



# The Chronicles

APRIL 2017

A newsletter for the friends and family of Christ's Ev. Lutheran Church

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## He is not here. He is risen!

On Easter Sunday, it's easy to get caught up in the excitement of the moment without thinking about why we believe Jesus rose from the dead.

Of course, the Bible says that he did, and we accept the Bible as the Word of God. But think a bit further. If Jesus did not rise from the dead, the Christian faith is a foolish fantasy. It's the basis of our hope of life beyond the grave. Christ is alive, and the evidence is overwhelming.

Here are some of the reasons we can be so sure.:

1. Jesus predicted his resurrection: Matthew 16:21; Mark 9:9-10; John 2:18-22
2. The Old Testament prophesied it: Psalm 16:10; compare Acts 2:25-31; 13:33-37
3. The tomb was empty and the grave clothes vacant. If those who opposed Christ wished to silence his disciples, all they had to do was produce a body, but they could not: John 20:3-9
4. Many people saw the resurrected Christ. They looked on his face, touched him, heard his voice, and saw him eat: Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 24:13-39; John 20:11-29; John 21:1-9; Acts 1:6-11; and 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

5. The lives of the disciples were revolutionized. Though they fled and even denied Christ at the time of his arrest, they later feared no one in their proclamation of the risen Christ Matthew 26:56, 69-75
6. The church grew with an unwavering conviction that Christ had risen and was the Lord of the church: Acts 4:33; and 5:30-32
7. Men and women today testify that the power of the risen Christ has transformed their lives. We know that Jesus is alive not only because of the historical and biblical evidence but also because he has miraculously touched our lives.

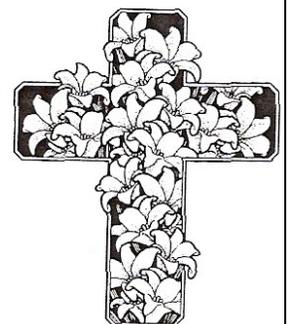
*"He is not here. He is risen!"*  
Thanks be to God.

Prayer:

O God, today we rejoice in your power that raised Christ Jesus from the grave. Because he lives, I, too, live. May I live today in conscious gratitude for the empty tomb! Amen.

With gratitude for all of you & the ways in which God continues to touch our lives,

*Pastor  
Carol*



## Join us for

- ◆ Sunday Worship 9am
- ◆ Over 60 Dinner on Sat., April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm
- ◆ Easter Candy Sale: Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Easter Sunrise Worship at 6am on April 16<sup>th</sup> in the Memorial Garden
- ◆ Holy Humor Sunday Worship 9am on Apr. 30<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ FEAST Pantry Open: Tuesdays 11am-2pm  
3rd Tuesdays 4-7pm and 3rd Saturdays 11am-1pm



# INREACH Committee



The *INreach* Committee will meet on **Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm.** All interested folks are invited to attend!

# Financial Report



## February Statistics

### MONTHLY

February Offerings (and other income)	\$8,916.77
February Expenses	\$12,286.78
<b>SHORTFALL (—)</b>	<b>\$4,090.01</b>

### YEAR TO DATE

Income	\$15,242.
Expenses	\$24,606.
<b>SHORTFALL (—)</b>	<b>\$9,364.</b>

For the month of February we had a deficit of \$4,090, which is almost \$900 more than this time last year. The year-to-date deficit is \$9,364, which is almost \$1,900 more than last year at this time. Once again, our income did not support our regular, budgeted expense. We ask for your continued help in supporting our church.

Yours in Christ,  
 Brian Fenstermacher  
 Treasurer



**THRIVENT FINANCIAL®**

*Connecting faith & finances for good.™*

Thrivent Financial has been and hopefully will continue to be a source of funding for our church. We have received funding from Thrivent in a few ways.

Choice Dollars are funds available to Thrivent members that have certain types of insurance. Members need to direct their choice dollars each time Thrivent gives them to them. I don't think you can automatically have them always directed to Christ's Lutheran Church. The other thing to be aware of is that these dollars expire after a period of time. If you have the required Thrivent insurance policy and receive choice dollars, I encourage you to check that your choice dollars have been directed and that they are not expiring.

In the past the church was able to apply for funding for events and fundraisers and Thrivent would directly send the church money. Thrivent has changed this policy. The church can no longer apply for funding. Instead, Thrivent has created Action teams. Thrivent Benefit Members can apply for two \$250 Visa gift cards per calendar year to fund activities and fundraising events. It is easier to be a Benefit Member than it is to receive choice dollars. Associate Members can apply for one \$250 Visa gift card per calendar year. You can become an Associate member by purchasing any product from Thrivent or by paying an annual fee of \$19.95. Applying for the Action Team cards can only be done on the internet through the Thrivent website at:

[www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams/](http://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams/)

You need to create an on-line Thrivent account. If you don't have on-line internet access, ask other members of the church to help you. Please contact Brian Fenstermacher for further information and assistance. In order for the church to continue to receive funding from Thrivent, we need our Thrivent members to help.

Yours in Christ  
 Brian Fenstermacher  
 Treasurer

## Lawn Mowers Needed

If you are able to help in mowing the church lawn, please sign up for a week.

A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the Narthex. A copy of our lawn-mowing procedure is available from the church office. We are also offering the option to pay for mowing; this can be arranged with Paul Gerhart, Jr.

