

BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH NEWS

MARCH 2022

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

Grace and peace to you!

Lent is a time of preparation and fasting that begins on Ash Wednesday (March 2nd this year), in which we are reminded that we are dust and to dust, we shall return.

Every year as Lent approaches, I think about what I will give up or what other people are going to give up. And, every year, I end up giving up baked goods like pies, cakes, and cookies. I give up baked goods because they are my biggest weakness. A few years ago, I decided to not only give up baked goods; I also decided that I would give up coffee too. Boy, was that a mistake! Now, before Lent started, I didn't ease into giving up coffee, like only drinking a cup or two a day; when Ash Wednesday rolled around, I went cold turkey. Cold turkey was not a good idea for someone who drinks as much coffee as I do! But I stuck with it! In the first week or two, I would say I was miserable. I had extreme headaches, I was jittery, and I was a grizzly bear; you didn't want to be around me. By the end of Lent, I felt cleansed; I felt like a brand-new person.

But then I wondered, was it the thing that I added. You see, for the last five or six years, I also take something up. I always add prayer. It seems odd that I would add prayer. I mean, I am a pastor; I lead two congregations in prayer, and I pray privately. But I want to go deeper in prayer and pray as I have never prayed before. I usually

start like I want, always being in constant prayer, but I never finish the way I want. Even though I don't hit that sense of prayer that I want to, I still feel spiritually renewed at the end of Lent. For me, that is what Lent is all about—being spiritually renewed and spiritually cleansed—becoming closer to God and becoming more faithful, being in a right and genuine relationship with the living God. Even though we may fail in our Lenten journey, God is always there to pick us up and cleanse us and renew us.

We give things up to make room to take things up. So, don't get caught up in the trend of just giving something up without attempting to take something up as well. Give up something that is getting in the way of your relationship with God.

This Lenten season remember that you are dust and rejoice because God is always with you!

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Curt Wingert

BIBLE STUDIES

This month's Bible studies will take place as follows:



Monday 1:30 p.m.	Tuesday 10:30 a.m.	Thursday 6:00 p.m.
Christ's United	First Lutheran	Christ's United
March 7	March 1	March 3
March 14	March 8	March 10
March 21	March 15	March 17
March 28	March 22	March 24
	March 29	March 31

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



There will be a special congregational meeting at Christ's United on **March 6 following the worship service** to discuss the issue of the septic system.

LENT AND EASTER ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

Tuesday, March 1

5:00-7:00 p.m. - Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Supper @ CULC

Wednesday, March 2

7:00 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Service @ FELC

March 9–April 6

Mid-Week Lenten Prayer Service

6:00 p.m. (Meal); **7:00 p.m.** (Evening Prayer Service)

Wednesday, March 9 @ CULC

Wednesday, March 16 @ FELC

Wednesday, March 23 @ CULC

Wednesday, March 30 @ FELC

Wednesday, April 6 @ CULC

Saturday, April 9

1:00 p.m. - Community Easter Egg Hunt @ CULC

Ages 0-12

Rain Date: April 16

Sunday, April 10

8:30 a.m. - Palm Sunday Service @ CULC

10:30 a.m. – Palm Sunday service @ FELC

Thursday, April 14

6:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Meal with Service @ CULC

Friday, April 15

7:00 p.m. – Good Friday Service @ FELC

Sunday, April 17

6:30 a.m. - Easter Sunrise Service @ CULC,

7:45 a.m. - Easter Breakfast @ CULC

8:30 a.m. – Easter Sunday Service @ CULC

10:30 a.m. - Easter Late Morning Service @ FELC

During Lenten Sunday worship services (including Easter Sunday), we are collecting any loose change to go towards the purchase of a cow (or cows) to a needy family through ELCA Good Gifts plans.

