BVLP News April 2019 **Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish**

From Our Pastor...

FOR US: GOOD FRIDAY REALITY AND EASTER PROMISE

In a few weeks, we shall enter Holy Week, a reverent liturgical celebration of our Christian understanding of the meaning, importance and relevance of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as attested in Holy Scripture. It is the very foundation and quide to what we believe and the manner in which we shall live our lives. Our Christian faith is built upon the premise that the manner in which Jesus lived and died has meaningful implications for the manner in which we too live and die, as well as for expectations of the our manner in which we shall approach the future and the "hereafter."

Holy Week attends to the concerns of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, not simply as a matter of historical record or intellectual curiosity. We celebrate Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter because we believe that Jesus lived, died on the cross, and was raised from the dead FOR US. In the meal in which Jesus shared with his disciples on the night before he was crucified, he offered them (and us) a manner in which we are to remember him and what he has done for us. We are to take the bread as his body and to drink from the cup as his blood to actively partake in his action of sacrificial love for us; to not only prepare us to remember the significance of his death but also to sustain us in his living presence in the present.

The Apostle Paul in his letter the Romans writes to profoundly of the justifying. reconciling and saving significance of Jesus' death and resurrection for us and the manner in which we attest to this significance in our lives of faith and faithful action. In Romans 5:6,8 Paul shares, "For while we were still weak, at the right time died for Christ the ungodly....God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us." The Good Friday reality of Jesus' death on the cross is, according to Paul, the reason that we may have hope for ourselves and for our future in spite of our propensity to sin. Paul adds in Romans 5:10, "For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life."

Just as we assent in faith to the understandings laid out by Paul and others in Holy Scripture and as we participate in the body of Christ. the church. we understand that our participation, particularly through the sacraments of baptism and communion, also bears significance for us with specific attention to our relationship regarding God's promise for us in the resurrection of Jesus. Again in Romans 6:3-5 Paul gives counsel, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his." Paul asserts that the reality of lesus' death (and our justification by grace) is inextricably linked to the resurrection of Jesus and the promise of our participation in his eternal life. Paul writes in Romans 6:8, "if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him."

Paul further asserts that the Easter promise of resurrection life and continues for us in, by and through the Spirit's presence and activity in our lives now: "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you" (Romans 8:11).

Please join with us in our Holy Week observances on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter morning. Share the good news of Jesus invite others and to participate in the promises we receive through his death and resurrection. Blessings,

Pr. John

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Lenten Supper Schedule

<u>All Are Welcome!</u> All meals are served at the host church at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3rd

Host Church – Mifflinburg Methodist Speaker – Pastor Shirley Cornell Menu – Ham loaf

<u>Wednesday, April 10th</u> Host Church – Christ's United

Speaker – Pastor John Yost Menu – Spaghetti

All meals are inter-denominational and offer a time of community fellowship. Financial donations are accepted at each meal for expenses and to fund the Ministerium's ministry.



Lenten Service Schedule

Joint parish worship dates for Holy Week and Easter Sunday are as follows:

Palm Sunday, April 14

10:00 a.m. Worship Service @ Christ's United

Maundy Thursday, April 18

6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Meal & Service @ Christ's United

Good Friday, April 19

7:00 p.m. Worship @ First Lutheran

Easter Sunday, April 21

6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service @ Christ's United 7:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast @ Christ's United 10:00 a.m. – Festival of the Resurrection @ First Lutheran



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Maria Kuba	04/01	Don Seebold	04/17
Joseph Zimmerman	04/01	Bob Musser	04/18
Noah Kuba	04/03	William Musser	04/18
Peter Henninger Sr,	04/04	Courtney Snyder	04/18
Steven Moyer	04/04	Dennis Boop	04/20
Perri Hull	04/05	Matthew Zimmerman	04/20
Harvey Ilgen	04/05	Ray Mincemoyer	04/23
Dylan Yost	04/05	Jim Shipton	04/23
Karen Fritz	04/06	Janelle Hicks	04/24
Helen Troup	04/09	Jeffrey Mensch Esq,	04/24
Darryl Mincemoyer	04/10	Corrin Zechman	04/25
Sue Smith	04/10	Betty Goss	04/28
Reagyn Rothermel	04/11	Dwayne Reed	04/28
Isaac Marshall	04/13	Katherine Hassinger	04/29
Zachery Taylor	04/13	Cora Reed	04/29
Nancy Snook	04/15		

In Our Prayers:

The Baker Family Jan Beckley Jim & Florence Boop Carolyn Bowersox Jean Buoy Bev Catherman Sara (Moyer) Crosbie Shirley Diehl Doug & Pearl Gemberling Vickie Kahler Pat Korman Jerry Mickel Dr. Musser Ethel Musser Wendy Norton Bob Rantz Dottie Rathfon Alice Reitz Dottie Seebold John Snook Meda Struble Helen Troup

