



From Our Pastor...

LOVE ENTERS NEW TERRITORY

Another season of Lent is upon us. This forty-day journey leads the faithful to again experience Easter and the promise of the resurrection with the fullness of joy and hope. The journey we call Lent prepares the faithful to fully trust God's will and promise for us as revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Lent was originally a time set aside to instruct and prepare candidates for baptism at the Easter Vigil. Its intent was to enable the faithful to experience the presence of the Risen Jesus and to receive the power of the Holy Spirit as participants within the body of Christ, the church.

The Lenten mood is to be sincere and sober, reverent and respectful – before God and with the faithful. Lenten preparations lead the faithful in ways of prayer, study, personal and communal reflection on God's Word, and service to any in need. Lent is not and was never intended to be a forty-day prelude to Good Friday whereby the faithful are put in a place of mourning, fear and guilt in the shadows of the cross. Sure, Lenten reflections and practices will acknowledge human sin but the primary focus is to be on the way in which God's will and love have been and continue to be revealed in the presence of Christ Jesus.

Lent is a faith practice that opens the eyes of the faithful to the immeasurable magnitude of God's love poured into our world through Jesus. This love is incalculable to the ways of obligations and payments, to the imaginations of what is to be deserved or owed. Lent reminds the faithful of God's transcendent, limitless and unconditional love lived through and experienced by Jesus. This same love is now available to us by the power present to us through the Spirit of the Risen Christ. God's love overcomes any and all sin. God's love reaches further than the consequences of our idolatrous choices. God's love eternally casts out the darkness of evil, even the kind that wishes the death of

another.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..." This passage from John 3:16 suggests that God wills to give His love to each and to all through the eternal presence of Jesus. God's love is fully represented in every aspect of Jesus' life and presence in our world- in His birth, in His teaching and healing, in His dying and death, and in His resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, God's love is to be found wherever Jesus is, even as He hangs on the cross. The cross stands not as a witness to the absence of God's love but to the extent God is willing to express His love against any and all forces that would seek solutions to life's problems by death. "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through Him." (John 3:17)

Therefore, the faithful may see and understand Lent as an intentional opportunity before Easter to experience through prayer, study, reflection and service the manner by which God's Love Enters New Territories in our lives personally and in relationship with others of God's creation. The journey of Lent is a guide to help us see and live by the way of God's love revealed fully in the life, the death and the resurrection of Jesus. God's love is able to be learned by us as we bear witness to the ways Jesus fully lived God's love through His teachings, His relationships, and even in His death. We come to know this love of God as eternal (unlimited) through the resurrection of Jesus whose presence continues to bear upon us the full weight of God's love in the here and now.

The practice of Lent reminds us that God's love for us (and the world) is unconditional (not caused or motivated by our actions, good or bad) and that our love for one another is not to be based merely on reciprocity (do unto others as you would have them do to you) but only on the example of Jesus' love for us- "love one another as I love you" (John 13: 34). The practice of Lent provides two essential warnings to the

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Bible Study Schedule

Pr. John will update the participants of the individual groups as decisions regarding the classes are made.

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faithful. First, be constantly aware of any and all attempts to try to place conditions on the giving or receiving of God's love- that we can either earn or lose God's love by what we say (or not) and do (or not).

God loves, not as a reaction to the human condition, but in order to birth and keep humanity in an eternal relationship with God, in spite of all human opposition. Second, be alert to any and all traps that would find excuses for not loving others. Jesus did not stop loving others even in the face of betrayal, rejection and persecution. When He calls upon us to love as He loves, one can no longer find any valid reason to ignore or exclude others from receiving our love- not their indifferences, not their contrary beliefs, not their hateful thoughts or actions, not even their attempts to bring our witness of Jesus to an end.

As we proceed through Lent, may we be thoughtful of our sins, shortcomings, failures and weaknesses. But more importantly, may we remember, reflect, recall and receive the fullness of God's love given to us in and through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, the Lord of our present and the Savior of our eternal relationship with our Creator. No greater love can there be than God's love for us. No greater example can be found than the way Jesus lived and died for us- "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:12).

