



THE LAMPSTAND

Mellingers Evangelical Lutheran Church †80 Gockley Road †Stevens, PA 17578
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You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his cattle, or anything else that is your neighbor's." Exodus 20:2-17.

Do the right thing.

See you in Sunday School!

Pastor Tim Craven

Prayer of the *Month*



Over the past century, we have noticed the diminution of the living diversity of creation and of the health of the ecosystems that support it; Help us Lord, to do our part to stop further decline in the health of our planet by the way we live our lives. Amen.

PASTOR'S MEDITATION

Do the Right Thing

My brother tells me that if the music's too loud, then you're too old. I think he's right. However, it occurs to me that certain things are changing and not all are for the better. The older we get, the less we like change and the more likely we are to come to the arrogant conclusion that since younger people are not like us there must be something wrong with them.

All this notwithstanding, the Church today needs to speak loudly and clearly instructing, helping challenging people to do the right thing. The 10 commandments are not the 10 suggestions.

Language on television at noon used to be enough to land people in jail 20 years ago. We need to ask ourselves the question, "Is this progress?" Walking down the street we can hear all sorts of obscenities coming from music from cars.

In the 20th chapter of Exodus, God gives Moses rules to live by. These rules are based on love and respect for God and for each other. It's time that churches, schools, yes even the politicians, stood up and say, "This I what we need to do." Putting the 10 commandments in schools or anywhere is a great idea as most legal systems are based on these common sense rules.

It's time that parents pay more attention to their children and to their marriages and less attention to selfish personal desires. Parents need to support, not undermine, teachers so that children do not receive mixed messages and mistakenly think that *they* are in charge.

Let us read Exodus chapter 20 and then join together as adult Americans not afraid of our children or throwing up our hands, but secure in the knowledge that God does have a plan for us, that we will be all right and that, even though we are sinners, in Christ and in the Holy Spirit of God, we do have the ability to do the right thing even if we've made mistakes in the past.

"I am the Lord your God, you shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it Holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery.



Parish Notes

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Two Guest Preachers This Month!

On May 15th which is the Day of Pentecost Pastor Tim will preside at worship and at the Rite of Confirmation for several of our youth. Preaching that morning will be Rev. Rob Blezard, Assistant to the Bishop.

On the following Sunday, May 22nd, Holy Trinity Sunday, Pastor Tim will be away with the Stewardship Committee on a retreat and preaching will be Assistant to the Bishop, Rev. Sharron Blezard.

Ascension Day Worship

Thursday, May 5th

Please join us and a combined Lenten Cluster Church Choir at Swamp Lutheran Church in Reinholds for Holy Communion on Ascension Day, May 5th at 7:00 pm. This high church festival day celebrates Jesus' ascension up to Heaven after He appeared to the disciples following His Resurrection. [\(717\) 336-2849](tel:7173362849)

Dinner Church

Dinner church – May 25th @ 6:00 pm

SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES

Summer Music Sign-up: If you are interested in playing music during the services in the summer, please sign up in the Narthex. Musicians are needed May 29th through September 4th.

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 for this school year will be held on Sunday, May 22nd. As in the past, there will be no Sunday School during the summer months, but we will resume classes again in September.**

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 are 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 May 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st in the Faith Café from 7:00-8:30 pm. All are welcome!

Vacation Bible School: This year's Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, July 17th - Thursday, July 21st from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. This year's curriculum is called, "*Majestic Mountain, Come Camp with Christ!*" The curriculum was written entirely by the Bible School committee and will be filled with enlightening Bible stories, Bibles songs, delicious snacks, creative crafts, and fun games. Six years ago, Mellingers & Swamp Lutheran churches started a tradition by combining both congregations for our Vacation Bible School program. We will be continuing the tradition and **this year's VBS will be held at Swamp Lutheran Church.** Look for more information and a registration form to come home with your child in late May. Registration forms are also available online at www.mellingers.org.

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.

