



THE LAMPSTAND

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



Let Us Love One Another Let us love one another and pray; Let us love one another and be faithful; Let us love one another and be humble, be filled with the charity of God; Let us love one another with God, in God, and for God; And we shall thus be one with Him for all eternity. Amen.

“Glory be to God whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.”
Ephesians 3:20

https://corneliaconnellylibrary.org/library-materials/res_7-12/prayers.pdf

PASTOR'S MEDITATION

Valentine's Day – A Day of Love

Valentine's Day is not a church holiday. We are currently in the season of Epiphany headed towards Lent which begins on March 1st which is Ash Wednesday.

The day of romance we call Valentine's Day is named for a Christian martyr and dates back to the 5th century, but has origins in the Roman holiday.

Love, however, is always an appropriate topic in the church.

I John 4:8 says, “God is love.” The most famous verse in the Bible is probably John 3:16 which says, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

All people are interested in love. Everybody needs love.

Our nation certainly needs love and healing.

The important thing about love in Holy Scripture is that while love includes the compassion and passion of God, it also involves commitment. Love is more than a feeling. Biblical and spiritual love is a promise.

This is important for disciples to remember. We have been given the promise of salvation in Christ and that the Holy Spirit will be with us always. We also, however, are charged with keeping the promise we make as disciples to follow Christ and to be faithful in service to Him as we care for one another in good times and in bad.

Whether in our personal relationships, in our nation or in our church we always need to be diligent and never give up loving one another.

Special dates

- African-American History Month
- Boy Scout Sunday, *February 5, 2017*
- Valentine's Day, *February 14, 2017*
- Presidents Day, *February 20, 2017*
- Transfiguration of Our Lord, *February 26, 2017*



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Dinner Church

February 22nd at 6:00 pm

At 6:00 pm on Wednesday February 22nd we'll meet casually downstairs for Dinner church. Anyone can come. Participants bring food to share and we have an informal service of singing, reading Scripture during which time everyone has a chance to pray and share reflections as we all share Holy Communion with one another.

Dinner Church is an intimate and relaxing time of being with friends in the faith. Hope to see you there.

Lent Begins Ash Wednesday March 1st with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

On Wednesday evening March 1st at 7:00 pm we'll gather for worship to celebrate the beginning of Lent, a time when we get more serious about study and service and worship as we recall Jesus' final days and His trip to Jerusalem, the cross and the subsequent Resurrection.

During the service we will celebrate Holy Communion and those who wish can come forward for the Imposition of Ashes as we humble ourselves and repent to begin our Lenten journey.

North Lancaster Lutheran Lent Services 2017

The North Lancaster Cluster of Lutheran Churches will begin their series of Lenten worship services on Ash Wednesday March 1st when each congregation will conduct services at their own church.

This year's theme will be "Luther's Favorite Book: Galatians" to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the date when Martin Luther began the Reformation which was a challenge to the Church.

The offering from the services will be donated to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Lititz for their Habitat for Humanity project to benefit veterans. Refreshments will follow each service.

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

The series schedule is as follows:

March 8th: The service will be at St. Paul, Adamstown, with Pastor Tim Craven (Mellingers, Schoeneck) preaching on the topic "Galatians 1: There is No Other Gospel".

March 15th: The service will be at Bergstrasse, Ephrata, with Pastor Joe Veres (Faith Denver) preaching on the topic "Galatians 2: The Freedom We Have in Christ".

March 22nd: The service will be at Muddy Creek, Denver, with Pastor Walter Wagner (St. John Center East Earl) preaching on the topic "Galatians 3: Spirit or Flesh".

March 29th: The service will be at Mellingers, Schoeneck (Stevens), with Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry (Muddy Creek Denver) preaching on the topic "Galatians 4: No Longer Slaves".

April 5th: The service will be at St. John Center, East Earl, with Pastor Herb Lohr (Bergstrasse Ephrata) preaching on the topic "Galatians 5: For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free".