In Our Military: Thaddeus Miller Zachary Miller Brandi Gemberling

John & Mary Lib Dunkle 04/01 (64 years)

Tom & Karen Watters 04/02 (42 years) James & Karen Adams 04/07 (46 years) Greg & Teresa Shuck 04/21 (29 years) Andrew & Daphne Clouser 04/22 (24 years) Jason & Brandi Zimmerman 04/23 (14 years) James & Lori Baileu 04/24 (42 uears) David & Lori Galer 04/28 (35years)



Easter Sanctuary Decorating at CULC

We plan to decorate the sanctuary to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord this Easter season with flowers, candles and other decorations. If anyone has any decorations they would like to see adorn the sanctuary this Easter season you may drop them off at the church with your name on it by Saturday, April 20, at 9:30 a.m.

We will start decorating the church on Saturday, April 20, at 9:30 a.m. For more information, either contact Janice Wagner (570-966-9600) or Barry Spangler (570-966-0406).

CULC Homemade Easter Eggs

We will be making eggs on two (2) Mondays in April, **April 1, and April 8,** provided we have enough help.

Eggs will be mixed and shaped starting at 9:00 a.m. each Monday morning and coating and packaging will begin each Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. This is a great fundraiser for the church and much help will be needed both at 9:00 a.m. and at 6:00 p.m. to make this project successful.

Order forms are available on the table outside of the sanctuary for anyone willing to take orders from relatives, friends or co-workers. If you would like to order just a few eggs, there will be weekly order forms on the bulletin board outside of the sanctuary. Just sign up for the week you would like your eggs. **PLEASE NOTE: Orders not in the church kitchen by NOON on Sunday will be filled last (if quantity permits). If you have any questions talk to Pearl Gemberling.**

Easter Egg Hunt

The Parish Social Committee needs young egg hunters (age 0 to 12) and members from the parish to help with the event. We will be holding a community Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 20, starting at 1:00 p.m**. at Christ's United.

Volunteers will be needed to fill plastic eggs with candy or other suitable items and bring them to Christ's United by 11:00 a.m. Also needed are people to hide eggs and help lead the hunts. The Parish will be sending a news release out to the community so any help is appreciated. Contact Janice Wager (570-966-9600) for more details.

APRIL BIBLE STUDIES

Monday <u>10:30 a.m.</u> <u>CULC</u> April 1 (1:00) April 8 (1:00)	Tuesday <u>10:30 a.m.</u> <u>FELC</u> April 2 April 9	Wednesday <u>7:00 p.m.</u> <u>CULC</u>	
April 8 (1:00)	April 9	April 10(7:30)	
April 15	April 16	April 17	
April 22	April 23	April 24	



Thank you for the use of your kitchen during Christkindl and for allowing us to make our apple dumplings prior to the event. Your generosity was very much appreciated!

Bob Derr PACFI

FELC Royalty

It has been brought to our attention that we have royalty in our congregation! (The write up below is from Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village on Valentine's Day.)

"Today the residents crowned a new King and Queen! Dr. Musser and his wife were voted the winners by their peers. Last year's queen, Marjorie Margolin crowned Ethel. Ray Snyder was king last year. Unfortunately he had passed away last fall. This has been an annual tradition for years. Whispers could be heard as the residents waited to hear the announcement. Who could it be?

Bill and Ethel are from Mifflinburg. Bill was a physician in Mifflinburg for many years. They raised four boys. They have 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren . They have been married for 65 years. He was 23, she was 21 when they married. Bill had courted Ethel for about four years. Was it love at first sight? Not really says Bill, they went on a double date—but were not each other's dates! They realized after that they were more suited to be a couple and started dating.

Residents enjoyed strawberry cupcakes, brownies, chips, kisses and punch. All hail King Bill and Queen Ethel!" **Congratulations!!!**

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Age 13 - Adults - \$10.00 Age 5-12 - \$5.00 Age 5 and under - No charge

Christ's United Lutheran Church (The 4-Bell Church) 13765 Old Turnpike Rd., Millmont, Pa.

Proceeds will help with Bud (Mr. Bud) Stewart's medical expenses.



