annual savings. The committee recommended increasing the deductible to \$20,000. It was noted that the church has only used this insurance two times in many years. The motion was approved. Other action items approved were changing Jerry Cramer's campership to full funding and full camperships for two of our youth members using money from the Mundorff Trust Fund. These items were approved as well.

Church Property reported that an issue with our boiler(s) on Sunday the 13th was unknown. The tower clock will be fixed by Rodger's Clock service in the near future. Bill Drake, Bob Gimmi, Don Hilbinger, and Pastor Chris will meet with Jubilee Entertainment on March 28th. They will ask for suggestions and a quote on what can be done to improve our current livestream system. It was noted that to continue this important outreach ministry of our worship, additional volunteers are needed. Help was requested to have the floral Easter cross brought up from the dungeon to Fellowship Hall before Saturday, April 16th so that the flowers can be placed on it. Bill Drake volunteered Church Property to take care of this. Also, help will be needed to take down the outside Lenten cross and put up the floral one. It is usually put up at dusk or after dark for Easter morning.

Fees for the use of facilities for funerals and weddings was discussed. Our policy states that there is no fee for the use of facilities and the custodial fee is to be paid by the church. Pastor Chris was asked about pastoral fees for weddings/funerals. He stated that there aren't specific fees but that honorariums are usually given. Funeral honorariums are usually handled by the funeral home. Another item brought up for discussion was the need for cleaning up of the flower beds before the spring blooms begin. The possibility of asking the scouts to help with this project, as well as other areas needing attention, was suggested. It was mentioned that some scouts may need to do such a project to earn a service badge.

Pastor Chris' request for vacation days was approved. The dates are Tuesday, March 29th – Monday, April 4th, with Pastor Mike Alwine serving as the supply pastor, and Monday, May 23rd – Sunday, May 29th, supply pastor to be determined.

With no further business to be brought to the table, the meeting was adjourned with praying the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting of the Church Council will be Monday, April 11, 2022.

Blessings and peace be to you and yours.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cox

Congregation President



KEEP IN PRAYER

Wanda Brown
C. Eugene Creek
Cheryl Drake
Beverly/Robert Florig
Susan Frirsz
Brian Helman

June Hile
Mary Kendall
Bernita Killian
Jerry Lyons
Ray Luffy
Levi Lynch

Doug/Pat Maun
Erin Nollenberger
William Porter
Dot Railing
Ron Richards
Bill Robinson

Dave Schriner
Ed Shade
Polly Sherman



FINANCES



FEBRUARY 2022				
FUND	INCOME	EXPENSES	DIFFERENCE	YTD
CURRENT	\$18,236	\$18,788	-\$553	-\$14,755
BUILDING	\$2,478	\$0	\$1,686	\$4,164
	Income	Paid	Needed to be paid for budget	YTD Paid
BENEVOLENCE	\$2,405	\$1,476	\$614	\$2,719

Volunteers needed! We are looking for individuals to serve as **Usher, Acolyte, and Communion Bread Provider**. If you are interested in volunteering to serve in one or all of these areas, please contact the church office to have your name placed onto the volunteer schedule.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1	Cora Sherman	6	Olivia Creek	14	Suzanne Shuey	25	Ron Richards
1	William Porter	6	Alessandra Luffy	14	Corey Evans	25	Christine Getz
1	Keri Linn	7	Zach Piper	19	Don Hilbinger	29	Hal Still
1	Myla Alspaugh	10	Kelly Coldsmith	22	Patti Creek	29	Cindy Hershey
2	Devin Wilson	11	Angela McKee	23	Thomas Shughart		
3	Austin Alosi	11	John Offner	25	C. Michelle Luhrs		
5	Betty Reilly	13	Thomas White		-Wiest		





Start the celebration of Easter with your church family!

Join us for a Continental Breakfast on Easter from
8:00 am – 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, April 10 - Palm Sunday Service at 10:00 am in person and live stream.

Thursday, April 14 - Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 pm in person and live stream.

Friday, April 15 - Good Friday Stations of the Cross, led by several community pastors, will take place at Our Lady of the Visitation Church at Noon.

Friday, April 15 - Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 17 - Easter Sunday Service at 10:00 am in person and live stream.



Coming Soon from the 250th Anniversary Committee:

Plans are in the works for our celebration in June. We are going to have T-shirts and sweatshirts to order. There will be information about that opportunity in the May newsletter and in upcoming bulletins.



Also in the works, is a display about Memorial's own version of Martin Luther, Han-Dietrich Meurer, who was a German professor at SU and a valued member of our congregation from 1966 until his death in 2003.

Hans was a huge presence here at Memorial. He was head usher, taught Sunday School and confirmation classes, and was an expert on Martin Luther. Born in Germany, Hans provided an Old World perspective of Lutheranism. For the members of our congregation during Hans' time with us, there are many stories. And, our tribute to Han-Dietrich Meurer, will soon be placed in the main hallway of the church.

The 250 Celebration Committee is having a fund raising to help defray some of the expenses. "Help Fill the Steeple, to Celebrate the Past". We will be asking for anything 250, monetary wise, (no buttons) pennies, nickels, dimes, \$ bills, we would even gladly accept 250 of \$100 bills if you're so inclined. We certainly appreciate your efforts to help make this celebration memorable! Questions, ask committee members, Sue Lyons, Elaine Shughart, Jane Motter, Linda or Larry Basler, Mary Cox and Nancy Thompson, Chair.

