



THE LAMPSTAND

Mellingers Evangelical Lutheran Church †80 Gockley Road †Stevens, PA 17578
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PASTOR'S MEDITATION

Allergic to Grass

I live in the suburbs and I realize yesterday that I was allergic to grass. This was a horrible discovery. What was horrible about it was not only the fact the grass of course, is everywhere in the suburbs. The most shocking thing about being allergic to grass is that it's so common. It never occurred to me that grass could be the source of my allergy. It was all around me. In my face. Surely my irritated eyes and blubbering must be caused by any one of the million exotic flora spawning in pastoral Lancaster County. Nope. Grass.

A lot of times things we take for granted, things which surround us daily, hurt us without her knowing it. Sometimes attitudes and relationships we have can injure us even though we can't pinpoint the cause. We may be out of sorts and not know why. Perhaps even more so than physical ailments, emotional and spiritual problems can be hard to identify even when they are caused by things which are so close and ordinary for us that we can't see them. We can see on TV the suffering around the world. It's easier sometimes to identify problems from a distance. Problems in our homes and hearts are often hard to admit. Yet we don't need to look far. There is so much suffering so close by. Violence. Drugs. Homelessness. Disease. People walking around in their homes wondering how their marriage got so bad or how their relationship with their parents or children got so distant.

Are you allergic to grass? Are you having some trouble or problem which you believe you can never escape? Are you a prisoner to a failure or self-destruction?

A lot of men, for instance, are not conversant with their emotions and are hesitant to go to a counselor to discuss problems they know exist. Some men will walk miles in terrible weather to go hunting but won't sit down for two minutes to discuss their spiritual and emotional life. Many women are plagued by anxiety which swirl around them like a windy storm. They often seek

counseling but miss spiritual issues which are fundamental to the healing of relationships.

The problem is that we live in a broken and fallen world which is full of sin, alienation, separation and pain. Until Christ returns in final judgment, this is our situation, even as saved Christians. Our problems are very close to us. Too close. They're a part of us. Ways of being which we inherited from parents or with us always.

The beautiful thing about the Gospel of Christ is that no matter how common or deceiving our problems are, we have hope in Christ. In Matthew 11:28 Christ says, "come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." The Lord will "open the eyes that are blind" and "bring out the prisoners from the dungeon." (Isaiah 42:7). No matter what your addiction or prison, God will free you. Have you been in the dark so long you can't conceive of the light? There is great hope for you. "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." (2 Cor 3:17).

Identifying the problem is only the first step. One day I was cutting the grass I had to stop three times to wash my face. Don't suffer endlessly and needlessly with the allergy of brokenness or imprisonment to addiction. Believe in God. Hold on to hope. Pray together in all your relationships. Talk to God and each other. See a counselor or pastor. Don't walk around blubbering like I did when the waters of Baptism and the hope of Christ can clarify and heal the most confusing and painful conditions.

See you in Sunday School!

Pastor Tim Craven

Prayer of the Month



We pray for peace, justice, and reconciliation for the whole human family. Help us to be honest about the reality of racism within us and around us. Open our eyes to see the many subtle and overt ways that we and our communities see people of color as being of less worth. Grant us insight, forgiveness, and courage - and ignite our hearts to the ways we can be instruments of your peace in the face of violence, prejudice, and injustice. AMEN.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Exciting Polka Mass April 3rd

On Sunday morning April 3rd at 9:00 for worship we are excited to welcome Pastor Glenn Beard and the Heidelberg Brass as they bring the highly acclaimed and celebrated Polka Mass to Mellingers.

Pastor Beard and Jay Hertzog, among others, composed this delightful liturgy.

We will have Holy Communion as usual.

Please join us and bring friends as we joyfully worship God in this unique and fun-filled service!

Youth Sunday April 24th

On Sunday morning, April 24th at 9:00 the youth will be in charge of the worship service. Shari Weaver, Gail Harker and Pastor Tim have been working with the youth as they are developing a service which walks the congregation through an explanation of the church year.

Special music will also be offered. Carl Tobias has written music for the Prelude.

Holy Communion will be offered.

Please come and support our youth as they lead worship.