<u>Chicken BBQ</u>

Chicken BBQ Dinner with pickup on May 18th between 11-2 at the New Berlin Social Hall (We are able to deliver to Mifflinburg) Pre-sale of \$10 dinners start now! (Dinners include ½ Chicken, Macaroni Salad, Applesauce, Roll & Dessert) ALL proceeds benefit those who are in need in Puerto Rico! Contact any team members for advance tickets! Thanks so very much! (Please note that presold chicken dinners that are not picked up prior to 2:00 on that day will be offered for sale at 2:00)

Kiwanis Good Friday Breakfast Page 4

The Mifflinburg Kiwanis Club will host their annual Good Friday Breakfast on April 19th at the Christ United (Four-Bell) Lutheran Church on Rte. 45 west of Mifflinburg, serving at 8 AM. Pastor John Yost will give the blessing before the meal and Eric Kauffman and Carol Grove, will be the speakers following the meal. The sumptuous breakfast is free, but donations will be This year, all donations will be appreciated. shared by the Next Meal program, which provides healthy meals to needy families twice weekly during the summer months and to the Bethany (Shoreman) Zechman family. Bethany, a resident of Laurelton, is a mother of three who fighting a severe lung condition in a is Philadelphia hospital. A full menu and entertainment will be posted closer to the date. Take-outs can be arranged by calling 570-966-2322.

Pennies For Puerto Rico

ier Fundraisers

The youth at FELC will continue to collect change in buckets during the offering starting April 28th and continuing each Sunday through May 26th.on the following Sundays:

The coins collected will go towards the cost of building and repair tools and supplies to be purchased in Puerto Rico for WorkCamp.

Children's Coin Collection

FELC Workcamp will be going to Puerto Rico June 22-29 to do whatever we can to help! We will clean up, help build new homes, put a roof on a home, paint... whatever they need. We will also be buying school supplies and anything the children will need to continue learning.

We are asking you to take a brown container and decorate it any way you want and put your name on it. Then ask your friends and family to put coins (or dollars) in the cup. We are asking you to bring these cups back on Sunday, May 26th! ALL the money from these cups will be used for the children in Puerto Rico!!! It's all from YOU!

It would be really nice if you would draw a picture or write a note to the children and let them know you are thinking of them! Also please put a note inside your cup to let our youth know what you want to buy with your money for the child(ren). Maybe a puzzle? Markers? Crayons? Soccer Ball? YOU CHOOSE! Then our youth will take your cup of money and buy that item in Puerto Rico and take pictures of them giving your gift to the child(ren).

June 2 Parish/Community

<u>Worship, Picnic & Block Party at the Park</u>

Mark Sunday, June 2, on your calendars. A community worship service, picnic and community block party will be held at the Mifflinburg Community Park. All three events are sponsored by the Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish.

At 10:00 a.m., we will begin the day with worship at the park. Bring your lawn chairs and meet us at the gazebo.

A picnic follows worship. The Parish will supply hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks. We welcome covered dishes to share with others.

After the picnic, various types of games and events for the kids and adults are planned. The community pool is planned to be open during block party hours.

Everyone is invited! Bring your family and friends and enjoy yourselves! Let's enjoy several hours of fun and fellowship together as one parish and as one community.



<u>Blood Drive</u>

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at Christ's United on May 9 from 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Hope's Haven Volunteers Needed

CULC continue to look for volunteers to pick up donated supplies for our Hope's Haven Food Pantry. This pick-up from GIANT in Lewisburg is scheduled for Monday mornings. The ideal time to pick up at the store is between 9:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Pick-up location is at the rear of the store loading area. Volunteers should have a pickup, SUV or minivan type vehicle to transport the items to the church kitchen. The following 2019 dates are available:

April 1 - May 6, 20 - June 10, 17, 24 - July 22, 29 -August 19 - September 2, 30 - October 14, 21 -November 25 - December 9

Sign up on the bulletin board or contact Gary Hackenberg to schedule one or more of these dates. Thanks for your help in continuing to make this vital ministry successful.



Information Updates At FELC

As you have seen, we have begun adding anniversaries to our newsletters. If you would like your wedding anniversary posted in the newsletter in the month in which you were married, please supply the office with your wedding date so we may update the files. <u>Camp Mount Luther</u>

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Spring Open House: Sunday, April 28th, 2-4 PM. Come see what it's like to be a camper, tour the facilities, ask questions and participate in fun "Camp" activities.

2019 Summer Camp

This year's summer theme is "Transformed Community: God's Agent of C.H.A.N.G.E.," conjuring up a mighty band of superheroes with secret missions. Daily themes will look at what transforms community: generosity, compassion, inclusion, justice and forgiveness. Camp is for those who just completed kindergarten up to grade 11. Various camps for these age groups run from June 16 to August 6.

<u>ČULC</u>

Barry Spangler is serving as camperson this year. He has information on programs for the summer. A poster has been posted on the bulletin board. CULC will pay up to \$150.00 per person for any congregational member's child or grandchild this year. Anyone from CULC can receive "Camel Bucks" from Barry for use at the camp store this summer.

<u>FELC</u>

Brochures and applications available in the church office. FELC will pay \$100 per person for any congregational member's child wishing to attend.

For more information on camps and events at Camp Mount Luther, please visit their website at www.campmountluther.org.

