

# April 2026 Newsletter



“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”

*Isaiah 43:19*

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**Pastor Marissa Becklin  
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## New Opportunity: Men's Breakfast

### Second Saturdays Starting May 9

Greetings to the Men of the  
Congregation!



I want to see if there would be any interest in a Men's Breakfast group. In my past life in Iowa at our church, I

## April Vacation and Supply



Pastor Marissa will be out of town for Vacation from Tuesday, April 7, 2026 through Friday, April 17, 2026.

Deacon Kristen Barnes will supply in Worship on Sunday, April 12, 2026.

In case of pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Tim Craven of Mellingers Lutheran Church at 717-468-9049.

## Bible Study at Faith United

Dear Ones,

I am in the process of evaluating Bible Study opportunities that reach the breadth and depth of our congregation well. As part of that process, Bible and Breakfast will be discontinued. Bible Study after Worship on Sundays will continue!

If you have ideas about Bible Study opportunities, times, topics, etc., please talk to me! —*Pastor Marissa*

coordinated a Men's Breakfast group for about 30 years. This was a group of guys that met the second Saturday of every month for a decent breakfast, great fellowship and interesting discussions of our faith through a short Bible Study. We typically averaged about 10 to 12 guys. Additionally, we would occasionally be involved in retreats and building opportunities at some of the Lutheran camps.

What I'm proposing at Faith United is that we meet at 8:30am on the second Saturday of the month starting May 9<sup>th</sup> in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. If you are interested, email me at [jwdienst@gmail.com](mailto:jwdienst@gmail.com) or call/text me at 610-594-3429.

## Kitchen Calendar

If you are hoping to use the Faith United kitchen for any purpose, please contact our office so that we can put you on the calendar.

This allows us to ensure availability of the space, and be good stewards of our resources.

Thank you!



**Deadline For May, 2026  
Newsletter Is  
Sunday, April 26, 2026.**

## Church Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:00am to 12:00 Noon.

To submit information for the bulletin or newsletter, please email Shirley Sweigart at: [grammyss@ptd.net](mailto:grammyss@ptd.net)

or [grammyss46@gmail.com](mailto:grammyss46@gmail.com)

or call 717-538-1946

Friday, April 3, 2026 &  
Monday, April 6, 2026



## Newsletters

Newsletters are published following Church Council meetings which are held the first Wednesday of each month.

Please continue to provide the Church Office with your email addresses (changes also) to be used for Newsletters, Schedules, etc.

Email your changes to:

[faithunited@ptd.net](mailto:faithunited@ptd.net). Thank You!

## WANTED

Recipes, inspirational articles, poetry, gardening tips, household tips, etc. to be used in Monthly Newsletters.

Please put your items in the Secretary's mailbox marked "Shirley Sweigart" in the Coatroom.

## Church Office Requests

Please call the Church Office at 717-336-2141 when:

- You are in the hospital or prior to going to the hospital (or have a relative call for you). In order for the pastor to visit, someone needs to inform the Church.
- You are confined to your home for an extended period of time because of illness or accident;
- You are going to a rehab center or a nursing home;
- There is a change in your family status (birth, death, marriage, or divorce);
- You move to a new home, move out of the area, or go away to college;
- You schedule a meeting or an event of a committee. In an effort to be open and communicative with everyone, we would like to include all scheduling on the Church Calendar and in the Weekly Bulletin.

## Financial Stewardship

There are many ways you can choose to support our ministry:

1. A physical offering will be collected in the plate next to the bulletins prior to and following Worship.

2. To set up a recurring automatic offering straight from your bank account for the sake of regular stewardship, contact our office at (717)336-2141.

3. To make a one time or to set up a recurring gift online today, visit this link [Give to Faith United](#).

4. You may also mail offerings to the church in lieu of the options listed above.

We invite you to consider setting up a recurring, automatic offering for the sake of regular stewardship. To do so, or to ask questions about this process, contact the Church Office, 717-336-2141, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm for more details.



## Photo Use Practice

In attending church events, photos may be taken to help keep shut-ins and friends of the church aware of the life and activities of Faith United. If you do not wish to be photographed, please let us know so we may honor your wishes. As a practice, we consider the privacy appropriate to people with special circumstances, but may not know of all sensitive situations. Your help is required or we anticipate permission is given.



## Staff

Pastor — Pastor Marissa Becklin

Organists — Cynthia Kauffman

Sharon Levering Lisa Beard

Grady Daub

Festival Choir Director — Ellen Houser

Office Administrator and

Newsletter Editor — Shirley Sweigart

Custodian — Elizabeth Roman-Reich

# From Pastor Marissa Becklin

## Peace in a Busy World

April has a way of filling every corner of our lives. The days grow longer, calendars fill up, and the pace of life seems to pick up all at once. In the middle of all this movement, it's easy to feel overwhelmed—like peace is something just out of reach, waiting on the other side of a less busy season.

But the peace offered by Jesus Christ isn't tied to how full or quiet our schedules are. In John 14:27, He says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives." This is a different kind of peace—one that doesn't depend on everything going smoothly, but instead rests in the steady presence of God.

Scripture invites us to bring our worries honestly before the Lord. Philippians 4:6–7 reminds us: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." And the promise that follows is powerful—that God's peace will guard our hearts and minds in Christ.

That doesn't mean the stress disappears overnight. The responsibilities are still there. The demands on our time don't suddenly vanish. But something begins to shift within us. When we pause to pray—even briefly—we are reminded that we are not carrying everything on our own.

Finding peace in a busy world often looks simple, even small. It might be taking a quiet moment before the day begins to ask God for strength. It might be a deep breath and a short prayer in the middle of a hectic afternoon. It might be choosing to let go of something that doesn't need to be perfect.

These small practices aren't about adding more to your to-do list. They are about re-centering your heart on what is already true: God is near. His grace is sufficient. His peace is available, even here.

Jesus also offers this invitation in Matthew 11:28: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Notice that He doesn't say, "Come to me when everything is finished." He invites us in the middle of the weariness, in the middle of the burden.

So if this season feels full—if your days are stretched and your mind is crowded—remember that peace is not something you have to chase. It is something you receive. Again and again, Christ meets you right where you are, offering rest for your soul.

This April, may you find moments—however small—to pause, to breathe, and to remember: you are held by a God whose peace does not fade, even in the busiest of days.

*Grace and Peace, Pastor Marissa*

# April Worship

## **Maunder Thursday** **Thursday, April 2, 2026**

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35. This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.



## **Good Friday** **Friday, April 3, 2026**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22:1-31; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42. Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.



## **Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day** **Sunday, April 5, 2026**

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10. This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.



## **Second Sunday of Easter** **Sunday, April 12, 2026**

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16:1-11; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31. In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.



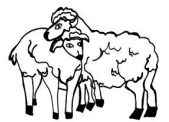
## **Third Sunday of Easter** **Sunday, April 19, 2026**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35. Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.



## **Fourth Sunday of Easter** **Sunday, April 26, 2026**

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23:1-6; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10. Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.



# May Worship

## **Fifth Sunday of Easter** **Sunday, May 3, 2026**

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14. As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.



## **Sixth Sunday of Easter** **Sunday, May 10, 2026**

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21. Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.



**JoAn Weaver**  
**June 1, 1931 -**  
**March 12, 2026**

**APRIL**  
Birthdays & Anniversaries

- April 10: Nikki Strohl
- April 12: Olivia Voler
- April 15: Jennifer Martzall, Jon Dienst
- April 18: Emily Witmer
- April 19: Connor McAllister
- April 20: Samuel Stewart
- April 22: Kathy Steiner
- April 28: Jay Burkholder

**Anniversaries:**

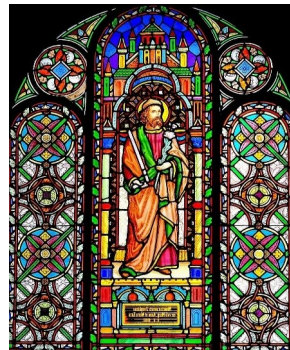
- April 15: Hayley and Charles Yost
- April 16: Tim and Lori Wise
- April 19: Janice and Blake Daub

**MAY**  
Birthdays & Anniversaries

- May 1: Lillian Leach
- May 2: Michael Means
- May 4: Linda Riddell
- May 5: Abby Means Leach
- May 9: Crew Stover
- May 10: Katie Gerhart
- May 14: Terri Macker

**Anniversaries:**

- May 14: Jennie and Chris Weinhold
- May 15: Kathy and David McGarvey
- May 16: Kathy and Troy Hafer
- May 16: Pastors Marissa and Hans Becklin
- May 17: June and Don Wolf
- May 20: Kim and Jeff Brugger



**Stained Glass Window  
Fundraiser: Help Us  
Maintain The Beauty  
Of Our Sanctuary**

We're excited to announce a fundraiser in support of preserving the stained glass windows in our Sanctuary. This project was discussed at the 2024 Annual Meeting. After much thoughtful research and dedication, the Property Committee has successfully located skilled artisans who will be completing the work. Their commitment and persistence have brought us one step closer to this long-awaited project.