If you have any questions, please speak with Brian Fenstermacher or Paul Gerhart Jr.



The Finance Committee is looking for volunteers for the

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

to review two random months of income and expenditures for 2016.

If these are in order, this will complete our synod required audit. This needs to be done by June.

If you can help, please call Brian Fenstermacher at 215-529-9118!



Please Keep the Aluminum Cans coming! The bin has moved to between the shed & the paper dumpsters. The money is used for property expenses.

Thanks for your help!

# OUTREACH Committee



Parish Life



Social Ministry Team Stitches of Love 

The **OUTreach Committee** will meet on **Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00pm.**  
All interested folks are invited to attend!



## News!

We service more than 75 families in the month of February and welcomed 1 new family with three small children and 2 new senior citizens.

We are making plans for Easter to again providing holiday baskets for all to enjoy a wonderful meal. I would like to make a few suggestions for donations that would help fill these baskets!!

- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly - all varieties
- Canned fruit - all varieties
- Applesauce
- Mayonnaise - 16 oz. size
- Condiments
- 1 lb. boxes of granulated sugar
- Vegetable oil
- Snacks for children and adults
- Canned meats
- Soups, condensed for cooking
- Diapers, sizes 4 and infants
- Diaper wipes
- White Rice
- Side dishes
- Dishwashing Liquid
- Liquid hand soap
- Soap - bathing
- Cat Food - dry and canned

The Pantry is open every Tuesday (11am to 2pm); the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday (4-7pm) and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month (10am to 12noon). If you're interested in helping, contact Deb Nace (gonace@comcast.net) or Bernadette Secreto (bernsec@yahoo.com).

Thank you for your continued support of OUR Pantry!

Bernadette Secreto  
F.E.A.S.T. Pantry Coordinator



# Evangelism

The Committee on Evangelism, . . . shall try to restore those who have lapsed from active membership, bring new members into the fellowship of the church, and recruit, equip, & support members of the congregation for these activities . . .



In honor of all our Easter Candy...

## Prayer of Confection

God, we are grateful for this **SWEET** life you have given to us; it is **BON BON**.  
Forgive us when we **FUDGE** the truth,  
**CANDY COAT** issues of injustice, and do not live according to your **RECIPE** for a faithful life.

We are grateful that you don't **DESSERT** us when we are tempted to **WAFFLE** in our choices, or are in a **JAM**.

Help us to choose the right path.

We know that your realm is like an **UPSIDE DOWN CAKE**, where the first are last and the last first.

Help us to live according to your ways which are "**SWEETER** also than **HONEY**, and dripping of the **HONEYCOMB**."

Trusting in your love, we offer our confessions and longings, **PRALINE** in the name of Jesus, the Christ.  
Amen.

In the **SWEET** name of Jesus,

Nicole DeReiter  
Evangelism Chairperson





# Quilters & STITCHES OF LOVE



The **Quilters** and the **Stitches of Love** groups meet together! They meet on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday** of each month at **7pm**. They usually meet for about 1 to 2 hours at the most.

Whether you like to quilt, knit, crochet, or sew, you are welcome! Even if you don't know how to do any of these things, but are willing to learn, you are welcome!

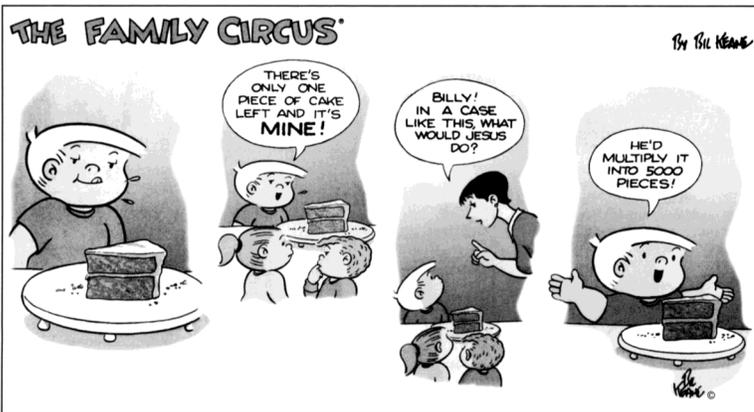
ALL interested folks are welcome to join them no experience is necessary!

The next Quilters & Stitches of Love gatherings: **Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**



Please make the following update to your church directory...

**Amanda Beck & Steven DiCarlantonio**  
 (Mya & Michael) 267-354-1187  
 PO Box 111  
 Trumbauersville, PA 18970



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## COFFEE HOUR

*Sponsors are needed for May!*  
 For more information, please speak with June Grove or Ellen Brown.

## Coffee Hour Sponsors!

- April 2 Jean Vandegrift
- April 9 Milestone Ministry
- April 16 Easter Breakfast
- April 26 Brown/Trainer
- April 30 Youth Group
- May 7 Jean Vandegrift
- May 14 Sponsor Needed!
- May 21 Sponsor Needed!
- May 28 Sponsor Needed!



To sponsor a coffee hour means: set up, baking (or buying) goodies, and clean up. If you have any questions, ask Ellen Brown or June Grove.