Newsletter Submissions

If you have events or information that you would like to have included in the monthly parish newsletter, all submissions **must** be turned into the office at FELC, or emailed to Cher Girton at clgirton@gmail.com, by the **15th of the month prior** to the month of the newsletter. Thank you.

Indoor Yard Sale At CULC

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Come visit us at the Christ's United Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 27, 2019. We are having a one day indoor yard sale that runs from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

We will have clothing and all kinds of bargains for sale. Food and refreshments will be offered. Come fellowship with us and enjoy the day. Proceeds benefit Christ's United Lutheran's Children's Sunday School.

The organizers are looking for sale worthy donations. Sale donations can be brought to Christ's United from Monday, April 22 to Wednesday, April 24. For more information, contact any of these sale organizers: Teresa Shuck (570-966-2053), Judy Moyer (570-922-1798) and Idella Zimmerman (570-966-1340).



April Youth Group Scoop Mini MACY

"Mini MACY", a youth group for Mifflinburg Area Christian Youth ages 5-12-years, will hold their April gathering on Sunday, April 14th, from 3-5pm. They will be at the town park to help provide clean up in Mifflinburg. After the clean up the kids can run around and play on the equipment. Possibly a game of kick ball or some other game all the kids can participate in will also be held. Drinks and light snacks will be provided.



Upcoming Youth Events

April 14: Mini MACY at the park from 3PM-5PM.

April 14: Youth Group at 7:30PM following the 6:30PM Puerto Rico meeting. This will be the annual egging event.

April 20: Parish Social Committee Community Egg Hunt at Christ's United at 1PM.

April 27th: Youth Hosted Spaghetti Dinner from 5PM-7PM, in the basement of FELC. We need as many youth to attend as possible. This event is run by the youth! Please be in the church basement by 4PM. Tickets available through Cher Girton and Angie Harvey or through the church office. April 28th: Movie at the mall followed by pizza and discussion at Messiah--time to depart will be announced at a later date.



Participants For Puerto Rico Trip

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Paige & Logan Bartlett Maddie & Liam Casilla Gail. Rachel & Eli Erickson Brian, Janine, Jillian, & Hannah Fee Kaylin Foss Nicole & Aria Gessner Alexis Hackenburg Anna & Sara Harter Cindy Harvey Kim Kuba Linda Lewis Andy Long, Courtney & Alexis Moyer Traci Musser Barb Randecker Kim Sawyer Emily Seebold Megan Shively Chasity, Mara & Ella Shuck Madison Styers

Participants For Harvey Cedars

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Calista Girton Denise Seebold Maverick Stenger Elliana Girton Aaron Hackenburg Sara Harter Ben Hornig Alexis Moyer Emily Seebold

April Volunteers Christ's United

<u>Altar Guild</u>

Bev Catherman Barry Spangler

<u>Greeters</u>

7 – Joe Dressler 14 – Winifred Aikey & Bonnie Greeney 21 – 28 – Ben Wenrich

Lay Readers

7 – Bonnie Greeney
14 – Kathy Spangler
18 - 6:00 PM – Greg Shuck
21 - 6:00 AM – Janet Hackenberg
28 – Glenn Spangler

Sound System

Dave Swartz

<u>Ushers</u>

Cliff Valentine Jim Zimmerman

<u>Music Providers</u>

7 - Barry Spangler
14 - Diane Valentine
18 21 - Dave Swartz
28 - Gary Hackenberg

<u>Communion Assistants</u>

7 – Dianne Shuck 14 – Lee Spangler 18 - 6:00 PM – Greg Shuck 21 - 6:00 AM – Janet Hackenberg 28 – Glenn Spangler

April Volunteers First Lutheran

<u>Chief Usher</u> Deanna Billow

<u>Acolytes</u>

7 – Logan Bartlett 14 – @ CULC 21 -10:00 AM – Emily Seebold 28 – Paige Bartlett

<u> Altar/Communion</u>

Ruth Gessner & Marianne Motto

Lay Readers

7 – Sally Rothermel Good Friday – Barb Randecker 14 – @ CULC 21 - 10:00 AM – Don Seebold 28 – Troy Smith

Children's Church

7 – Jamie Bartlett 14 – @ CULC 21 - 10:00 AM – No Children's Church 28 – Nicole Gessner

Offering Envelopes

Nancy Snook & Trena Zeller

<u>Ushers</u>

7 - Crossland, Liz Loss & Dave Weaver Good Friday –Harry Boyer & Jim Schwartz 14 - @ CULC
21 - 10:00 AM – Sheryl Fetter, Cindy Harvey, Sue Jows & Libby Loss
28 - Eric & Gwen Hull, Jeannie Sawyer & Kim Sawyer

APRIL 2019

Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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