Work is set to begin as soon as financially possible, and your support is crucial to making it happen. We are looking to raise around \$20,000.00. Every gift, large or small, will help us preserve the beauty and heritage of our Worship space for generations to come. **You can give by using the special offering envelopes in the back of the Sanctuary, or by putting a special line on your regular offering envelope. All gifts will be matched dollar for dollar by our Endowment Fund until our funds are raised.**

Stay tuned for updates—and Thank You for being part of this meaningful effort!

**Rob Macker - April 15 - 92** School Court, Denver, PA 17517.

**Lorna Buohl - April 27 - 977** Clearview Avenue, Ephrata, PA 17522.

**Brian Shober - May 12 - 2548** Orange Ridge Road, Clearmont, FL 34715.

**Joanne Phillips - May 26 -** Apartment 3344, 300 St. Mark Avenue, Lititz, PA 17543.



**80+ Birthdays**

**Blessings** Please remember our 80+ members with a card, visit, or phone call:  
**on your Birthday!**

**Florence Rutt - April 11 -** Ephrata Manor Room 206A, 99 Bethany Road, Ephrata, PA 17522.

## Faith United Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 5, 2026, 6:30pm

### FUEL Council Members Present:

Tim Wise, Terry Burkholder, Scott Gola, Bob Gates, Terri Kilrain, Adrienne Arment, Rich Billings, Carol Wallace and Pastor Marissa Becklin.

**Devotions:** Bob Gates presented devotions. He read Psalm 23:1-6. After reading this Psalm, Bob discussed the meaning of it, reminding us all that through trouble and hardship, God is always with us.

**Treasurer's Report:** Scott Gola presented the Treasurers Report. The account balances are as follows, March 2026: Main Checking Account, \$112,599.00; Endowment Account, \$73,101.00; Money Market Account, \$52,720.00

The Council had a discussion regarding upcoming projects and whether they would be within the budget. It was decided that there was nothing planned in the future that would not be within the proposed budget for this year.

Scott reviewed offerings for the first few months of this year compared to last year. He reported that offerings have been slightly higher this year when compared to last year.

A discussion regarding signers for this year was held. The following Council members will continue to be designated signers. Terry Burkholder, Carol Wallace, Tim Wise, and Scott Gola. Pastor Marissa will also be a signer.

### **Pastor's Report:**

**Mission and Ministries:** The rotating Lenten services are occurring. Information regarding each service is available in the weekly bulletins or monthly newsletter.

Palm Sunday will be March 29. Members of the congregation are encouraged to participate in the reading that day and to sign up for a reading part.

The Maundy Thursday Service will be held April 2 at 7:00pm with Footwashing and Stripping of the Altar.

The Good Friday Service will be held at 7:00pm and will include Candle Lighting.

The Good Friday Community Walk will take place at 10:30am beginning at the church.

Easter Sunday Service will be April 5 at 9:00am.

**Congregational Challenges:** Pastor Marissa shared a letter regarding an organization called Builders of Hope. This organization works with families to provide safe housing. They have a good success rate for helping families get on their feet and establish good financial habits and become independent home owners. This

organization is hoping to partner with local churches. They are looking for financial support and support with their projects. They are hoping to purchase a home in the Cocalico area. Adrienne Arment will be presenting a request to the Endowment Committee regarding financial support for this organization.

Pastor Marissa shared that the Samaritan Counseling Service that received a gift from the Endowment Committee sent a letter of thanks to the Endowment Committee and the congregation. Pastor met with this organization to discuss the services that they provide. She explained to Council the types of services Samaritan Counseling provides. She also explained that they partner with churches and will provide services to churches that decide to partner with them. Pastor Marissa plans to discuss a potential partnership with Samaritan Counseling with the Social Ministries Committee.

**Prayer Priorities:** Arlene Brumbach; JoAn Weaver.

**Council Action/Discussion:** Pastor Marissa will be on vacation from April 7-17. Deacon Kristen Barnes will be covering the Service on Sunday, April 12. Pastor Tim Craven will cover any emergencies during that time.

### **Committee Highlights:**

#### **Property Committee - Tim Wise**

The window project will begin soon. The company completing the project, Castle, would like to divide the payments into thirds.

Plumbing projects throughout the church will be evaluated and worked on soon.

The Property Committee is looking into a maintenance program for the heating system.

Tim Wise continues to make plans for putting a railing in the chancel.

#### **Peters Porch - Terry Burkholder**

During the first quarter, students from Adamstown Elementary assisted with a Food Drive for Peter's Porch.

Park Place Diner donated proceeds from one of their Saturday sales to Peters Porch.

Mike Wallace is Terry Burkholder's Assistant for Peters Porch. Deb and Barry Martzall continue to manage the inventory.

#### **Fellowship Committee - Terri Kilrain**

It was suggested that a donation jar be placed in the back of the church for monetary donations that could be used for coffee and conversation purposes. This would give congregation members opportunity to donate towards the purchase of food to be used during Coffee and Conversations.

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## Council Meeting Minutes

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A fellowship opportunity will occur next Sunday, March 15 after church. There will be an activity followed by a covered dish.

There will be an activity planned for the month of May. A game will be followed by an opportunity to share coffee and breakfast type foods. This opportunity for fellowship will take place after church.

### Old Business:

Council members reviewed the schedule for unlocking the church and devotions.

The snow removal procedures for the church was discussed with the idea that we need to look into another snow removal company for next year.

### New Business:

The Council members discussed the acolyte situation and what to do when acolytes are not present. Pastor Marissa has a plan for this and will be implementing it soon.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm following the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, April 1 at 6:30pm.

*Respectfully Submitted by Carol Wallace  
FUEL Council Secretary*

**Congregation Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 6, 2026**  
**6:30 PM**

## **CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

Terry Burkholder - President    Adrienne Arment  
Tim Wise - Vice President        Rich Billings  
Carol Wallace - Secretary        Bob Gates  
Scott Gola - Treasurer            Terri Kilrain

## **Connect With Us On Facebook!**



For regular invitation to prayer, devotional reflections, and updates, follow us on Facebook:

@faithunitedelca.

Also, consider joining our Private group: Faith United Lutheran Church Community Building, where we are spending time getting to know one another and check in with each other.

## Email Prayer Chain

Members of the prayer chain receive emails with prayer requests from our congregation and commit to lifting these needs before God throughout the week. This is a simple but powerful way to care for one another in Christ.

If you would like to be added to the list, please contact the church office, 717-336-2141.

*"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." - Galatians 6:2*

## April/May Food Collection



Food, household, and personal items will be collected for Ephrata Area Social Services in April and Peter's Porch in May.

Please deposit the items in the grocery cart.



**Faith United  
Ministry  
Endowment:  
Grant  
Applications  
Now Available  
For Ministry  
Projects And  
Generosity**

The Endowment Committee is requesting that anyone with ideas about ministry projects or generosity in the community/world that these funds might would fill out an application for the Committee to consider. Applications are available in the back of the Sanctuary and in the Church Office.

