

Christ Calls

The Monthly Newsletter of Memorial Lutheran Church

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Dates To Remember

May 1	Coffee Hour - 9:00 am Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am First Sunday Luncheon - 11:30 am
May 8	MOTHER'S DAY Coffee Hour - 9:00 am Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am
May 9	Church Council Meeting - 6:30 pm
May 15	JOYFUL NOISE SUNDAY Coffee Hour - 9:00 am Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am
May 16	Newsletter Deadline
May 22	Coffee Hour - 9:00 am Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am
May 29	Coffee Hour - 9:00 am Worship/Live Stream Service - 10:00 am
May 30	MEMORIAL DAY

HEAR MY PRAYER,

O God;

LISTEN TO THE WORDS

of my mouth.

PSALM 54:2, NIV

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A NOTE FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

What happens to the children of Adam also happens to animals. Death happens for one and the other; they have one breath. Adam has no advantage over animals, because all is vapor.

-Ecclesiastes 3:19

This seems to be a rather morbid way to begin this month's newsletter – especially during our season of Easter celebration! I mean, we're different from the animals – better than them even – right? Perhaps we'll touch on that another time. But we should remember, at the very least, that we are a type of animal. The transition of seasons is a great reminder of this. When it's sunny and warm, we generally feel better; when it's cold and dreary, we feel like taking naps (but rarely have the sense or time to actually take one).

Though we share with animals the breath of life and the exhale of death, at Easter we remember the new breath of life after life. That is one thing that separates us from most animals: our awareness of death. It's on our minds constantly. We think about it, talk about it, hear about it, fight to prevent it, and mourn when it strikes close.

For Easter people, as a matter of faith, we have a real hope for what lies beyond death. As a matter of metaphor, we also see new life in many things around us. At Memorial, we're bringing new life into our fellowship with the return of our community meal after worship on the first Sunday (May 1). Also, there was once something we called "Music Sunday." For myriad reasons, that will not happen in its old form. But "Joyful Noise Sunday" will be something new and alive with the same spirit (May 15). When we celebrate the 250th anniversary (June 4-5), not a single original charter member of Memorial will be present (in bodily form), meaning that we, too, are new life in this church. I also pray (and have good reason to be confident) that Memorial will have new, long-term pastoral leadership in the near future, to walk with you into the more distant future. Jesus' promise of new life is all over the place.

The Teacher (or 'Qoheleth,' who wrote Ecclesiastes) said that all is vapor, or vanity, or futility. But I think that it is not meaningless. He was not being mopey, but trying to keep it real. Just a few verses before, he wrote that enjoying the work that God gives us is the greatest gift that we get in our daily lives. So let's make the most of the moments that we have together, sharing the breath of this life. Let's be the kind of animal that realizes the value of our brief time together, and thanks God for it.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Chris
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COUNCIL NEWS

Church Council met Monday, April 11, 2022 in-person in Fellowship Hall.

The meeting was called to order and devotions were led by Nancy Thompson.

Concerns and Thanksgivings were shared. Thanks, and appreciation were expressed for our midweek Lenten services on the theme of lament from the book of Job, led by Pastor Chris over these past weeks. Those members of council who attended said that the format of worship and the discussion of the topic was interesting and thoughtful. Mary Beth Fishel thanked church members for their thoughts, prayers and condolences during the illness and death of her grandson. Ron Luffy shared that his brother, Eugene is continuing his treatment for cancer with good days and not so good days.

Pastor Chris presented his written report as included in the council packet. After highlighting some of his notes, Pastor read a letter to tell us that he has accepted a call to another church. It is his plan to be with us until after our 250th Anniversary celebration. He expects his last Sunday to be June 12th.

Bill Drake, Bob Gimmi, Don Hilbinger, and Pastor Chris met with representatives from Jubilee Entertainment to look at possible improvements for our streaming service. An estimate was given for what could be done and shared with the Finance Ministry. Discussion by that committee spoke of several projects and needs that should be addressed before investing in considerable streaming upgrades. It was felt that other proposals should be considered, and perhaps, a small modification could improve the streaming at this time. The name of another person was given and will be contacted to look over our system.

Church Property/Finance also reported that Robert Neal will be hired to do all the cleaning out of the shrubbery beds and trimming around the church, as well as down the retaining wall steps. The cost is \$650 and is to be taken from the Maintenance line in the 2022 Spending Plan. John Drake made a temporary repair to one door of the Orange & Penn Street entrance. (Thank you, John!) Finance Ministry reported that undesignated offerings received in the special "Easter" envelopes will go to the "Eastern European Crisis" appeal. The Outreach Ministry's request (formerly Social Ministry) for a Noisy Offering to be collected on Sunday, May 15th, "Make a Joyful Noise Sunday", was approved. Money from the collection will go to Ukraine relief. As in past years, flowers and a note will be given to forty Meals-On-Wheels recipients.