Dinner Church

Dinner church - April 27th @ 6:00 pm

North Lancaster Lutheran Lent Services 2016

This year's theme will be "Old Testament Stories".

The offering from the services will be donated to Homes of Hope in our area and to the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania.

Refreshments will follow each service.

The services will begin at 7:00 pm. If there is a question about the service because of the weather, please contact the host church after 10 am on the day of the service and information will be provided.

The remaining series schedule is as follows:

Included in the series is the **Ascension Day** service of Holy Communion which will be held Thursday evening **May 5th** at 7:00 pm at Swamp Lutheran Church in Reinholds. [\(717\) 336-2849](tel:(717)336-2849)



We are in need of the following Worship

Assistants: Acolytes, Candlebearers, Communion Assistants, Crucifers, Lay Worship Leaders and Nursery Attendants. Anyone interested in participating in worship as a leader in this way should contact Pastor Tim or the Church office.

Volunteers Wanted to Take Communion

to Shut-ins: To supplement Pastor Tim's visits, Mellingers is looking for volunteers who would like to be trained to visit and take Holy Communion to our shut-ins. This ministry will benefit those receiving communion and will also be a blessing for those who offer it. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Tim at (717) 468-9049.

Calling All Sewers: If anyone is willing to sew school kits for Social Ministry's LWR Ingathering, please contact Betty Cordes at (717) 335-3624. Patterns are available in the church office. Cut patterns are currently available from Betty Cordes. Please note that sewers keep sewing throughout the year to replenish the stock needed for the upcoming year's school kits.

Photos Wanted: Do you enjoy taking pictures of special moments? Would you be interested in sharing those photos with the church? We are looking for photos to share in the newsletter, on our website, Facebook, etc. Sharing is easy, you can send them through email at mellingerslutheran@gmail.com.

2016 Coffee Social Bakers Needed: The 2016 Coffee Social charts are available in the narthex. Please sign up for a date to provide after service treats.

2016 Sound System Operators: The 2016 Sound System charts are available in the narthex. Please sign up for your dates to run the sound system during our services.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday Morning Men's and Women's Bible Study Breakfasts: meet at Oregon Dairy at 8:30 am on the 2nd Saturday of each month. All are welcome to attend. You are responsible for the purchase of your own breakfast. You can check out the breakfast menu at:

<http://www.oregondairy.com/wp-content/themes/oregondairy/menu/breakfast-menu.pdf>.

Sunday School for All Ages: Mellingers offers a wonderful Sunday School program for adults too. Come to church, stop in at coffee/cookie/snack time in the library and then come down the hall to class. Bring a friend! **The last Sunday school class before the summer break will be May 22.**

The Adult Sunday School Class meets in the room located between the nursery and the choir room. All adults age 18 and above are invited and encouraged to attend this class. We began this fall by studying the Parables of Jesus. Stop on in – we'd love to have you!!!

Tuesday Evening Bible Study Continues

The excellent "Life Principles" series by the Reverend Dr. Charles Stanley continues to be the topic of our Tuesday Evening Bible Study. The study meets Tuesday evenings of April 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th in the Faith Café from 7:00-8:30 pm. All are welcome!

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Luther Acres

Luther Acres is no longer collecting stamps however they are still collecting used cards to use in crafts.

Youth Group Ongoing Programs

The Youth Group continues to collect soda can tabs to benefit Ronald McDonald House in Hershey.

They are also collecting Moo Money caps from Turkey Hill products purchased at Turkey Hill stores.

Containers for both of these items are in the Narthex.

Youth Group Sub Sale

The Youth Group is holding a sub sale fundraiser. These are large subs made by Weavers which cost \$5 each. Sub options are American, American No Onion, Turkey, Turkey No Onion, Italian, Italian No Onion. The deadline for orders is Sunday April 17th, sign up in narthex, email Mrs. Harker at ghark51@ptd.net or call 738-0047.

Pickup at the church is April 21 from 4-6 PM.

Contribution Opportunities: Contributions may be made to the following funds at any time and may also be used to aid people in designating monies for memorials. Should you wish to donate to any of these funds, please place funds in an envelope and provide the name of the fund in which you would like your donation placed, your name, and your envelope number. Should you choose to remain anonymous, do not include your name and envelope number.