LENTEN MEALS



Tuesday, March 1 – Pancake Supper – 5:00-7:00 p.m. – Pancakes, Fresh Sausage and Smoked Sausage (CULC)

Wednesday, March 9 – Light Meal before Service – 6:00 p.m. - Creamy Chicken Vegetable Soup & Egg Salad Sandwiches (CULC)

Wednesday, March 16 – Light Meal before Service- 6:00 p.m. Ham & Green Beans, Homemade Bread & Applesauce (FELC)

Wednesday, March 23 – Light Meal before Service – 6:00 p.m. – Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese Sandwiches (CULC)

Wednesday, March 30 – Light Meal before Service – 6:00 p.m. - BBQ, Macaroni Salad & Potato Chips (FELC)

Wednesday, April 6 – Light Meal before Service – 6:00 p.m. – Chili & Cornbread (CULC)

Thursday, April 14 – Maundy Thursday Meal & Service – 6:00 p.m. – Ham & Bean Soup, Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Egg Salad Sandwiches, PB&J Sandwiches (CULC)

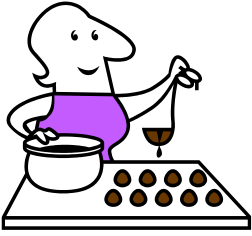
Sunday, April 17 – Easter Breakfast – after Sunrise Service – 7:45 a.m. – Pancakes, Fresh Sausage and Smoked Sausage (CULC)

EASTER EGG HUNT



There will be a community Easter egg hunt for children ages 0-12 at Christ's United on **April 9 at 1:00 p.m.** The rain date is April 16. If you wish to donate candy for the hunt, volunteer to help, or want questions answered, contact a parish council member (*Sue Jows, Jennifer Keister, Terry Kline, Kim Sawyer, Jim Schwartz, and Barry Spangler*). We are looking for candy donations which we can use to fill plastic Easter eggs. Donated candy can be brought to the CULC church office. Watch for more information as it becomes available.

EASTER EGGS



LENT BEGINS MARCH 2, which means it's time to start thinking about making our Easter eggs again. This year we are planning to make eggs for seven (7) Mondays beginning the Monday preceding Lent. We will be making them on **February 28, March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28, April 4 and April 11 provided we have enough help.**

Providing there is 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 Bev know if 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. If there are not enough volunteers signed up, Eggs **will not** be made that week.

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.

The Easter Egg candy will be sold at \$1.50 each and \$7.50/tray of 6. Trays will come in peanut butter, coconut, and mixed. Pretzels will be \$3/bag.

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 Bev Catherman at 570-922-1640 or 570-768-1214 or email eggs@4bellschurch.com.



COW CASH
PRE-LENTEN & LENTEN NOISY OFFERING

Come prepared each week during the month of February, March and into April with your coins and dollar bills ...the Parish will be collecting COW CASH to sponsor the purchase of a COW through ELCA good gifts

One dairy cow can produce a few gallons of milk each day. We know that milk “does a body good,” providing a calcium-packed source of nutrition for growing children.

A family can receive the nutrition they need and also start a small business selling extra milk, cheese and more. With food, funds and fertilizer, the gift of a cow has got it all.

CULC and FELC will each try to raise enough funds to purchase a cow...join us in this meaningful Challenge

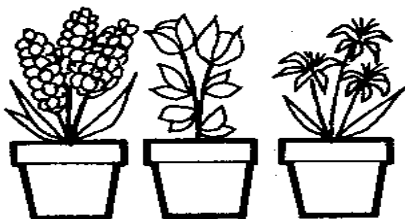
Monies will be collected thru Easter, April 17, 2022

For anyone who would like to learn a little bit more about Global Barnyard, you can get information at <https://goodgifts.elca.org/gods-global-barnyard>.

--Ann Beckley

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*Some cars have a gas-saving feature for winter driving - they won't start.7*



***FELC EASTER FLOWERS***

Easter is April 17. A tradition at Easter is to celebrate the risen Christ with a bevy of flowers. If you would like to provide flowers for this custom, fill out the following.

All orders must be in the First Lutheran office by April 3. All flowers need to be picked up before the Sunday after Easter (April 24). Flowers will not be donated this year.