## GIANT GIFT CARDS Cash for Causes

Thanks to all who participated in our Giant Gift Card Program. All monies received through this program benefit our social ministry projects. We'll continue to participate each month (see the order dates below). The purchaser receives the FULL value of the gift card and the church receives 5%! Money is due upon receipt of the gift card. A sign-up sheet is located on the Narthex bulletin board.

Order by	Pick Up at Church
April 30	May 7
May 28	June 4
June 25	July 2

For more information, speak with Deb Nace.



In 2018 Christ's Ev. Lutheran Church will be honoring a monumental 250 years of Ministry in Trumbauersville! This is certainly a milestone to be celebrated! Our next meeting

will be held on **Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**

All are welcome!

We need everyone's ideas to make this a wonderful and memorable year-long celebration!

For more information, please speak with Pastor.



## 2017 Drive-In Movies! Friday Nights at Dusk



Fri., June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sing (PG)
Fri., June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sully (PG-13)
Fri., June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Jungle Book (PG)
Fri., July 7 <sup>th</sup>	The Secret Life of Pets (PG)
Fri., July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Hidden Figures (PG)
Fri., July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Finding Dory (PG)
Fri., July 28 <sup>th</sup>	The Shack (PG-13)
Fri., Aug. 4 <sup>th</sup> *	Moana (PG)
Fri., Aug. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13)
Fri., Aug. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Zootopia (PG)

\*Please join us on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> for a Community Picnic before the movie! The church will provide hot dogs, corn on the cob & drinks. Everyone else is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share!

## LOAVES & FISHES

**Quakertown Ministerium**  
**FREE Community Dinner**  
**April 6<sup>th</sup>\* at 5:45pm**  
(Doors open at 5:15pm - \*2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of this month)  
at  
**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Hellertown Ave., Quakertown



**Community Flea Market!**  
**June 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**8am — 2pm**  
in our Church  
Parking Lot



**FEAST Board Meeting**  
**Sat., May 20<sup>th</sup>**  
9:30am in Fellowship Hall

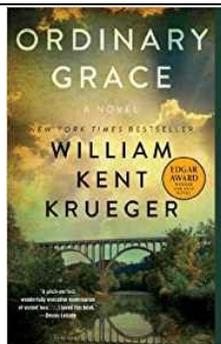


### May Book Club:

### Ordinary Grace

by William Kent Krueger  
Wednesdays in May at 7:30pm  
May 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

Books available in the narthex for \$10.



New Bremen, Minnesota, 1961. The Twins were playing their debut season, ice-cold root beers were selling out at the soda counter of Halderson's Drugstore, and Hot Stuff comic books were a mainstay on every barbershop magazine rack. It was a time of innocence and hope for a country with a new, young president. But for thirteen-year-old Frank Drum it was a grim summer in which death visited frequently and assumed many forms. Accident. Nature. Suicide. Murder.

Frank begins the season preoccupied with the concerns of any teenage boy, but when tragedy unexpectedly strikes his family—which includes his Methodist minister father; his passionate, artistic mother; Juilliard-bound older sister; and wise-beyond-his-years kid brother—he finds himself thrust into an adult world full of secrets, lies, adultery, and betrayal, suddenly called upon to demonstrate a maturity and gumption beyond his years.

Told from Frank's perspective forty years after that fateful summer, Ordinary Grace is a brilliantly moving account of a boy standing at the door of his young manhood, trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him. It is an unforgettable novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God.

### Scrapbooking

April 21<sup>st</sup> (5pm – 12am)  
to April 22<sup>nd</sup> (9am-4pm)



**Cost:** Freewill donation for the Church  
**Includes:** 1/2 of an 8' table

Please bring a snack to share  
(Please sign up for a snack so we don't have duplicates)  
Bring your own dinner & lunch for each day.

You do **NOT** need to bring a cutting system.  
Erika will have her Cricut (12x12).  
Feel free to bring your cartridges  
and a 12x12 mat, if you have any.

**Bring:** your photos, albums, pages, adhesives,  
personal trimmers, paper, etc.

**To register:** call Erika Krauthauser  
at 267-772-0378

We have limited space!



# UPREACH Committee



The **UPreach Committee** will meet on **Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm.**  
All interested folks are invited to attend!



## February Worship Statistics

### Average Sunday Worship Attendance

February	46
Year 2017	43

# Save the Dates!

## Vacation Bible School 2017

VBS will be held from  
**July 31 — August 4, 2017**  
9am — 12noon



Confirmation Class will be held on **Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>** at 4:30pm in the church library. For more information, speak with Pastor Carolann.

## Mark your calendars!

On **Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>** we will offer a **Renewal of Marriage Vows** during worship!

For more information, please speak with Pastor.



## Holy Humor Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 9am

The youth of our congregation will lead us in this delightful worship service.

Please join us!

**Holy Humor Practice**  
Sat., April 29<sup>th</sup> at 12pm



## Girl Scouts.

The **Girl Scouts** meet at our church on **Monday nights** at 7:00pm.

The girl scouts will also be making hoagies in the fellowship hall on **Sat., May 20<sup>th</sup> (7am-9:30am)**

## Bulletin Sponsors

are needed for

**May 28<sup>th</sup>**

**June 25<sup>th</sup>!**

Cost is \$17.50. Please help if you can.



The **Jr. Girl Scout Troop** meets at our church on the **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday nights** at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall.