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Worship & Music reported all is in order for Holy Week observations and services. There will be no Wednesday evening service that week. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be at 7:00 pm. Easter Sunday service will be at 10:00 am. Planning for the “Make a Joyful Noise” Sunday on May 15th is underway. Some reorganization of paraments in the Sacristy is needed. An inventory and assessment of communion linens is needed as well. Some are worn and need to be replaced.

Watch for additional displays and postings of Memorial’s Memories from the 250th Anniversary Committee. If you haven’t shared a memory of Memorial for the bulletin board outside the Pastor’s office, please do so. Information on fundraisers and ordering of shirts will be shared too. Letters of invitation for the social time and dinner for Saturday evening June 4th will be mailed out. Please note the date to RSVP for the meal. The Call Committee reported that the two candidates interviewed declined to continue with the call process for reasons of their own. Synod has another name to share as a prospective candidate. Contact will be made after Easter.

Preschool graduation will be Tuesday, May 3rd & Thursday, May 5th. The last day of class is Thursday, May 12th. Fran Horst is staying on as Preschool Board Treasurer for the 2022-2023 school year. Twenty students have pre-registered for the 2022-2023 school year.

Memorial members are a generous and giving family! Thank you to all who gave donations of books for MLC Scout Troop #120 member, Aaron Culbertson for his Eagle Scout project, Scouting for Literacy. Thank you to all who gave donations to SU student, Angela Boeren’s class project, Booty Bundles, for SPO’s Diaper & Hygiene Bank. Connecting with our community in various and positive ways, is putting our mission statement into practice.

With no further business to be brought to the table, the meeting was adjourned with the praying of the Lord’s Prayer.

The next meeting of the Church Council will be Monday, May 9, 2022.

Blessings and peace be to you and yours.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cox

Congregation President



KEEP IN PRAYER

Wanda Brown
C. Eugene Creek
Cheryl Drake
Beverly/Robert Florig
Susan Frirsz
Brian Helman

June Hile
Mary Kendall
Bernita Killian
Jerry Lyons
Ray Luffy
Doug/Pat Maun

Erin Nollenberger
William Porter
Dot Railing
Ron Richards
Bill Robinson
Dave Schriener

Ed Shade
Polly Sherman



Please pray for Mary Beth Fishel and family in the death of her grandson, Levi Lynch, on April 6th.

FINANCES

MARCH 2022				
FUND	INCOME	EXPENSES	DIFFERENCE	YTD
CURRENT	\$11,755	\$21,402	-\$9,647	-\$24,402
BUILDING	\$1,743	\$0	\$1,686	\$5,907
	Income	Paid	needed to be paid for qtr. budget	YTD Paid
BENEVOLENCE	\$3,973	\$6,224	\$445	\$9,555



Happy Birthday!

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| 3 Mollie Varner | 14 Reagan Evans | 23 Joseph Dewey |
| 3 Karen DeShong | 15 Andrea Pugh | 26 Beth Houser |
| 7 Victoria Sidella | 16 Alexandria Gimmi | 28 Mary Kay Dagenhart |
| 9 Vicky White | 18 Anne Myers | 30 Matthew Creek |
| 10 Thomas Enderlein, Jr. | 19 Isabella Booz | |
| 13 Mackenzie Gruver | 20 Robert Gimmi | |



What's for Lunch? – Sunday, May 1st: It's been a while, but yes, it's back! Mark your calendars for food and fellowship following our worship service. We will be serving a light menu of savories for our lunch. As we have asked before, contributions of desserts and jello salads (after all, it's a Lutheran meal thing) are always welcomed. Please consider sharing this special time with our church family.

Adult Sunday School has been suspended until we can get another teacher.

Since the merging of the Evangelism and Social Ministry Committees we have been searching for a new name. We finally decided that "The Outreach Ministry" best described our mission. Our services include caring for the needs of those within our congregation and those outside our walls; including reaching out to visitors and following up after their first visit; sponsoring a service (heretofore The Shepherding Committee) that provides meals when members are ill or recovering; rides to church for anyone requesting this; providing Baptismal banners to newly baptized children; providing items needed by the new family shelter in Shippensburg; providing Easter flowers to Meals On Wheels Recipients; providing Thanksgiving "Baskets" to needy families; and any other caring service that might be needed. We look forward to working together as we attempt to be love in the world as exemplified by the life and teachings of Jesus.

NOISY OFFERING - On May 15th, "Make a Joyful Noise Sunday", the Outreach Ministry will hold a Noisy Offering with the proceeds going to Lutheran Disaster Response for the Eastern Europe Crisis Response. So start saving your pennies, nickels, dimes, or bigger coins and bring them to church and make those milk cans jingle!!!





