



BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH NEWS MARCH 2023

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

Grace and peace to you!

The season of Lent has begun. On Ash Wednesday ashes were placed in the form of a cross on our foreheads. That cross connects us with both Good Friday and Easter morning, and we are reminded of the promise that as we have risen from dust to this life, and so with Christ, we will rise from the dust of death to eternal life.

Part of our Lenten journey is to repent and return. To return to our risen Lord. That's what "repent" means: to turn, to change the direction in which we are looking and moving, and to look and to move in a new direction. Three congregations (First, Christ's United, and Messiah) are beginning to change, look, and move in a possible new and different direction! Let's not look at this partnership as a means of survival, a way to keep the doors open, but let's look at this partnership as a mission and ministry. Think of the outreach ministries we can do in our communities or how many people we will be able to reach. We are stronger together!

The visioning team has met and begun the process of what our future could look like together, and we will spend most of this year looking into this partnership. As I have said before, these are exciting and scary times. The number one concern that everyone has is burnout. The three congregations have or want some of the same ministries, and so to prevent burnout, we are looking into which committees and ministries we could combine. The fewer the meetings, the less burnout we will see! Don't hesitate to contact a congregational council member or me with any questions,

ideas, or suggestions. I ask that you pray for our congregations and our congregational leaders involved in this process.

Peace in Christ, The Rev. Curt Wingert

NOTE! Pastor Curt will be taking a vacation day on March 19. Steve Moyer, an Authorized Lay Worship Leader, will be leading worship on that day.

BIBLE STUDIES



The weekly Bible studies will take place as follows:

Thursday Monday 1:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

Christ's United First Lutheran March 6

March 13 March 20 March 27

This study is on hold

The Monday Bible study is a study on Daniel. The Thursday night Bible study is on hold for now. Stay tuned for more information.

Pastor Curt would like to start an evening Bible study. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact him.

M & M EASTER POEM

As you hold an M&M and turn it you will see the "M" becomes an "E", a "W" and then a "3".

"E" is for Easter Sunday, the celebration that Jesus lives. "M" is for mercy and miracles that He freely gives. "3" is to remind us that he rose on the third day. "W" is for worship, and it's in His name we pray

LENT AND EASTER ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

Tuesday, February 21

5:30-7:00 p.m. - Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Supper @ CULC

Wednesday, February 22

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

March 1-29

Mid-Week Lenten Prayer Service
6:00 p.m. (Meal); 7:00 p.m. (Evening Prayer Service)
Wednesday, March 1 @ CULC
Wednesday, March 8 @ FELC
Wednesday, March 15 @ MESSIAH
Wednesday, March 22 @ CULC
Wednesday, March 29 @ FELC

Saturday, April 1

1:00 p.m. - Community Easter Egg Hunt @ CULC Ages 0-12 Rain Date: April 8

Sunday, April 2

8:30 a.m. - Palm Sunday Service @ CULC 10:30 a.m. - Palm Sunday service @ FELC

Thursday, April 6

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

Friday, April 7

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

Sunday, April 7

6:30 a.m. - Easter Sunrise Service@ CULC,
7:30 a.m. - Easter Breakfast @ CULC
8:30 a.m. - Easter Sunday Service @ CULC
9:00 a.m. - Easter Sunday Service @ MESSIAH
10:30 a.m. - Easter Late Morning Service @ FELC

During Lent, 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, February 21 – Pancake Supper – 5:00-7:00 p.m. – Pancakes, Fresh Sausage and Smoked Sausage (CULC)

Wednesday, March 1 – Light Meal before Service – 6:00 p.m. - Chicken Corn Soup & Chicken Salad Sandwiches (CULC)

Wednesday, March 8 – Light Meal before Service- 6:00 p.m. Vegetable Soup & Sandwiches

Wednesday, March 15– Light Meal before Service – 6:00 p.m. – (MESSIAH) Menu to be Determined

Wednesday, March 22 – Light Meal before Service – 6:00 p.m. – Spaghetti & Salad with Garlic Bread (CULC)

Wednesday, March 29 – Light Meal before Service – 6:00 p.m. – Ham & Green Beans, Potatoes (FELC)

Thursday, April 6 – **Maundy Thursday Meal & Service** – 6:00 p.m. – Chili, Egg Salad Sandwiches, PB&J Sandwiches (CULC)

EASTER EGG HUNT



There will be a community Easter egg hunt for children ages 0-12 at Christ's United on **April 1 at 1:00 p.m.** The rain date is April 8. We are looking for donated candy and plastic eggs for the hunt, as well as volunteers. Donations can be brought to either Christ's United or First Lutheran. For more information, please contact Jennifer Keister. (570-412-7239).

