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Springtime Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ!



FROM THE PASTOR

I hope you are all doing well. It is already that time of year when we are nearing the Easter season. This year our Lenten discussion group has been a success so far. We have enjoyed sharing our faith and thoughts on the Lenten devotional from the Lutheran Seminaries.

During Lent, one of our Gospels contains a story from Jesus where he reminds us that, "No one person's sin is worse than another's." (Luke) This may be both good news and difficult news for us. The Good News is that we are all seen the same in God's eyes. The frustrating part is that Jesus is proclaiming that we cannot do anything to be favored with God. This is very Lutheran though! We, of course, believe that God's love and grace for us are gifts - pure and simple. We cannot earn them. They are freely given to us through Christ as beloved children of God.

Sometimes we may wish certain people were not included. Sometimes we



may find ourselves extremely thankful for the "even playing field." Either way, Christ tells us that we are all sinners and yet Luther also tells us we are

also saints at the same time through God's promises to us of eternal life. -- Sinners and saints. Always human and always forgiven through Christ.

As we continue through Lent, we reflect and remember that it is about not being afraid to return to our Lord in prayer and

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relationship. God is with us and loves us beyond our imagination! Thanks be to God!

May the peace of our Lord be with you this Lenten and Easter season.

Peace,



Pastor Althea

Church Council Members

Neal Galbraith (*President*)

Louise Lundquist (*Vice President*)

Nancy Brightbill (*Secretary*)

Brad Bishop (*Church Treasurer*)

Kathy Bishop

Jay Brown

Karen Fitting

Pam Gainer

Heidi Gerver

Jessie Green

Renee Hunter

Lynn Kern

Henry Wampler



Committee Chair Persons

Worship & Music:

Paul Copenhaver

Finance:

Horace Ehrgood

Christian Education:

Elizabeth Hershey

Property:

Henry Wampler

Archives:

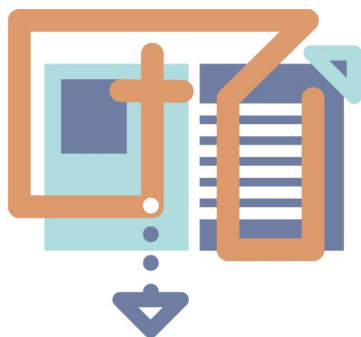
Wilma Miller

Social Ministry:

Jim Dibert

Social Activities:

Stephanie Kaylor



Find Out More on Sunday , April 13th



Healing and Anointing

There will be a service of Healing and Anointing on April 6th during worship. This will be a brief time for special prayer with Pastor Althea and anointing with the sign of the cross.



Calling ALL Youth 18 and under for the annual HTLC Egg Hunt!!! Join us in Luther's Place after Worship on Sunday, April 13th!



Council Notes

Highlights of Church Council Meeting, March 20, 2025

- The Bazaar Committee gave a total of \$9000 to the church. Split evenly between the Unified Budget and the Building & Maintenance fund.
- The final payment of \$3400 was made for the air conditioning in the Narthex. This payment came out of the Building/Maintenance fund.
- The month was positive at \$2288.12, but we are still behind by -\$3439.29 for the year so far.
- Discussion was held about passing the offering plates during the church services. This had stopped because of Covid. We currently have plates setting by the side entrance near the Baptismal Font as well as in the Narthex at the front doors. Several council members voiced their concerns that we may be missing collections by not physically passing the plates during service. It was mentioned that many church members pay online and/or they pay monthly; therefore, we do not want to offend anyone by passing a plate each week. It was decided that we pass the plates on a trial basis. There was concern about needing ushers to pass the plates. Council members agreed that there are several people in our choirs or husbands/wives that could pair up to usher together. Agreed that only 2 people are needed to usher. This will begin on April 6, 2025. Pastor will announce this at worship for two weeks prior to its start. We will revisit this at the end of the trial period.
- Healing Service will be April 6th with prayers and anointing.
- The Adult Sunday School class continues studying Luther's Small Catechism.
- Pastor is holding the Lunch and Learn during Lent each Wednesday at 12:00 noon. She reports that attendance has been great with a lot of good discussions.
- Personnel Committee has been formed. The committee is made up of Judy Cassel, Lynn Kern and Robert Snyder. They will meet on a Wednesday soon. Evaluations and reviews will be done on Sundays.
- Pastor is thinking about starting grief support/healing ministry. She is asking for some suggestions. She feels there is a lot of need for this type of ministry.
- The topic of safety/shooter training was mentioned. Discussion continued and Pastor mentioned that after Easter she will revisit the idea of providing training to church leaders, ushers, staff and members that are interested and set a date.
- Update on Christian Education for Youth – A meeting was held with teachers, Pastor, parents and youth on 2/23/25 to decide how to move forward with Sunday School. It was agreed by all at the meeting to have Sunday School once a month. This being on the first Sunday of each month. A fun activity along with a devotion will be held once a month as well.
- Volunteers for Greeters and Lectors are still needed. The sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Table.
- NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – Thursday May 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.