April 12th: This Holy Week service will be held at Faith, Denver, with Pastor Sandy Gideon (St. Paul Adamstown) preaching on the topic "Galatians 6: Amen".

Included in the series is the Ascension Day service of Holy Communion which will be held Thursday evening **May 25th at 7:00 pm** at Swamp Lutheran Church in Reinholds with host Pastor Dennis Trout preaching.

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:

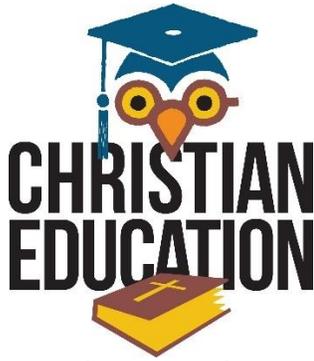
Do you enjoy taking pictures of special moments? Would you be interested in sharing those photos with the church? We are looking for photos to share in the newsletter, on our website, Facebook, etc. Sharing is easy, you can send them through email at mellingerslutheran@gmail.com.

2017 Coffee Social Bakers Needed:

The 2017 Coffee Social charts are available in the narthex. Please sign up for a date to provide after service treats.

**Jesus Taught
us how to
Serve Others**

Resource: paperkit.net 2013



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>.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Tuesday evening Bible Study will be held on February 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th from 7:00 to 8:30.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

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 Kitchen Project Fund
- ✚ The Internship Fund (Vicar)
- ✚ Maintenance and Building Fund
- ✚ Youth Gathering 2018
- ✚ Campus Crusade for Christ
- ✚ Needy Fund
- ✚ **Security System:** We are currently seeking donations to pay for a security video and intercom system. Please use the special envelopes and write in Security System if you are interested in donating for this cause.

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.

Also we will continue to collect funds to support our mission throughout the year. Just use an envelope located on the table in the narthex. We will be handing out envelopes April through September.

Thanks to congregational support, in 2016 we were able to produce:

- ✚ 4 Quilts
- ✚ 186 Personal Care Kits
- ✚ 353 School Kits
- ✚ 16 Baby Kits
- ✚ 1,624 Bars of Soap

Upcoming Youth Activities

"Soup"er Bowl Sunday – On Sunday February 5, the Youth Group will be collecting cans of soup to support Ephrata Area Social Services. They will also be accepting monetary donations for the Tackle Hunger initiative supporting Church World Service, which provides for International Aid and Hunger programs. Please be generous in your support. Help the Youth Group surpass their totals from last year: \$121 and 261 cans.

Members of the Youth Group are reminded to be at church on Soup-er Bowl Sunday to help collect donations.

Texas BBQ Dinner and Silent Auction – April 1, 2017 (in conjunction with Social Ministry)

Beginning in March, we will be looking for donations of items for the auction – gift cards, theme baskets, hand crafted items, collectables, etc. Youth and their families will be helping to prepare the meal, serve the meal, and clean-up as well as with the auction.

Hershey Park: Youth group will be selling tickets for the 2017 season at Hershey Park at group prices.

Regular	Ages 9-54	\$36.00
Jr./Sr	Ages 3-8 & 55-69	\$31.00
Sr. +	70+	\$24.00

Tickets will be on Sale in March – orders due April 2nd

Easter Eggs: April 9 (Easter is the 16th) Orders taken in March. Youth will be making Peanut Butter Eggs again this year. Look for order forms in March.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

“Do Your Own Thing” Trip to New York City December 9 2017

Leave Mellingers Lutheran Church, Schoeneck
at 6:30 AM
Leave New York City
after a day “To Do Your Own Thing”
at 7:00 PM

Trip Price: \$45 Linda @ 336-6177



Dear Pastor Tim and our Church family,
We have felt so much love and support from all of you after Nick's passing. Thank you for all the cards, meals, visits and phone calls and especially the prayers, which we continue to need. God bless you, Mike and Pat Haller