March brings breezes loud and shrill, Stirs the dancing daffodil... ~Sara Coleridge







COW CASH PRE-LENTEN & LENTEN OFFERING

Come prepared each week during the month of February and March with your coins and dollar bills ...the Parish will be collecting COW CASH to sponsor the purchase specific farm animals 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 it all.

CULC and FELC will try to raise enough funds to purchase a cow or two.

Join us once again this year in this meaningful challenge.

Monies will be collected thru March 26, 2023.

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.

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Fast from fear; Feast on Faith
Fast from despair; Feed on hope.
Fast from depressing news; Feed on prayer.
Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger and worry; Feed on patience.
Fast from negative thinking; Feast on positive thinking.
Fast from bitterness; Feed on love and forgiveness.
Fast from words that wound; Feast on words that heal.
Fast from gravity; Feast on joy and humor.



# FELC EASTER FLOWERS

A tradition at Easter is to celebrate the risen Christ with a bevy of flowers. Easter is April 9, 2023. If you would like to provide flowers for this custom, please fill out the following. Flowers are provided by Brookside Acres and include foil.

All orders must be in the First Lutheran office by March 19. All flowers need to be picked up <u>before</u> the Sunday after Easter (April 16).

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| Order Deadline: March 19                   | Return to First Lutheran Church Office |
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| 6" Hyacinth (pink, white, blue (Please cir | • • • •                                |
| 6" Mini Daffodil                           | <b>\$10.00</b>                         |
| 8" Large Daffodil                          | \$12.00                                |
| 4-6 Bloom Lilies                           | \$12.00                                |
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| To the Glory of God                        |                                        |



# CULC EASTER FLOWERS

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One of the customs of this season at Christ's United is to celebrate the risen Christ with a bevy of flowers adorning the sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

| If you would like to provide flue below and return it to Janice | Wagner or Margie.                          | sanctuary for Easter, fill out the |
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(Supplier -Brookside Acres Greenhouse)



# FELC NEWS

#### **Free Community Meal at FIRST**

First Lutheran will be serving a free community meal on **Saturday, March 4, from 11:00 – 12:30**. All are welcome! Please enter the door in the alley behind the church.

#### **Hand Bell Choir at FIRST**

There is an interest in beginning a Hand Bell Choir at First Lutheran. One is not required to read music and it is an intergenerational choir. Please let Diane Scott or Sue Jows know if you would be interested in participating in this choir. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for future information.

#### **Online Giving**

First Evangelical Lutheran Church is excited to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides donation consistency for our congregation.

## Manage your giving online:

We are pleased to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the internet. To get started simply follow these steps:

- 1. Visit the website at www.felcmifflinburg.org
- 2. Click on the give button, then
- 3. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

#### Vanco Mobile App:

You can also manage your online giving by using the Vanco Mobile App. Download the Vanco Mobile App on your smartphone and search for First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mifflinburg, PA and follow the directions.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Curt or the church office (570-966-0266). We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry!

#### **Altar Flowers**

The cost of altar flowers is now \$50.00 for 2 vases instead of \$40.00.

#### **Empty Coffee Cans Needed**

We are in need of empty #1 coffee cans for altar flowers. You may place them on the pew in the office hallway.

### **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

First Lutheran will be in charge of filling and distributing backpacks in May/June.

<u>MARCH</u>

A blue day,
A blue jay
And a good beginning.
One crow
Melting snow Spring's winning.
~Elizabeth Coatsworth



# CULC NEWS

#### **Death Notification**

The following e-mail was received Monday, February 27

#### Good Morning Marge,

It is with a heavy heart that I tell you that Dad went home to be with the Lord with this morning. We will be in touch in the coming days to make arrangements for his memorial service. ~Pauline (Gemberling) Templin

#### Offering Envelopes

We still have not received our offering envelopes (as of the date of this printing). As we did last year, I ask that you make any 2023 donations with a check or in an envelope with your name on it, so we can give you credit for your offering gift.

#### **CULC Upcoming Meals**

- Saturday, March 4 We will be holding our "drive through" pot pie sale. Help will be needed on the Friday before and the day of the event. If you want more information, contact Kim Blyler (570-716-5601).
- Saturday, April 29 A "Drive Through" Ham Loaf Dinner will be held starting at 3:30 p.m. until sold out. Dinners, will be in a microwavable container. Pre-Ordering will be available. Limited walk-ins will be available. For more information call 570-716-5601 or email kim@4bellschurch.com.
- Saturday, May 27 A turkey dinner with all the trimmings. More details will be forthcoming in future bulletins and newsletters.

