



THE LAMPSTAND

Mellingers Evangelical Lutheran Church † 80 Gockley Road † Stevens, PA 17578
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Prayer of the Month

Easter reminds us that each time we deny you, Lord, another nail is sharpened; and each time we defy you, Lord, into your hand it's hammered. When faith is weak, temptation strong and courage fails, forgive us, Lord and once again become that risen presence within our hearts. Amen.

Read more at:

http://www.faithandworship.com/prayers_Easter.htm#ixzz4132zdZ5a

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Wednesday March 23rd 7:00 pm- We will gather as a Cluster at Faith Lutheran Church in Denver where Rev. Sandy Gideon will preach on "Micah Teaches Us Steadfastness". There will be refreshments afterwards.

Maundy Thursday March 24th 7:00 pm- We will begin worship downstairs in the Fellowship Hall as we share the Holy Eucharist giving it to one another remembering the day Jesus instituted the Holy Supper changing the meaning of the Passover Meal to now be His Body and Blood which He would soon sacrifice on the cross for our salvation. Then we will go upstairs into the Nave to commemorate the betrayal of Christ in a sober service which concludes with the stripping of the altar.

Good Friday Service of the Shadows March 25th 7:00 pm - During this service the Church gets increasingly dark as we hear the words of Scripture which describe Jesus' crucifixion. Moving hymns are sung. Nails are dramatically pounded into the cross as we hear the last words spoken by Christ.

Easter Dawn Service March 27th 6:30 am - We gather inside to start but conclude the service outside on the hill welcoming the sunrise (weather permitting) as we celebrate Christ's victory over death. There is a breakfast which follows the service. (Sunrise 6:52)

Easter Holy Communion March 27th 9:00 am- Please join us as we celebrate with Christians around the world the Risen Lord and share in Holy Communion.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Dinner Church

There will be no dinner church April 27th!

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:

March 2nd: The service will be at St. Paul, Adamstown, with Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry (Muddy Creek, Denver) preaching on the topic "Ezekiel and the Valley of the Dry Bones". [\(717\) 484-4885](tel:7174844885)

March 9th: The service will be at Mellingers, Schoeneck (Stevens) with Pastor Herb Lohr (Bergstrasse, Ephrata) preaching on the topic "Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea". [\(717\) 336-8800](tel:7173368800)

March 16th: The service will be at St. John Center, East Earl, with Pastor Dennis Trout (Swamp, Reinholds) preaching on the topic "Ruth". [\(717\) 445-5505](tel:7174455505)

March 23rd: This Holy Week service will be at Faith, Denver, with Pastor Sandy Gideon (St. Paul Adamstown and Interim Pastor at St. John Center, East Earl) preaching on the topic of "Micah Teaches Us Steadfastness". [\(717\) 336-2141](tel:7173362141)

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:7173362849)

Exciting Polka Mass April 3rd

Reverend Glenn Beard is well-known to us at Mellingers as he grew up at Swamp Reinholds and has served at Salem, Reamstown, Hospice and now Luther Care and has preached many times at Mellingers. Glenn is also in a wonderful polka band the Heidelberg Brass Band who do a great and popular Polka Mass which they will bring to Mellingers on Sunday April 3rd during our communion service at 9 am. Don't miss it. Bring friends!



SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES

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 now 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 now available in the narthex. Please sign up for your dates to run the sound system during our services.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday, March 27th. Classes will resume again on Sunday, April 3rd.

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/menus/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 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 March 1st and 8th in the Faith Café from 7:00-8:30 pm. All are welcome!

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Pick Six Lenten Program

The Stewardship Committee will be handling the Pick-Six Lenten Program again this Lenten Season. During the 6 weeks of Lent we ask that you pick one of these 8 missions to contribute to. Giving Envelopes will be passed out for this special program.

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.

Easter Eggs: The Youth Group will be making and selling Peanut Butter Eggs again this year. The eggs will \$5.00 per 1 lb. box and be available for pick-up after church on Sunday, March 20th. Look for order forms on the table 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.