## BULLETIN SPONSORS



- Apr. 2 **Jean Vandegrift** in loving honor of her daughter, **Sonja Shearer's Birthday**
- Apr. 9 **Gram & Poppy Stump** in loving honor of their grandchildren, **Madison, CJ & Jacob Stump's Birthdays**
- Apr. 13 **Pastor Carolann Hopcke** in loving memory of her father, **Henry**
- Apr. 14 **Pastor Carolann Hopcke** in loving memory of her mother, **Gloria**
- Apr. 16 **Pastor Carolann Hopcke** in loving memory of her friends, **Sharon Fox and Linda Simkanin**
- Apr. 23 **Russ & Cathy Heller** in loving honor of their granddaughter, **Morgan's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday**
- Apr. 30 **Jack & June Grove** in loving honor of their granddaughter, **Savannah's Birthday**

## YOUTH GROUP

Youth group is for those in grades 6-12.



Join us on the following days:

Sun., Apr. 2	4:30pm	Confirmation Class
Sat., Apr. 8	9:00am	Easter Candy Sale
Sun., Apr. 9	9:00am	Palm Sunday Worship
Thur., Apr. 13	7:00pm	Maundy Thurs. Worship
Fri., Apr. 14	3:00pm	Cross Walk
	7:00pm	Good Fri. Worship
Sun., Apr. 16	6:00am	Easter Sunrise Service
	9:00am	Easter Worship
	10:30am	Easter Breakfast
	after breakfast	Egg Hunt
Sat., Apr. 29	12:00pm	Holy Humor Practice
Sun., Apr. 30	9:00am	Holy Humor Sunday
	4:30pm	Confirmation Class

For more information, speak with Pastor Carolann

## ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS



- Apr. 2 **Dick & Ruth Ann Stump** in loving honor of their son, **Chris Stump & Family's Birthdays**
- Apr. 9 **Lois Sweigart** in loving honor of her husband, **Larry's Birthday**
- Apr. 16 **Andy & Emilia Hosier** in loving honor of the many nice folks who helped **Andy grow in faith as a child**
- Apr. 23 **Donna Brader & Family** in loving memory of her parents, **Arlene & David Price**
- Apr. 30 **Larry & Lois Sweigart** in loving honor of their grandchildren's birthdays

## HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<b>April 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
	Worship & First Communion	9:00am
	Sunday School	10:30am
<b>April 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	
	Worship w/ Holy Communion	7:00pm
<b>April 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	
	Ecumenical Worship	12:00pm
	at First UCC, Q-town	
	Cross Walk in Trumbauersville	3:00pm
	Tenebrae Worship (Here)	7:00pm
<b>April 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Morning</b>	
	Sunrise Worship w/ Communion	6:00am
	Easter Worship w/ Communion	9:00am
	Easter Breakfast	10:30am
	Children's Celebration	after breakfast

**Easter Flower  
Orders Due  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>**





# Corner

" I AM THANKFUL ....."

# President's

A few sermons back Pastor Carolann proposed to us a different way of answering when someone asks us "How are you doing?" Usually we say something like "fine", "okay", "doing well" or we give a ten minute oration about our latest illness. Pastor suggested that you answer by saying, " I am thankful! " and then explain what you are thankful for.

As I write this message, I am thankful for all the effort put forth by the members and friends of Christ Lutheran gave in donating their time, money, skills and companionship to make this year's Easter Candy Sale happen in many ways. I know there were a lot of others who also wanted to help in the candy process, but the actual candy-making was during the day when many people were at work. Thank God for retired people!

On the days I could help, I marveled how each time a group of volunteers would show up and easily blend together to get the day's work completed. I also witnessed how many different jobs were involved in the candy process. From my view-point, here were the different types that worked together to get the job done:

- |                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Donators                 | Mixers            |
| Dippers (Big and Little) | Molders           |
| Boxers                   | Baggers           |
| 'Gophers'                | Green Bay Packers |
| Cleaners                 | Buyers            |
| Sellers                  |                   |

And my favorite group - The Holy Rollers, who rolled candy-dough into 'golden ' eggs.

We all understand that the Candy Sale is a very important project that enables our church to continue doing the many wonderful things Christ's Lutheran does for our church and our community. Thank you for helping and supporting our church!

Yours in Christ,  
Bob Hosier

## Vera Bradley & 31 Bingo!



Christ's Lutheran Church, Trumbauersville and the John Rivers Memorial VFW Post #11322, Q-town is hosting a Vera Bradley & thirty-one Bingo on Friday, May 12, 2017 at the Trumbauersville Fire Co. We need local individuals, organizations & businesses to sponsor the bingo prizes. All the names of sponsors will be prominently displayed in the bingo hall as well as on the prizes themselves. The value of each bag or purse ranges from \$40 to \$100.

To donate a bag or purse, complete the form and send it with your check to

**Christ's Lutheran Church, PO Box 569,  
Trumbauersville, PA 18970.**

Checks should be made payable to:  
**Christ's Lutheran Church**

Deadline to sponsor a prize is May 7, 2017.

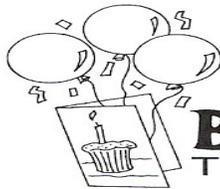
I would like to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_.00 to support the Christ's Lutheran Church and John Rivers Memorial VFW Post #11322 Bingo.

Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

In loving memory/honor of: (circle one)

**Don't forget — our Vera Bradley & 31 Bingo will be May 12<sup>th</sup> at Trumbauersville Fire House**

THANKS for all your support!



## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH



- 1<sup>st</sup> Steven DiCarlantonio
- John Herzstein, III
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sonja Shearer
- Deborah Stauffer
- 3<sup>rd</sup> David Brader
- 5<sup>th</sup> Nichole Mallery
- 7<sup>th</sup> Dick Stump
- 8<sup>th</sup> Phyllis Fox

- 8<sup>th</sup> George Koschorreck
- 12<sup>th</sup> Larry Sweigart
- 15<sup>th</sup> Joe Keim
- 16<sup>th</sup> Shane Burgher
- 18<sup>th</sup> Richard Bambu
- 20<sup>th</sup> Janet Griffith
- Annabelle Reith
- 21<sup>st</sup> Arie Rickert

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Michele Daley
- Andy Hosier
- 28<sup>th</sup> Jacob Seifert
- 29<sup>th</sup> Mike Griffith
- 30<sup>th</sup> Brighid Sweigart



## Good Friday Cross Walk April 14<sup>th</sup> at 3pm



On Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, we will carry a cross through Trumbauersville. We will stop at various points in town for prayer and scripture reading. Everyone will be given the opportunity to carry the cross, if they want. We will begin and end at Christ's Lutheran.

For more information, please speak with Nicole DeReiter, Evangelism Chairperson



## Holy Humor Sunday

Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

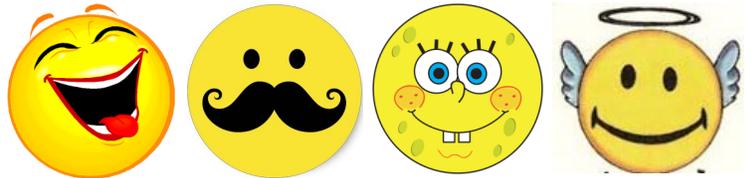
9am Worship

Join us as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection with joy and laughter on **Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>!** Holy Humor Sunday gives us an opportunity to continue the spirit of rejoicing as we come to an even deeper understanding of the risen Lord through our encounter with humor in worship!

This is a **NO EXCUSE** Sunday because:

- ☺ Pillows will be placed in the pews for those who say "Sunday is my only day to sleep in."
- ☺ We will have hard hats for those who say, "The roof would cave-in if I ever came to church!"
- ☺ We'll have blankets for those who say it's too cold and fans for those who say it's too hot.
- ☺ Doctors and nurses will be in attendance for those who plan to be sick on Sunday.
- ☺ We'll open the windows for those who like to seek God in nature.
- ☺ There will be TV dinners for those who can't go to church and cook dinner too.
- ☺ Golf clubs will be available for practice swings for those who like to golf on Sunday.
- ☺ Finally, we'll try to find a Christmas poinsettia or an Easter lily for those who have never seen the church without them.

Bring your sense of humor and join us for a celebration of God's love shown in the miracle of the resurrection. This is the time to express our joy and share our laughter, for as mother Teresa said: "Joy is prayer. Joy is strength. Joy is love. The best way to show my gratitude to God is to accept everything, even my problems, with joy. Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget for one moment the joy of Christ risen!"



## Easter Sunrise Worship Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00am at Christ's Lutheran Memorial Garden!



## Easter Sunday April 16, 2017

Our annual Easter Breakfast is set for Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> in our fellowship hall. It will take place after the 9am worship. A sign-up sheet is posted in the narthex with suggestions for food donations.

## Easter Egg Hunt

All children are invited to join the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. The younger children will hunt in the sanctuary and the older children will participate in a treasure hunt on church property. We'll gather after the Breakfast.

All children are welcome!



Egg Hunt for Kids

## Flower Sponsors are Needed for May 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June 25<sup>th</sup>

Cost is \$17.50 for 1 vase  
or \$35 for both vases.



## CELC & VFW Bag Bingo Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

at the  
**Trumbauersville  
Fire Co.**

Doors open at 6pm  
Games begin at 7pm

**Prizes:** Vera Bradley & thirty-one bags/purses  
For tickets, call the church (215-536-3193)  
or Paul Gerhart (215-536-4043)



### BINGO

15	28	37	51	73
6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72



## PEOPLE SPOTS

### Erika Krauthauser

Erika was born in Livingston, NJ to Edward and Irena Matushewsky. She lived in Bridgewater, NJ for her childhood years. She attended DeSales University where she received her Bachelors in Computer Science with a minor in Business Administration. She met Paul Krauthauser during her education at the University.

When she graduated, she went back to her home town and had several jobs in Website Design and Database Programming. In 2001, Erika and Paul got married in the chapel at DeSales University. The two of them lived in Hatfield for a year while Erika commuted to Philadelphia, working as a Statistical Administrator.

A year later they moved to Richlandtown where Erika was a caregiver to Paul's Dad and then later to both his parents. She worked in retail on and off for many years and loved it, but was conflicted by the weekend hours that are expected when you work in retail (as that took time away from family).

In 2006, Erika and Paul had a baby girl named Allison. Soon after, Erika became a member and later President of the local MOMS Club Chapter, where she met several of her lifelong friends.

In 2010, Erika partnered with a friend to co-own a scrapbooking store in Hellertown.