## **CULC Money Counters**

We are still in need of additional offering counters after worship services. If interested, contact Barry Spangler (570-966-0406).

## Fellowship Hall Use

We will be serving a meal to Hubner Seeds on **Thursday, March 9.** More details will be forthcoming. Talk to Teresa Shuck (570-966-2053) if you have questions.

Our fellowship hall will be rented out on **Saturday**, **March 18**, to Lori Hess Lauver for a public auction.

# YOUTH NEWS



#### **MACY & Mini MACY**

## Mini-MACY (grades K-5)

Contact Sherri Neece for questions or to organize a Mini-MACY Event.

### MACY (grades 6-12)

If you have any questions or want to be involved, please contact Liz (570-412-5598).

The **MACY** will be having breakfast Sunday mornings during the season of Lent (through March 26) at FELC. We are looking for volunteers to prepare/provide breakfast each week. It can be as simple as muffins, or you can wow us with your culinary skills. This is an opportunity to interact with our youth and help them build connections to the Church. Please see or contact Liz - 570-412-5598.



## BULLETIN BOARD

## Weis/Wenger's Gift Cards Offer

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

<u>First Lutheran</u> - offers cards in denominations of \$25, \$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 the purchase to the FELC mission fund!** 

<u>Christ's United</u> - \$25 & \$50 gift cards for Weis, Wenger's and L&L Marketplace are also available from Christ's United. If you would like to pay by check, it should be made payable to "Christ's United Lutheran Church" and put "L&L, Weis or Wenger's cards" on the memo line.

#### **Haven Ministry**

Haven Ministry in Sunbury sent a newsletter reminding us of the ever-present needs of their ministry. The women of 4 Bells, 1st Lutheran, and Messiah are invited to join together on Thursday, March 16, at 7 p.m. in Messiah's parish hall to hear Christy Ziegler, Haven's director, explain Haven's vision in our area and its needs. By jointly collecting for this worthy ministry, we can have a real impact locally for folks in need. A list will be given to each church that evening and a collection date set. Please let Pat Spangler at 4 Bells, Libby Loss at 1st, or Miriam Milbrand at Messiah know if you can attend. Of course, refreshments. We are Lutherans!!!



# NOTES OF APPRECIATION

- Buffalo Valley Lutheran Churches, Our family has been humbled and blessed by the benefit meal you put on for mom (Kathy). Thank you for donating your time, food & talents. We are forever grateful to all of you. Thank.
  - -Orin & Ginger Moyer Family
- To My FELC Family, I would like to thank you all so very much for the thoughts, prayers and gifts you have given me this week. They put a smile on my face and have made me feel very loved and blessed. I'm hoping for a fast – speedy recovery. Please keep the prayers coming. With love and gratitude
  - ~ Amanda Galer
- A sincere thank you to the church for the very generous Christmas offering! The Streett family was so vital to the church and the church to the family it means so much to the families who deal with loss involving children and teens! This gift will be used for therapy at our base location in Mifflinburg in the next several months through 6 week support groups at no cost to families! Again, many thanks!
  - ~Lisa Streett Liebetrau & Camp Koala Board of Directors



#### **CHRIST'S UNITED**

Winifred Aikey Roger Dunkle Darlene Endy Rita Tinnes **Pearl Gemberling** Gary & Janet Hackenberg Phil Crosbie Tom Watters Rozelle DeDe Ensminger Gary Gemberling George (Mick) Guffey Scott Hummel Roy Laudermilch Lee & Kathy Spangler Harry Moyer Dave Oberlin Cliff Ressler Kim Roberts Rodenbaugh Family Kenneth Shuck Jessica Wheeler Glenn Wiand

#### The Shut-Ins:

Winnie Aikey
Florence Boop
Betty Goss
Barbara Grimooris
Helen Pirone
Connie Wagner

In an effort to keep the prayer list current, Christ's United will clear their current list on a quarterly basis. A new list will begin in January, April, July, and October. If you want to continue an existing prayer

#### FIRST LUTHERAN

Cathy Hower Brungard Michael Culp Amanda Galer Ed Libhart June Ocker Logan Roush Ken Smith

#### The Shut-Ins

Mary 'Lib' Dunkle Lois Elliott Doris Moll Ethel Musser James Shipton Trena Zeller