May the love of God enter anew the territories of our families, churches, and communities that our worship of God and our service to one another may be filled and guided by the way Jesus lived and lives for us by the way of unconditional and nonjudgmental love. And may our Lenten preparations provide ways to practice our faith and share the love of God with all in Jesus' name. "Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid" (John 14:27). Rest upon these words of Jesus to the Father, "I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me" (John 17:23).

Pr. John

WORSHIP & SS SCHEDULES

Christ's United:

Worship: Sunday, 8:30AM

Sunday School: Sunday following worship

First Lutheran:

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM (Beg. 3/14)

In Our Prayers:

Family of Polly Hornig
Family of Joan Herman
Winifred Aikey
Roger Dunkle
Mike Flickinger

Doug & Pearl Gemberling
Ron & Darlene Ulrich & family

Tom Watters
Ken Smith
Helen Troup
Wendy Norton
Diane Reamer
John Bowersox
John Dunkle
Josh Frank

Gary & Barb Gemberling

Toni Hostalley
Janet Meyer
Harry Moyer
Kim Roberts
Richard Rowe
Gerry Shively
Glen VanDyke

Karen Zimmerman

Jeff & Jenn Gates

Harry Hackenberg

Dave Janaes

Miranda & Caleb Stroik

Rita Tinnies

Kim Blyler

Shut-Ins:

Jim & Jan Beckley

Jim & Florence Boop

Carolyn Bowersox

Pearl Culp

Barbara Grimooris

Georgie Linke

Doris Moll

Ethel Musser

Helen Pirone

Meda Struble

Ronald Ulrich

Connie Wagner

In Our Military:

Brandi Gemberling

Thaddeus Miller

Zachary Miller

**If an effort to keep the prayer list current, CULC is going to clear the current list on a quarterly basis. A new list will begin in January, April, July & October. If you want to continue an existing prayer request or have a new prayer concern, please contact Margie.*



March		Jeff Ruhl	3/16
Cliff Valentine	3/01	Bruce Graham	3/17
Kristi Haedich	3/02	Debra Harvey	3/17
Barb Randecker	3/03	Denise Hosterman	3/17
Jonathon Forcheskie	3/04	Roger Dunkle	3/19
Donald Ruhl Jr	3/04	Tina Erdley	3/19
Hattie Page	3/05	Maverick Stenger	3/19
Janet Reed	3/06	Ben Wenrich	3/19
Cain Showalter	3/07	Michael Lynch	3/20
Paula Christy	3/08	Louise Ritter	3/20
Jim Boop	3/08	Kaitlyn Erdley	3/21
Fredrick Dale	3/08	Cortney Klose	3/21
Tammy Boop	3/09	Hailey Foresman	3/22
William Miller	3/11	Tiffany Spencer	3/22
Jaydon Girtton	3/12	Connor Hicks	3/23
Emily Seebold	3/12	Kortney McBryan	3/25
Jim Zimmerman	3/12	Don Fornwalt	3/26
Dennis Reed	3/13	Carla Ruhl	3/26
Carter Beiler	3/14	Nathan Sanders	3/26
Earl Michael Jr.	3/14	Jennie Servinsky	3/26
Bill Musser	3/14	Dale Spotts	3/28
Kalvin Showalter	3/14	Trevor Clouser	3/30
Eve Rantz	3/15	Judy Mecouch	3/31



Colby & Corrin Zechman	3/22/2014	7 yrs
Joel & Pauline Templin	3/23/2013	8 yrs
Dennis & Kim Wagner	3/24/1984	37 yrs
Steve & Judy Moyer	3/25/1994	27 yrs
Earl & Donna Michael	3/27/1955	66 yrs

CULC & FELC Altar Flowers

The 2021 Altar Flower charts at CULC & FELC are on the bulletin boards outside of the sanctuary. The cost of weekly flowers, which is payable to the church, is \$40.00. For FELC sponsors: please complete a form outlining your request.

Our condolences....

Ruth Raker - We extend our deepest sympathy to Duane & Carol Miller and their family following the death of her mother, Ruth Raker, on February 2nd at the age of 91.