- ✝ The Sanctuary Fund
- ✝ The Kitchen Project Fund
- ✝ The Internship Fund (Vicar)
- ✝ Maintenance and Building Fund
- ✝ Youth Gathering 2018
- ✝ Campus Crusade for Christ
- ✝ Needy Fund

Care Packages: Due to increasing need within the congregation we have placed a box in the narthex for Staples (shelf-stable foods) and Sundries (toiletries, toilet paper, etc.). These items will be used for members within the congregation who are in need. Should there be an excess of items, items may be donated to Ephrata Area Social Services. Please prayerfully consider donating to those less fortunate. Thank you!

Lutheran World Relief Ingathering

Social Ministry will be collecting 4-5 oz. bars of soap for Lutheran World Relief throughout the year. Please place

your donations into the green container in the narthex. Thus far we have collected 473 bars of soap. For February, we are collecting towels, nail clips and combs. Thus far, we have collected 17 Towels, 6 Combs and 9 Nail Clips. Thank you to those who have sewn backpacks. Currently we have 109 backpacks.

HUDSON WISE'S JOURNEY AGAINST MEDULLOBLASTOMA

Hudson Wise is a 3-year-old boy living in the Ephrata area that was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes May 2015 and was also diagnosed with Medulloblastoma (brain cancer) August 2015.

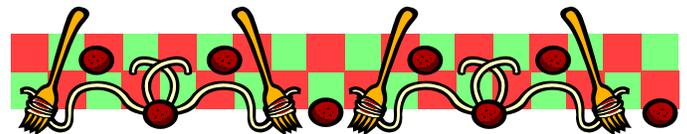
For everyone who is asking how they can help, cards for Hudson are a great idea. He loves getting cards. Cards can be sent to 201 Heather Lane Ephrata, PA 17522.

If you would like to follow Hudson's Journey on Facebook type "Hudson's Journey against Medulloblastoma" into the search field.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Pig Roast Saturday April 9th

On Saturday April 9th at 5:00 pm the Social Ministry will be hosting a delicious Pig Roast in a Spring themed event. Conlan Keishner will provide entertainment on the banjo. Suggested donations are \$9.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 4-12 and free for those under the age of 4. This is a great time to get together with members of the congregation for a time of good food and fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet available in the narthex.



Thank you to everyone who supported Boy Scout Troop 115's All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Supper! We are very fortunate to have such a fine group of young men that take part in such a wonderful program! Many blessings to all!



Financial Report

Receipts Compared To Budget March

	Receipts	Budget	Over(Under)
3/6/2016	4,394.00	4,891.04	(497.04)
3/13/2016	5,037.00	4,891.04	145.96
3/20/2016	5,529.75	4,891.04	638.71

Receipts Compared To Budget Year To Date

	Receipts	Budget	Over(Under)
3/20/2016	55,091.66	55,651.08	(559.42)

Planting Your Spring Garden

For The Garden of Your Daily Living

Plant Three Rows of Peas

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce

1. Lettuce Be Faithful
2. Lettuce Be Kind
3. Lettuce Be Patient
4. Lettuce Really Love One Another

No Garden is Complete Without Turnips

1. Turnip for Meetings/School
2. Turnip for Service at Church
3. Turnip to Help One Another

To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme

1. Thyme for Each Other
2. Thyme for Family
3. Thyme for Friends

Water Freely with Patience and Cultivate with Love.

There Is Much Fruit In Your Garden Because You Reap What You Sow.

Pass It on!!!!



Garden Alignment

It's that time of the year again to begin managing the gardens on the church grounds. We will be asking those that currently have been caring for a specific garden if they would like to keep that section. If any sections do not have a gardener assigned, we will post for gardeners to fill those sections. Please keep an eye out for further updates.

American Heroes Flight 93 Memorial and Memorial Chapel Trip

Saturday, June 4, 2016

from approximately 6:45 am to 7:00 pm

Package includes Motorcoach Transportation, Step-on-guide and guide gratuity, Flight 93 Memorial Chapel, Luncheon and driver's gratuity.