After the closing of her store in 2013, she became a Certified Dr. Sears L.E.A.N. Health Coach and loves to teach others the importance of good nutrition, especially young children. Erika also loves to learn and teach classes on the mind and body connection and how when we hold on to certain emotions for too long, they can manifest into illness.

Erika is currently helping with her daughter's 5<sup>th</sup> grade yearbook and planning the 5<sup>th</sup> grade party.

Erika loves animals and has adopted 5 cats, 2 of which are now 6 months old. She has 2 Cavalier King Charles Spaniels which she loves to snuggle with for a quick nap.

Erika loves to watch her daughter dance, spend time with her pets, play cards with her family, read, crochet, swim, paddle board, scrapbook, and try new things.

Erika and her family became members of Christ's Lutheran Church in 2013. She is currently on the Church Council and is assisting with the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year Book and will be helping with this year's Pictorial Book. She organizes and teaches crafts during Vacation Bible School and helps with the audio and visual equipment during the Drive-In Movies. She's also a valuable member of the Bells of Blessings Choir.

*Thank you Erika for your volunteer work at Christ's Lutheran!*

Lovingly submitted by  
Paul Krauthauser



### Bells of Blessings Handbell Choir

The Bells will be playing in Church on **Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**!

As always, we invite you to come out and join us for fun, fellowship, and perhaps a little learning too! We will **rehearse at 7pm on: Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**. For more information, please speak with Marguerite Wilkins or Cathy Heller.



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**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**



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 Lester Fox  
 Clyde & Vicky Griffin  
 Joan  
 Kim Mallery  
 Anne Nestor  
 Christy Phillips  
 Miriam Rumberger  
 Barry Scholl  
 Delaney Sturm

Dorothy Brinkman  
 Hilda Deily  
 Jessie Fluck  
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 Jillian Ruscavage  
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 Larry Grake  
 Nancy Hepler  
 Penny Jones  
 Betty Nace  
 Walter Orlovski  
 George & Mary Roberts  
 Miriam Schaub  
 Cathleen Stewart  
 Bob Wilkins



**Our Military Personnel:**

Nicholas Bitting, Adam Cartright, Zachary Gerhart,  
 Cody Hotter, Josh McCarty, Elliot Stauffer,  
 Tobin Stauffer, Christine Taylor, and Matt Toft

People will remain on the prayer list for a month.  
 Please notify the church office if someone needs to be included beyond that time.  
 It's helpful to use prayer list forms.

**Synod Delegate Update!**



The churches of the Southeastern PA Synod (the five county Philadelphia area) gather in assembly for fellowship and to conduct the business of the church. We will be represented by 3 delegates: the pastor, Deb Nace & Susan Trainer. Deb can only go on Friday. If there is someone who is able to go on Saturday, please let Pastor or Bob Hosier know.

This year's assembly will take place on **Friday and Saturday, May 6-7 in Franconia.** The congregation pays for the registration fee which includes meals.

**New Organ Update!**

Thanks to generous donations, we have raised what we need for the new organ! It will be ordered by the end of April (before the price increase in May). We expect delivery and installation by the end of the fall with its dedication in January as we begin our 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary year!



CHURCH COUNCIL  
 WILL MEET ON  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>**  
**AT 10:45AM.**

Bible Quiz Answer:  
 E (See John 20:24, NIV and ESV.)



Puzzle Answer:  
 In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3, NIV)

**Drive-In Movie Help needed!**

We can always use help running the movies & the concession stands at our drive-in movies. If you'd like to help, please sign-up or speak with Evangelism Chairperson, Nicole DeReiter.

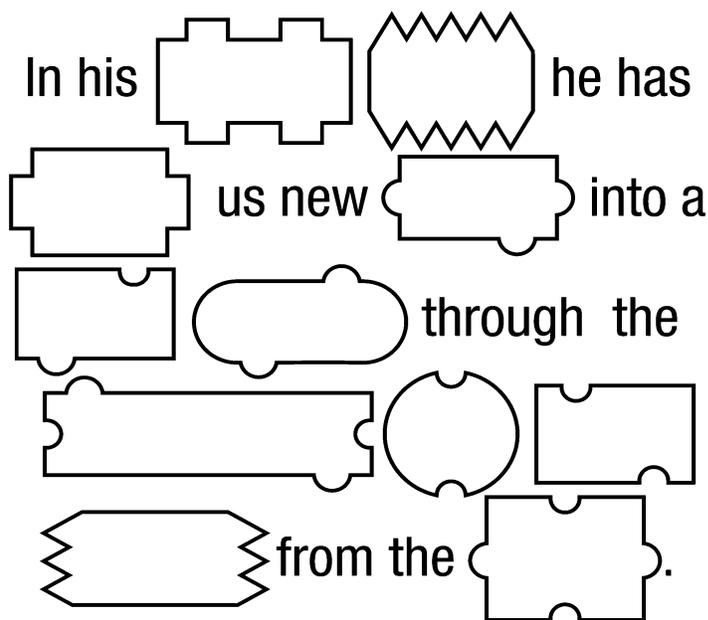
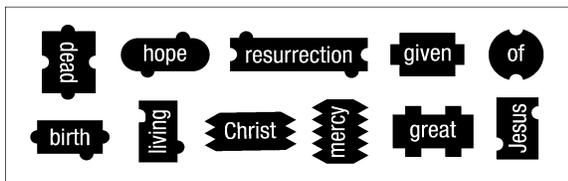




# > NEW LIFE <

How did God work through Jesus to give us new life at Easter?