Polly Hornig - We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Polly Hornig who passed away on Monday, March 1st. Please keep her family hemmed in prayer during this difficult time.

Joan Herman - We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Joan Herman, who passed away on February 21st at Rolling Hills Manor.

Pr. Bill Weiser - We off our deepest sympathy to the family of Pr. Bill.

Pastor Bill, age 60, passed away on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at his residence with his family by his side. He was the loving husband of 36 years to Gwen H. (Hammaker) Weiser. Born in Harrisburg on November 29, 1960 and raised in Hershey, he was the son of the late Ralph and Dorothy (Stover) Weiser. He was a graduate of Hershey High School, Susquehanna University, and a graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. Pastor Bill's first call was to Christ's United Lutheran Church in Millmont, PA. Since 1995 he faithfully and joyfully served at Trinity Lutheran Church in Robesonia. He dedicated his life to serving God through the Church, the community, and his family. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his loving children, Sarah K. McGrory wife of Colin, Timothy B. Weiser and his girlfriend Rachel Pearson, Matthew K. Weiser and his girlfriend Elif Erman, and Phillip C. Weiser and his girlfriend Emma Price; a brother, Robert R. Weiser husband of Cathy; a sister, K. Estella wife of Rev. Glenn Ludwig; and his beloved grandchildren, Charlotte J. and Declan F. McGrory. A private interment will take place at Trinity Lutheran Church Columbarium. Cole Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Robesonia is handling arrangements. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to Trinity Lutheran Church or to the Pastor Bill Scholarship Fund, c/o Trinity Lutheran Church, 108 S. Robeson St., Robesonia, PA 19551. Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and note in memo which fund you would like your donation to be applied.

CULC Council Updates

The 2021 Council has elected/appointed the following as it's main officers and approved the following ministry coordinators listed below:

President: Lee Spangler

Vice Pres.: Jen Keister

Secretary: Barry Spangler

Ministry Assignments:

Facilities/Administration: Kim Blyler, Sue Blyler & Lee Spangler. Inreach: Jen Keister, Dave Murray & Barry Spangler. Outreach: Joe Dressler, Doug Gemberling & Pearl Gemberling.

Council is always looking for people to help with the ministry groups.

Parish Council: Jen Keister & Barry Spangler are our congregation's newest members on Parish council and will begin a two year term. Lee Spangler is the other representative serving his second year of the term.

Synod Conference: Council is looking for an additional member willing to attend this year's Synod conference which will be held virtually on Saturday, June 19th. Barry Spangler was appointed to be one of the two allotted voting attendees.

Rolling Hills Manor Need

Rolling Hills Manor is in need of lap robes for their residents.

If you could knit or crochet a lap robe with any yarn you want to use - weights 3 or 4 - and in any colors. You can stripe different yarns, use any pattern you like, or just use your imagination. Linda Swartz has (2) patterns available if needed. If you have any questions or would like a pattern, please call Linda at 570-966-4353.

The size must be: 36" square or 30" X 40" rectangle

Anything you knit or crochet for them will be greatly appreciated. You can drop them off at the church at Rolling Hills Manor and let the person that answers the door know the package/bag is for Ann Star, the activities director.

500th Anniversary

Sunday, April 18th: Please mark you calendars for what will be the 500th anniversary of when Martin Luther was summoned at the Diet of Worms to renounce his views that started the Protestant Reformation. However, Luther would not recant on his beliefs based on scriptures and defied the will of the current pope and Holy Roman Emperor. Details will be forthcoming on how our congregation will recognize this historic event in Lutheran heritage.



PLEASE BE REMINDED!!

THAT SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH

**THE CLOCKS ARE ADVANCED ONE
HOUR.**

**DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR
CLOCK SATURDAY NIGHT**

AND ARRIVE ON TIME TO WORSHIP!



CULC Easter Eggs

Lent begins February 17, which means it's time to start thinking about making our Easter eggs again. This year we are planning to make eggs for five (5) Mondays beginning the first Monday in Lent. We will be making them on February 22, March 1, March 8, March 15 and March 22 provided we have enough help.