**FELC EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM**

**Order Deadline: April 3**

Return to First Lutheran Church office

\_\_\_\_\_ **Tulip @ \$9.00** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please circle color-(red, yellow, purple, pink, orange or white)*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Hyacinth @ \$9.00** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please circle color-(pink, white, yellow, peach, blue or purple)*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Daffodil @ \$9.00** \_\_\_\_\_

(Full size or mini)

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN BY \_\_\_\_\_

in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

in memory of \_\_\_\_\_


in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

to the Glory of God \_\_\_\_\_

*Flowers provide by Brookside Acres  
Geraniums will be available for purchase for Pentecost Sunday, June 5*

## ***SPRING POT PIE SUPPER***



A **“DRIVE THROUGH”** Pot Pie “Quarts Only” sale will be held on **Saturday March 5, 2022**, at Christ’s United. Quarts can be picked up beginning at 3:30 p.m. Beef, Chicken and Ham pot pie will be available. If you would like to pre-order, please go to our website at [4bellschurch.com](http://4bellschurch.com). While there may be some extra quarts to purchase on March 5, there are no guarantees and therefore advanced orders are preferred and strongly encouraged.

Help will be needed to cut the potatoes, make the broth, mix the dough, make the pot pie noodles, cook the pot pie, fill the quart containers, distribute the orders, cleanup the kitchen, etc. Experience not necessary—Training will be provided! **Please note: Everything will be done with the current CDC guidelines being enforced; masks, social distancing, sanitation, etc.** To volunteer to help in anyway, contact Kim Blyler at 570-716-5601 or email him at [potpie@4bellschurch.com](mailto:potpie@4bellschurch.com). He can give you the specific work dates and times.

## ***NOTES OF APPRECIATION***



This year, I danced for my THON Organization HEAL. At THON, I stood with 666 other Penn State students for 46 hours straight without sitting or sleeping to support children with cancer. I just want to say thank you to the church and Kim Sawyer for the unwavering support I received. Reading the mail was so uplifting and I felt so much love. Our youth group is what inspired me to serve others and join the THON community in the first place. Thank you to everyone, God is so good!  
--Alexa Hackenburg

To Members of Christ’s United Lutheran Church,  
I want to “Thank You” for the cards and altar flowers. I enjoyed them very much. I really miss coming to church since I can’t drive. May the Lord bless you.  
--Mary Hassinger

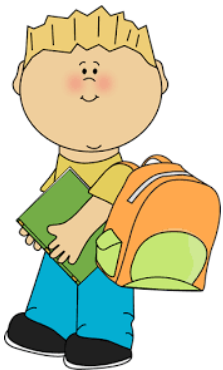


## ***THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS***



Start 2022 on a generous note! If you haven't already, you can direct your 2021 Choice Dollars. Direct Choice Dollars online or you can call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt. Thank you!

## ***MINISTERIUM BACKPACK PROGRAM***



The churches of the Mifflinburg Ministerium are providing backpacks of food for students in the Mifflinburg School District for weekends when they may not have a hot meal. The Ministerium is asking for help with this program through donations of the following items:

Single Serving Pudding Cups  
Single Serving Cereals  
Single Serving Drinks  
Peanut Butter or Cheese Cracker Packs  
Single Serving Applesauce or Fruit Cups  
Individual Microwavable Macaroni & Cheese  
Gummies - Dried Fruit - Granola or Protein Bars  
Individual Microwavable Chef Boy R Dee Products  
***No Pop Tarts or Canned Goods please.***

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MIDDLE AGE IS...

- ... *When you're sitting at home on a Saturday night and the telephone rings and you hope it isn't for you.*
- ... *When you don't care where your spouse want to go—as long as you don't have go with them.*
- ... *When the awkward period when Father Time catches up with Mother Nature.*
- ... *When you stop criticizing the older generation and start criticizing the younger one.*
- ... *When you don't know any of the songs playing on the radio.*
- ... *You develop "little leaks."*
- ... *You groan every time you bend over.*
- ... *You misplace your keys—and just about everything else too.*
- ... *You start enjoying naps more than ever.*
- ... *You get bed socks for Christmas and are very grateful.*

YOUTH NEWS

MACY (6th-12th Grade)



March 27 - 6:00 p.m.

Meet @ Sawyer's to fill eggs for annual EGGING and Chinese for dinner

April 3 – 6:00 p.m.

Meet at Sawyer's and then divide the EGG BAGS for EGGING prior to Easter. ALL eggs must be in yards BEFORE Easter

(Em & Griffyn Devos)

May 1 – 6:00 p.m.

CHOPPED @ Sawyer's

June 12 – 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Youth Sunday @ church service

Senior dinner (for all) and roast 😊 More details later

Looking @ possible retreat and/or whitewater rafting overnight w zip lining in June/July to end the school year. Will keep you posted! Any questions - contact Kim Sawyer @ 570-713-4577.