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 550 bars of soap. For May, we are collecting towels, nail clips and combs. We are in need of 15 t-shirts (size 0-24 months/2 T), 2" erasers and blunt scissors. Thus far, we have collected 33 Towels, 41 Combs and 24 Nail Clips. Thank you to those who have sewn backpacks. Currently we have 109 backpacks.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

RED GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

Pentecost is Sunday, May 15 and now is the time to order geraniums to decorate the sanctuary and honor loved ones. One geranium plant in a 4.5" pot is \$3.00. Please complete the order form on the attached envelope to include your name, telephone number, number of geraniums and the total amount due. Please list to whom you would like your flowers made in memory of or in honor of. Include your cash or check inside the envelope and place the envelope in the SPECIAL FLOWERS MAILBOX or give to Melanie Brubaker at church. Please make checks payable to Mellinger's Lutheran Church.



**DUE DATE TO ORDER
FLOWERS IS SUNDAY,
MAY 8**

Please pick up your geraniums after the service on Pentecost Sunday.

Garden Alignment

It's that time of the year again to begin managing the gardens on the church grounds. There is one gardening section available needing maintenance. Please sign up in the narthex if you are interested. The mulch has arrived and is located by the scout shed to help beautify the areas.

Attention Graduates

It's that time of year again when school classes are winding down and thoughts of moving on fill the heads of seniors everywhere. If you are graduating this year from high school, trade school, or college, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex so you may be recognized. The coffee social after church on June 12th will be in honor of our graduates!

Financial Report

Receipts Compared To Budget April

	Receipts	Budget	Over(Under)
4/3/2016	8,693.25	4,793.54	3,899.71
4/10/2016	5,310.00	4,793.54	516.46
4/17/206	3,893.00	4,793.54	(900.54)
4/24/2016	3,710.10	4,793.54	(1083.44)

Receipts Compared To Budget Year To Date

	Receipts	Budget	Over(Under)
4/24/2016	78,651.29	79,716.28	(1,064.99)

Pick Six Program Results

Program	Amount Contributed
Campus Crusade for Christ	\$575.00
Ephrata Area Social Services	2,099.00
ELCA Mission Support	\$582.00
Gettysburg Seminary	\$355.00
ELCA Hunger Appeal	\$1,561.00
Lutheran Camping Appeal	\$477.00
Vicar Fund	\$828.00
Mellingers Needy Fund	\$1,821.00

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.



Mellingers Staff and Congregation,

We at Tapestry would just like to express our thanks and appreciation for allowing us to be here as a co-op again this year.

The Lord has blessed us this year and we would like to pass on part of that to you.

Thanks again, Shari Weaver
Tapestry of Friends
Christian Homeschool Network

Social Ministry & Mellingers Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the fruit basket and card. It was very appreciated and thoughtful. Thank you very much and may "God Bless". Ella Felker & son Darryl

Thank you to everyone who prayed for and sent cards to Hudson Wise, the 3-year-old who was being treated for diabetes and Medulloblastoma. Hudson Wise had the pleasure of ringing the bell signifying the end of his cancer treatments.

Many Thanks!

- To everyone who donated eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt. We had 55 children attend the hunt, so all the eggs were greatly appreciated. Thanks for supporting the children of Mellingers and surrounding communities!
- To Carol Jeffers for making the chocolate crosses for the egg hunt.
- To all the Egg Hunt volunteers! We had an awesome turnout of volunteers this year including many teenagers. Thanks so much for all you did for the egg hunters!!!

I wish to thank everyone for their kind prayers and thoughts while I was in the hospital. Also for the many cards and flower basket from social ministry. It was beautiful. I have a long road ahead of me. With having 4 major seizures in the hospital, my neurologist said I can't drive till I see him September 27th. It's going to be a long summer. So if anyone would like to stop in and visit with me, it would be appreciated. But please call first, cause I have many doctor appointments. Plus they are sending me to a cardiologist now. Prayers do help and thank you for yours. Love, Jeanette Engle

Dear Pastor Tim and Social Ministry,
Thank you for the Easter basket and a very special thank you to Pastor Tim, Shirley and Sally for the visit. God bless you all and a big thank you too! Gene Usner