Church Treasurer's Financial Summary - February 2025

	Month of February	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date
Income	\$24,345	\$61,753	\$51,262
Expenses	(\$22,057)	(\$65,192)	(\$68,781)
Net Income	\$2,288	(\$3,439)	(\$17,518)

CHURCH COUNCIL 2025



(1st row) Kathy Bishop, Karen Fitting, Pastor Althea Seidel, Louise Lundquist, (2nd row) Heidi Gerver, Nancy Brightbill, Pam Gainer, Jessie Green, Renee Hunter, (3rd row) Lynn Kern, Henry Wampler, Neal Galbraith, Jay Brown



Alpine Valley (formerly Spang Crest) Needs Your Generosity!

As with most nursing homes, your generosity adds to our residents' lives and activity programming. Listed below are some of the typical prizes that our residents would choose to take off the prize cart. Any of these donations or any other items would be greatly appreciated.

- Kleenex (boxes and tissues packs)
- Candy (individually wrapped): sugar free hard and/or chocolate candy, hard candy
- Snack Foods: pretzel bags, snack packages, cookies, crackers (peanut butter or cheese)

- Jewelry (mainly long necklaces)
- Perfume and/or Cologne
- After Shave, Body Spray, and/or Hand Lotions
- Quarters to spend in the Gift Shop
- Adult Coloring Books & Colored Pencil Packs
- Small Notebooks (to write in)
- Small Stuffed Animals

For more information, please contact Marian Brandt at 717-273-4385. Donations can be placed in The Giving Place in the bin marked "Alpine Valley."



WORSHIP *with us*

April Worship Schedule

April 6, 13, 17*, 18*, 20, and 27

9:00 AM—Traditional Service

10:15 AM— Sunday School for
all ages



Online Worship Service:

Our online worship will continue to be available. You can find the service by going to <https://www.trinityleb.org/links>. Here you will find links to the live-stream, the bulletin, and the replay of the service so that you can watch at any time you wish during the week.

Inclement Weather Policy: If Church is going to be cancelled due to weather, it will be posted on our website page: www.trinityleb.org. Don't forget to refresh your browser when viewing the website. You can also find information on our Facebook page: facebook.com/htclebanonpa. The decision will be made by 7 p.m. the Saturday prior to service.

***April 17 & 18:** Services will be held at both 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Prayer Partners

If you would like your name added to the list for prayer, please call the church office, 717-273-8567 or email at stephanie@trinityleb.org.

If you no longer wish to be included in the prayer update list, please let the Church Office know to remove your name.

We ask our readers to include the following people in their prayers:

Becky, Bryan Albright, Barb Atwood, Bev Birch, The Family of Linda Blessing, Marian Brandt, Terry Clearwater, Deb Dobson, Susie Eckert, Dan Fox, Fred, Lohla, Mo Gockley, Mike and Nancy Hentz, Patty Hess, Joette Hollinger, Jamie Johnson, Jim & Judi Light, Rachel, The Family of Betty Reese, George Smith, Marie Smith, Ernie Thompson, Nancy Warner, and Mary Yeagley in our prayers.