**Children's  
Bulletins**

ARE AVAILABLE

**On Counter At  
The Back Of  
The Sanctuary.**



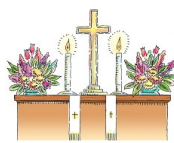
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday <b>Weekly Bible Study Following Worship</b> 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	30 <b>Monday in Holy Week</b>	31 Shirley Ludwig, Birthday <b>Tuesday in Holy Week</b> 6:00pm Pack Bags For Peter's Porch	1 <b>All Fools' Day</b> <b>Wednesday in Holy Week</b> 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Adamstown Area Library, 110 West Main Street, Adamstown 6:30pm Congregation Council Meeting	2 <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship	3 <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>Good Friday</b> 10:30am Good Friday Community Walk 3:00pm REAL Life First Friday Food Drive, Warehouse 916, Main Street, Denver 7:00pm Good Friday Worship	4 <b>Easter Vigil</b> 7:30am Peter's Porch - Faith United
5 <b>Resurrection Of Our Lord/Easter Day</b> <b>Weekly Bible Study Following Worship</b> 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	6 <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>Easter Monday</b>	7 <b>Pastor Marissa on Vacation; In Case of Pastoral Emergency, Contact Pastor Tim Craven, 717-468-9049</b> 9:00am Cozy Comforters Sewing Group	8 <b>Pastor Marissa on Vacation; In Case of Pastoral Emergency, Contact Pastor Tim Craven, 717-468-9049</b> 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Faith Fellowship Hall	9 <b>Pastor Marissa on Vacation; In Case of Pastoral Emergency, Contact Pastor Tim Craven, 717-468-9049</b> <b>Widows And Widowers Luncheon, Udder Choice Restaurant, Ephrata, RSVP Swamp Lutheran, 717-336-2849</b>	10 <b>Pastor Marissa on Vacation; In Case of Pastoral Emergency, Contact Pastor Tim Craven, 717-468-9049</b>	11 Florence Rutt, Birthday <b>Pastor Marissa on Vacation; In Case of Pastoral Emergency, Contact Pastor Tim Craven, 717-468-9049</b> 8:00am Peter's Porch - Lititz Mennonite Church, 165 East Front Street, Lititz
12 <b>Pastor Marissa on Vacation; In Case of Pastoral Emergency, Contact Pastor Tim Craven, 717-468-9049</b> <b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> Supply, Deacon Kristen Barnes <b>Weekly Bible Study Following Worship</b> 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service 10:15am Confirmation For 7th & 8th Graders	13 <b>Pastor Marissa on Vacation; In Case of Pastoral Emergency, Contact Pastor Tim Craven, 717-468-9049</b> 12:30pm Parish Secretaries Monthly Meeting, Two Cousins Restaurant, Reamstown	14 <b>Pastor Marissa on Vacation; In Case of Pastoral Emergency, Contact Pastor Tim Craven, 717-468-9049</b>	15 <b>Pastor Marissa on Vacation; In Case of Pastoral Emergency, Contact Pastor Tim Craven, 717-468-9049</b> Rob Macker, Birthday 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Adamstown Area Library, 110 West Main Street, Adamstown 7:00pm Denver Women's Club Meeting, Faith Fellowship Hall	16 <b>Pastor Marissa on Vacation; In Case of Pastoral Emergency, Contact Pastor Tim Craven, 717-468-9049</b>	17 <b>Pastor Marissa on Vacation; In Case of Pastoral Emergency, Contact Pastor Tim Craven, 717-468-9049</b> <b>Pre-Order Free Community Meal; Call 717-336-6748 Or Email: swampcf@ptd.net</b>	18 8:00am Peter's Porch - Zion Lutheran Church, 435 Main Street, Akron
19 <b>National Volunteer Week Begins</b> <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Weekly Bible Study Following Worship</b> 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	20	21 9:00am Cozy Comforters Sewing Group	22 <b>Earth Day</b> 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Faith Fellowship Hall	23 5:30pm Free Community Meal; Trinity United Methodist Church, 420 Main Street, Denver (Rear Entrance)	24	25 Mark, Evangelist 8:00am Peter's Porch - Landis Valley Christian Fellowship Church, 2420 Kissel Hill Road, Lancaster

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> May Newsletter Article Deadline <b>Weekly Bible Study Following Worship</b> 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service 10:15am Confirmation For 7th & 8th Graders	27 Lorna Buohl, Birthday 6:00pm Endowment Committee Meeting	28 6:00pm Pack Bags For Peter's Porch	29	30	1 Philip and James, Apostles 3:00pm REAL Life First Friday Food Drive, Warehouse 916, Main Street, Denver	2 7:30am Peter's Porch - Faith United
3 <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Weekly Bible Study Following Worship</b> 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	4	5 9:00am Cozy Comforters Sewing Group	6 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Adamstown Area Library, 110 West Main Street, Adamstown 6:30pm Congregation Council Meeting	7 <b>National Day Of Prayer</b> Pastor Marissa at Candidacy Committee	8	9 8:00am Peter's Porch - Lititz Mennonite Church, 165 East Front Street, Lititz 8:30am Men's Breakfast

## 2026 Altar Flower/Bulletin Sponsor Sign-Up



Altar Flowers

The Altar Flower Chart for 2026 is on the board by the Walnut Street entrance.

Format: To sponsor flowers, sign your name on the chart; order the flowers from the florist of your choice, pay them and call the church office, 717-336-2141, to arrange to bring them to the Church. Shirley will call you to find out the wording you want in the Church Bulletin.

The Bulletin Sponsor Chart for 2026 is on the board by the Walnut Street entrance. Cost is \$25.00 per Sunday.



Bulletins

You may call Shirley Sweigart, 717-538-1946 to get your name on either Chart.

## Young At Heart Meets At Faith United 2nd And 4th Wednesdays

Join folks 60+ from the community in a time of fellowship, games, food, and guest speakers on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Faith United in the Fellowship Hall downstairs from 9:00-11:00am.

thank you

To My Friends at Faith United, Thank You for all my beautiful birthday cards. They mean so much to me.

*Arlene Monyer*

On behalf of my dear husband, Gerry, I want to Thank all our kind, caring friends from Faith United for his birthday cards. They brought some cheer to his many difficult days.

May God bless each one of you!

*With Love, Joanne*

## Christian Symbol

**PEACOCK:** The beautiful peacock is likely one of the lesser-known Christian symbols. Based on an ancient myth that its flesh doesn't decay after death, early Christians appropriated the bird as a symbol of immortality. The molting of its tail feathers each year to be replaced with supposedly more beautiful ones led to use of the peacock as a sign of resurrection and glorification.

Additionally, the eye-like pattern in the peacock's tail feathers made it a symbol of conscience and of God, who sees all. However, the peacock also represents arrogance as it struts to show off its plumage. During the Baroque period, the peacock was often part of artwork at the 10<sup>th</sup> Station of the Cross, depicting Jesus stripped of his clothing—atonement, according to some teachings, specifically for our sin of vanity.

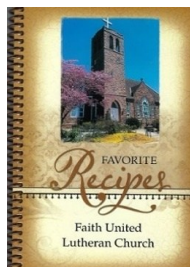
Early Christians believed peacocks shriek when they catch sight of their feet, which they consider ugly. Christians took this as a reminder that we, too, should lament our spiritual imperfections that detract from the beauty of life lived in Christ.



Have you been attending Worship with us online or in-person, and are looking for more information about joining our community in an official way?

Membership is a mutual commitment between you and our congregation to love and support one another on our faith journey. If this interests you, please email Pastor Marissa at:

[pastormbecklin@gmail.com](mailto:pastormbecklin@gmail.com).



## Church Cookbooks

They are sold for \$10.00 each and are on the counter at the back of the Sanctuary. Proceeds benefit Faith United Youth Ministry.

# Peter's Porch

Sometimes you just have to stop and say THANKS.

We are so grateful for the wonderful relationships that we have developed throughout the community over the past thirteen years. It means so much when someone walks up and says they are happy and very grateful for our Peter's Porch Hunger Ministry or that they can't imagine what the community would be like without us. (That's a God moment.)

As some reading this newsletter already know, our Peter's Porch Hunger Ministry has gone through organizational changes this past year. The changes we are making start with me handing over some very important tasks to make sure Peter's Porch Hunger Ministry grows.