VBS IS COMING

July 24 -28, 2022



Theme: Boundless God Beyond Measure

Members from both Parish churches have set July 24 through July 28 for Vacation Bible School. While Camp Mt. Luther staff will be leading the sessions, help from both churches is still needed. **SAVE the DATE** and watch for updates.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with Children's Church at FELC, contact Ann Beckley 570-966-0646.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

OFFERING COUNTERS

Council is looking for volunteers willing to be included in a rotation of offering counters who would then deposit the offering after worship. If you are interested, please discuss it with a council member.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Starting with the March 6 service, Christ's United will only charge \$25 to those who order altar flowers. If you have questions about this change, talk to a council member.

COFFEE CANS

Christ's United is in need of coffee cans to use for taking altar flowers after the worship service. If you have any to spare, put them in the kitchen or the small fellowship hall.

REMINDER OF THE WEIS/WENGER GIFT CARDS OFFER

These make wonderful gifts for college students, birthdays, weddings, ♥ day, Easter, birth of a new baby, a new neighbor.... the list is endless.... such a useful gift!

First Lutheran

Offers cards in denominations of \$25 or \$50 or \$100. Simply make checks payable to "First Lutheran Church" and use them as cash or the grateful recipient can do the same. Don Seebold will even deliver! Give him a call at 966-0727 or 412-1505

YOU receive the full value of the card and then Weis gives 5% & Wenger's gives 10% of purchase to our mission fund!

Christ's United

\$25 & \$50 gift cards for Weis & Wenger are also available from Christ's United. In addition, we are now also offering cards for L&L Marketplace, which is located on Rte. 104 between Penns Creek and Middleburg.

If you want to purchase cards talk to Sue Blyler (570-922-4114). If you would like to pay by check, they should be made payable to "Christ's United Lutheran Church" and put "L&L Marketplace, Weis or Wenger cards" on the memo line.

LOOKING AHEAD

Christ's United



Saturday, April 30, 2022 – Ham Loaf Dinner, Drive Through Only - Online pre-ordering will be available at 4bellschurch.com or call 570-716-5601

Saturday, May 28, 2022 – Turkey Dinner, Drive Through Only - Online pre-ordering will be available at 4bellschurch.com or call 570-716-5601

Sunday, July 24 – Thursday, July 28 - VBS

Saturday, September 24, 2022 – Turkey Dinner, Drive Through Only - Online pre-ordering will be available at 4bellschurch.com or call 570-716-5601

Saturday, November 5, 2022 – Pot Pie Sale, by the quart, Drive Through Only – Online pre-ordering will be available at 4bellschurch.com or call 570-716-5601

THE DEADLINE FOR
ARTICLES FOR THE

APRIL

NEWSLETTER IS

MARCH 20



NEWS OF MEMBERS & FRIENDS

REMEMBER IN THOUGHT & PRAYER

CHRIST'S UNITED

Winifred Aikey
Bev Catherman
Roger Dunkle
Doug & Pearl Gemberling
Gary Hackenberg
Wendy Norton
Dianne Shuck
Tom Watters
Don Clevenger
John Dunkle
Rozelle DeDe Ensminger
Gary & Barb Gemberling
George (Mick) Guffey
Myrletta Kline
Dawn Moyer
Harry Moyer
Kim Roberts
Gerry Shively
John Snook
Rita Tinnes
Jean Underwood

The Shut-Ins: Winnie Aikey, Florence Boop, Barbara Grimooris, Mary Hassinger, Helen Pirone, Meda Struble, Connie Wagner. **The Troops:** Brandi Gemberling.

*In an effort to keep the prayer list current, Christ's United will clear their list on a quarterly basis. Their list will be updated in January, April, July and October. **If you want to continue an existing prayer request or have a new prayer concern, please contact Margie***

FIRST LUTHERAN

Linda Gingrich
Bev Kauffman
Janet Meyer
Ken Smith

The Shut Ins:

Jim Beckley
Pearl Culp
Lois Elliott
Ed Henry
Doris Moll,
Ethel Musser.