- ❖ After much discussion it has been decided by Church Council that we will no longer be mowing the entire lower section of the church property as we have done in the past. We will continue to maintain a perimeter border around this section to determine what we are maintaining and what will turn into wildlife area.
- ❖ We have received a memorial donation for a new more modern sign upfront. The sign has been replaced and the property committee is working on redesigning the gardens to accentuate the sign. This will enable people to identify the church easier upon approach.
- ❖ We have received a generous donation of a TV screen and the necessary equipment to start posting announcements in the narthex. Please keep an eye out for these upcoming changes.
- ❖ Sensenig Roofing was given the contract to replace our roof. We have received a generous donation which will cover a majority of this expense. However, we still need \$3,000 but we are almost at our goal. Please keep the roof fund in your giving plans. Thank you!



WITHIN OUR
COMMUNITY

The Lutheran Camping Corporations of Central Pennsylvania

May 2016

- [Lutheran Camping Night](#) at the Harrisburg Senators - May 13
- [Garden & Tea Party](#) at The Wittel Farm - May 14
- [Summer Camp Kick-off Worship & Picnic](#) AND Seeding the Future Celebration at Nawakwa - May 15



685 GOOD DRIVE

P.O. BOX 4125

LANCASTER, PA 17604-4125

PHONE: 717-295-3900 FAX: 717-391-9582

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


A Luthercare Community
Independent Living . Personal Care
Memory Support . Healthcare . Rehabilitation

5th Annual Health & Wellness Fair
"Don't Gamble with Your Health"
Thursday, April 28
Join us for Educational Seminars from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
and a Health Fair from 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM.

Snack and Chat
Tuesday, May 31 • 2:00 PM
Please RSVP by May 27

Tuesday, June 28 • 2:00 PM
Please RSVP by June 24

Enjoy a casual afternoon gathering with our
Marketing Representatives in the Towne Center Pub.
Have a delightful snack and chat about life at Luther Acres.

Strawberry Festival
Saturday, June 11 • 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Celebrate your first taste of summer with us!
Strawberries with shortbread & ice cream,
hot dogs, chips & drinks for sale. Proceeds benefit the
Friends of Luther Acres.

600 E. Main Street, Lititz, PA 17543
717.892.5287

 /Luthercare www.lutheracres.org 


A Luthercare Community
Independent Living . Personal Care

7th Annual
Red, White & Blueberry Jamboree
Saturday, May 14 • 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Join us for a special day of fun for all ages! Enjoy children's
games, a pie-eating contest and tour our senior living
apartments and cottages throughout the day.

Resident Art Show & Open House
Friday, June 24 • 5:00 - 7:30 PM
Stop in and see the artistry of our talented residents in
St. John's Herr Estate's Chapel. Enjoy refreshments and tour
our beautifully renovated apartments.

Snack and Chat
Tuesday, May 31 • 2:00 PM
Please RSVP by May 27

Tuesday, June 28 • 2:00 PM
Please RSVP by June 24

Enjoy an afternoon gathering and learn about life at St. John's Herr
Estate. Discover Independent Living & Personal Care in a warm,
welcoming community nestled in a peaceful, wooded setting.

200 Luther Lane, Columbia, PA 17512
717.478.1353

 /Luthercare www.stjohnsherrestate.org 

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, Daschau concentration camp, Wartburg Castle, Erfurt, Bach Museum, Augustinian Monastery, Wittenberg & the Castle Church, & Berlin. You can read more details at:

<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

LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD MALARIA CAMPAIGN

4/7/2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Lower Susquehanna Synod Malaria Campaign Task Force members wish to thank you for your outstanding, enthusiastic, and sustained response to ELCA Malaria Campaign over the last four plus years. In August 2011, The ELCA Churchwide Assembly passed a resolution to raise awareness and \$15 million by the end of 2015. The purpose of this campaign was to help eradicate malaria in 13 Sub-Saharan African countries where the disease's devastation has been the most profound in the world.