More information is included on the registration forms in the narthex. Please see Linda Weaver if you have any questions.

Price is \$105 per person. Registration deadline is May 7, 2016.

Prayer Corner

Interested in receiving or making prayer chain updates throughout the week? Visit our website at www.mellingers.org. The links to sign-up are under the resource tab.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your cards, calls and especially all your prayers for me and what I'm going through with my health issues. It's a long road for me and at this time it's hard to see the light at the end. Definitely need a lot of strength.

Also Tim a special thanks to you for your visit and bringing communion with for me. I needed and missed it so bad. The talk and prayers we had together were so needed. I'll be in touch about 2 weeks hopefully with news on what's happening.

Thanks again Tim – God be with you and your family.

Tell everyone I miss them, miss Sunday School, miss a lot! Bless everyone, Bonnie Weinhold

Pastor Craven and Mellingers Church Council,

Thank you again for the opportunity to speak with you about the significance of the ministry at Camp Kirchenwald, Nawakwa and Wittel Farm. Thanks also for your partnership in the ministry.

Together we strengthen the Church and the faith of our campers! As congregation leaders, your invitation

to and encouragement of parents to send children to Kirchnwald and Nawakwa is truly a key to those parent's decision to register their kids for camp.

Please let me know how I can further support you in this. Peace, Mike Youse



- ❖ Our Certificate of Deposit will be rolled into a Healthy Savings Account and will require unanimous approval for its use.
- ❖ We received funds from the Minnie Latshaw Estate which we are looking at combining with the funds from the Paul Snyder Memorial Fund to upgrade and repair the current sign.
- ❖ Proposals for roof replacement were obtained to begin the roofing project. Skip Hutchinson, Randy Brubaker and Randy Meckley are working to finalize bids. Troy Adair is working on the funding of the roof.
- ❖ Philip Hurst Auctioneers will be using the lower lot March 26 for overflow parking. Safety standards were put in place since the timing may overlap with the Easter Egg Hunt.
- ❖ Pastor Tim was approved to exchange one week of vacation for an extra weekend of vacation. The Council requested to have Pastor Bob Wegehof for the guest Pastor.
- ❖ The garage door for the mower shed was repaired for approximately \$40.00.
- ❖ We are in need of 1 mower to help with mowing of the lawns.
- ❖ It is suggested that we not mow the hill behind the lower lot down to the road. Dave Henry stated that it would grow vegetation. It would create a wildlife habitat.
- ❖ Social Ministry will be obtaining a membership to the Restaurant Store for \$50. It was suggested that they contact Christian Education to see if they would be interested in sharing the cost.
- ❖ A member requested that we keep Lenten Pick Six envelopes at the pews with the hymnals. Council felt that we should keep the envelopes on the table where we currently keep the them.
- ❖ We will be adding a digital announcement board to the narthex.



WITHIN OUR
COMMUNITY

The Lutheran Camping Corporations of Central Pennsylvania

April 2016

- Summer Camp Early Pay Discount Deadline - April 2
- [Summer Camp Open House](#) at Kirchnwald & Nawakwa - April 10
- [Stirring the Waters Canoe Trip](#) - April 17
- [Work Day](#) at All Sites - April 23
- [Earth Day](#) at Kirchnwald & Nawakwa - April 24
- [Men's Retreat](#) at Kirchnwald - April 29-30



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Current program information is available in the narthex and at the hospice [website](#).

Help the Hounds



Walkers can help Leo's **Helping Paws** by downloading the app **ResQWalk** on your Smart Phone. Please turn location settings on and choose Leo's Helping Paws as the group receiving your steps. We help shelters in need with food, treats, bedding, and toys. If you want to

check Leo's out go to www.leoshelpingpaws.org

Thanks so much, Dave & Joyce Wilhide

500th anniversary Reformation Tour of Germany June 16-26, 2017

Pastor Sandy Gideon will be leading a group to Germany (and Switzerland). Some of the places will include: Rhine River Cruise, Gutenberg Museum, Worms and St. Peter's church, Heidelberg Castle, Strasbourg (France), Zurich (Switzerland) & Neuschwanstein Castle, Zugspitz (the highest point in Germany), Augsburg, Dachau concentration camp, Wartburg Castle, Erfurt, Bach Museum, Augustinian Monastery, Wittenberg & the Castle Church, & Berlin. You can read more details at:

Auditor's Meeting
May 1st at 10:15 AM

<http://www.pilgrimtours.com/groups/gideonreformation.htm>

I also have brochures (& registration forms) I can mail to you if you would like to read more just call my house at 484-1172. The price of \$3,519 includes airfare, lodging, transportation, guides, 2 meals a day, plus more. You must be registered before Jan. 2017. If you have any questions please call as this will be a great year to visit Germany along with others from Lancaster County.