The Troops:

Thaddeus Miller
Zachary Miller



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

CHRIST'S UNITED

Birthdays

- 1 – Cliff Valentine
- 2 – Kristi Haedich
- 4 – Jonathon Forcheskie
Donald Ruhl Jr
- 7 – Cain Showalter
- 9 – Tammy Boop
- 12 - Jim Zimmerman
- 14 – Carter Beiler
Kalvin Showalter
- 15 - Eve Rantz
- 16 - Jeff Ruhl
- 17 – Denise Hosterman
- 19 – Roger Dunkle
Tina Erdley
Ben Wenrich
- 20 – Louise Ritter
- 21 – Kaitlyn Erdley
Cortney Klose
- 22 – Hailey Foresman
Tiffany Spencer
- 26 – Don Fornwalt
Carla Ruhl
Nathan Sanders
- 30 – Trevor Clouser
- 31 – Judy Mecouch

Anniversaries

- 22 – Colby & Corrin Zechman
(2014)
- 23 – Joel & Pauline Templin
(2013)
- 25 – Steve & Judy Moyer
(1994)

FIRST LUTHERAN

Birthdays

- 3 – Barb Randecker
- 6 – Janet Reed
- 8 – Frederick Dale
- 11 – William Miller
- 13 – Dennis Reed
- 14 – Gail Erdley
Earl Michael, Jr.
William Musser
- 17 – Bruce Graham
Debra Harvey
Robert Rhodes
- 20 – Michael Lynch
- 25 – Kortney McBryan
- 26 – Brooke Harvey
Jennie Servinsky
- 28 – Dale Spotts

Anniversaries

- 24 – Dennis & Kim Wagner (38 yrs)
- 27 – Earl & Donna Michael, Jr (67 yrs)





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Camp Mount Luther, as a place set apart by God, is located on 400 acres in Union County, PA. The camp proclaims the gospel of Jesus Christ, in the beauty of creation, serving the Upper Susquehanna Synod (ELCA) and the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania (ECUSA). They are committed to serving and being in partnership with the interdenominational, interfaith, and broader community.

God's Mission for Them: Sharing Christ, Planting Seeds.

Their Purpose Statement: A year-round ministry providing resources and experiences in faith formation, worship, recreation, and intentional Christian community for all ages.

Their Vision: Cultivate and integrate strong partnerships between Camp Mount Luther and all expressions of God's church.

During their summer program, they provide a staff trained in providing a safe emotional, physical, and spiritual experience for participants to grow in their faith. They teach their campers creation stewardship and encourage them to effectively use their outdoor leisure time, promoting good sportsmanship.

Created as children of God, they strive to improve participants' sense of self-worth, helping them discover their identity and vocation. Through that discovery, they promote service to others and Christian hospitality. They encourage participants to live a life of discipleship and Christian leadership.

Learn more at www.campmountluther.org

Our congregations have a valuable resource literally in our backyard: Camp Mount Luther. There you will find accommodating staff, valuable programs, and great facilities that will bring added life, creativity, and opportunities to you and this congregation.

From Camp Executive Director Chad Hershberger: "In my 21 years as director, I've seen so many kids transformed by the power of camp, including my own. Watching

this transformation and the relationships that are formed are why I've been involved in outdoor ministry for so long. Whether children are playing, exploring nature, conquering new heights, or becoming part of a camp family, they are creating memories that will last a lifetime. We want to welcome you to camp this summer. Remember, we can't have a great summer without you."

Camp is for those from age 4 through 17. Various camps (ranging from day camps to weekly camps) from June 19 to July 22. Family camps also are available.

Barry Spangler, who is serving as Christ's United's camperson again this year, has information on programs for the summer. Brochures are available at the church or on the camp's website. Our church will pay up to \$150.00 per person for any CULC congregational member's child or grandchild this year. Anyone from our congregation can receive "Camel Bucks" from Barry for use at the camp store this summer.

If you have any questions, contact Barry (570-966-0406) or the camp office at 570-922-1587 or cml@campmountluther.org. You can also check out the camp's website at www.campmountluther.org.