Moving forward, Mike Wallace will be the Assistant Director; he will be responsible for running the Saturday morning Peter's Porch Hunger Ministry and managing logistics. Along with Mike moving into his new role, Deb and Barry Martzall will have their hands full with being in charge of inventory control.

I couldn't have imagined how much would change just within a few years. I remember when Ron and Jean Worline and Melvin and Dorothy Schmeck moved all the food from Harrisburg and Lancaster to our church, and all the conversation we had in the food rooms handing out the food. (Those are God moments!)

This year also brought some unpredicted changes within the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank (particularly relating to the increasing cost of food), but through each and every twist and turn we have felt the caring concerns and support from you and our community.

The adjustments we are making within our own organization are with the goal of ensuring that Peter's Porch Hunger Ministry will happen for many years to come, addressing food insecurity in our community. We are working hard to continue to provide a hot breakfast along with produce, meat, bread, milk, eggs and dry goods on the first Saturday of each month.

And we are not alone in this work! I think the average person would be amazed at how many people and organizations contact us each month to ask "how can we help?" (Those are God moments.) Whether it's a civic group, school sports group, business...sometimes the sheer amount of support can seem overwhelming.

Looking at the big picture and aiming for a long future we have served the community well and will continue to do so in the future. Here are some numbers from the first quarter of the year to help you understand just how great of a job you are doing:

**We helped: 187 families. We helped: 515 individuals. It took: 146 volunteers to make it work. That includes: 412 volunteer hours. We gave: 287 bags of food. We gave: 6,000 lbs. of food.**

(THAT'S A BIG GOD MOMENT)

God bless and keep up the good work.

*Terry Burkholder*

# Peter's Porch



East Cocalico Brethren  
Donate Food



Souper Bowl of Caring at  
Weaver Markets



Speaking at Boy Scouts about  
Peter's Porch



Park Place Diner and Adamstown Kindness Club Support  
Peter's Porch



Barry and Deb Martzell do  
Inventory



Souper Bowl of Caring at  
Weaver Markets

## What's Happening at Faith United?

Send your pictures in for  
next month's newsletter!



Follow Us On Instagram  
for more photos!

@faithunitedlutheran



For The Healing of the Nations Midweek Lenten Service

## Education Opportunities

### Confirmation for 7th and 8th Graders

Meets after Sunday worship from 10:15am-  
11:15am on the following Sundays of each  
month:

- September 14
- September 28
- October 12
- October 26
- November 9
- November 23
- December 7
- December 21



- January 11
- January 25
- February 8
- February 22
- March 8
- March 22
- April 12
- April 26
- May 17

### Weekly Bible Study After Worship

A Weekly Bible Study will be held following Worship each Sunday about the texts from Church that morning. Bring questions you had about the sermon, thoughts and wonderings about the readings, and a heart ready for fellowship!

As the readings from each week are the topic, simply come when you're able.

## Communion Bread

Please Sign the chart on the cabinet at the back to provide One Loaf of bread each Sunday.



Please Bring The Bread To The Church By Friday 9:00am—12:00pm. Open Dates: April, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.

### The Upper Room Daily Devotional

May - June, 2026

### Christ In Our Home Daily Devotional

April, May, June, 2026

Also, A Large Print Version is Available

Please call Shirley Sweigart, 717-538-1946 to set up an appointment to pick one up.

## Generic Offering Envelopes

Generic Offering Envelopes are available for use on the table with the bulletins.

**When Writing Out Checks Please Remember To Use Blue Or Black Ink ONLY. The Bank Will Reject Any Other Color Ink.**

### Bible Quiz

According to Matthew's account, something remarkable happened to the earth on the day Jesus was crucified and again on the morning when Mary Magdalene and the other Mary visited the tomb. What occurred on both days?

A. There was a flood on both days.  
B. There was an earthquake on both days.  
C. There was a huge fire on each day.  
D. There was complete darkness on both days.

Answer: B (Matthew 27:51; Matthew 28:2)



Wednesday,  
April 22, 2026



## Coffee and Conversation Every Sunday After Church.

We encourage people to sign up to bring a small treat. It does not have to be very elaborate. It can be as little as a bag of chips, a bag of pretzels or some cookies, etc. (Pepperidge Farm has some great snacks.) Our goal is fellowship! We just want everybody to stay and talk for a few minutes after church.

The sign-up sheet is on the counter at the back of the Sanctuary.

Contact Terri Kilrain if you have questions.



## The Cozy Comforters

need gently used sheets (No flannel, No white, please) or fabric (should be cotton or cotton blend) to use for their comforters. Please put your donations at the back of the Sanctuary or in the Cozy Comforters Sewing Room.

## Peter's Porch

Faith United Evangelical  
Lutheran Church

357 Walnut Street, Denver, PA 17517  
Phone: 717-336-2141

## The First Saturday of Each Month

April 4, 2026

May 2, 2026

7:30-10:00am



If you are interested in helping on the first Saturday of the month just show up! Bags for Peter's Porch are packed on the last Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm.

## SERVING APRIL - MAY

<b>Date</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Technology</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Offering Counters</b>
<b>April 3, 2026</b> Good Friday	<b>Todd Stewart</b>	<b>Tim Wise</b>	<b>Carol Wallace</b> <b>Mike Wallace</b>	<b>XXXXXX</b>
<b>April 5, 2026</b> Easter	<b>Dawn Frees</b>	<b>Lori Stover</b>	<b>Mary Stewart</b> <b>Jim Stewart</b>	<b>Terri Kilrain</b> <b>Chris Billings</b> <b>Rich Billings</b>
<b>April 12, 2026</b>	<b>Angela Stewart</b>	<b>Scott Gola</b>	<b>Angela Stewart</b> <b>Todd Stewart</b>	<b>Dawn Frees</b> <b>Craig Stover</b> <b>Lori Stover</b>
<b>April 19, 2026</b>	<b>Lori Stover</b>	<b>Deb Demler</b>	<b>Jamie Carpenter</b> <b>Bruce Carpenter</b>	<b>Bruce Carpenter</b> <b>Jamie Carpenter</b> <b>Linda Riddell</b>
<b>April 26, 2026</b>	<b>Harold Martzall</b>	<b>Tim Wise</b>	<b>Teri Arment</b> <b>Harold Martzall</b>	<b>Tim Hegeman</b> <b>Gloria Gates</b> <b>Bob Gates</b>
<b>May 3, 2026</b>	<b>Gloria Shober</b>	<b>Lori Stover</b>	<b>Linda Riddell</b> <b>Jeff Hartman</b>	<b>Terri Kilrain</b> <b>Chris Billings</b> <b>Rich Billings</b>
<b>May 10, 2026</b> Mother's Day	<b>Dave Harnish</b>	<b>Scott Gola</b>	<b>June Wolf</b> <b>Don Wolf</b>	<b>Dawn Frees</b> <b>Craig Stover</b> <b>Lori Stover</b>
<b>May 17, 2026</b>	<b>Scott Gola</b>	<b>Deb Demler</b>	<b>Lori Wise</b> <b>Tim Wise</b>	<b>Bruce Carpenter</b> <b>Jamie Carpenter</b> <b>Linda Riddell</b>
<b>May 24, 2026</b> Pentecost	<b>Deb Demler</b>	<b>Tim Wise</b>	<b>Carol Wallace</b> <b>Mike Wallace</b>	<b>Tim Hegeman</b> <b>Gloria Gates</b> <b>Bob Gates</b>
<b>May 31, 2026</b> Holy Trinity	<b>Cindy Kauffman</b>	<b>Lori Stover</b>	<b>Mary Stewart</b> <b>Jim Stewart</b>	<b>Tim Hegeman</b> <b>Cynthia Hegeman</b> <b>Ann Roseboro</b>