#### **The Troops**

Dylan Harvey Thaddeus Miller Zachary Miller





# MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## **CULC 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

# **CULC ANNIVERSARIES**

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

## **FELC BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 Barb Randecker
- 5 Hattie Page
- 6 Janet Reed
- 8 Paula Christy, Frederick Dale, Thomas Shirk
- 10 Halley Watson
- 12 Jaydon Girton, Emily Seebold
- 13 Dennis Reed
- 14 Earl Michael, Jr., William Musser
- 17 Bruce Graham, Debra Harvey, Joshua Klose
- 18 Diane Scott
- 19 Maverick Stenger
- 20 Michael Lynch
- 23 Conner Hicks
- 25 Kortney McBryan
- 26 Brooke Harvey, Jennie Servinsky
- 28 Dale Spotts
- 29 Cathleen Stenglein Steven Krieger, Jr.

### **FELC ANNIVERSARIES**

- 24 Scott & Tracy Baylor (40 yrs) Dennis & Kim Wagner (39 yrs)
- 27 Earl & Donna Michael, Jr. (68 yrs) Denny & Sherri Neece (19 yrs)



# **VOLUNTEERS**

# **CULC**

| <b>Date:</b> 3/1 | Lay Reader:<br>Greg Shuck | Communion Asst.: Dianne Shuck | Monthly:<br>Sound System: |
|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 3/5              | Lisa Lapp                 | Judy Moyer                    | Barry Spangler            |
| 3/12             | Lee Spangler              | Lee Spangler                  | Altar Guild:              |
| 3/19             | Glenn Spangler            | Glenn Spangler                | Eugene Hassinger          |
| 3/22             | Barry Spangler            | Janice Wagner                 | Katherine Hassinger       |
| 3/26             | Lisa Lapp                 | Bev Hackenberg                | <u>Ushers:</u>            |
|                  |                           |                               | Boop Family               |

# **FELC**

| Date: | Lay Reader:    | Ushers:                       | Young Followers: |
|-------|----------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 3/5   | Sherry Neece   | Shirley Heasley/Jane Moore    | Sally Rothermel  |
| 3/12  | Barb Randecker | Carol Klose/Barb Randecker    | Mandy Rothermel  |
| 3/19  | Linda Skinner  | Nicole Gesner-Klose/Andy Long | Kortney McBryan  |
| 3/26  | Andy Long      | Jeff Mensch/Tom Orren         | Ann Beckley      |

#### **Acolytes:**

3/5 - Kendell Neece 3/12 - Ava McBryan 3/19 - Erica Boyer 3/26 - Hannah Boyer

Chief Usher: Christian Boyer

Money Counters: Shirley Heasley/Jim Schwartz Altar Guild: Lori Bailey/Kim Sawyer

**Volunteers, Please Note:** If you are scheduled to help with the service and are unable to fulfill your responsibility, please contact the head usher.

If you are scheduled to count money and are unable to do so, please find a substitute.

## **BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH**

The Rev Curt Wingert, Pastor

Pastor Curt's e-mail: pastorbuffalovalleyparish@gmail.com
Parish Council Members: Shirley Heasley, Sue Jows, Jennifer Keister,
Terry Kline, Kim Sawyer, Barry Spangler

CHRIST'S UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH 13765 Old Turnpike Rd., Millmont, PA 17845 570-922-1860

CULC e-mail: culc@4bellschurch.com CULC Website: www.4bellschurch.com CULC Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/4bellchurch

#### **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
Tammy Boop, Financial Recording
Secretary

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Joel Blyler, Worship & Music
Kim Blyler, Facilities & Administration
Sue Blyler, Eucharist/Visitation
Bev Catherman, Eucharist/Visitation
Joe Dressler
Jennifer Keister, President, Youth
Terry Kline
Teresa Shuck, Inreach/Outreach
Barry Spangler, Council Secretary, W&M
Lee Spangler, V Pres, Christian Education
Idella Zimmerman, Eucharist/Visitation

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#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday – 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

#### STAFF MEMBERS

Sue Nentwig, Secretary Katiann Lloyd, Financial Secretary Diane Scott, Director of Music Hank Dorman, Sexton Loretta Martin, Housekeeping

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Jeff Mensch, Council President Kim Sauers, Council Vice President Linda Lewis, Secretary Gloria Mincemoyer, Treasurer Jamie Bartlett, Council Christian Boyer, Council Shirley Heasley, Council Sue Jows, Council Jane Moore, Council Don Seebold II, Council



# CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844 Phone: (570) 922-1587E-mail: cml@campmountluther.org

<u>Summer Camp Information On Web:</u> Camp Mount Luther's website now has information on this year's summer camp programs, along with a schedule. Check out the summer camp page to start planning. Brochures have been mailed to campers and churches. Online registration for this summer is available too on the website.