<p>Camp Mount Luther is looking for summer staff, volunteer nurses and volunteer chaplains for this year's summer camp. If interested, contact the camp office.</p>
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Raise the Region

March 9 @ 6:00 pm – March 10 @ 11:59 pm

Camp Mount Luther is participating in The First Community Foundation Partnership of PA's "Raise the Region" on March 9-10, 2022. It is a 30-hour fundraising event starting at 6:00 p.m. and ending the next day at 11:59 p.m. Money donated by the Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships will help stretch donations made to organizations that day. Additional monetary prizes and incentives will be awarded, too. Proceeds raised for Mount Luther these days to the camp's Annual Fund unless a donor gets in touch with the camp office to designate it for another camp cause. To be part of Raise the Region, visit www.raisetheregion.org during the event and make an online donation to camp. Running totals will be shown throughout the day at the Raise the Region website. Camp Mount Luther has participated in Raise the Region for nine years and has garnered about \$147,000 in donations during this event. The camp hopes you will help us to have another successful year

Night Flight Trail Run

April 2 – 8:00 p.m.

The Night Flight Trail Run is a 5 and 10-kilometer race. Runners decide on race day if they want to do a 5K or 10K (a double loop of the 5K). The course will be the Dandelion 5K in reverse. Headlamps, flashlights, torches, or other means of illumination strongly encouraged (DUH) but will not be provided. The course will be marked with glow sticks and reflective arrows. There will, of course, be tasty food after the race!

All pre-registered racers will receive a Night Flight 3/4 sleeve shirt

Don't be scared of the dark, sign up today!

The 10k distance is included in the Rocksylvania 10k race series

Additional race information can be found at

<http://www.midpenntailblazers.com/trail-race-events/night-flight/night-flight.html>.

GROW Writers' Retreat

April 5 @ 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Anyone wishing to come and write devotions for Camp Mount Luther's First Light Digital Devotions is welcome to join other writers on April 5, 2022. The retreat will be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Evergreen Center. It will be a day of writing and sharing resources for devotional writing. Please RSVP to chad@campmountluther.org or 570-922-1587.



SYNOD NEWS

THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY is scheduled to take place on **June 17 & 18** at Susquehanna University. We will be looking for two volunteers from Christ's United and First Lutheran to attend as voting members. If you are willing to serve in this way or have questions, talk to Pastor Curt.



MARCH VOLUNTEERS

CHRIST'S UNITED

Sound System

Barry Spangler

Ushers

Maurice Clouser

Eugene Hassinger

Altar Guild

Bev Catherman

Barry Spangler

Lay Readers

6- Maurice Clouser

13 – Greg Shuck

20 – Barry Spangler

27 – Kathy Spangler

Communion Assistants

6 - Judy Moyer

13 – Janice Wagner

20 – Bev Catherman

27 – Lee Spangler

REMINDER

You are responsible for finding a substitute if you are unable to be here when scheduled. Altar Guild Members, Sound System Operators & Ushers are responsible for any special services scheduled during the month.

FIRST LUTHERAN

Money Counters

Jane Moore

Jim Schwartz

Ushers

Linda Lewis, Chief Usher

6 – Jeff Hackenburg, Dewy Reed

13 – Craig & Sally Rothermel

20 – Dave Weaver, Tom Orren

27 – Sue Jows, Harry Boyer

Altar Guild

Lori Bailey

Kim Sawyer

Lay Readers

6 - Jane Moore

13 – Norm Conrad

20 – Karen Boyer

27 – Andy Long

Children's Church

6 – Ann Beckley

13 – Shirley Heasley

20 – Sherri Neece

27 – Liz Loss

BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH

The Rev Curt Wingert, Pastor

Pastor Curt's e-mail: pastorbuffalovalleyparish@gmail.com

Parish Council Members: Sue Jows, Jennifer Keister, Terry Kline,
Kim Sawyer, Jim Schwartz, Barry Spangler

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CULC Website: www.4bellschurch.com
CULC Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/4bellchurch1>

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday – 9:00
a.m.-2:30 p.m.

STAFF MEMBERS

The Members of the Congregation,
The Ministers

Matthew Wagner, Organist

Diane Valentine & Karen
Zimmerman, Pianists

David Swartz & Barry Spangler,
Digital Music Arrangers

Loretta Martin, Custodian

Margie Dunkle, Secretary/Asst. Tr.