<b>Date</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Communion Bread</b>	<b>Altar Committee</b>	<b>Altar Flowers, Bulletins</b>
<b>April 3, 2026</b> Good Friday	<b>Aaron Wolf</b>		<b>Mary Stewart</b> <b>Joanne Phillips</b>	
<b>April 5, 2026</b> Easter	<b>Jackson Lesher</b>	<b>Bruce Carpenter</b>	<b>Mary Stewart</b> <b>Joanne Phillips</b>	<b>Easter Flowers</b>
<b>April 12, 2026</b>	<b>Josh Gola</b>		<b>Chris Billings</b> <b>Rich Billings</b>	<b>Coffee</b> <b>Tracey/Gabby</b> <b>Weidner</b>
<b>April 19, 2026</b>	<b>Kellen Strohl</b>	<b>Doris Reinoehl</b>	<b>Chris Billings</b> <b>Rich Billings</b>	
<b>April 26, 2026</b>	<b>Aaron Wolf</b>		<b>Dawn Frees</b> <b>Arlene Monyer</b>	<b>Flowers</b> <b>Jim/Heather</b> <b>Kreider</b>
<b>May 3, 2026</b>	<b>Jackson Lesher</b>		<b>Dawn Frees</b> <b>Arlene Monyer</b>	
<b>May 10, 2026</b> Mother's Day	<b>Josh Gola</b>		<b>Tim Hegeman</b> <b>Cynthia Hegeman</b>	
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<b>May 24, 2026</b> Pentecost	<b>Aaron Wolf</b>		<b>Donna Gerhart</b> <b>Michele Lacy</b>	



We ask you to daily pray for the following people and those in your life you know that are in need:

**For Comfort:**

JoAn Weaver Family  
 Bea Hassler Family  
 Connie Hershey Family

Nina Mayhew Family  
 Danna McGarvey Family

**For Healing:**

Mel Schmeck    Arlene Brumbach    Lorna Buohl    Clancy Myer    Scott Witmer  
 Alisha Wombolt    Pat Miller    Galen Stauffer    Lori Moyer    Curt Snyder  
 Madeline Glass    Robert White

**You're Also Invited To Call And/Or Send Cards.**

List Is Refreshed At The End Of Odd Numbered Months. If You'd Like Someone To Stay On The List Longer, Please Contact The Church Office, 717-336-2141.

**Continuing Concerns**

Janet Hirneisen, Ann Roseboro, Gerry Phillips, Jean Worline, Betty Witmer, Terry Burkholder, Lisa Beard, Caryll Lausch, Susan Hartman, Barb Boose, Dave Harnish, Kim Brugger, Dave McGarvey, Dorothy Hoyer, Ethel Farrow, Mae Raudenbush, Jim Kreider, John Luciani, Matt Donley, Michele Lacy, Traci Krick, Rob and Terri Macker, Ralph Whitcomb, Susan Means, Florence Rutt, Kathryn Ginter, Kristin Means, Pennie Gutshall, Fred Leathery, Chad Sweigart, Maryann Herr, Patricia Krick, Stanley and Jeannette Uibel, Joyce Hahn, Dennis Hill, Terry Moyer, Glenn Beard Sr., Martha Sheaffer, Jean Wolf, Stan Henderson, Dean Camp, Jed Weidner, Men and Women Serving in our Armed Forces.

**Easter Flowers Decorating The Chancel on Easter Are Given**

**In Memory Of:**

My Husband Lee Shober by Gloria Shober  
 Bob Fischer by Joyce Fischer  
 Clair, Evelyn and Thomas Martzall by Barry and Debra Martzall  
 My Parents by Linda Riddell  
 Richard Frees by Dawn Frees  
 Melinda O'Neill by Tracey Weidner  
 Irvin and Harriet Garber by Cindy Kauffman  
 Jack and Peggy Dewald by Bruce and Jamie Carpenter  
 Earl, Betty, James, Jackie and Larry Buchter by Barry and Debra Martzall  
 William Houser by Ellen Houser  
 My Husband Lee by Teri Arment  
 Donna Hill by Dennis Hill

**In Loving Memory Of:**

Bud and Phyllis Dellinger by Tracey and Terri

**In Honor Of:**

Our Lord's Resurrection by Jim and Mary Stewart  
 God's Blessings by The Hegemans  
 Our Risen Lord by Ann Roseboro  
 Our Mom and Dad by Isla and Lucas

Lori Hetrich and Jordan Ulrich by Joanne and Gerry Phillips  
 My Family by Teri Arment  
 My Children and Grandchildren by Terri Kilrain

**To The Glory Of God:**

Lori Wise  
 Rachel and Jason Carpenter

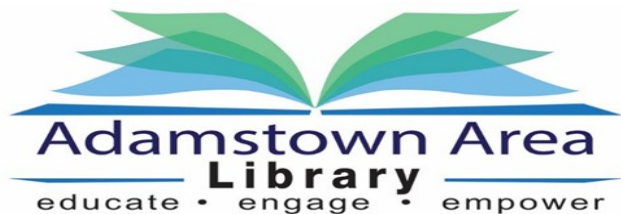
**Christ Is Risen, Indeed!**

Angela and Todd Stewart

**To The Glory Of Our Savior Jesus Christ:**

Deb Demler





## Adamstown Area Library Events

Adamstown Area Library is free to use for Pennsylvania residents. Visitors can bring an ID or proof of address to receive a Library card. Located at 110 West Main Street in Adamstown, next to the Post Office, the Library is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 7:00pm, Friday from 11:00am to 4:00pm and Saturday from 9:00am to 4:00pm. To learn more about free events or to register, visit [AdamstownAreaLibrary.org](http://AdamstownAreaLibrary.org) or call 717-484-4200.

**Grab & Grow** - All month. The Library is offering five packets of [vegetable](#) or flower seeds to every patron who presents their Library card at the front desk. At the end of the growing season, participants who bring in a picture of their garden or harvest will be entered in a raffle to win a gardening prize.

**Flag Retirement** - All month. Adamstown Area Library invites community members to bring in faded or worn American flags. The Library will deliver them to Reinholds VFW, where they will be retired in the proper fashion.

**Easter Egg Search** - All month. Participants who check out a book with a beautiful paper egg inside get a piece of candy at the circulation desk. For children and young adults.

**Fluff the Cow Adoption** - All month. Patrons can stop in the Children's Room to see updated pictures and information about the Library's adopted cow, Fluff. From her home at Kurtland Farm in Elverson, PA., Adamstown Area Library will follow Fluff's journey of growth, care and milk production. For all ages.

**Paws-itive Pets Play & Learn Center** - All month. Stop in the Library to enjoy the Story Corner Play & Learn Center with a "man's best friend" theme. A great place for some educational fun with toys, puppets, vocab, figures, blocks and more. For all ages.

**Teen Talk Board** - All month. The Library invites teens to stop in the Young Adult Section to answer the question: "What is something that makes you smile?" For teens.

**"Budding Bookworms" Preschool Storytime** - Every Wednesday, two sessions: 10:00-11:00am and 11:00am-noon. Stories and a fun, easy craft. The group will host a special visit to the Adamstown Fire Station on April 29. For ages 3-6 with an adult.

**"Twinkling Stars" Baby Storytime** - Every Thursday 10:00-11:00am. Simple stories, rhymes, puppets, songs, and fingerplays. For babies with adults.

**"The Young and the Restless" Toddler Time** - Every Thursday 11:00am-noon. Stories, songs and

fingerplays, followed by an easy craft and free play. For toddlers with adults.

**Cocalico Spring Quest** - April 2 through May 26. Local businesses are partnering with Cocalico Cares and Adamstown Area Library to create a community scavenger hunt. Participating businesses will display a clue tied to a riddle. Families can go around to each location, record the solutions and piece together the final answer. For all ages.

**LEGO® Activity Bag Pickup** - Mondays, April 6, May 4. Pick up a project packet in the library foyer, filled with fun activities. One per family while supplies last. For ages 5-12 years.

**Mah-Jongg Group** - Mondays, April 6, 20, May 4 from 1:00-3:30pm. Join our welcoming Mah-Jongg group on the First and Third Monday of each month for an afternoon of tiles, tactics, and great conversation. Whether you're brand-new or a long-time player, our bi-monthly meet-ups are the perfect chance to learn, practice, and connect with fellow enthusiasts. All skill levels are welcome!

**Chicks in the Library** - April 6 through 18. What is all that racket in the Library? The Adamstown team is welcoming some fluffy residents. Stop in often to watch as the peeping guests grow "so big!" Thank you to Swartz Farm for this fabulous Rent-A-Chick program. For all ages.