This year's summer camp season will begin on **June 18 and run until August 8**. There are programs for all ages from preschool to senior high, and for adults and families. Camp Mount Luther is a special place where kids and families come together to grow with God and serve with smiles! Camp provides a safe place for people of all ages to relax and unwind in nature, discover God's love, sing around the campfire, learn more about themselves, and make new friends while at the same time being renewed in mind and spirit.

## **CULC Camperson**

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.

<u>Health Professionals & Counselors Needed for the 2023 Camp Season</u>
Camp Mount Luther is looking for counselors and volunteer nurses. To apply: cml@campmountluther.org or 570-922-1587.

## "Raise the Region" - March 8-9

Camp Mount Luther is participating in The First Community Foundation Partnership of PA's "Raise the Region" on March 8-9. 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 will benefit 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 <a href="https://www.raisetheregion.org">www.raisetheregion.org</a> 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 ten years and has garnered about \$179,000 in donations during this event. The camp hopes you will help us to have another successful year!

#### **GROW** in the Snow Presents Wade in the Water – March 17-18

All youth in 6-12tgrade and their youth leaders are invited to attend this synod youth retreat on **March 17-18.** The theme of this year's will be baptism. Experience your Creator, play winter games and find refreshment in the peace of camp in winter. The retreat is from Friday night to Saturday afternoon, but there is an option for youth and leaders to come just for the day on Saturday. The cost is \$73 for the whole program. Each registered group should provide one adult (21 or over) for every seven youth and at least one adult for each gender represented. Cabin assignments will be made based on available adults and the number of youth attending. Contact Chad Hershberger at chad@campmountluther.org with questions.

#### **MIDDLE AGE IS...**

...when you start eating what is good for you instead of what you like.
...groaning when you bend down
...thinking police officers, teachers, and doctors look really young
...when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.
...when you misplace your keys—and just about everything else too
...when you start complaining about more things.
...when you talk a lot about your joints/ailments
...when you have no idea what "young people" are talking about.
,,,,when you finally know everything but start to forget everything you know.
...when you're sitting at home on a Saturday night and the telephone rings
and you hope it isn't for you.



# SYNOD NEWS

#### **Mission Trip**

We are going back to work in tornado-ravaged western Kentucky Join us to be part of this work

What: Mission/Work Trip sponsored by SINDR (Susquehanna Interdenominational

**Network for Disaster Relief)** 

When: March 26 - 31, 2023

Where:

Lodging at First Presbyterian Church, Madisonville, KY

Working With Hopkins County EMA

Who: YOU, and any of your friends who want to help!

**How Much:** Just your contribution toward travel and food.

**For More Information Contact:** 

Doug Orbaker, 570-768-6436, dougorbaker@yahoo.com Clair Kline, 570-374-4481, clairsally@verizon.net

## **Lutheran Day at the Capitol 2023:**

Mark your calendar and plan to join Lutherans from around the state for a day of worship, learning and advocacy on April 27, 2023. Plan to stay for a dinner celebration of advocates at the Harrisburg Hilton. Tell your friends and watch here for more information and registration.

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The world never needed Lent as it needs it now. Life is so strenuous and our pace so rapid. The world is too much for us. We are apt to forget that we have immortal spirits. An observance of this blessed season cannot but make us better, stronger, purer, and saner, as it prepares us for the life that shall endless be.

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	MARCH 12 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 20 SPRING BEGINS		1 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC 6:00 Lenten Meal-CULC 7:00 Lenten Service-CULC No Chancel Choir-FELC	1:00 WELCA-FELC	3 9:00 Workday - CULC	4 8:00 Workday- CULC 11:00-12:30 Community Meal-FELC 3:30 Potpie Supper - CULC
5 8:30 Worship- CULC 9:30 Koinonia Kafe-CULC 9:30 Sunday School-CULC 9:30 MACY Breakfast-FELC 10:30 Worship- FELC	6 1:30 Parish Bible Study-FELC	7 6:30 Scouts-FELC 6:30 Council - FELC	8 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC 6:00 Lenten Meal-FELC 7:00 Lenten Service-FELC No Chancel Choir-FELC	9 12:00 Hubner Banquet-CULC	10	11
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		6:30 Scouts-FELC	No Chancel Choir-FELC	7:00 Women's Event-Messiah		
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