Our Vision...Our mission is to grow in faith and discipleship, share the Good News of Jesus through word and deed, love others as Christ loves us, and celebrate life in Christ through worship, sacraments and service.

Our Mission...We are a community of believers who come together in:

✠ **Worship** to be transformed by the presence of Jesus Christ in and through God's gift of Word and Sacrament.

✠ **Christian Education** to deepen our faith and strengthen us in faithful service, trusting in the creative activity of the Holy Spirit.

✠ **Friendship** to celebrate our unity in Christ and sustain and nurture each other as we journey with Him in our day-to-day lives.

✠ **Stewardship** to gratefully use the time, talents and possessions we have been given in furthering our mission in response to Jesus' call and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

✠ **Evangelism** to share the Jesus story so that others may come to know God's reconciling grace and the peace, joy and hope that his divine grace gives.

✠ **Social Ministry** to respond to the spiritual, mental and physical needs of our neighbors and advocate for the poor, hungry and vulnerable peoples of the world.



Linda Blessing

March 20, 2025

Betty Reese

March 23, 2025





LCCM Food Bank Item

The items requested in April is **cold cereal and/or oatmeal**.

Items can be brought to the church at any time and placed in the red shopping cart labeled **"LCCM Food Bank"** located in THE GIVING PLACE (Arnold St. side annex of Luther's Place).

Please continue your generosity by continuing to donate to the Food Bank. Your donations are greatly needed and appreciated.

Donation Item

The items requested in April are **granola bars, bottled water and soap**.

Items can be brought to the church at any time and placed in the bin labeled **"SHARE & CARE"** located in THE GIVING PLACE (Arnold St. side annex of Luther's Place).



CAN YOU HELP?

Aluminum Can Collection

The church continues to collect aluminum cans for recycling. Please bring the aluminum cans (**rinsed & flattened**) to the church weekdays during church office hours, or bring them along to church, Sunday School, or any other church function. A container for them is located in THE GIVING PLACE (Arnold St. side annex of Luther's Place).

Medical Equipment & Supplies

We have a small lending "library" of equipment and new medical supplies that are available for use by members of Holy Trinity. Some of the items include: wheelchairs, shower chairs, medical bed, pads for beds, adult diapers, and more. These items are available at no cost to you. If you have a need or would like to donate an item, please contact the Church Office at 717-273-8567.



**The Lutheran Camping Corporation
of Central Pennsylvania**
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

Upcoming Events:

April 6: Summer Camp Open House at Kirchenwald and Nawakwa

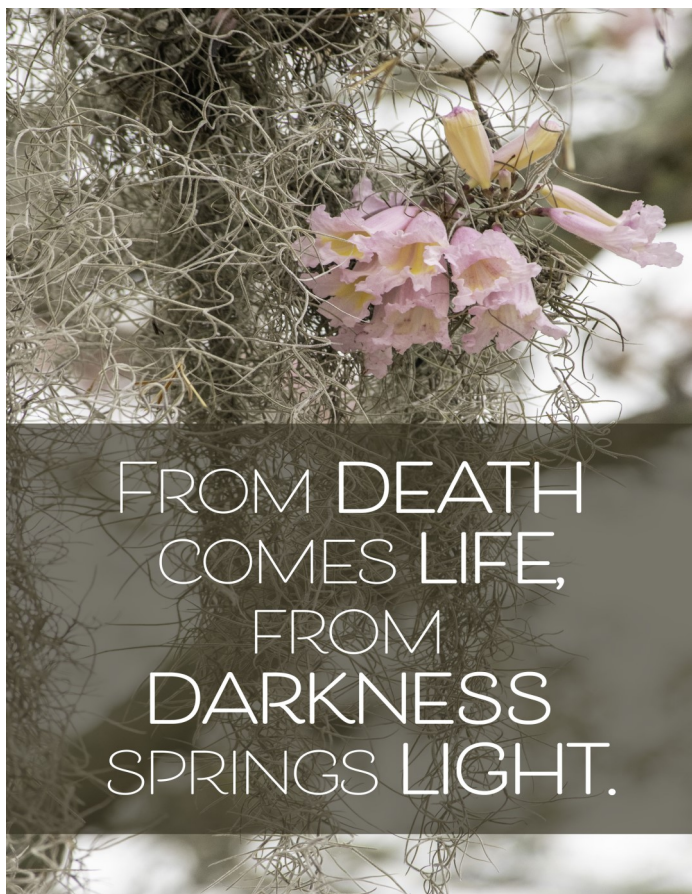
April 26: Work Day at Nawakwa

April 27: Earth Day Celebration at Kirchenwald

May 3: Work Day at Kirchenwald

May 18: Summer Camp Kick-off Worship & Picnic at Nawakwa

For more information, please visit:
www.lutherancamping.org





April 23 - Fire Ecology and History

Discover the benefits of good fire! Long made to be something to be afraid of, fire has been a natural constant on the landscape for thousands of years, shaping entire ecosystems. Brant Porter, Environmental Education Specialist for the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area, will discuss how the lack of fire for the last few centuries has caused us humans and the environment many problems, including wildfires. How the Game Commission uses fire as a management tool will also be discussed. All are welcome! Program starts at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Flowers

Brighten the day of one of our members, who are 80 flower for Easter! Sponsorships can be made in honor or memory of a loved one. The suggested donation is \$7.00 per mum. To donate, please include the name (s) of the individual(s) being honored/remembered and who is presenting the gift. Donations can be placed with your offering at Church or you can contact the Church Office at 717-273-8526 with the information or any questions. Deadline for submission is April 13.



GET YOUR GEAR TODAY!



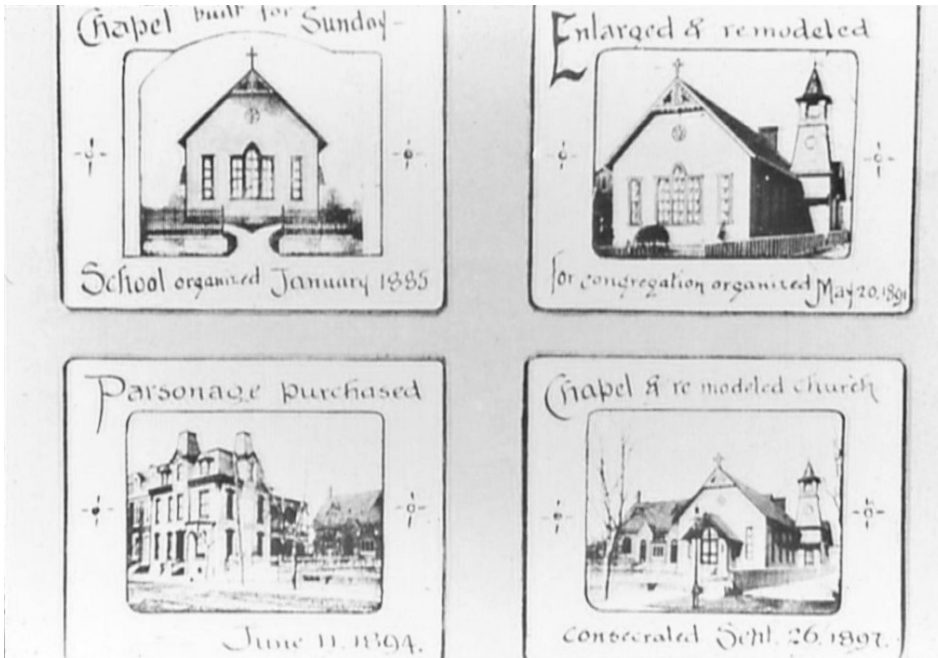
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your phone's camera!