**Family "Fun Money" Party** - Tuesday, April 7, 5:00-6:30pm. To celebrate Financial Literacy Month, children can learn saving, spending and sharing skills with games, activities, snacks, gifts and more. Sponsored by Members 1<sup>st</sup> Federal Credit Union. For families.

**Genealogy Research Circle** - Saturday, April 11, 1:00-2:30pm. Explore your family history with guidance from local genealogy researcher Ken McCrea. Every two months, this group offers research support, discussion and hands-on help for beginners and experienced genealogists alike. For all ages.

**American Girl Bag Pickup** - Monday, April 13. Patrons can pick up an American Girl-themed project packet in the Library's foyer, filled with fun for kids and their doll! One per family while supplies last. For ages 5-12.

**Grandparent Book Buddies** - Wednesday, April 15, 10:50-11:05am. A multigenerational event for children and seniors to enjoy reading together by the fireplace. Sponsored by REAL Life Young at Heart Group. For all ages.

**Young at Heart** - Wednesdays, April 15 and May 6, 9:00-11:00am. REAL Life Community Services presents Young at Heart, a free program for anyone age 60 and up. Stop by the Library for coffee, chatting, games, crafts and more on the first and third Wednesday of each month. For more information, call 717-336-7797 or visit [REALLCS.org](http://REALLCS.org). For seniors.

**Connect with a Social Worker** - Wednesday, April 15, 11:30am.-2:00pm. Are you facing challenges or seeking support in your life? A licensed social worker from REAL Life Community Services is here to help. Held every other Wednesday in the Library Community Room. To make an appointment, call Becca at 717-336-7797 or email [becca@reallcs.org](mailto:becca@reallcs.org). REAL Life Community Services serves residents of Cocalico School District.

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**Sean's Social Club** - Friday, April 17, 1:00-2:00pm. Join Sean's Social Club! This club hosts different events for adults with differing abilities, as well as their family members, caregivers and guests.

**Bobcat Discovery Drop-In** - Monday, April 20 and Tuesday, April 21, 10:00am.-4:00pm. Visitors can use their senses to explore a Pennsylvania Game Commission kit of pelts, skulls, claws, books, activities and more. For all ages.

**Almost Perfect Crimes** - Tuesday, April 21, 6:30pm on Zoom. Join Miss Jess and discover "Whodunit!" Upon registration, you will receive the Zoom link and the Mini Murder Mystery Story. Additional clues and evidence will be revealed during our meeting as we try to solve the crime together. For teens and adults due to some graphic content.

**Ephrata Area Social Services at AAL** - Wednesday, April 22, 10 a.m.-noon. Ephrata Area Social Services will be onsite at the Library every fourth Wednesday of the month to answer questions about their free programs, including food insecurity support, case management, transitional housing and transportation. Stop by to meet their team, ask questions and learn more about resources available in the community.

**PA Health Access Insurance Information** - Wednesday, April 22, 10:00am.-noon. Get help with health insurance from a PA Health Access Network representative. Stop by the information table near the fireplace with any questions.

**Wildlife Wednesday** - Wednesday, April 22, 6:00-6:45pm. Join the Library for the monthly Wildlife Wednesday! This month, the topic is wildflowers. For all ages.

**Merlin Bird App Demo** - Thursday, April 23, 5:30-6:30pm. Learn the basics of the Merlin Bird app in this first session of a two-part series presented by Jordan Tennis. Please download the Merlin Bird app prior to attending. Registration is requested. For all ages.

**TEEN "Spice of the Month"** - Monday, April 27. Young adults that like to cook and bake can pick up a bag that includes a packet of spice, history, recipes, and cookbook recommendations. One bag per teen family while supplies last. For teens.

**Fire House Visit** - Wednesday, April 29, 10:30am. Meet at the Library and walk as a group to the Adamstown Fire Station. Listen to stories, meet the firefighters and discover their equipment and trucks. Held in place of Budding Bookworms Preschool Storytime. For all ages.

**Teen Pizza and Puzzle Mystery: "Murder at Bedford Manor"** - Wednesday, April 29, 5:00pm. A delicious experience where patrons can enjoy Two Cousins Pizza, piece together a jigsaw, read a mystery story and solve a murder. Registration required by April 27. For ages 13 and older.

**Doggie Downtime** - Wednesday May 6 at 10:45am. Do you need some tail-wagging tranquility in your life? Gaze into Twinkle's big, beautiful, calming eyes to help wash your troubles away! (Therapy Dogs International). For all ages.

## Community Events

**Take Out Only**

**Community Meal**

**No Charge**

**Thursday, April 23, 2026**

**Pre-Order Required by  
Friday, April 17, 2026**

**Pickup Time 5:30-6:00 PM**

**Trinity United Methodist Church  
420 Main Street, Denver (Rear Entrance)**

**Call 717-336-6748**

**Or Email:**

**swampcf@ptd.net**

**Denver Women's Club Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 15, 2026**

**Milton S. Hershey Program**

**Elizabeth Lindsay, Hershey Coordinator**

She will provide a virtual presentation on Milton S. Hershey and International chocolate tasting. There will be a chocolate tasting.

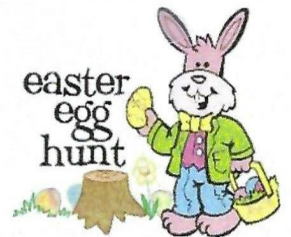
**7:00pm**

**Faith Fellowship Hall**

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**Denver Lion's Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

On Saturday, April 4, 2026, the Denver Lions Club will host the Denver Lions Club's Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Denver



Memorial Park and Playground, 801 Main Street, Denver, PA. The event is free and starts at 1:00 p.m., rain or shine. Ages 0 to 12 can participate. Candy and gifts will be distributed during the event.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**Professionals**

**DAY**

**Wednesday, April 22, 2026**





**Hospice & Community Care and the Pathways Center for Grief & Loss are offering the following programs.**



**As we are taking all necessary precautions for the health and safety of our patients and families, staff, volunteers and visitors our support group will be held In-Person and via Zoom. Call the Pathways Center at**

**(717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to receive Zoom credentials.**

#### **ADULT DROP-IN GROUPS**

These free meetings, held online via Zoom and In-Person, include a presentation and an informal time to talk with others. Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to discuss with a bereavement counselor who will also provide the log-in information.

**In-Person** at Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. Groups are led by Master's-level counselors and volunteers who have experienced the same type of loss. They provide time to share experiences and ask questions. Groups are designed for those within the first two years following the death of a loved one. Call to register. Registration deadline is one week prior to the group. Register online at [pathways.hccnet.org/groups](http://pathways.hccnet.org/groups) or call the Pathways Center.

**Coping With The Loss Of A Child (Of Any Age):** Monday, April 20, 6:00-7:30pm.

**Coping With The Loss Of A Spouse Or Partner:** Tuesday, April 14, 6:00-7:30pm; Tuesday, April 28, 2:00-3:30pm.

**Coping With The Loss Of A Parent Or Sibling:** Tuesday, April 21, 6:00-7:30pm.

**Age 50 & Under - Coping With The Loss Of A Spouse Or Partner:** Wednesday, April 22, 6:00-7:30pm.

**GRASP (Grief Recovery After A Substance Passing):** Tuesday, April 21, 6:30-8:00pm.

**Newly Bereaved Program:** Wednesdays, May 6, 13 and 20, 2:00-3:30pm, Pathways Center for Grief & Loss 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. If your loss was recent, this series provides an overview of common grief responses and will help you to begin to identify coping tools. Call to discuss with a bereavement counselor to determine if the group will meet your needs. Register 1 week prior to series start.

**Camp Chimaqua:** May 15-17, Gretna Glen Camp & Retreat Center, Lebanon. Camp Chimaqua is an overnight weekend camp for grieving children ages 6-12. The focus is on helping children explore their feelings, develop coping skills and build self-confidence. This happens through fun-filled activities and opportunities for small-and large-group sharing. A trained adult buddy is individually paired with each child for companionship, support and supervision throughout the weekend. For more details or to request an application, call the Pathways Center. Applications must be submitted by April 17.