Dear Members of Mellingers,
Thank you for the cards, presents, prayers and thoughts you have shared with me and my family over the holiday season. All were deeply appreciated and enjoyed. Many blessings to all for a happy and healthy New Year filled with laughter and love gifted to us from the father above. God bless and peace be with you, Kelly Parrish

Dear Friends from Mellingers,
Thank you for your continued support of our Luther Acres Healthcare Center residents at Christmas time. Your thoughtfulness helps make the holidays bright for the residents who receive your gifts! Best wishes to all for a wonderful New Year! Warmest regards, Mary (Therapeutic Recreation)

To whom it may concern,
Thank you very much for the lovely Christmas gift you gave me – the black/gray vest, the adult coloring book and colored pencils. They all will be put to very good use. Wishing all of you a very happy New Year! God bless each and every one. Love – Ruth Stern

How to help Scott with Tuition Expenses

If you feel called to help assist Scott financially, tax deductible contributions can be made payable to “Mellingers Lutheran Church” and write “Brubaker Seminary” on the memo line. Please use the white donation envelopes found on the table in the Narthex. Just write “Brubaker Seminary” on the envelope somewhere and it will be sent to the seminary for his account. He is \$900 short for the Spring Semester and much more needed for next Fall.



2 Tables, 23 large chairs and 12 small chairs no longer being used by Sunday School are available for donation or free. Please contact Randy Meckley in person or at 336-3230 if interested.



IN THE CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

FOR SUNDAY SERVICE after 7:30 am
and
FOR DAILY ACTIVITIES before
traveling in, please

- † call the church at 336-8800,
- † visit our website at www.mellingers.org
- † check our Facebook page (Mellingers Evangelical Lutheran Church), or
- † Tune into WGAL

to see if we will be holding services on
that day.

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.

2017 Financial Report

General Receipts Compared To Budget January

	Receipts	Allocation	Over(Under)
1/1/2017	2,334.00	4,192.92	(1,858.92)
1/8/2017	4,927.00	4,192.92	734.08
1/15/2017	3,380.00	4,192.92	(812.92)
1/22/2017	4,932.00	4,192.92	739.08

General Receipts Compared to Budget Year to Date

	Receipts	Budget	Over(Under)
1/22/2017	15,573.00	16,771.68	(1,198.68)



- ❖ Most of the Facilities Maintenance budget was for the roof and parking lot for which we had donations.
- ❖ Benevolence for the Pick 6 program was not included in the budget.
- ❖ We started 2017 with \$3,916 in our checking account.
- ❖ Nancy Eberly suggested that we discuss obsolete budget accounts with remaining funds at the congregational meeting proposed for May 7, 2017.
- ❖ Future needs of the church which should be considered are HVAC repairs, kitchen remodel and security system.
- ❖ The Reed family will be returning to the church.
- ❖ Skip sent funds to have the basement door repaired. Repair work generally occurs within 4 weeks of receipt of funds.
- ❖ The old wooden upholstered Sunday School chairs are no longer needed by Sunday School and will be sold or donated in order to have them removed from church property.
- ❖ A request was made that we always play "Jesus Remember Me" every week regardless of when people are finished with communion.
- ❖ There was a meeting on January 17, 2017 with the Schoeneck Fire Company to discuss fire safety plans.
- ❖ A request was made to improve the audio in the sanctuary.

Anti-Heroin Addiction Workshop and Training

Muddy Creek Lutheran Church invites everyone from the CALM 5 churches to a workshop and training on Tuesday Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. at Muddy Creek about dealing with heroin addiction in our community and what we can do to help as churches and individuals. The presenter is Dr. Parida of GOAL (Global Outreach for Addiction Leadership and Learning) Project. Please contact Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry (peter@mcchurch.org, 717-598-5095) if you have any questions.



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



Independent Living · Personal Care
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The Tom Pentz Trio Jazz Band

Monday, January 23 • 7:00 PM

Please RSVP by Friday, January 19

Join us for a relaxing evening in the Towne Center Community Room listening to live jazz music.