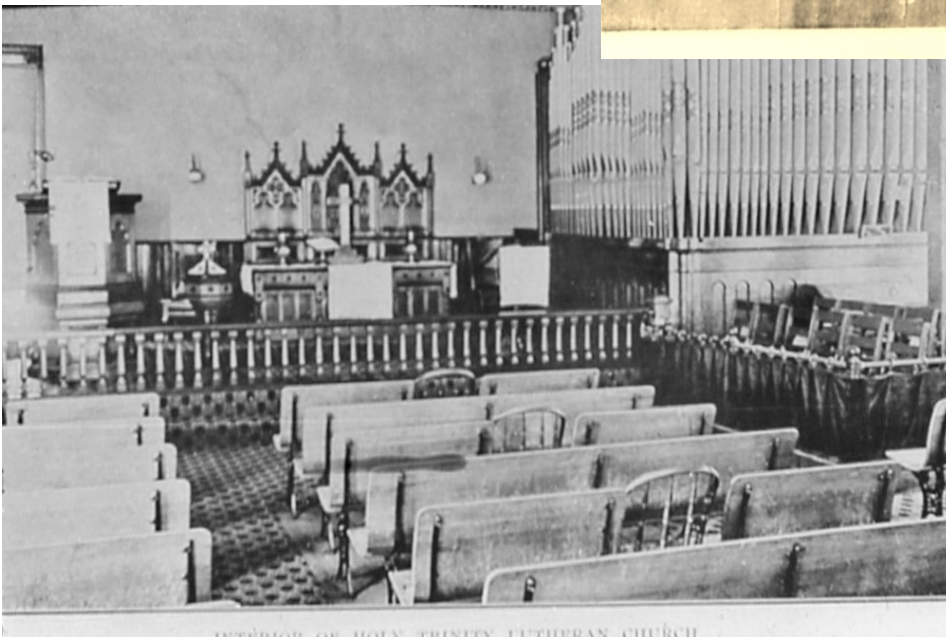
From the Archives: Building of the Church

*This is the first in a series of articles featuring the 1954 build.
The photos were graciously donated to Holy Trinity by the late, Jim Rittle.*



Illustrations of the Original Chapel and 1891-built Church

The 1891 Church



Inside "Old" Holy Trinity

50+ Festival: May 3rd

We will begin at 3 p.m. with a musical treat— Long Acre Hollow Bluegrass. The band features a hard driving, high energy, instrumental and vocal mix that will keep you on the edge of your seat. The band features senior fiddle player Emily Roeder, 14 year old multi-instrumentalist Izaak Schwartz on banjo, 12 year old Mollie Longenecker on fiddle/mandolin, and up and coming vocalist Cody Felty on 6-string.

The music will be followed by a late afternoon luncheon and fun filled activities in the Social Room.

For whippersnappers under 50, who are interested in attending, remember we don't require ID's to attend. You are welcome to join the "mature" generation at this event!