**Remembering Our Mothers:** A Gathering of Women Whose Mothers Have Died, Saturday, May 9, 9:30am-Noon, Bent Creek Country Club, 620 Bent Creek Drive, Lititz. This annual Mother's Day breakfast provides women whose mothers have died an opportunity to remember, honor and celebrate their mothers' lives. Join us to hear Rev. Kathie Teeter, former hospital and hospice chaplain and current Hospice & Community Care volunteer, present "Life Lessons Through Humor." Through personal reflection, Kathie will share how a mother's lighthearted wisdom shaped meaningful life lessons that still resonate today. Registration and payment of \$25 must be received by May 1. Space is limited. To register, visit [www.HospiceandCommunityCare.org/rom](http://www.HospiceandCommunityCare.org/rom) or call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413.

**Support For Caregivers:** If you are caring for a loved one, who is caring for you? Hospice & Community Care offers an online support group for caregivers of a loved one who is seriously ill. This group offers a place to share your experience with others who may understand. Offered the third Thursday of every month, 6:30-8:00pm, the sessions are facilitated by a Master's-level counselor and a trained volunteer who has been a caregiver. To receive the link to participate in this free virtual opportunity, call (717) 391-2413 to speak with a counselor.

**Individual Grief Support:** The Pathways Center offers individual grief consultation at no cost for adults, children, teens and families. In-person support sessions are provided in Mount Joy. Individual sessions by phone or online via Zoom are also an option. Counselors are available any time Monday through Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm.

Evening appointments may sometimes be arranged. Call the Pathways Center, (717) 391-2413, for more information or to set up an appointment.

**Social Dine-Out Options:** The Pathways Center offers a variety of social options to choose from. Each participant pays for their own meal. These gatherings are facilitated by trained bereavement volunteers who have also experienced loss in the past.

**Ladies Lunch:** Wednesday, April 22, 11:30am-1:00pm; Loxley's Restaurant, 500 Centerville Road, Lancaster. RSVP to Marie Roach at (717) 823-9889 (text or telephone) or [pathways@choiceshealth.org](mailto:pathways@choiceshealth.org) by noon the day before the event.

Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to request the log-in address or phone number to participate in a Zoom group or to schedule a private Zoom meeting with a Pathways counselor. Visit our website at [www.PathwaysThroughGrief.org](http://www.PathwaysThroughGrief.org) for updated information about support groups.

# KID'S PAGE



The butterfly reminds us of new life and the Resurrection. After three days, Jesus rose from the dead and brings us the hope of new beginnings. This simple craft helps children celebrate that joyful truth.

### What you need:

- Light-colored construction paper
- Card stock
- Glue
- Paint
- Paintbrush
- Paper towel or baby wipe



### What you do:

- Cut out a butterfly body from the construction paper.
- Glue the butterfly body onto the card stock.
- Use a paintbrush to coat the palm of one hand with paint.
- Press your painted hand beside the butterfly body to create a wing.
- Repeat with your other hand to make the second wing.
- Clean your hands with a paper towel or baby wipe.
- Optional: Add Luke 24:5-6 (NIV) around the butterfly or on its body:

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"

## PUZZLE



### FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection helps us live with gratitude every day.

Use the picture and number code to fill in the blanks for Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV


























1. Jesus
2. weary
3. endured
4. opposition
5. cross
6. endured
7. scorning
8. shame



1. Jesus
2. lose
3. pioneer
4. sinners
5. perfecter
6. him
7. faith
8. hand



1. eyes
2. us
3. joy
4. heart
5. right
6. grow
7. God
8. throne

"... fixing our  1 on  1, the  3 and  5 of  7. For the  3 set before  6 he  3 the  5,  7 its  8, and sat down at the  5  8 of the  8 of  7. Consider  6 who  6 such  4 from  4, so that you will not  6  2 and  2  4."

Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV

Answer: "... fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."

# Community Events



THE HERSHEY HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

## Spring Concerts

Friday, April 24 2026 at 7:30 p.m.  
Trinity Church  
415 Bridge Street, New Cumberland, PA

Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.  
Lancaster Church of the Brethren  
1601 Sunset Avenue, Lancaster, PA

Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.  
Derry Presbyterian Church  
248 East Derry Street, Hershey, PA

CONCERTS ARE FREE WITH FREEWILL OFFERINGS RECEIVED

info@hersheyhandbellensemble.org 717-298-7071 www.hersheyhandbellensemble.org

## All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet



Saturday, April 11, 2026  
7:00-10:00 AM

**BREAKFAST INCLUDES:** EGGS, HOME FRIES, CREAMED CHIPPED BEEF, FRENCH TOAST, BACON, SAUSAGE, HAM, COFFEE, TEA, JUICES, VARIOUS PASTRIES AND FRUIT.

**ADMISSION BY DONATION**  
**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NORTH LANCASTER CONFERENCE DEAN'S FUND**

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REINHOLDS

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**GOD'S WORK...OUR HANDS.**



**GLORIFY GOD  
AMONG THE NATIONS**

Seeking Him in All Generations



The National Day of Prayer is a powerful annual event celebrated on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to unite in heartfelt prayer. Established in 1952 through a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman, this day serves as a testament to our nation's enduring commitment to spiritual reflection.

The National Day of Prayer belongs to every American, transcending our differences and fostering a spirit of unity. It is a cherished opportunity to embrace our most profound freedom—the freedom to humbly approach God and seek His guidance. This year, we will commemorate America's 250th anniversary, highlighting our cherished religious freedom and honoring the roots of our nation, which were planted in prayer as early as 1774 and guided by leaders like George Washington throughout the Revolutionary War.

Join us in this inspiring observance, where prayers intertwine, hearts unite, and hope flourishes for our nation and the world. Together, let us lift our voices in supplication, celebrating the strength that comes from our shared faith and values.

### THIS YEAR!

**NEW LOCATION:** WJTL Junction Center, Landis Hall, 1875 Junction Road, Manheim, PA 17545

**TIME:** 6:15pm worship begins, 6:30pm prayer event begins.

**GATHERING:** Our prayer leader for the evening is Dr. Freeman Chakara, who will lead us through the seven pillars of prayer. The One A-Chord Community Choir, directed by Amy Fennimore, will lead us in worship.

**THEME SCRIPTURE:** "Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples." - 1 Chronicles 16:24

THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF DENVER PRESENTS

# CABIN FEVER DANCE

SATURDAY APRIL 11, 2026  
DENVER FIRE HALL  
425 LOCUST ST. DENVER, PA

7 PM TO 10 PM  
DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM

**\$18 ADVANCE**  
INCLUDES FOOD & DRINKS  
PRESALE TICKETS  
ONLY!  
BYOB

MUSIC BY: DJ ERIC

FOR MORE INFO AND TICKETS  
CONTACT JUNE AT 717-538-5005

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF DENVER CONTRIBUTIONS FUND

# Community Events

The Lutheran Camping Corporation presents...

## WORK DAYS AT CAMP



**SATURDAY, APRIL 11 - NAWAKWA, 9:00 AM**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 25 - KIRCHENWALD, 8:30-4**


Volunteers needed to do general housekeeping, gardening, painting, carpentry, and other tasks. A noon meal will be provided. So that enough food can be prepared, please RSVP at [LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org) or 717-677-8211

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania  
 Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm  
 PO Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303  
 717-677-8211 • [www.LutheranCamping.org](http://www.LutheranCamping.org)






## Night for Nawakwa:

A Family-Friendly Event For All Ages



Join us at camp **April 25th** to raise funds for Nawakwa

4-6pm: Family Activities  
 5:30-6pm: Worship  
 6pm: Dinner  
 7-9pm: Entertainment

## Summer Camp Open House



**Summer Camp Open House at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa**

**Meet us!!!**

- Meet some of the Summer Camp Staff
- Take a tour of camp
- \$10 gift certificate for the camp store to every brand new camper!!

**Sunday, March 15**  
**Sunday, April 12**  
**2:00-4:30 pm**



**Kirchenwald** is located on 340 acres of undeveloped timberland, adjacent to 4000 acres of State Game Lands, in Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

**Nawakwa** is located on 336 acres outside of Arendtsville, in Adams County, Pennsylvania.

For more information, visit [www.LutheranCamping.org](http://www.LutheranCamping.org) or call the Camping Office at 717-677-8211.