WE DID IT!! We raised awareness and we reached the ELCA financial goal of \$15 million by September 2015. God be praised! Many lives have been saved due to these efforts. Thank you!

As of March 4, 2016, we are pleased to report that you are among 157 congregations (66%) in the Lower Susquehanna Synod that responded to this challenge. You helped our synod reach \$390,833.93 towards our synod commitment goal of \$500,000. This represents \$4.07 per baptized member or 78% of our synod goal. It is because of the commitment of your congregation that we reached this level of response. Thank you!

The story is not over. Although death rates from malaria are 60% lower than they were in 2000, our work is not finished. We will continue to raise awareness and funds (through ELCA World Hunger) towards fulfilling our ultimate goal of MAKING MALARIA HISTORY. Thank you for helping our church MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

God's blessings as you continue in your caring ministry,

James S. Dunlop, Bishop

Christine Mummert, Chair
LSS Malaria Campaign Task Force



HUNGER J.A.M. 2016

LESS THAN 6 WEEKS TO GO!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please consider signing up for a 2 hour shift at Messiah College in Grantham, PA on June 3, 2016. Shifts start at 8:00 AM and continue until our last shift from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

If you are coming to the Synod Assembly, come early!

- ♦ *It's Rewarding!*
- ♦ *It's Fun!*
- ♦ *It's Not Hard!*
- ♦ *It's a Chance to Help Others!*
- ♦ *It Benefits the Central PA Food Bank!*

WE HAVE A NEED:

- ⇒ Pack 400,000 meals on June 3, 2016 in 12 hours!
- ⇒ 1,200 volunteers over 12 hours, in two hour shifts and
- ⇒ \$100,000

COME ALONE! GET A TEAM TOGETHER! JUST COME!

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4eacaa2ea2fb6-hunger2>

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

- ❖ A worm welcome to all who have come today.
- ❖ Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Nelson's sermons.
- ❖ During the absence of our pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J.F. Stubbs supplied our pulpit.

- ❖ Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- ❖ The ushers will come forward and take our ties and offerings.



Veggie-Suffed Tuna Collard Wraps

by Angela Simpson

Prep Time: 25 mins

Cook Time: 0 mins

Ingredients (4-6 wraps)

8-10 large collard leaves

1 can tuna

1 tbsp finely minced parsley

1 tbsp finely minced fresh dill

2 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice

1/2 cup shredded purple cabbage

1/2 cup shredded purple beets

1/2 cup very thinly sliced cucumber

1 carrot, shredded

1/4 cup creamy herb dressing or homemade spread/dip of choice

Instructions

Wash the collard leaves and pat them dry with a towel. Using a sharp knife, remove the thick stems from the middle.

Drain the tuna and mix it with the parsley, dill and lemon juice.

Prepare all of the other fillings as indicated above and set them out on a cutting board in piles, or in small bowls for easy access.

Layer a couple of collard leaves as your wrap, then arrange a little bit of each of the fillings in the middle of the end nearest you.

Fold the bottom of the collard wrap (the end nearest you) up and the edges in towards the middle. Roll it up like a burrito and secure with toothpicks as you repeat for all the remaining leaves and fillings.

For more clean recipes check out:

<http://eat-spin-run-repeat.com/2015/08/12/veggie-suffed-tuna-collard-wraps/>

CLEAN CONSCIENCE

Environmentally sound and inexpensive cleaning tips and/or reusing tips

Insect Spray

Precautions: The ingredients can cause painful skin and eye irritation. When preparing and applying, wear rubber gloves and keep the mixture well away from your eyes and nose.

Ingredients

1 garlic bulb

1 small onion

1 teaspoon of powdered cayenne pepper

1 quart of water

1 tablespoon liquid dish soap

Chop, grind, or liquefy garlic and onion. Add cayenne pepper and mix with water. Steep 1 hour, strain through cheesecloth, then add liquid dish soap. Mix well. Spray your plants thoroughly, including the undersides of the leaves. Store the mixture for up to a week in a labeled, covered container in the refrigerator.