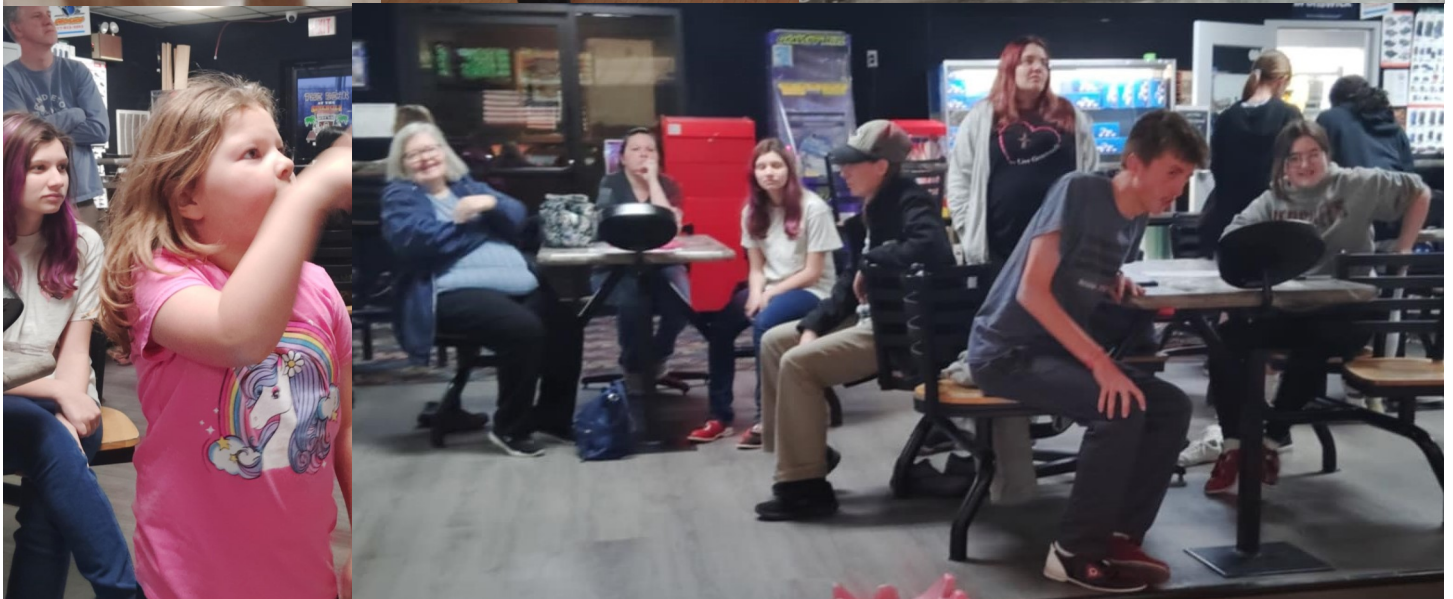
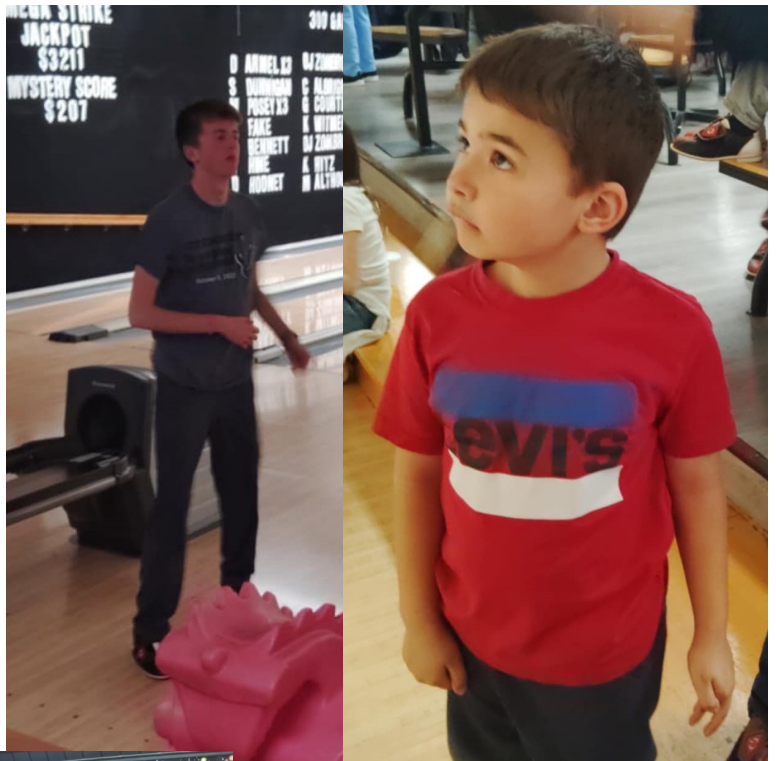
To help the committee plan for the luncheon, it requests that if you think you may be able to attend the 50+ Celebration, to sign the list headed 50+ Celebration found at either Welcome Table. Thank you!