The church office will be closed on Monday, May 30th in remembrance of Memorial Day.



**Memorial Lutheran Church
250th + 1 Anniversary Celebration**

Pentecost Weekend ~ June 4 & 5, 2022

The events of the weekend will start off with a dinner and time of fellowship on Saturday, June 4th at 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. A special worship service is planned for Sunday, June 5th.

Annual Auxiliary Membership Drive

The annual SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary membership drive will take place during the month of May. Anyone can join with a minimum contribution of \$1.00. Your support allows the auxiliary to continue to make generous contributions to SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village at Luther Ridge, including donations to the Inn Endowment Fund and Homecare & Hospice Endowment Fund. These funds are essential to providing continued benevolent care. If you would like to join the Auxiliary or need more information, please contact your congregational representative.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are currently needed to assist residential living residents and team members on off-campus outings to restaurants, concerts, theater performances, and educational presentations. Please contact Linda Beaver at 717-264-0737 or lbeaver@spiritrustlutheran.org if you are interested in this or would like to explore other volunteer opportunities at The Village at Luther Ridge. Volunteers play an integral role in providing compassionate care and support to those we serve.



We are participating in the Bloom Festival again this year by selling plants, bulbs and pots. Anything you can separate in your flower beds would be appreciated. Any decent flower pots you are not using, we can sell or use to pot plants to sell. We can use some potting soil also to separate what we have. Please bring any pots or soil to the church anytime and place in back of fellowship hall.

250+1 Celebration
Excitement is rising!! 1771-2021(+1) Wow!

The celebration is less than a month away. We are busy preparing, the buffet has been ordered and you should have received your invitation. Please respond so we can have a more accurate count. Some of our past pastors and staff are planning to be here, and are excited to be greeting old friends.

We are selling sweatshirts and/or T-shirts. Our fundraiser to help defray expenses will be coming soon. Banners will be flying, bulletin boards displayed, our history and heritage will be readied!

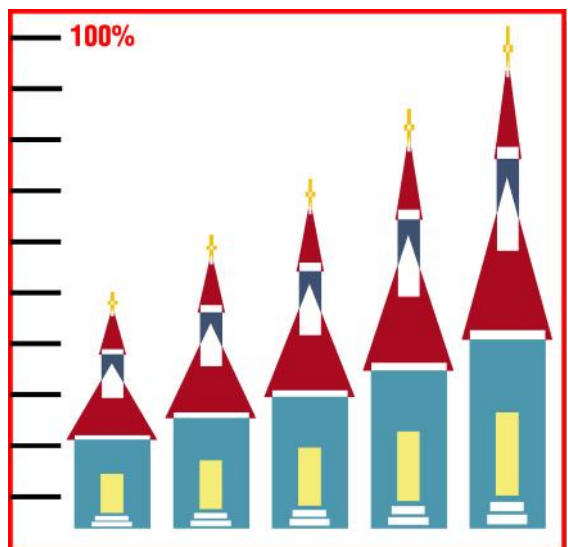
Please plan to join this celebration and be sure to send in, bring in, or call the office with your reservation.

If you haven't done so, please put your note on the bulletin board by the pastor's office or leave it in the office and we will put it up for you. We'd like you to share what Memorial means to you and maybe some highlights of your years at Memorial.

See a member of the committee for more information. Thank you.



The 250 Celebration Committee is having a fund raising to help defray some of the expenses. "Help Fill the Steeple, to Celebrate the Past". We will be asking for anything 250, monetary wise, (no buttons) pennies, nickels, dimes, \$ bills, we would even gladly accept 250 of \$100 bills if you're so inclined. We certainly appreciate your efforts to help make this celebration memorable! Questions, ask committee members, Sue Lyons, Elaine Shughart, Jane Motter, Linda or Larry Basler, Mary Cox and Nancy Thompson, Chair.





MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CELEBRATES 250 YEARS!

Traditionally in May Memorial Lutheran has celebrated God's gift of music and musicians. This issue of *Christ Calls* features our affirmation of music in worship.

(The following information shared here is from the previously published booklet 'for the Rededication of the Renovated Interior of the sanctuary, June 17-24, 1956' by Henry E. Luhrs.)

THE EXCELSIOR CLASS WINDOW

At the rear of the Nave, between the center doors opening from the Narthex, is a window given by the Excelsior Class of the Sunday School which is simple, yet delicately beautiful in keeping with the general idea of having no note to detract from the beauty of the sanctuary. Its sole symbolism is contained in the center panel, being a lyre superimposed on a score of music, and which simply, but effectively, points up the spiritual quality of music in the worship service, all of which is for the strengthening of mankind and intended for the Glory of God.