<http://www.rodalorganicle.com/home/diy-insect-spray-covers-most-pests>

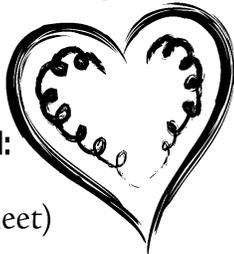


Faith and love

The two chief things are faith and love. Faith receives the good; love gives the good. Faith offers us God as our own; love gives us to our neighbor as his own. - Martin Luther

A heartfelt felt heart

On Mother's Day, express your love for your mom or another special woman by giving her this gift from the heart.



What you need:

- Red felt (8" x 11" sheet)
- Dark pen
- Fabric scissors
- Pillow stuffing
- Straight pins
- Embroidery thread (pink, red or black)
- Needle
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. Fold the felt in half and draw a heart on it. Cut out the heart so you have two of the same size.
2. Place the hearts on top of each other, add stuffing and pin the hearts together.
3. Thread the needle with a long piece of thread. Knot the end.
4. Sew the hearts together. Knot the thread and trim the ends. Remove pins.
5. Give the gift – and a hug!



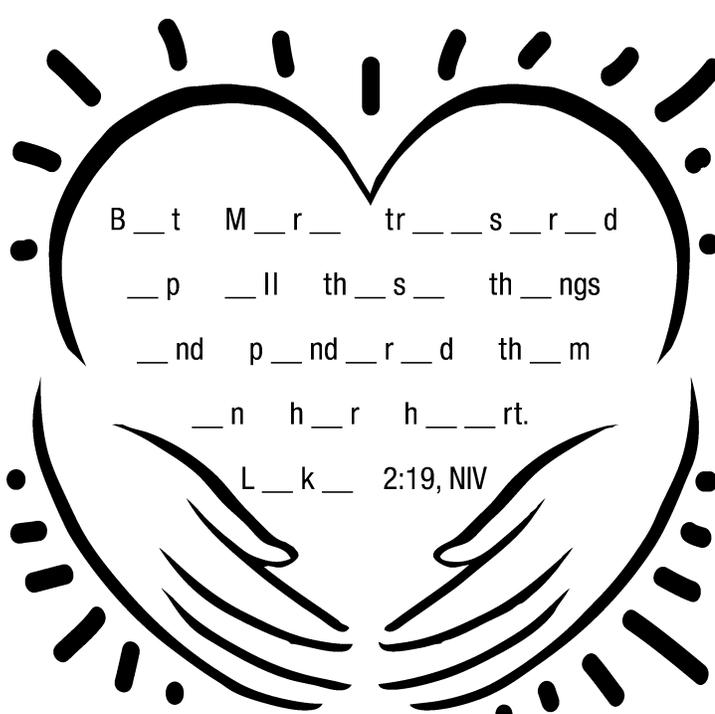
PUZZLE

A mother's love

At age 12, Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem. His parents later found him in the temple, discussing Scripture. What did Mary, Jesus' mother, think about this?

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct vowels to complete the Bible verse.

A E I O U Y

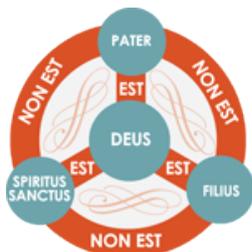


B _ t M _ r _ tr _ _ s _ r _ d
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 L _ k _ 2:19, NIV

Answer: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19, NIV

Christian Symbols

This symbol consists of a triangle with a circle at each point, labeled in Latin with the three Persons of the Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. A circle in the center is labeled God. Six lines show the relationships formed, with inner lines marked "is" and outer lines marked "is not." The resulting sign declares that God is Father, God is Son and God is Spirit, yet the three Persons are not the same.