CHURCH AT LARGE



Lower Susquehanna Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

LSS-Lutheran Men in Mission Summit: The summit will be announced in the Spring and the gathering will occur on a Saturday morning for men and pastors who are interested in Ministry With Men.

Anyone interested, please contact Bill Schirmer at (717)385-6238 or wschirmer614@embarqmail.com. For your information, the LSS-LMM website is www.lwwlmm.org.

ELCA Happenings

ELCA CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS, OTHERS TO EXAMINE FUTURE DIRECTION, PRIORITIES

3/14/2016 1:40:00 PM

ITASCA (ELCA) – The Conference of Bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is discerning the denomination's future directions and priorities in a new process known as "Called Forward Together in Christ."

The conference is an advisory body of the ELCA that includes 65 synod bishops, the presiding bishop and secretary. It met here March 3-8 for worship and study and to continue its conversation on a variety of church matters, such as theological education, pastoral care and more. The Rev. William O. Gafkjen, bishop of the ELCA Indiana-Kentucky Synod, is conference chair.

ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton is leading "Called Forward Together in Christ," endorsed by the ELCA Church Council and in collaboration with the Conference of Bishops. The process is designed to invite the more than 3.7 million-member ELCA into discernment about the church's future. From this process, a statement will be prepared that articulates future directions and priorities that the council, which serves as

the ELCA's board of directors, will consider at its November 2016 meeting. The goal is to launch the statement in 2017 as part of the ELCA's observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

"The Conference of Bishops dedicated a full day to 'Called Forward Together in Christ,' the process we are using to invite the entire church into a conversation about our mission and priorities. The bishops were very engaged. I am hopeful about this process and grateful for the partnership with the conference," said Eaton.

"We will be assessing where we are as God's people and working to understand what God has in store for us. We are going to do a lot of listening – to God and to one another," she said.

In its conversation the conference explored what is distinctive about the ELCA's identity as a Lutheran church, how the church can become inclusive and diverse in a way that is inspiring and relevant in various communities, and it discussed critical ministries of the church in response to domestic and international events and more. The conference also considered how the invitation to conversation will be rolled out across the church.

Bound conscious, new realities

The conference received a final update about the "Ministry to and with Same Gender Couples and Their Families" working group from the Rev. Mary S. Froiland, bishop of the ELCA South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, and the Rev. S. John Roth, bishop of the ELCA Central/Southern Illinois Synod. Both served on the working group. This past fall, the ELCA Church Council received a report with recommendations from the working group and referred the recommendations to the churchwide organization for implementation.

In their update, Froiland and Roth noted a recommendation about this church's responsibility of providing pastoral care and that "providing for" could mean referral as an acceptable means. They also noted the preface to another recommendation that offered insight into some of the working group's "quandaries" about whether or how to provide liturgical resources for same gender couples and their families – liturgy that can be used in marriage service.

The update prompted the conference to have a separate conversation about the church's desire to move forward together as one church, as ELCA members differ in their convictions on matters related to human sexuality and "new realities," such as the legalization of same-sex marriage in the United States.

The Rev. Kurt F. Kusserow, bishop of the ELCA Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, told the conference that while "we want to be one church together ... we don't know how to get there." The understanding of "bound conscience" served as "our first attempt at how we can get there" but the way it has been used and understood by the church since actions of the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly may not allow the way, he said.

That assembly adopted proposals to change ELCA ministry policies. One change created the

possibility for Lutherans in same-sex relationships to serve as ordained ministers.