On behalf of Holy Trinity Lutheran Women of ELCA I would like to thank you for your participation in our cleaning and household products drive for the Agape Shelter. Denise McDaniels and I delivered 16 cardboard boxes full of donated supplies to Cynthia Smith, Director of Agape, on March 14th. As a congregation we donated 53 rolls of paper towels, 115 rolls of toilet tissue, 27 packages of disinfecting wipes, 3 boxes of facial tissue, 274 tall kitchen trash bags, 122 extra large trash bags, 5 bottles of dishwashing liquid, 50 paper plates, 6 cleaning sponges, 2 bottles of furniture dusting spray, 2 containers of Comet, 1 bottle of window cleaner, 242 ounces of Lysol multisurface cleaner, 1 container of Febreze air mist, 3 bottles of Pine Sol and 1 container of toilet cleaner. Cynthia was very grateful for all the donations and very appreciative for Holy Trinity's continued support of the Agape Shelter's mission. As a WELCA representative I thank you for your generosity and support of this endeavor.

- Karen Weaver, WELCA Projects Chair











2 - Avery Gatto (*celebrating his 15th birthday*)
476 Olde Meadow Lane
Lebanon, PA 17042

Nancy Miller
1069 Horseshoe Circle
Lebanon, PA 17042

3 - Stephanie Kaylor
307 Lehman Street
Lebanon, PA 17046

8 - Ernest Thompson
1944 West Lehman Street
Lebanon, PA 17046

10 - Sherry Koons
203 Hummel Street
Hummelstown, PA 17036

11 - Henry Wampler
25 Stoneleigh Drive
Lebanon, PA 17042

12 - Carole Auman
720 Kimmerlings Road
Lebanon, PA 17046

LaRue Galbraith
6 Oak Lane
Manheim, PA 17545

13 - Trisha Springborn
1811 Martin Drive
Lebanon, PA 17046

15 - Bradley Bishop
2140 Walnut Street
Lebanon, PA 17042

18 - Barbara Baeckert
421 Weidman Street
Lebanon, PA 17046

21 - Nancy Albright
3 Timothy Avenue
Lebanon, PA 17042

27 - Scott Hentz
9 East Park Avenue
Myerstown, PA 17067

28 - Elmer "Moe" Gockley
1300 East Kercher Avenue, Lot 68
Myerstown, PA 17067

29 - London Seiders (*celebrating her 18th birthday*)
102 East High Street
Annville, PA 17003

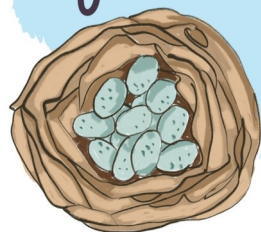
Please consider sending a card or giving them a phone call to celebrate their special day.



KIDS PAGE



Springing to LIFE



New life defines the season of spring. Make this Easter craft that symbolizes rebirth.

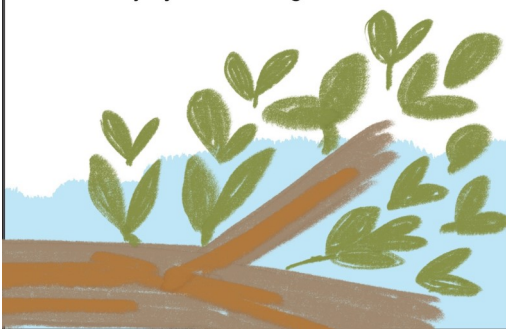
What you need:

- Brown paper lunch bag
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Jellybeans

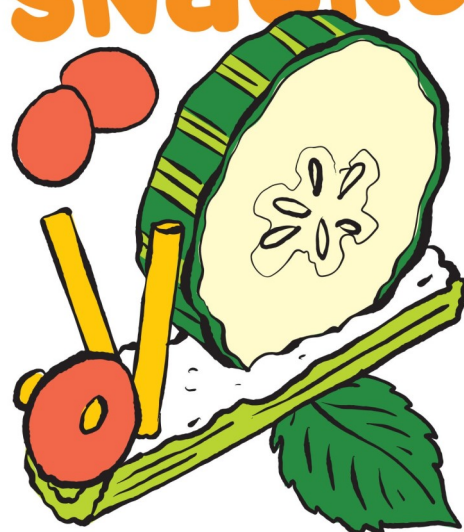


What you do:

1. From the bag's bottom, cut two 2-inch circles. Set aside.
2. From the sides, cut two 10-inch circles.
3. Draw a thin spiral on each large circle and cut along the lines. Crinkle spirals gently.
4. Starting at the center, wrap one spiral into a nest. Glue every few inches to hold it.
5. Glue one small circle to the bottom of the nest.
6. Repeat with the other spiral. Fill nests with jellybeans and give to a friend!