Snack & Chat

Thursday, January 26 • 2:00 PM

Please RSVP by Monday, January 23

Thursday, February 23 • 2:00 PM

Please RSVP by Monday, February 20

Enjoy a casual afternoon gathering with our Sales Counselors at the new dining venue, *The Round*, in the Muhlenberg Apartment Building. Have a delightful Snack & Chat about our vibrant Lititz senior living community!

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February 2017

- Winter Fun Day at Kirchenwald - February 12

CHURCH AT LARGE



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

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

Leo's Helping Paws is having a Super Bowl Raffle. You can win 3 Great Items (which have been donated by Pancake Farm Customers) with ONE Ticket. Items are a 40" Samsung TV....Casserole Crock Pot...Hoover Spotless Carpet Cleaner. Everything you need to watch the Game and Clean Up any spills! Tickets are \$5 each or 5/\$20 and can be purchased at the Pancake Farm Restaurant in Ephrata OR Mail a Check to Leo's Helping Paws, 1284 Wheatland Ave, Lancaster Pa 17603. Tickets will be mailed to you and entered in the Drawing for February 3. We cannot ship the items, so you must be able to pick them up. Winner will be posted on Leo's Facebook Page
Thanks so much, Dave & Joyce Wilhide

ELCA Happenings

ELCA Fund for Leaders

The ELCA Fund for Leaders (FFL) helps to raise up and financially support students studying at ELCA seminaries who have demonstrated outstanding leadership potential and exceptional gifts for ministry. Our vision is to one day support every candidate for rostered ministry with a full-tuition scholarship to an ELCA seminary, to empower and enable our leaders to serve as the church needs and the Holy Spirit leads.

NEW Leadership Initiative

In November 2016, Bishop Eaton announced a new leadership initiative to inspire ELCA leaders to seek out and encourage gifted people in their congregations, communities and networks to consider a call to the ministry of the gospel, supported by growing levels of scholarships for seminary tuition.

At the same time, Bishop Eaton announced a \$3 million gift to the ELCA Fund for Leaders, which will provide full-tuition seminary scholarships for 60 additional students over the next three years. The Fund for Leaders will grant the first 20 of these scholarships to applicants who will be first year students in the fall semester of the 2017-18 academic year through a centralized awards process. Recipients may use their scholarships to attend any ELCA seminary from which they have received an offer of admission. Additionally, after the additional 20 scholarships are awarded in early spring, ELCA seminaries will be able to nominate a number of their accepted students for general Fund for Leaders full-tuition scholarships.

Completed applications are due no later than February 28, 2017 and award recipients will be notified at the end of March 2017.

Learn more about Leadership Initiative scholarship eligibility requirements and how to submit an online application.

More about the ELCA Fund for Leaders

The realities and possibilities of the 21st-century demand that we have a critical mass of exceptionally astute and creative leaders — people defined by their generous evangelical imaginations who can point the way for both their individual congregations and for the church as a whole.

The ELCA Fund for Leaders, a merit-based scholarship program, enables us to attract women and men of tremendous promise to become pastors and

Boy Scout Troop 115

All-You-Can-Eat!!!



Take-Out Available

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Saturday, March 4, 2017
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

More information: call 598-4663 or email Scott@ScottBrubaker.com

ADULTS (12 & UP): \$8.00

CHILDREN 5—11: \$4.00

CHILDREN UNDER 5: FREE

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rostered lay leaders, and to study at an ELCA seminary. The fund serves as the ongoing promise of this church that candidates for ministry will have the opportunity to pursue a path toward informed faith and passionate discipleship.

Each of us has a unique role to play in realizing our commitment as Lutherans to "always being made new." Your gift to the ELCA Fund for Leaders ensures that highly talented individuals will be able to answer the call to leadership for this church and for our future.

For more information, please send us an email or call 800-638-3522.

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.

CHRISTIAN HUMOR

THE MEANING OF DREAMS

After she woke up, a woman told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's day. What do you think it means?"