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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

- May 1:** Robert Getz
Dave Guigley
Pat Jeffers
- May 2:** Oliver Craven
Kirk Showalter
- May 3:** Carter Shortuse
Shirley Sweigart
- May 4:** Pat McQuate
- May 5:** Jackie Drexel
Arlene Henly
Loan Pham
Isabella Sickafus
- May 6:** Margaret Bollinger
- May 7:** Darren Geib
Tyler Heck
- May 9:** Elizabeth Harker
- May 10:** Dale Pannebecker
- May 11:** Denton Borry
- May 13:** Ethan Parese
Vesta Reber
- May 14:** Ashton Freeze
Bill Nodeen
Carlene Walters
- May 15:** Jim Cox
- May 16:** Mabelle Heinsey
Victoria Stief
- May 18:** Richard Pannebecker
Amy Sawyer
Christopher Weidman
- May 19:** Cindy Harting
Sherry Hostetter
- May 20:** Connie Moyer
Neal Showalter
- May 22:** Michael Sawyer
- May 23:** Mary Wright
- May 24:** Bruce Nichols
Joyce Pannebecker
Pauline Sawyer
- May 25:** Roger Gehman
Susan Specht
- May 26:** Richard Keller
- May 27:** Earl Hertzog
- May 28:** Lavern Gehman
- May 29:** Troy Eberly
- May 30:** Betty Firestine
Dorain Horst



ANNIVERSARIES

- May 9, 1981**
Donald & Bonnie Stafford
- May 11, 1963**
Donald & Linda Netzley
- May 12, 1984**
David & Mary Weidman
- May 15, 1993**
Tom & Kelly Parrish
- May 18, 1996**
Brett & Brianna Meckley
- May 20, 2000**
Brad & Marita Klugh
- May 30, 1965**
Skip & Linda Hutchinson
- May 30, 1964**
Carl & Carole Usner
- May 31, 1964**
Robert & Evelyn Shade
- May 31, 2003**
Sam & Anita Soto

SPECIAL DATES

- May 5, 2016**
Ascension of the Lord
National Day of Prayer
- May 8, 2016**
Mother's Day
- May 15, 2016**
Pentecost
- May 21, 2016**
Armed Forces Day
- May 22, 2016**
Trinity Sunday
- May 30, 2016**
Memorial Day



2016 Church Council

Back Row: Dave Henry, Linda Weaver(Vice-President), Pastor Tim Craven, Brittany Hartlove, Troy Adair, Dave Weidman, Mike Leed (President)

Front Row: Ron Gehr, Nancy Eberly, Skip Hutchinson (Treasurer), Jenn Mentzer, Jen Brubaker

Missing: Kristi Leonhard, Dan Sensenig



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SPRING HAS SPRUNG

In faith, we celebrate God's presence in creation. Sadly, there is much that is hurtful to creation such as pollution and war. Our challenge is to find new ways to live with respect for creation, even as we offer our respect and gratitude to God the Creator who cares even for the tiny sparrow.

Praise to God for sparrows,
For creatures "great and small."
Praise to God for trees and flowers,
stars and moon and sky.

Praise to God for caring
so deeply as to be
within creation giving
abundant life for you and me.

This is how God loves us
with care for the least of these.
Yet we often do not see them
or the harm done by our greed.

The earth, the air, the water
are suffering every day
beneath the burden of the poisons
we use and toss away.

Worth more than tiny sparrows –
that's what Jesus said.
But we for forgot that in God's world
the least are special too.

In caring for the tiny birds,
God's loving gift is known
as something for the whole creation
not just for us alone.

We might worry about clothes or food or money
But here is surprising news:
God's care for the tiniest sparrow
Means God's love is real for you.



*"Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies?
Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight."
Luke 12:6*

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▲ Message from Ben Franklin

God governs in the affairs of man. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured in the Sacred Writings that "except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it" [Psalm 127:1, KJV]. I firmly believe this. I also believe that, without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel.

—Ben Franklin at the Constitutional Convention of 1787

Four Generations

BENJAMIN HARTLOVE IS A VERY LUCKY GUY BECAUSE FOUR GENERATIONS OF HIS FAMILY GATHERED WITH HIS CHURCH FAMILY EASTER MORNING CELEBRATING CHRIST'S RESURRECTION AT MELLINGERS LUTHERAN CHURCH!!!