"Bound conscience worked to some degree. It got us through that task, to some degree. But now we still have an open question about how we are going to talk about marriage, complicated by the forward moving of the nation," said the Rev. R. Guy Erwin, bishop of the ELCA Southwest California Synod.

The Ministry to and with Same Gender Couples and Their Families working group report offered several recommendations on equipping this church in its ministry to same gender families.

From its conversation, Gafkjen noted that the conference will also "put some thoughts together" for how this church can move forward.

http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/M2SGF_Final_ENABLED.pdf.

HOME CONNECTIONS

FRUGAL FAMILIES

Featuring a low cost meal and a whimsical read. Relaxation and stress reduction are important to stay happy and healthy especially in tough economic or emotional times.

BULLETIN BLOOPERS

- ❖ The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."
- ❖ If you would like to make a donation, fill out a form, enclose a check, and drip in the collection basket.
- ❖ Next Sunday Mrs. Vinson will be soloist for the morning service. The pastor will then speak on "It's a Terrible Experience."
- ❖ Don't miss this Saturday's exhibit by Christian Martian Arts.
- ❖ We are grateful for the help of those who cleaned up the grounds around the church building and the rector.



Skinny Omelette Recipe

- ❖ 2 large (preferably organic) eggs
- ❖ a tiny pinch of fine grain sea salt

- ❖ a few tablespoons of chopped chives
- ❖ a dollop of pesto
- ❖ a bit of goat cheese or feta
- ❖ a small handful of mixed salad greens

Use a fork to beat the eggs and salt in a small bowl. Beat well, until the eggs are mostly uniform in color - they seem to run around the pan more evenly when there aren't huge patches of yolk vs. whites.

In your largest non-stick skillet over medium heat (this is one of the few occasions I actually use non-stick) pour the egg mixture and give it a good swirl so that they spread out thinly across the entire pan. Alternately, you can use a crepe pan or crepe maker - this works beautifully as well. Sprinkle the eggs with some of the chives and let them set, this happens quickly depending on the heat of your pan - 15 seconds to one minute. Run a spatula underneath the omelette and slide it out of the pan (flat) onto a countertop, large cutting board or Silpat-line cookie sheet. Do this with confidence (or practice). Spread the pesto across the surface of the omelette (if you have a thick pesto, thin it a bit with water to make it easily spreadable), and then sprinkle with the cheese and salad greens. Starting with one end, roll the omelette away from you. Cut in half on a deep diagonal. Season with a bit more salt if needed and serve garnished with a few chopped chives. *Serves one or two.*

<http://www.buzzfeed.com/christinebyrne/34-clean-eating-recipes-for-a-healthy-new-year#.vnWzMvVBI>

CLEAN CONSCIENCE

Environmentally sound and inexpensive cleaning tips and/or reusing tips

Natural Toothpaste

- ❖ About 1/2 cup coconut oil
- ❖ 2-3 Tablespoons of baking soda
- ❖ 2 small packets of stevia powder
- ❖ 15-20 drops of peppermint or cinnamon essential oil
- ❖ 10 drops myrrh extract (optional)

Natural Toothpaste Instructions

- ❖ Melt or slightly soften coconut oil.
- ❖ Mix in other ingredients and stir well. If using semi-hard coconut oil, use a fork, if not, use a spoon. If you are using completely melted coconut oil, you will need to stir several times while the mixture cools to keep the baking soda incorporated.
- ❖ Put mixture into small glass jar (I make different ones for each family member)
- ❖ Let cool completely.
- ❖ To use: dip toothbrush in and scrape small amount onto bristles. Could also use a small spoon to put on toothbrush.

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Greeter Coordinator: Fay Weitzel 336-2124

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Blood Pressure Check Coordinator:

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Stewardship: TBA

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Endowment/Memorial: Randy Brubaker 733-9222

Property: Randy Meckley 336-3230

Bible Study Breakfast:

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SCOUT LEADERS

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WEBSITE: www.mellingers.org

FACEBOOK: Please come check us out on Facebook. We are listed under **Mellingers Evangelical Lutheran Church**. Check with your children or grandchildren if you do not know how to use Facebook.