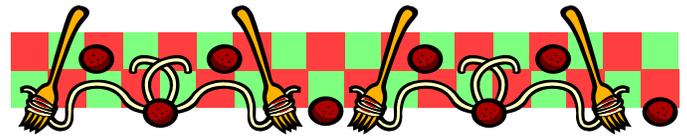
- ✠ The Sanctuary Fund
- ✠ The Kitchen Project Fund
- ✠ The Internship Fund (Vicar)
- ✠ Maintenance and Building Fund
- ✠ Youth Gathering 2018
- ✠ Campus Crusade for Christ
- ✠ Needy Fund

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!

Proper Use of Envelopes: With more and more diverse projects and ministries ongoing the money counters have asked that you use the green offering envelopes only for regular giving. There is another white envelope you can use which can be marked for all other giving. They are at the Gockley Road entrance. Using the proper envelopes will save the money counters time and also insure that the financial statements are accurate. Thank you!

Social Ministry Soap Collection

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 380 bars of soap.



Boy Scout Troop 115



SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Saturday, March 5, 2016

3:00—7:00 PM

Come early: One FREE Dessert between 3 and 4 PM

Mellingers Lutheran Church

80 Gockley Road, Schoeneck

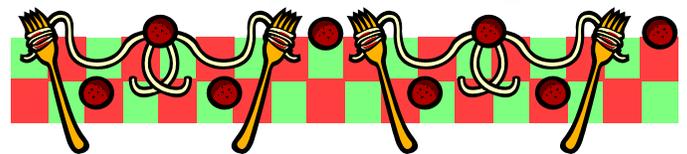
TICKETS FROM A SCOUT OR AT THE DOOR

ADULTS (12 & UP): \$8.00

CHILDREN 5—11: \$4.00

CHILDREN UNDER 5: FREE

Benefits Boy Scout Troop 115



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 against Facebook type "Hudson's Journey against Medulloblastoma" into the search field.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

We will be holding our annual Easter Egg Hunt here on the grounds of Mellingers on Saturday, March 26th at 11 a.m. Our egg hunt is for the entire community, so bring your neighbors, friends & your grandchildren. Last year over 100 children participated in the egg hunt so **MANY**,

MANY eggs are needed to make this event a success. If you wish to donate eggs for the children, please bring them to the church on or before the 26th. We are accepting both decorated hard-boiled eggs and candy-filled (wrapped candy only please) plastic eggs. You may place plastic eggs in the bin in the Christian Ed office and hard-boiled eggs in the kitchen silver refrigerator. Please be sure to mark any eggs placed in the refrigerator so they are sure not to be missed. Thank you in advance for supporting the hunt!!

Financial Report

Receipts Compared To Budget February

	Receipts	Budget	Over(Under)
2/7/2016	7,746.00	5,140.99	2,605.01
2/10 & 14/2016	362.00	5,140.99	(4,778.99)
2/21/2016	6,626.00	5,140.99	1,485.01

Receipts Compared To Budget Year To Date

	Receipts	Budget	Over(Under)
2/21/2016	35,316.82	35,836.97	(520.15)

Soup-er Bowl Sunday Collections

Year	\$ for Church World Service	# of Food Items
2016	\$121	261
2015	\$142	236
2014	\$133	249
2013	\$119	???

Faith Night at the Reading Fightin Phils

The Reading Fightin Phils invite you to the 2016 "Celebrate Your Faith Night" at FirstEnergy Stadium. After the game you and your group will have the unique opportunity to hear from Fightin Phils players as they discuss how their faith has impacted their life. **These impactful and engaging conversations with our players will take place behind home plate after the game on June 30th.**

During the game, each group will have their name announced over our public address system along with one member from each church or synagogue having the chance to throw out a first pitch during the pre-game ceremonies and receive an autographed baseball.

There is currently an interest survey on the table in the Narthex. Once we see what the interest is, the congregation will be notified as to how they can purchase their tickets.

We are offering 2 options:

- **Bumbino's Picnic Buffet:** \$25 (for groups of 20+) Includes 2 1/2 hour buffet and seat in the left field picnic area
- **Yellow Box Seat Only:** \$10 (for groups of 20+) Contact Gail Harker with any questions.