**Earth Day at The Wittel Farm**  
**Saturday, April 25th**  
**10:00-2:00**  
 Lunch provided

Serving the Earth is a Sacred Act of Love  
 Join our staff for hands-on service learning:

- Native tree-planting
- Community composting workshop: Turning food waste into soil
- Basic Botany: Learn from our farm educator about the Importance of plants for daily life

THE GROWING PROJECT IS DEDICATED TO GROWING FRESH VEGETABLES TO HELP FEED HUNGRY PEOPLE IN LANCASTER COUNTY, AND THROUGHOUT SOUTH-CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.

[WITTELFARM.ORG](http://WITTELFARM.ORG)  
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## Earth Day Celebration 2026


**Sunday, April 19, 2026 • 2-6pm**  
 Kirchenwald

Enjoy an afternoon of environmental activities, games, and crafts at one of your favorites places within God's creation. CAMP! An evening meal is included in the \$15 fee. All ages welcome.

RSVP to 717-677-8211 or [LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org) by April 10

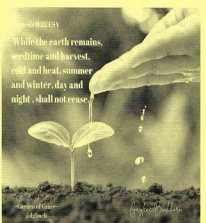
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## Annual Blessing of the Soil and Seeds

**Saturday, May 2nd,**  
**9:00 am**




Join the Rev. Dr. Matthew Lenahan, director of the Wittel Farm Growing Project, for this annual ritual of prayer, sacred text and song, and invitation to reconnect with Creation.

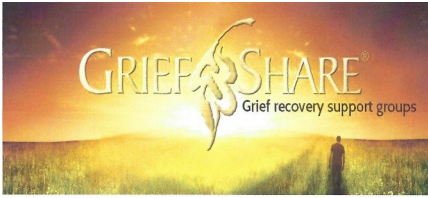
Wittel Farm Growing Project  
 Planting, Growing, and Sharing to Heal the Earth & Feed our Neighbors

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# Community Events



**GriefShare**  
 Grief recovery support groups

**GriefShare**  
**Wednesdays starting March 11th**  
**Time: 6:00 pm-7:30 pm**  
**Light House Community Center**  
**239 Main St. Denver, PA 17517**

This is a 13 week cycle to help navigate from a grief journey to a healing destination.

For more information  
 Please call 610-775-3667

**Kirchenwald Crossing Disc Golf Tournament of Champions**

Be one of the first to play the brand-new Kirchenwald Crossing Disc Golf Course!

Come play in the first annual Kirchenwald Crossing Disc Golf Tournament of Champions and experience this exciting new course, established through the Kirchenwald Party With A Purpose.

Tournament Details	What to Expect
<b>May 3, 2026</b> Check-In: 1:00-1:30 PM  Format: Recreational 18-Hole Doubles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friendly competition</li> <li>Prizes, snacks, and giveaways!</li> <li>First look at Kirchenwald's newest disc golf course</li> </ul>

Register with a partner or be randomly paired on the day of the event.

\$20 per player PLUS one non-perishable food item  
 All food donations will be given to a local food ministry.

lutherancamping.org/kwdgolf

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Please join us every Monday

At the Living Room

5:00pm-6:30pm

409 N State St

Ephrata, PA 17522

OR

At City Gate

7:00pm-9:00pm

Location: 100 E. Main St.

Ephrata, PA 17522

Are you struggling with a Hurt, Habit or Hangup?

Celebrate Recovery is a safe place for you to come!

For more information call 610-775-3667



**SEEKING SAFETY**

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE THAT SEEK SAFETY FROM TRAUMA AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE.

Seeking Safety is an evidence-based group therapy program that focuses on coping skills in the present moment for persons with past trauma and substance abuse.

Many people affected by trauma may turn to addictive behaviors to try to manage difficult feelings. Learn to navigate triggers and successfully build a life of safety, security and wellbeing. People do not share stories of their traumas, but instead look towards the future and practice new ways to cope, safely.

Seeking Safety is a free, open-enrollment group. Participants may join the group at any point, and receive a certificate after participating in 10 complete sessions. This program is open to the community.

Classes funded in part by the Lancaster County Children and Youth Agency.

## HELD YEAR-ROUND

Held Via Zoom

Wednesdays

7:00-8:00 p.m.

Registration is required – please do so at [www.cobys.org/family-support/programs-offered](http://www.cobys.org/family-support/programs-offered).



Questions? Contact [education@cobys.org](mailto:education@cobys.org) or 717-435-8139.

**Lighthouse YOUTH CENTER**

**Come join us at the Lighthouse Youth Center!**  
 Must be Cocalico School District Middle or High School students

**Youth Night: Tuesday 6:30pm - 8:30pm**  
 To register, go online at [realcs.org/youth-center](http://realcs.org/youth-center)  
 Or if you would like more information, call our office at 717.336.7797

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## IT'S FINALLY SPRING!



## DEAR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS,

SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH HAS AN ACTIVE "FUN" GROUP FOR YOU. COME JOIN US AT OUR NEXT ACTIVITY. ALL WELCOME

WHAT: LUNCH AT THE UDDER CHOICE RESTAURANT IN EPHRATA (Private room to the right of entrance, separate checks for lunch)

WHEN: THURSDAY APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> AT NOON

GUEST SPEAKER: MIDDLECREEK WILDLIFE REPRESENTATIVE

Please RSVP to email: [Swampwwsgroup@hotmail.com](mailto:Swampwwsgroup@hotmail.com) or call the Swamp church office at (717) 336-2849

# Community Events

Join us at Peter's Porch!



- 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am  
Faith United Lutheran Church  
357 Walnut Street  
Denver, PA 17517  
717.336.2141  
www.FaithUnited-elca.org
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am  
Lititz Mennonite Church  
165 East Front Street  
Lititz, PA 17543  
717.626.8327  
www.LititzMC.org
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am  
Zion Lutheran Church  
435 Main Street  
Akron, PA 17543  
717.859.2100  
www.ZionAkron.org
- 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday (STARTING 7/28/18), 8:00 - 10:00am  
Landis Valley Christian Fellowship Church  
2420 Kissel Hill Road  
Lancaster, PA 17601  
717.569.6051  
www.LandisValleyFellowship.org

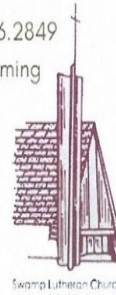
*Providing a free breakfast and a bag of food for our neighbors  
There is donated clothing at Lititz and Akron Peter Porches*

REINHOLDS, ADAMSTOWN AND SURROUNDING COCALICO AREA

## FOOD PANTRY

EASS has a satellite location at  
**Swamp Lutheran Church**  
every 2nd Wednesday of the month  
1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Call 717.733.0345 or 717.336.2849  
to let us know you are coming



## First Friday Food Drive

On the 1st Friday of each month  
Between 3pm - 5pm  
Drop off items at Warehouse 916

### FOOD ITEMS:

- Canned chicken
- Salsa (mild)
- Green Chilis (4 oz cans)
- Black olives
- Egg noodles (1 pound)
- Ramen Noodles
- Mushrooms
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Relish
- Gluten Free food items - soup, pasta.

### OTHER ITEMS:

- Body Wash
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Picnic products -
- Plates
- Napkins
- Cups
- Sun Screen



# REAL Life

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

We are a non-profit community services ministry serving Northern Lancaster County. We do everything possible to connect the community to Hope through partnerships, collaborations, and building purposeful relationships by meeting people's physical and emotional needs.

### What We Offer:

- Faith-Based Social Services
- Affordable Housing Units
- Homelessness Prevention
- Food Distribution
  - Power Packs
  - Client Choice Shopping
  - Emergency Food Boxes
- Momentum - a Youth Mentoring Program
- Young at Heart - a Program for those 60 and older
- Parent as Teacher (PAT) Program
- Operation Warm
- Project Christmas Presents
- Back to School Backpacks
- Volunteer Opportunities, and More...

Scan here to visit our website



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