Dianne Shuck, Treasurer

Janet Hackenberg, Asst. Treasurer

Cliff Valentine, Financial Recording
Secretary

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jennifer Keister, President, F&A

Lee Spangler, VP, F&A

Barry Spangler, Recording Secretary,
Inreach

Joel Blyler, Outreach

Kim Blyler, Facilities & Administration

Sue Blyler, Inreach

Bev Catherman, Inreach

Joe Dressler, Outreach

Terry Kline, Outreach

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OFFICE HOURS:

STAFF MEMBERS

Diane Scott, Director of Music

Hank Dorman, Sexton

Loretta Martin, Housekeeping

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jeff Mensch, Council President

Linda Lewis, Council VP

Gloria Mincemoyer, Treasurer

Emily Seebold, Secretary/Youth

Ann Beckley, Council

Shirley Heasley, Council

Sue Jows, Council

Jane Moore, Council

Marianne Motto, Council

Kim Sauers, Council

Kim Sawyer, Council

Jim Schwartz, Council

March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARCH 13 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS		1 SHROVE TUESDAY 10:30 Bible Study-FELC 5:00-7:00 Pancake & Sausage Supper-CULC	2 ASH WEDNESDAY 10:00 Hope's Haven 7:00 Ash Wed Service-FELC	3 6:00 Bible Study-CULC 7:00 Council-FELC	4	5 3:30 Potpie Supper-CULC
6 8:30 Worship/HC CULC 9:30 Special Meeting-CULC 10:30 Worship/HC-FELC	7 9:00 Easter Egg Mixing-CULC 1:30 Bible Study-CULC 6:00 Easter Egg Dipping-CULC	8 10:30 Bible Study-FELC	9 10:00 Hope's Haven 6:00 Lenten Meal-CULC 7:00 Lenten Service-CULC	10 6:00 Bible Study-CULC	11	12
13 8:30 Worship/HC CULC 9:30 SS-CULC 10:30 Worship/HC-FELC	14 9:00 Easter Egg Mixing-CULC 1:30 Bible Study-CULC 6:00 Easter Egg Dipping-CULC	15 10:30 Bible Study-FELC 7:00 Council-CULC	16 10:00 Hope's Haven 6:00 Lenten Meal-FELC 7:00 Lenten Service-FELC	17 6:00 Bible Study-CULC	18	19 TBA Train Show-CULC
20 8:30 Worship/HC CULC 9:30 SS-CULC 10:30 Worship/HC-FELC	21 9:00 Easter Egg Mixing-CULC 1:30 Bible Study-CULC 6:00 Easter Egg Dipping-CULC	22 10:30 Bible Study-FELC	23 10:00 Hope's Haven 6:00 Lenten Meal-CULC 7:00 Lenten Service-CULC	24 6:00 Bible Study-CULC	25	26
27 8:30 Worship/HC CULC 9:30 SS-CULC 10:30 Worship/HC-FELC 6:00 MACY-FELC	28 9:00 Easter Egg Mixing-CULC 1:30 Bible Study-CULC 6:00 Easter Egg Dipping-CULC	29 10:30 Bible Study-FELC	30 10:00 Hope's Haven 6:00 Lenten Meal-FELC 7:00 Lenten Service-FELC	31 6:00 Bible Study-CULC	MARCH 20 FIRST DAY OF SPRING	

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*An appalled parent, angry that her daughter had gotten into a fight at school, spoke harshly:  
 "That's not how I taught you to behave! The devil must have made you do it."  
 Her daughter replied: "Maybe so. But kicking her in the shins was my idea."*



**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
Christ's United Lutheran Church  
As of January 31, 2022

|                                | <u>Actual</u>      | <u>Budgeted</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Income for the month (5 weeks) | \$21,436.46        | \$ 12,993.75    |
| Expenses for the month         | <u>10,100.28</u>   | 12,993.75       |
| Difference (Net for the month) | <b>\$11,336.18</b> |                 |

**Notes for January:**

The Income and Net Income are very strong for January. The reason is \$8,360.84 is income from the John Snook benefit dinner held January 29<sup>th</sup>. The funds from that event were not given to John until February. Even with the Snook income removed from the monthly income, we have \$13,075.62 from offerings and other sources as shown in the Sources of Income for Jan. 2022 below and net income was positive.