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.

Easter Flowers

It's the time of year for ordering Easter flowers.



This year, we will be offering:

- Lilies - 6" pot white lily with 3-4 blooms for \$6.50
- Tulips - 6.5" pot with 5-6 bulbs for \$5.50
- Daffodils - 6.5" pot for \$5.50

Please complete the order form on the attached envelope to include your name, telephone number, number and type of flowers, 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 Mellingers Lutheran Church. **DUE DATE TO ORDER FLOWERS IS SUNDAY, MARCH 13**



Pastor Tim, Social Ministry and All at Mellingers, Thank you for your thoughts, concerns and prayers through our time of loss. We mourn then celebrate the life he lived, the love he shared and the difference he made in our lives. God bless! Tim and Greta Harting & Family

Dear Members of Mellingers, On behalf of the Moyer Family, I want to thank you so very much for the fruit basket, cards and prayers on the passing of my mother Mary Moyer. A special thanks to Pastor Tim for the lovely service he provided.

God bless, Dennis and Carin Moyer



- ❖ Mike Youse from Lutheran Camping Corporation requested that our church continue to support the Camping Ministry.
- ❖ We will be ordering an additional hearing aid for those who may need one to hear the services better.
- ❖ Pastor Tim will be applying for a \$10,000 grant for the roof which we plan on having replaced this year.
- ❖ Social Hall fees for non-member have been adjusted to \$200 + food for weddings and \$100 + food for funerals.
- ❖ Social Ministry may begin passing out giving envelopes for Lutheran World Relief once a month, provided no other special collections are in effect.
- ❖ The cost of the initial giving envelope will be increased from \$2 to \$3 next year in order to cover the cost of the envelopes.
- ❖ Bear Mill Estates will no longer be our provider for altar flowers. They provided us with a reduced price in flowers and delivered our flowers at their own expense. Effective February 2016, our new Flower supplier will be Blooming Time Floral Design locate at 1263 N Reading Rd, Stevens, PA 17578. Their phone number is (717) 335-3129. The cost of the flowers has increased to \$40 per week. Since people have signed up in advance for their flowers for the year at \$25 per week, we will leave it up to the dedicator if they would like to pay the original \$25 or the revised price of \$40. In 2017, we will begin to have 2 separate flower charts; one per arrangement. Each arrangement will cost \$20. Should you wish to sponsor both altar flower arrangements, please reserve your flowers on both sheets.
- ❖ The council stated their appreciation for the hard work of the social ministry committee.
- ❖ There has been a lot of positive comments that we postponed the Polka Band service to April the 3rd due to the weather.
- ❖ Due to time conflicts, the Council Meetings may be moved to the second Wednesday of the month starting in April. The March Council Meeting has been changed to the third Tuesday of the Month.



WITHIN OUR
COMMUNITY

The Lutheran Camping Corporations of Central Pennsylvania

March 2016

- **Quilt Retreat** at Kirchenwald - March 11-13

- **Summer Camp Open House** at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa - March 20



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

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.



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ELCA Happenings

[ELCA members offer prayers for congregation of Gloria Dei in Duluth, Minn.](#) 2/19/2016

CHICAGO (ELCA) – Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) are offering prayers for the congregation of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Duluth, Minn., whose church suffered major damage in a fire Feb. 18. The fire, which destroyed much of the sanctuary of the 110-year-old building, is still under investigation.

The Rev. David M. Carlson, pastor of Gloria Dei, said although members are devastated by the loss, they are determined to continue their work in the community. Carlson said the church is in an area "where people are in need."

"It is a loss, but we know the church is the people, and we believe in the resurrection. We know this is not the end, and the ministry continues," said Carlson. He added that the monthly free breakfast hosted by the congregation will go on as planned and will be held at a temporary site in the community.

Carlson said the congregation plans on staying at the current location, so he and others are meeting with contractors and structural engineers to determine how much of the remaining structure can be used in rebuilding.

At a prayer vigil Feb. 18 at First Lutheran Church in Duluth, members spoke about the ongoing ministry of Gloria Dei, sharing a Bible passage from 2 Corinthians 4:8-9: "We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed." Carlson said a long-time member, reflecting on the passage, wrote in a social media post, "My heart is breaking, but not my spirit."