*Directions: Use the puzzle pieces from the box to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.*



1 P E T E R 1 : 3 , N I V

## JESUS IS RISEN!

When Jesus' disciples saw that the stone was rolled away from his tomb, they knew he had risen. Make a moveable tomb to celebrate Easter.

### What you need:

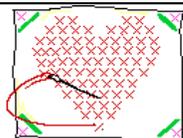
- 4 pieces of paper (brown, blue, black, yellow)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Brad fastener
- Marker



### What you do:

1. Fold the brown paper in half, short side to short side. Cut along the fold. On one half, draw and cut out a large half-circle (the tomb). On the other, draw and cut out a palm-sized circle (the stone).
2. Glue the brown paper onto the blue paper.
3. Cut a black circle (the inside of the tomb) the same size as the brown stone and glue it onto the brown tomb.
4. Place the brown stone over the black half-circle; this is the entrance. Push the brad through one edge so the stone can move from side to side.
5. Cut out a cross from the yellow paper and glue it by the tomb.
6. Write "Jesus is risen!" atop the blue paper.

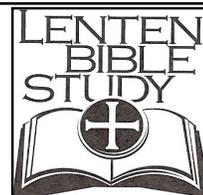
## Stitches of Love



Stitches of Love is running low on **Prayer Shawls**. If you are able to help, the church has plenty of yarn! Any pattern you like will work! Simply make a shawl & bring it to the church!

Thanks for your help with this important ministry!

## Lenten Bible Study Sunday Mornings after worship



Join us each Sunday for the study: **We Preach Christ Crucified.**

- April 2      *Father, Glorify Your Son*
- April 9      *The Living One*

**All are welcome to join us!**



**HOMEMADE  
EASTER CANDY  
Pre-Order SALE**



- Long Pretzel Rods bag of 3 / \$2.50  
Milk, Dark, White or PB Chocolate
- Snap Pretzels bag of 10 / \$1.00  
with Chocolate & M&M
- Butter Cream Eggs 6 / \$4.00  
Milk, Dark, or White Chocolate
- Coconut Eggs 6 / \$4.00  
Milk, Dark, or White Chocolate
- Peanut Butter Eggs 6 / \$4.00  
Milk, Dark, or White Chocolate
- Choc. Covered Cherries 6 / \$3.00  
Milk, Dark, or White Chocolate
- Chocolate Covered Peeps  
Milk or Dark Choc. Chicks 6 / \$3.00  
Milk or Dark Choc. Bunnies 8 / \$3.00
- Chocolate Covered Oreos 2 / \$2.00  
Milk, Dark, White or PB Chocolate

Order forms are on the narthex bulletin board or you may call the church at 215-536-3193 to pre-order. Please help us by distributing pre-order forms to all your friends & family!

*On Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, a rose was placed on the altar in loving honor of the birth of Isaac Kenneth Mallery born on Ash Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:46pm. He weighed 7lbs., 11oz. and was 21½" long.*



*Proud Parents: Justin & Kelly Mallery  
Big Sister: Emily Mallery  
Grandparents: Kim & Ron Mallery and Curt & Darlene Hinkle  
Great Grandmother: Gail DeReiter*



*May God continue to bless them all with his love!*



**HOMEMADE  
EASTER CANDY SALE  
Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

- QNB 9am - 12pm**
- Church 9am - 2pm**
- Captain Bob's 10:30am - 8pm**
- Spor's 9am-9pm**
- Tractor Supply 8am - 8pm**

**We need help selling!  
Sign-up sheets are on the narthex bulletin board.**



**Candy Sales!**

We will be selling our candy at QNB, Spor's, Wal-Mart, Captain Bob's, Tractor Supply, the Trumbauersville Fire Co. Easter Flower Sale, and at church. There are all types of manageable time slots for volunteers. If you are able to help, please sign up at the place you are willing to sell. We're only at Wal-Mart one day this year, so we really need 4 people (2 at each door) for this critical day! If we have the help, we can sell over \$1,000 at Wal-Mart on a busy day!



**Blood Mobile**  
Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>  
9am-2pm  
Free Easter Candy

for every donor! Please sign-up!  
Our goal is a minimum of 13 donors!

For more information,  
please speak with Nicole DeReiter

**Lent**  
 instead of  
**GIVING UP SOMETHING**  
chocolate, television, meat, dessert, alcohol, smoking, shopping, cursing, roads  
 try  
**GIVING TO SOMEONE**

**Give UP for Lent - Take UP Collection**

Give UP for Lent and Take UP a collection of health & beauty items/toiletries, which will be delivered to our local Bucks County Opportunity Council. We'll begin collecting March 1st and continue throughout the Lenten season. Look for our favorite M&M guy in the narthex - and fill his belly with these much needed personal hygiene items:

*shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, disposable razors, shaving cream, a toothbrush, toothpaste, and other health and beauty items are items that are needed. Even toilet tissue, paper towels, etc. are items needed.*

Still Improving Over 60 Years  
 Perfectly Aged  
 Vintage  
 Fashionable  
 Sensational  
 Classic  
 Better than Ever  
 Retro  
 Years  
 Experienced

**Over Sixty Dinner**  
**Sat., April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**6pm**

Once again, the Youth Group is inviting all those who will admit to being over 60 years of age to a dinner in their honor. Following dinner, the youth will offer entertainment!