PRAYER CRAFTERS MINISTRY

Happy Easter ... Alleluia! “For we are all God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10. Consider joining in fellowship and service. There are no specific skills necessary and all are welcome. “God’s work. Our hands.”

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

April 14 & 28 - 10 am in our upstairs workroom (elevator available)

Thanksgivings:

- Thank you to everyone who contributes in a variety of ways to our outreach ministry. We are grateful. *Special thanks to:
 - Kris Porter Nichols for all her work on the chemo neck support pillows.
 - Amy Piper for delivering them to the Chambersburg WellSpan Radiation Center
 - Susan Lyons for completing the border hemming on all of our knotted quilts.



Current Projects:

- A reminder that we have walker totes available on request.
- Baptismal Banner
- Assembling more LWR Fabric Kits
- Donated materials or projects can be placed in the Prayer Crafters' blue bin in the church office.

LUTHERAN CAMPING CORPORATION OF CENTRAL PA



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.

Volunteer Days at The Wittel Farm Growing Project - April 2, 9, 23 & 30, 2022

SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE AT KIRCHENWALD & NAWAKWA on 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!

ALiVE at Nawakwa - April 22-24, 2022

Earth Day Celebration at Kirchenwald - April 24, 2022

Men's Retreat at Kirchenwald - April 29 & 30, 2022

Nawakwa Work Day at Nawakwa - April 30, 2022 at 9:00 am. Noon meal provided. Please RSVP by April 22 at LutheranCamping.org or 717-677-8211.

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.

In February SPO served 761 families and we have provided food for 385 families in the first two weeks of March. Many of our new clients are senior citizens whose income has made them eligible for PACE and PACENET as well as food pantry distributions. Currently Pennsylvania's PACE and PACENET programs provide low-cost prescription drug benefits to nearly 240,000 Pennsylvanians age 65 and older. Both programs are administered through the Department of Aging and are funded with Pennsylvania Lottery proceeds.

On the other end of the spectrum, over 50% of the students in the Shippensburg Area School District come from families whose income makes them eligible for free or reduced lunch.

Food insecurity takes a toll on those who are hungry and on the community at large. Inadequate food and poor nutrition increase the risk of poor health, chronic disease, and higher health care costs. It interferes with learning and school success which can also restrict a child's prospects for future success.

Consider all the toxic energy and emotion being expended with war, supply chain issues, politics, and social media. The Feeding America website suggests ways to take action – advocate, give, volunteer. Hunger is a problem where we can make a difference.

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.



Women of the ELCA - The April meeting of Women of the ELCA will be held on Wednesday, April 20th at Noon in Fellowship Hall. Bring your lunch, and hostess, Mary Pearson will provide dessert. Susan Lyons will lead the Bible Study. The service project for April is the North Star Initiative.



April's Bible study is *The Kingdom of God: Here and Now*. It looks at the Book of John and how John interprets the Kingdom of God. In this Gospel, Jesus is not saying that those who believe in him will only have eternal life after they die, but that eternal life begins now and flows into the future.

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.

PRESCHOOL



Welcome SPRING! We love spring at MLC Preschool.

We had Cat in the Hat visit us for read across America. Everyone shared a favorite book from their home. The children even wore their pajamas for the special day. We also celebrated St. Patrick's day with green snacks and green crafts. We even hunted for a leprechaun, but the children never found it.

We look forward to Mom's tea in April, our first one in three years. Won't we be so excited to pamper our Mothers.

Bible Verse for April/May

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.



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
Grace Commerer 101 N Prince St Rm 216 Shippensburg, PA 17257	Bernita Killian Celebration Villa of Shippensburg Room 127 129 Walnut Bottom Road Shippensburg, PA 17257	Dorothy Railing 117 Cleversburg Road Shippensburg, PA 17257
Robert Florig 710 Fireside Drive Shippensburg, PA 17257	Celebration Villa of Shippensburg Room 127 129 Walnut Bottom Road Shippensburg, PA 17257	Betty Reilly <i>(resides at Orrstown PC Home)</i> <i>(mailing address)</i> 948 Baltimore Rd Shippensburg, PA 17257
Evelyn Fuller 630 Brenton St Shippensburg, PA 17257	Jeanne Naugle 208 Todd Cir Carlisle, PA 17013	



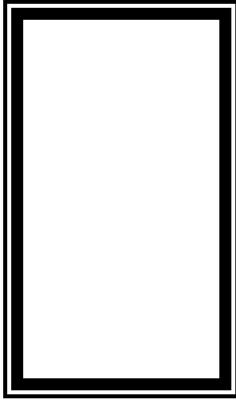
Scouting for Literacy Book Drive - Aaron Culbertson, a member of Boy Scout Troop #120, is collecting books for his Eagle Scout Project. You can help Aaron by donating new or gently used books by April 8th. Please place books in the designated red bin by the church office. Materials that are NOT needed are: Encyclopedias, Reader's Digest condensed books, magazines, VHS. Books should be in readable condition (no ripped pages, mildewed, cigarette odors, etc.)

"Little Free Pantry" Food Ministry Reminder Who can fill Memorial's Little Free Pantry? Anyone can add items directly to the pantry or place donated items in the bin located by the preschool table inside our church. There are handouts located on the counter with a list of suggestions, please no glass. Members who have volunteered for the "Little Free Pantry" will use these donated items to help fill our pantry. There is a list of items that shouldn't be placed in our pantry for safety reasons located on a small bulletin board above the bin. Donated items that should not be placed in our Little Free Pantry will be taken over to SPO by our SPO volunteers. Some items can be left in the bin for when weather permits. Thank you for your help and 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.