For the next several weeks, the congregation will worship with the congregation of Faith Lutheran in Duluth, and a temporary church office has been established at the ELCA Northeastern Minnesota Synod offices in Duluth.

Carlson expressed his appreciation for the Rev. Thomas Aitken, bishop of the ELCA Northeastern Minnesota Synod, who has "shepherded us through the process."

"We are thankful for the body of Christ and how we are connected with all of the ELCA," said Carlson, describing the outpouring of concern throughout the ELCA.

"It's humbling to know that we don't walk alone

and God is faithful," said Carlson. "There is new life and we believe in the resurrection."

[ELCA members support those impacted by Flint water crisis](#) 2/2/2016

CHICAGO (ELCA) – In response to the water crisis in Flint, Mich., members from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia, Mich., delivered more than 3,000 gallons of donated water Jan. 31 to the congregation of Salem Lutheran Church in Flint.

"I thought it was a tremendous outpouring of love," said the Rev. Monica Villarreal, pastor of Salem. "It was a wonderful expression of love that came to Flint."

"We've got a little heart for Salem and what they're doing in Flint," said Kathy Weinberg, a member of Holy Trinity. "We know how important it is that they stay in their community and reach out to the people."

Villarreal said including the donations from Holy Trinity, Salem has received water from 25 Michigan congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Villarreal, who was born and raised in Flint, said the city's water crisis has affected her "personally as well as professionally."

"This situation has changed how I view ministry. It's changed how I view my work and role as a pastor," she said. "The church must be a place of the community. The church is, in fact, the people. And when you're serving in a community that has been afflicted upon in the ways that Flint, Michigan, has, there is no boundary. The church walls explode and we become the body of Christ, the wounded body of Christ in the world."

In 2014 the city of Flint changed its water source from the city of Detroit to the Flint River. Soon after the switch, high levels of lead were found in the drinking water and local doctors began reporting elevated levels of lead in the blood of children. The health risks associated with lead exposure include damage to the nervous system, speech and language problems and poor muscle coordination. A state of emergency has been declared in Flint by both the state of Michigan and the U.S. government.

"People from all over the community come to this church to find hope, to find healing, to find peace. And now we see families come here to search for life in the form of water," said Villarreal.

The members of Salem distribute most of the donated water to residents living in the community near Salem. But the church's ministry to its neighbors doesn't end with a few gallons of donated water.

"As a pastor I can't help but think about the words we have in our baptism: the waters of Christ that flow over us in our baptism and call us to work for justice and peace throughout the world. I think what we do here as the church – and that's not just Salem Lutheran Church but that's also the ELCA – is very important to our witness to people," said Villarreal. "The faith community is what is holding this community together still because it's all that we have left."

Flint residents Jackie and Keith Pemberton, members of Our Risen Lord Lutheran in nearby Burton, have been involved in community efforts to help raise awareness of the water crisis, including City Council meetings and local rallies.

"I believe the Lord has a plan for us," said Jackie Pemberton. "I don't know what it is, but I have seen a community that was very, very divided (now) come together. One thing we do every time we are together is pray. We have pastors from all kinds of faiths and we just thank the Lord that he's there to help us. That's what we have. I pray every day for this community. You have to. If you don't have faith, then what do you have?" she asked.

ELCA World Hunger will disburse \$5,000 to the ELCA Southeast Michigan Synod to help support the immediate need for water and the food pantry at Salem. Villarreal said the funds to the food pantry will be used to purchase foods that meet the nutritional needs of children and adults with lead poisoning as recommended by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

A Feb. 1 action alert from the Rev. Amy Reumann, director, ELCA Advocacy and the Rev. Donald P. Kreiss, bishop of the ELCA Southeast Michigan Synod, states: "Many concerned Lutherans around the country are praying for the city and asking what else they can do to help the people of Flint. ELCA Advocacy and the Southeastern Michigan Synod are collaborating to invite you to advocate for an amendment to a bipartisan energy bill that would increase immediate relief and work towards long-term solutions for Flint. As church together, we will continue to advocate for clean water for all God's children, particularly in impoverished places or communities of color, such as Flint."