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

In order for this fundraiser to be successful, EVERY week 8 - 10 helpers are needed in the morning and 12 - 15 helpers are needed in the evening. Please let Pearl know that you can help, and when, so that we know if we have enough help to make eggs each week. The more help we have, the quicker we will get done.

Everything will be done with the current CDC guidelines being enforced; masks, social distancing, sanitation, etc.

Mark your calendars NOW and please plan to come out and help make these popular treats.

Easter Eggs are going to be made by Pre Order Only. Information on ordering and picking up Easter Eggs will be available soon. Please watch for more information on the CULC Website at www.4bellschurch.com or contact Pearl Gemberling at 570-716-4336 or email eggs@4bellschurch.com.

Lenten Activities

Devotionals: Pastor John will be creating Lenten daily devotional similar to the Advent daily devotional he wrote recently. Please contact either church office for more information.

Breakfasts: Due to COVID, there will be no Easter breakfasts served this year; this also includes the pancake supper normally served on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday.

Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday (3/28): CULC @ 8:30 AM
FELC @ 10:30 AM

Maundy Thursday (4/1): CULC @ 7:00 PM

Good Friday (4/2): FELC @ 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday (4/4): CULC @ 8:30 AM
FELC @ 10:30 AM

FELC Easter Flowers

Orders are due Sunday, March 21st

Name: _____
QTY _____

_____ Daffodils (full size or mini) \$8

_____ Tulips (red, yellow, purple, pink, orange or white) Please circle color \$8

_____ Hyacinths (pink, white, yellow, peach, blue or purple) Please circle color \$8

Flowers provided by Brookside Acres.

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In Memory/Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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All orders must be in the office by March 21st.

All flowers need to be picked up before the Sunday after Easter (April 11th).

Flowers will not be donated this year.

Geraniums will be available for purchase for Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd.

# MARCH 2021

| Sun                                                                               | Mon                                                   | Tue                                 | Wed                                                                                       | Thu            | Fri | Sat |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----|-----|
|                                                                                   | 1<br>9AM: Egg mixing<br>6PM: Egg dipping              | 2<br>FELC 9-2                       | 3<br>10AM:Hope's Haven-CULC<br>7PM: FELC Council                                          | 4<br>FELC 9-2  | 5   | 6   |
| 7<br>8:30 AM: Wor-ship/HC-CULC<br>9:45AM: SS-CULC                                 | 8<br>9AM: Egg mixing<br>6PM: Egg dipping              | 9<br>FELC 9-2                       | 10<br>FELC 9-2<br><br>10AM:Hope's Haven-CULC                                              | 11             | 12  | 13  |
| 14<br>8:30 AM: Wor-ship/HC-CULC<br>9:45AM: SS-CULC<br>10:30 AM: Wor-shipHC - FELC | 15<br>9AM: Egg mixing<br>6PM: Egg dipping             | 16<br>FELC 9-2<br>7PM: CULC Council | 17<br>10AM:Hope's Haven-CULC<br>7PM: Ashe Wednesday-CULC                                  | 18<br>FELC 9-2 | 19  | 20  |
| 21<br>8:30 AM: Wor-ship/HC-CULC<br>9:45AM: SS-CULC<br>10:30 AM: Wor-shipHC - FELC | 22<br>FELC 9-2<br>9AM: Egg mixing<br>6PM: Egg dipping | 23                                  | 24<br>10AM:Hope's Haven-CULC<br><i>FELC office closed for medical leave thru Apr. 1st</i> | 25             | 26  | 27  |
| 28 <i>Palm Sunday</i><br>8:30 AM: Wor-ship/HC-CULC<br>10:30 AM: Wor-shipHC - FELC | 29                                                    | 30                                  | 31<br>10AM:Hope's Haven-CULC                                                              |                |     |     |

## FELC Office Hours

The days that the office is open may vary from time to time. It will be published as far in advance as possible via the newsletter. If late changes occur, an email will be sent. Please refer to the calendar in the newsletter for the current schedule. Please remember that the office is closed during inclement weather.

## CULC

## Altar Guild

March - Sherri Klauger