♪ Memorial Lutheran Chapel Choir - January 1971

Do you recognize these musical cherubs? We aren't sure of all the names, either. If you know, please let us know.



Back Row: Amy Bitner, ?, Jan Davis, Susie Arnold, Karen Mansfield, Jim Peightel;

2nd (middle) Row: Joel Stahl, Roberta Wilkens, Allen Fogelsanger, ? Drezek, Laurie Florig, Tom Peightel, Billy Hile, Wendy Weaver?;

3rd (front) Row: ? Hoffman, Jennifer Deardorff, Jill Sweely, Chance Powell, ?, Jonathan Stahl

PRAYER CRAFTERS MINISTRY

May is our last month to gather as a group until September. We were glad to be back working together again and many thanks to those who have helped in this outreach mission. "God's work. Our hands."

Meeting Dates and Times: (2nd & 4th Thursdays)

May 12 & 26 - 10 am in our upstairs workroom (elevator available)

- Plan to go out for lunch with us at Noon after our May 26 work session. Those who work from home are invited to attend and meet us in the church parking lot to carpool together.

Thanksgivings:

Thank you to all who have contributed yarn, fabric, thread, monetary gifts or provided your time and talents. You are a blessing.

Current Projects:

- Assembling more LWR Fabric Kits for October ingathering
- Reminder that Scarves for Troops & First Responders will be needed by December 4th.
- Donated materials or projects can be placed in the Prayer Crafters' blue bin in the church office.



LUTHERAN CAMPING CORPORATION OF CENTRAL PA

May 7 - Volunteer Days at The Wittel Farm Growing Project

May 15 - Summer Camp Kick-off Worship and Picnic at Kirchenwald

Worship begins at 3:30 pm

Join friends, volunteers, and the staff of Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm to celebrate the opening of the 2022 Summer Camping Season with worship, fellowship and fabulous food.

RSVP by May 6 to 717-677-8211 or LutheranCamping.org



SHIPPENSBURG PRODUCE and OUTREACH

SPO Mission Statement:

Called by the grace of God to love one another, we reach out to those in need with food and/or services.

Spring's uncertain weather is hopefully behind us as we look forward to the warmth and new growth of May. Sunshine, flowers, warm breezes...bring it on!

Thanks to the Fellowship Committee, our volunteers, and everyone who participated in the annual Lasagna Dinner! It was a huge success and raised over \$1000 which will be matched by the Partnership for Better Health as part of their Match Madness campaign. Our average expenditure for 2021 at the Central PA Food Bank was 8 cents per pound. That money will go a long way in providing nutritious food for our families.



While some of us plan our menus and don't give any thought to whether we need to restrict our choices when shopping, others struggle for proper nutrition for themselves and their families. Too often the choice has to be non-nutritious food, fast and processed, instead of other bills that are due. In March SPO served an average of 209 families every week. We strive to provide not just food but the right foods that will grow healthy bodies, minds, and spirits. We do that through grants and generous donors as well as our own efforts to fund raise additional money for food. We also participate with the Gleaning Project and other gleaners. If you are planning a garden, please consider Grow a Row for SPO. We will gladly share fresh produce with our neighbors in need.

Want to get out, do something different, and support a great cause? We set up at 12:30 and distribute from 3:30 to 6:00. There are many small tasks needing a volunteer or just drop in and see what is happening.



Women of the ELCA - The May meeting of Women of the ELCA will be held on Wednesday, May 18th at noon in Fellowship Hall. Bring your lunch, and hostess, Sue Piper will provide dessert. Susan Lyons will lead the Bible Study. The service project for April is the North Star Initiative.

The May Bible study is entitled "Across the generations: One act of welcome can beget another," with selections from various authors.



Women of the ELCA is open to all women, regardless of church affiliation. We welcome all women to join us for fellowship and Bible study.

PRESCHOOL

We cannot believe that our school year is almost over. We have so much planned in our last couple of weeks. We did take a trip to the Breadbasket bakery and made a mini loaf of bread. Oh and a huge monster cookie. We look forward to a field trip to the library and making fairy gardens together. Time will go so quickly. And the end of the school year brings graduation. We will have 16 kids graduating preschool and heading to Kindergarten. We wish the kids all the best and are so excited for them.

Bible Verse: For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Shirley and Hope
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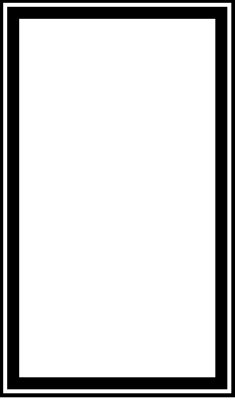
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL



Welcoming all.

Reaching out in love.

Growing together in Christ.

Worshipping and serving in Jesus' name.