"Certainly across the whole ELCA prayers are much appreciated and supported," said Villarreal. "Anytime we uplift the suffering of any part of the body of Christ, we are community together and it keeps on people's hearts and minds about what is happening in the world. God is in all places in all times, so that is very important to us." More information: www.semisynod.com/cms/.

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

- Due to the Rector's illness, Wednesday's healing services will be discontinued until further notice.
- Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
- The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.

- On a church bulletin during the minister's illness: GOD IS GOOD; Dr. Hargreaves is better.
- Applications are now being accepted for 2-year-old nursery workers.



3 INGREDIENT PANCAKES

- 1 medium ripe banana
- 2 tablespoons whole-wheat flour
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten

1. Mash banana with a fork until smooth. Add flour and egg; stir well with a whisk.
2. Heat a large nonstick skillet or griddle over medium-high heat. Spoon batter onto skillet, using one-third of batter for each pancake.
3. Cook 2 minutes or until tops are covered with bubbles and edges look cooked. Carefully turn pancakes over; cook 1 to 2 minutes or until bottoms are lightly browned.

http://www.cookinglight.com/microsites/3-ingredient-pancakes-recipe/?xid=un_site_ros_ck_201509

CLEAN CONSCIENCE

Environmentally sound and inexpensive cleaning tips and/or reusing tips

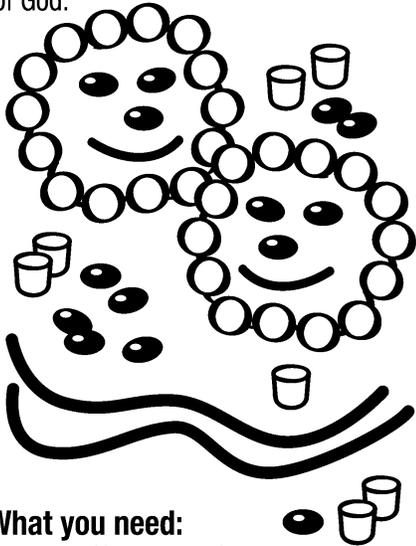
Heal A Bruise

Put a soaked tea bag on a bruise to heal it faster. Ruptured capillaries, the smallest blood vessels in the body, create bruises. Since tannins constrict blood vessels, they stop the leaking that causes discoloration.

<http://www.divinecaroline.com/lifestyle/food-drink/16-unique-uses-used-tea-bags?page=3>

LITTLE LAMBS

Make these cute treats as a reminder that Jesus our Savior is also the Lamb of God.



What you need:

- Vanilla cupcakes
- Vanilla frosting
- Butter knife
- Mini marshmallows
- Jellybeans
- Red licorice

What you do:

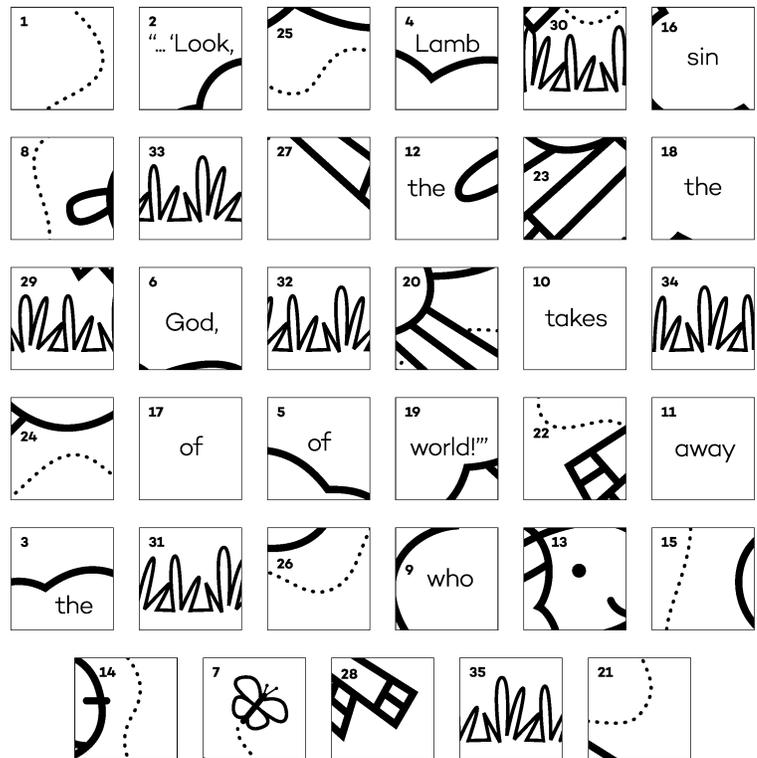
1. Bake and frost the cupcakes.
2. Place marshmallows around the edge of each cupcake.
3. Cut green or blue jellybeans in half and place two on each cupcake as eyes. Cut pink jellybeans in half and place one below each pair of eyes as a nose.
4. Cut thin strips of licorice, and place one on each cupcake as a mouth.
5. Enjoy!