SPRINGTIME SNACKS



Whip up a plate of these cute, healthy treats!

What you need:

- Celery sticks
- Cherry tomatoes
- Cucumber circles
- Olives
- Cream cheese spread
- Fresh basil leaves (optional)
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Have an adult help you wash and cut the veggies.
2. Spread cream cheese inside the celery rods.
3. Place a cucumber circle upright in the cream cheese to make a bug body.
4. Add the tomato as a head.
5. Arrange basil leaves on a plate and place the veggie bugs on them.
6. Making different-shaped bugs with your favorite veggies. Enjoy!



Worship

Lectionary Readings

Sunday, April 6

5th Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16 - 21

Psalms 126

Philippians 3:4b - 14

John 12:1 - 8

Sunday, April 20

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter

Acts 10:34 - 43

Psalms 118:1 - 2, 14 - 24

1 Corinthians 15:19 - 26

Luke 24:1 - 12

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday

Luke 19:28 - 40

Isaiah 50:4 - 99

Psalms 31:9 - 16

Philippians 2:5 - 11

Luke 22:14 - 23:56

Sunday, April 27

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27 - 32

Psalms 118:14 - 29

Revelation 1:4 - 8

John 20:19 - 31

Thursday, April 17

Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1 - 4 [5 - 10] 11 - 14

Psalms 116: 1 - 2, 12 - 19

1 Corinthians 11:23 - 26

John 13:1 - 17, 31b - 35

Sunday, May 4

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1 - 6 [7 - 20]

Psalms 30

Revelation 5:11 - 14

John 21:1 - 19

Friday, April 18

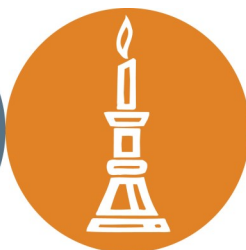
Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13 - 53: 12



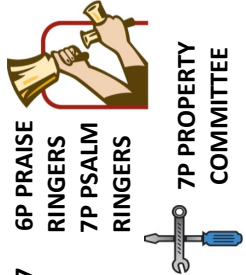













Psalms 22

Hebrews 10:16 - 25

John 18:1 - 19: 42



April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EVERY SUNDAY: 9:00AM Service of Holy Communion 10:30AM Sunday School	 DAY CARE MONDAY - FRIDAY 5A-6P	 7P SENIOR CHOIR	LUNCH and LEARN 12P LUNCH & LEARN 12P PRIVATE EVENT	3	4	5
6	7  6P PRAISE RINGERS 7P PSALM RINGERS 7P PROPERTY COMMITTEE	8  6P WORSHIP & MUSIC 7P SENIOR CHOIR	9 9A QUILTING AT ST. LUKES 12P LUNCH & LEARN 6:30P SOCIAL MINISTRY	10  6:30P MISSION TRIP	11	12
13  PALM SUNDAY	14  6P PRAISE RINGERS 7P PSALM RINGERS	15  NOON MEAL @LCCM 6:30P FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 7P SENIOR CHOIR	16 5:30P MENTOR A MOTHER MEETING 6P WELCA	17  MAUNDY THURSDAY 12P & 7P WORSHIP	18  GOOD FRIDAY 12P & 7P WORSHIP	19
20  EASTER SUNDAY	21  6P PRAISE RINGERS 7P PSALM RINGERS	22  7P SENIOR CHOIR	23 7P QUITAPAHILLA AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING	24	25	26
27	28  6P PRAISE RINGERS 7P PSALM RINGERS	29  7P SENIOR CHOIR	30		Look Ahead May 2025 1 Day of Prayer 11 Mother's Day 17 Armed Forces Day 26 Memorial Day	May 2025 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31