This will take place in our fellowship hall at 6pm, followed by entertainment at 7pm with some time for fellowship.

There is a sign-up sheet for all those interested, or you may reserve a place at the dinner by calling the church office at 215-536-3193.

For more information or if you would like to help with the dinner, please speak with John & Michele Daley or Pastor.

**We hope to see you on April 1<sup>st</sup>!**

**Forty Days  
 Forty Items**

It's not too late to remove items from your closet that you no longer wear or need and put it in a trash bag (available at church).



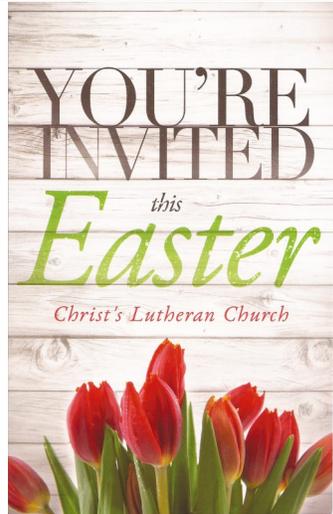
At the end of the forty days, donate these items to the clothing shed behind the Trumbauersville Fire Co. Your gift will be shared with those who can really use them, it counts as a donation, and it also helps our local fire company  
**Win, Win, Win!!!**

**Easter Invitations!**

Don't forget to invite at least five people to worship on Easter. Postcards, like the one pictured here, are in the narthex for you to hand-out or mail to folks.

Please help us share the important story of God's Son rising from the grave on Easter morning!

For more information, please speak with Nicole DeReiter.



**Come to Sunday School during Lent!**  
*Classes for Children & Helpers!*

We are once again offering Sunday School for children ages 3 through grade 3. Children in grades 4-6 are encouraged to come

and help teach the little ones! The schedule is as follows:

April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lent 5	Christ the King
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday	Jesus Triumphant Entry
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Easter	Egg Hunt after breakfast
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter 1	Doubting Thomas
April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Easter 2	Holy Humor

Thanks to all who signed up to teach!

For more information, speak with Gail Bambu.



**YOUTH Mission Trip Planning Meeting on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**

**BIBLE QUIZ**

By what other name(s) does the Bible identify the disciple we call "Doubting Thomas"?

- A. Didymus
- B. The Skeptic
- C. The Twin
- D. A and B
- E. A and C





### \$40. for Lent

During the 40 days of Lent, remember all that Christ gave for each of us and give up one small thing for him. And let whatever you give up benefit God's ministry at Christ's Lutheran Church!

All Lenten Love Offerings will be put in the deficit reduction fund. Please return your \$40 for Lent offering envelopes on Easter Sunday!



Congratulations to Emma Fox, Kaidan Rickert, Hunter Spor & Mason Voght

as they receive their **First Holy Communion** on Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>!

May God continue to surround them with his love and grace.



Led by the Spirit: to connect, to care

### Every Member Visits

Every member visits will begin after Easter. The purpose of the visit is to "check-in" and see how people are doing & ask how the church might better pray for them and support them. The visits will be done by pastor accompanied by another member of the congregation. If you'd like to help visit, please sign your name next to some folks you'd like to visit. The sign-up sheet is on the narthex bulletin board.

We hope that you'll be open to a visit when called. We look forward to visiting with everyone!



Join us as we celebrate the gift of Holy Baptism as Matthew William Amore is baptized on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

### 250<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK!

Help us collect 250 recipes for our Anniversary Cookbook. We are looking for all types of recipes: appetizers, desserts, main courses, side dishes, etc. Look through your recipes — do you have recipes from some of our former members, or those who have joined the church triumphant? We want them all! Recipes can be snail mailed, scanned & e-mailed, or simply dropped off at the church.



Books will be available at a discount price for pre-orders. They will also be available for few more dollars once the books arrive. If you are willing to help organize this delicious Project, please speak with Pastor. Thanks in advance for all your help!

Recipes



### Lawn Signs & Bumper Magnets available!



The Upper Bucks Conference & Quakertown Ministerium

are selling these signs & magnets at cost: \$5 per lawn sign & \$3 per magnet. They are available in the church office.

### Vacation Bible School

We will have a planning meeting on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> after church. Please join us!

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# APRIL

We gather to **WORSHIP** God, **EQUIP** people with a faith that works in everyday life,  
and to **SERVE & WELCOME** all with God's grace.



May Newsletter  
Deadline is  
Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

the Pastor will be  Pastor on Vacation  
Wed., April 19<sup>th</sup> to  
Wed., April 26<sup>th</sup>



## Table Grace

(Spoken)

God, we thank you for this food,  
for rest and home and all things good;  
for wind and rain and sun above,  
but most of all for those we love.

Newsletter  
**DEADLINE**

**Rejoice in the Lord Jar!**  
Every time something good happens in our church this year, write a note about it and put it in the jar in the narthex! Let's celebrate all the good that God is doing at our church!



**Rejoice in the Lord always and again I will say rejoice!**  
(Philippians 4:4)