Lamb of God

 John the Baptist knew Jesus was the Messiah —  and offered a special greeting when he saw Jesus.

Directions: Cut apart the squares and arrange them in a rectangle in numerical order, starting with #1 in the top left and going across to #7. Continue building four more rows of seven squares each, to reveal John 1:29, NIV.



Christian Symbols

Ewer and basin



The ewer (a vase-shaped pitcher) and basin, which symbolize cleansing, are related to two biblical events from Holy Week: when Jesus washed his disciples' feet (John 13:1-17), and when Pilate "washed his hands of" Jesus' blood before the crucifixion (Matthew 27:24). Because of the foot-washing, the ewer and basin have become a symbol of service ministry.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Assistant Financial Secretary: TBD

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Blood Pressure Check Coordinator:

Susan Specht 336-4601

Coffee Social: John Hutchinson 336-2563

Money Counters: Nancy Eberly 945-2895

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Worship and Music: Nancy Hain 336-6270

Social Ministry: Betty Cordes 335-3624

Shirley Sweigart 336-6803

Stewardship: TBA

Budget: Nick Rampolla 445-0487

Endowment/Memorial: Randy Brubaker 733-9222

Property: Randy Meckley 336-3230

Bible Study Breakfast:

Skip Hutchinson 733-5029

SCOUT LEADERS

Troop 115: Sheldon Brubaker 721-3863

Cub Master: Jennifer Neidigh 314-0866

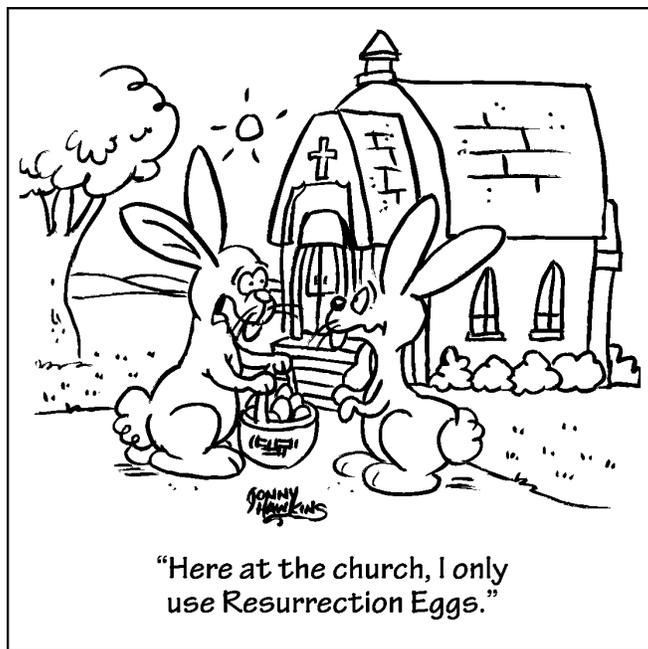
WEBSITE: www.mellingers.org

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

March 1: Edna Schannauer
 March 2: Ryan Gray
 Jon Nichols
 March 3: Tom Fassnacht
 Donald Leed
 March 4: Abigail Brubaker
 Spencer Craven
 John Stewart
 March 5: Ian Stafford
 Kim Kieffer
 March 10: Meg Barr
 Jessica Pannebecker