LISTEN TO THE SERVICE FROM HOME

No special equipment is required for usage and is at no cost to the caller as long as Mellingers is not a long distance call for you. Instructions for use are as follows:

1. A few minutes before the church service starts, dial 336-4191.
2. If the phone rings more than four times, the system at the church is not yet turned on. Please hang up and try again in a few minutes.
3. If you get a busy signal, this means the system is full with other callers.
4. If the system answers, please listen quietly and do not hang up for at least ten minutes. This is because if the first person listens for only a few minutes and then hangs up before others call in, the system will shut down and no one else will be able to call in for that service.
5. Please be aware that others who call in using this service can hear you speak. You should not talk to other people on the line but no one at Mellingers can hear you.
6. You may listen as long as you like. Just hang up when you are finished.



BIRTHDAYS

April 1: Katie Midgett
April 4: Troy Adair
Daniel Engle
Jeremy Geunes
Carol Jeffers
Elva Leisey
Raeann Roseberry
Ray Schannauer
April 5: Tami Moyer
April 7: Ann Geske
Tara Starling
April 9: Luke Evans
Codi Pannebecker
April 10: Jenny Neidigh
April 11: Ruby Kerns
Debra Showalter
Johan Spotts
April 13: Eric Adams
Kimberly Wentzel
April 14: Mark Rabold
April 15: Shannon Brown
Molly Brown
Ronald Neidigh
Tammy Porter
Verna Snyder
April 19: Steve Gerhart
Mai Pham
Adam Stahl
April 20: Paul Hehnlly
Phaedra McLaughlin
Craven
Beatrice Shimp
April 21: Alma Imhoff
Matthew Weaver
April 22: Etta Holsinger
Courtney Martin
April 25: Cammy Brian
April 26: Beverly Sweigart
April 27: Bobbi Jo Getz
Chris Heckman
April 28: Elizabeth Heck
Jean Lausch
Donald Netzley
April 29: Peggy Enck
Zach Freeze
David Henry
Scott Weaver



ANNIVERSARIES

April 5, 1968
Dave & Joyce Wilhide
April 9, 1988
Brian & Danielle Pannebecker
April 12, 1997
David & Dawn Henry
April 20, 1991
Travis & Donna Pannebecker
April 22, 1989
Shawn & Carol Jeffers
April 24, 1997
Michael & Pat Haller
April 26, 1997
Scott & Jennifer Brubaker
April 28, 1973
Tim & Greta Harting
April 29, 1960
Ed & Annamaria Leed

SPECIAL DATES

April 3, 2016
Polka Mass
April 9, 2016
Pig Roast – 5:00 pm
April 10, 2016
Baptism of Ainsley Midgett
– 9:00 am
April 17, 2016
Baptism of Mallory Jo Getz
– 9:00 am
Youth Sub Sale Orders Due
April 21, 2016
Youth Sub Sale Pickup
4:00 – 6:00pm
April 22, 2016
Earth Day
Practice for Youth Sunday
April 24-30, 2016
Lutheran Disaster Response Trip
April 27, 2016
Administrative Professionals Day
Dinner Church