**NOTE FROM CLIFF: I have records back to 2017 when I started as Financial Recording Secretary. This is the first January in my records that January had a positive net income.**

The only expense items worth mentioning are Electric was \$867 and Heating Oil was \$1,708 (received 712 gallons) in January. Our 2022 projected utilities expenses are projected to be higher than past years.

| <b><u>Sources of Income:</u></b> | <b><u>Jan. 2022</u></b> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Offerings                        | \$10,097.00             |
| Fund Raisers                     | 11,165.79               |
| Gift Cards                       | 165.00                  |
| Other Income                     | <u>8.67</u>             |
| Totals                           | \$21,436.46             |

**FOR 2022, THE MONTHLY REPORT WILL SHOW CURRENT MONTH INFORMATION ONLY. ON A QUARTERLY BASIS (MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER, AND DECEMBER) WILL ASLO SHOW YEAR-TO-DATE INFORMATION AS WE HAVE SHOWN IN THE PAST.**

*Dianne Shuck*  
Treasurer

*Cliff Valentine*  
Financial Recording Secretary

## MIDDLE AGE IS...

- ... *A man who remembers when corn-cure ads showed only the toes.*
- ... *Is having a choice between two temptations and choosing the one that'll get you home earlier.*
- ... *Is the time when a man is always thinking that in a week or two he will feel as good as ever.*
- ... *That period in a man's life when he'd rather not have a good time than have to get over it.*
- ... *That period when a man begins to shed his hair, his teeth, and his illusions.*
- ... *The awkward period when Father Time starts catching up with Mother Nature.*
- ... *The time when you'll do anything to feel better, except give up what is hurting you.*
- ... *When a man starts complaining that the cleaners are shrinking his suits.*
- ... *When a man stops wondering if he can escape temptations and begins to wonder if he's missing any.*
- ... *When a narrow waist and a broad mind begin to change places.*
- ... *When a woman takes her high school annual out of the bookcase and hides it where the children can't find it.*
- ... *When it takes longer to rest than to get tired.*
- ... *When we can do just as much as ever – but would rather not.*
- ... *When work is a lot less fun—and fun a lot more work.*
- ... *When you begin to exchange your emotions for symptoms.*
- ... *When you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.*
- ... *When you go all out and end up all in.*
- ... *When you laugh at pictures you once prized.*
- ... *When you look forward to a dull evening.*
- ... *When you don't care where your spouse want to go—as long as you don't have go with them.*
- ... *When you start eating what is good for you instead of what you like.*
- ... *When you still have the old spark, but it takes more puffing.*
- ... *When you stop criticizing the older generation and start criticizing the younger one.*
- ... *When you stop setting up exercises and start setting over buttons.*
- ... *When you want to see all long your car will last instead of how fast it will go.*
- ... *When your age starts to show around your middle.*
- ... *When your idea of getting ahead is staying even.*
- ... *When you're as young as ever, but it takes a lot more effort.*
- ... *When you're grounded for several days after flying high for one night.*
- ... *When you're not inclined to exercise anything but caution.*
- ... *When you're old enough to know better but still young enough to do it.*
- ... *When you're sitting at home on a Saturday night and the telephone rings and you hope it isn't for you.*
- ... *When you've met so many people that every new person you meet reminds you of someone else.*
- ... *Youth without its levity, and age without decay.*

Feeling stiff . . . groaning when you bend down . . . picking comfort over style with your clothes . . . thinking police officers, teachers, and doctors look really young . . . hating loud bars . . . needing an afternoon nap . . .

Realizing you have some coworkers who don't know what a cassette tape is . . . knowing your limit when it comes to drinking . . . hoping you get asked for ID . . . and giving people speeches on "saving" and "investing."



## ***PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE...***

- ...when a member of your family is sick or is admitted to the hospital, so that visits can be made and the proper people notified.
- ...when your address and phone number is changed, so the church records can be corrected.
- ...when you move—out of town or locally.
- ...when a new baby arrives in your family or in the family of another church member.
- ...when a member of your family leaves home for college or to establish a new residence.
- ...when a new family moves into your neighborhood.
- ...when your class or group plans to have a meeting, so that it can be cleared and placed on the church calendar.
- ...when something good happens to you or your family.
- ...when you feel the church can assist you in any way.