 Ashlee Sweigart
 Edward Wentzel
 March 11: Donald Hain
 Randy Hertzog
 March 12: Nancy Heiser
 March 13: Dorothy Hutchinson
 Evelyn Shade
 March 14: Julie Ewing
 Daniel Stahl
 Sally Wealand
 March 15: Jennifer Hoover
 Jerilyn Yost
 March 16: Erin Brubaker
 Wendy Leisey
 Billy Mohr
 March 17: Frances Corl
 Pauline Martin
 March 18: Tracy Roseberry
 March 19: Danielle Pannebecker
 March 21: Deborah Fichthorn
 Dextin Orme
 Devin Orme
 Ella Mae Pannebecker
 March 22: Stephanie Brubaker
 Piper Leonhard
 Julie Sawyer
 March 23: Ezra Cassel
 Rick Leisey
 March 24: Brian Pannebecker
 Donna Pannebecker
 Brenda Sweigart
 March 25: Mazwell Getz
 Nicholas Haller
 Jody Mohler
 March 28: Virginia Snavely
 Marla Snyder
 Virginia Weitzel
 March 31: Barbara Leisey
 Chelsea Weik



ANNIVERSARIES

March 14, 2009
 Eugene Hackman and Elva Leisey

March 20, 1965
 Lavern & Carol Gehman

March 20, 1971
 Jeff & Connie Moyer

March 28, 1970
 Brenda & Clyde Heinsey

SPECIAL DATES

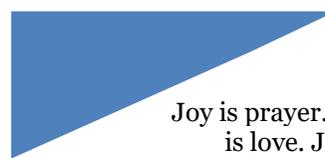
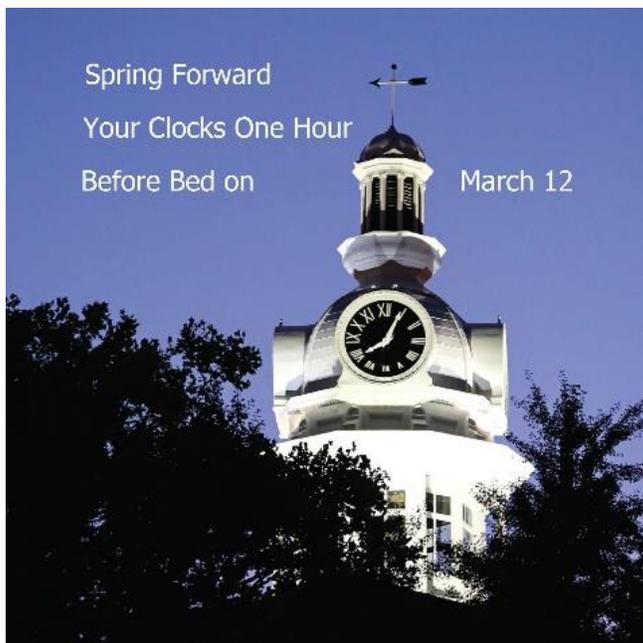
- World Day of Prayer, *March 4, 2016*
- Fourth Sunday in Lent, *March 6, 2016*
- Girl Scout Sunday, *March 6, 2016*
- Fifth Sunday in Lent, *March 13, 2016*
- Daylight-Saving Time Begins, *March 13, 2016*
- Palm/Passion Sunday, *March 20, 2016*
- Holy Week, *March 20-26, 2016*
- First day of Spring, *March 20, 2016*
- Maundy Thursday, *March 24, 2016*
- Good Friday, *March 25, 2016*
- Holy Saturday, *March 26, 2016*
- Easter Sunday, *March 27, 2016*



IN THE CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER ON SUNDAY...After 7:30 am, please call the church at 336-8800, visit our website at www.mellingers.org or check our Facebook page (Mellingers Evangelical Lutheran Church) to see if we will be holding services on that day.