APRIL 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Easter Sunday 6:30 AM Easter Dawn Service 7:00 AM Easter Dawn Breakfast 9:00 AM Easter Holy Communion	28 9:30 AM Women in Prayer 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	29 12:00 PM Bulletin Announcements Due	30 8:45 AM Tapestry Homeschool Coop 6:30 PM Worship & Music Committee	31 6:45 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM North Lancaster Assembly @ Trinity Lutheran	1 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Tim & Kim Music @ 10,000 Villages, Ephrata	2
3 Youth Group Sub Sale Begins 9:00 AM Holy Communion/Polka Mass 10:30 AM Sunday School	4 9:30 AM Women in Prayer 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Social Ministry Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Mutual Ministry	5 12:00 PM Bulletin Announcements Due 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bible Study, Rev. Charles Stanley Video	6 8:45 AM Tapestry Homeschool Coop	7 3:30 PM Pastor Tim Communion @Ephrata Manor 6:00 PM Free Community Meal @ Bethany UCC 6:45 PM Chancel Choir	8	9 8:30 AM Bible Study Breakfast @ Oregon Dairy 5:00 PM Pig Roast
10 9:00 AM Holy Communion/Baptism Ainsley Midgett 10:30 AM Sunday School 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Youth Group	11 9:30 AM Women in Prayer 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop Committee 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	12 12:00 PM Bulletin Announcements Due 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bible Study, Rev. Charles Stanley Video	13 8:45 AM Tapestry Homeschool Coop Makeup Date 7:00 PM Council Meeting	14 Possible Sub Sandwich Sale 6:00 PM Free Community Meal @ Bethany UCC 6:45 PM Chancel Choir	15	16 5:00 PM Prepare for Luncheon
17 Youth Group Sub Sale Orders Due 9:00 AM Holy Communion/Baptism Mallory Jo Getz 10:30 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Luncheon	18 9:30 AM Women in Prayer 12:15 PM - 5:00 PM Tapestry Standardized Testing 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	19 12:00 PM Bulletin Announcements Due 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bible Study, Rev. Charles Stanley Video	20 8:45 AM Tapestry Homeschool Coop Makeup Date	21 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Youth Group Sub Sale - Pick-up 6:00 PM Free Community Meal @ Bethany UCC 6:45 PM Chancel Choir	22 Earth Day Practice for Youth Sunday - Pizza Party	23
24 Lutheran Disaster Response Trip to New Jersey 9:00 AM Holy Communion/ Youth Sunday 10:30 AM Sunday School	25 Lutheran Disaster Response Trip to New Jersey 9:30 AM Women in Prayer 12:15 PM - 5:00 PM Tapestry Standardized Testing 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	26 Lutheran Disaster Response Trip to New Jersey 12:00 PM Bulletin Announcements Due 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bible Study, Rev. Charles Stanley Video	27 Administrative Professionals Day Lutheran Disaster Response Trip to New Jersey 6:00 PM Dinner Church 7:00 PM Worship & Music Committee	28 Lutheran Disaster Response Trip to New Jersey 6:00 PM Free Community Meal @ Bethany UCC 6:45 PM Chancel Choir	29 Lutheran Disaster Response Trip to New Jersey	30 Lutheran Disaster Response Trip to New Jersey 12:00 PM - 10:00 PM Jay Smaltz - Social Hall Rental

EASTER

They walked with heavy sadness,
those two disciples on a long, lonely journey.
A stranger joined them. It was Jesus.
But they could only see a stranger,
a friend to share the long walk ahead.

He spoke with them,
comforted their sadness and offered new thoughts.
When he gave thanks for the bread,
broke it and gave it to them,
they saw and they knew it was Jesus.

People are sometimes
afraid to see the hope and new life their faith shows them.
They think they must consider only what is real.

But what is real? Hunger is real,
so are the faces of children with no hope.
Greed is real and so is violence and war.
People of faith can see that.
Why can't they see the presence of the Lord,
who speaks to their hearts about other things that are just
as real?

Love is real.
The eyes of faith see new possibilities
where none were found before.
Even death does not hold back the spirit of God.

So let's look again.
Let's see the living Christ
sharing the journey, inspiring new hope.
Among the poor and homeless,
in the prisons and hospitals,
in the lands of famine and war,
new hopes are waiting to be seen.
The journey starts with ordinary steps
as we walk our daily paths,
looking around as Jesus did with the love of God in our
view.

MAKE NEW LIFE POSSIBLE WITH GIVING

*"Were not our hearts burning within us
while he was talking to us on the road,
while he was opening the scriptures to us?"*
Luke 24:32

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"His Glory"

God sends rainbows after showers
arching 'cross the freshened skies.
Every rainbow shows God's glory.
Every wonder tells his story.

God sends Jesus down from heaven
offering mercy, hope and life.
On the cross he showed God's glory.
Every blessing tells his story.

God sends me forth into this world
sharing love that offers life.
And I hope to show God's glory
In the way I tell his story.

—MaryAnn Sundby

Five Generations

GEORGE MARTIN IS A VERY LUCKY GUY BECAUSE HE HAS FIVE GENERATIONS OF FAMILY ON BOTH HIS MOM'S AND DAD'S SIDE OF THE FAMILY... AS WELL AS A LOVING CHURCH FAMILY.