MARCH 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:00 AM Holy Communion 10:30 AM Sunday School 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Youth Group	29 9:30 AM Women in Prayer 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	1 12:00 PM Bulletin Announcements Due 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bible Study	2 8:45 AM Tapestry Homeschool Coop Makeup Date 7:00 PM Lenten Cluster Service at St Paul, Adamstown	3 3:30 PM Pastor Tim Communion @Ephrata Manor 6:00 PM Bell Choir 6:45 PM Chancel Choir	4 World Day of Prayer	5 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM Boy Scout Spaghetti Supper
6 Girl Scout Sunday 9:00 AM Holy Communion 10:30 AM Sunday School 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM Eagle Scout Presentation	7 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	8 12:00 PM Bulletin Announcements Due 6:30 PM Christian Education Meeting 7:00 PM Council Meeting	9 8:45 AM Tapestry Homeschool Coop 7:00 PM Lenten Cluster Service at Mellingers, Schoeneck	10 6:45 PM Chancel Choir	11	12 8:30 AM Bible Study Breakfast @ Oregon Dairy
13 April Newsletter Articles Due Daylight-Saving Time Begins 9:00 AM Holy Communion 10:30 AM Sunday School 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Youth Group	14 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	15 12:00 PM Bulletin Announcements Due 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bible Study	16 8:45 AM Tapestry Homeschool Coop 7:00 PM Lenten Cluster Service at St. John Center, East Earl	17 St. Patrick's Day 6:45 PM Chancel Choir	18 6:30 PM Youth Lock-in Begins	19 8:00 AM Youth Lock-in Ends 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Jeffers Family Easter
20 First Day of Spring Palm Sunday 9:00 AM Holy Communion 10:30 AM Sunday School	21 9:30 AM Women in Prayer 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	22 12:00 PM Bulletin Announcements Due 6:00 PM Easter Program at Colonial Lodge	23 8:45 AM Tapestry Homeschool Coop 7:00 PM Lenten Cluster Service at Faith, Denver	24 Maundy Thursday 6:45 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Holy Communion	25 Good Friday 10:00 AM Denver Nursing Home Communion Service 7:00 PM Good Friday Service of the Shadows	26 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt
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



Joy is prayer. Joy is strength. Joy is love. Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. God loves a cheerful giver. One gives most who gives with joy. The best way to show our gratitude to God and people is to accept everything with joy.

A joyful heart is the inevitable result of a heart burning with love. Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of the Christ risen.



—Mother Teresa



THE LAMPSTAND

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Give First



Put Yourself into Your Giving

In the season of Lent, we might think we are supposed to take part in Lent by making ourselves miserable. That seems to be the idea when people give up chocolate bars or say "no thanks" to dessert. Then, they set aside that bit of money to give to those in need. Can that help us to really understand the spirit of sacrifice in God's giving through Jesus? Lent is a time to consider how to put ourselves into our giving because our faith is a way to live. Lent is a time to be more deliberate about turning our whole way of life into sharing God's love.

Lent is an opportunity to celebrate the self-sacrifice of those in mission - the self-giving that needs our support. Let's look at how we too can give without counting the cost of thinking that giving up a treat is really putting ourselves into our giving.

So Jesus said to all who would listen
That now is the time to turn around
To God, who is near.
Now is the time
To turn away from the things that hurt others or yourselves,
Turn around to forgiveness,
Turn around to new life with your whole self.

But I only wanted to give up chocolate for a while.
What's this about turning around?
If I stop eating the stuff I like for Lent,
I will suffer a little.
Won't that be good for me and my faith?
But I don't have to turn very far to do that.

Turn around
From the bitterness and belittling,
From half-heath faith,
From self-focus.

There's a lot more to life.
Turn toward the abundance of life that God gives
Even as you five in sharing that abundance.

This season of Lent is a time of prayer,
When we can be more aware
Of the changes great or small
That are steps toward the loving God.

A dance is beginning as we turn,
Toward generosity and joy,
Where sharing is a privilege not a duty,
Leading us to grow in faith.
Maybe that is a good way to repent and believe good news.

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in good news." -
Mark 1:14b

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