"You'll know tonight." he said.

That evening, the man came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it to find a book entitled "The Meaning of Dreams"

http://jokes.christiansunite.com/Love/Valentine's_Day_Dream.shtml



<http://bestrecipebox.com/recipes/cauliflower-fried-rice/print/>

Ingredients:

- 1 medium head cauliflower
- 1 large egg
- 2 Tablespoons (30ml) cooking oil, divided
- 1/2 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup (120ml) diced frozen carrots
- 1/2 cup (120ml) frozen peas
- 2 Tablespoons (30ml) soy sauce *for gluten-free use tamari
- 1/2 teaspoon sesame oil
- fresh cracked black pepper to taste
- 2 green onions, diced
- optional: kosher salt
- more optional vegetables: celery, broccoli, corn, spinach

Directions:

- Mince cauliflower into very small crumbled pieces, resembling the size of rice or larger because the cauliflower will shrink as it cooks. You can use a food processor to get this texture, but be careful to not process the cauliflower too much or it will become mushy. We prefer to hand mince everything to get the small texture, so it still remains firm when cooked.
- Heat large skillet on medium high heat. Add olive oil, then add onion and garlic. Cook until soft and translucent.
- Add cauliflower and sauté until tender, but not mushy soft. Add the peas and carrots and stir until combined.
- Add the beaten egg, soy sauce, sesame oil and black pepper. Stir until the egg coats all of the cauliflower and becomes cooked.
- If needed, add additional kosher salt to taste. Add green onions and stir until everything is combined.
- Serve warm.



CLEAN CONSCIENCE

Environmentally sound and inexpensive cleaning tips and/or reusing tips

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Eco-Friendly TIPS TO Save Cash

1. Use cloth napkins.
2. Cook from scratch.
3. Use a pressure cooker.
4. Cook with residual heat.
5. Eat less meat.
6. Grow your own food.
7. Start a compost pile.
8. Ditch disposable bowls.
9. End food waste.
10. Use a toaster oven.
11. Microwave often.
12. Opt for reusable.
13. Use a low flow.
14. Turn off the tap.
15. Repair leaky faucets.
16. Cover your pool.
17. Shorten showers.
18. Save water.
19. Change light bulbs.
20. Turn down the heat.
21. Get insulated.
22. Carpool.
23. Think about solar.
24. Watch windows.
25. Unplug everything.
26. Buy energy-efficient.
27. Fix broken things.
28. Line dry.
29. Turn off the lights.
30. Know dishwashers.
31. Know washing machines.
32. Host a yard sale.
33. Buy pre-owned.
34. Recycle.
35. Get rid of junk.
36. Reduce your book-print.
37. Make your own supplies.
38. Borrow, don't buy.
39. Go paperless.
40. Swap your wardrobe.
41. Choose DIY beauty.

greatist.com/happiness/eco-friendly-tips-save-cash



Christian Symbols



Aureole: From the Latin for "gold," an aureole is a golden image symbolizing divinity and supreme power. It's used sometimes in medieval art to surround Mary and the Christ Child, or Jesus alone. The elongated or almond-shaped form of an aureole is called a mandorla.

THE MAGIC BANK ACCOUNT

The author is not known. It was found in the billfold of Coach Paul Bear Bryant, Alabama, after he died in 1982.

Imagine that you had won the following *prize* in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has rules. The set of rules are:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time it can say, "Game Over!". It can close the account and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do? You would buy anything and everything you wanted right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

ACTUALLY, This GAME is REAL...Shocked??? YES! Each of us is already a winner of this *prize*. We just can't seem to see it. The PRIZE is TIME.

1. Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life.
2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is not credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever gone.
5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time WITHOUT WARNING...

So, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds? Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars. Think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think.

So take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life!

Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day. Start "spending"....

DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT GROWING OLD...! SOME PEOPLE DON'T GET THE PRIVILEGE!



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SCOUT LEADERS

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Daisy: Chrissy Reddig 917-6466

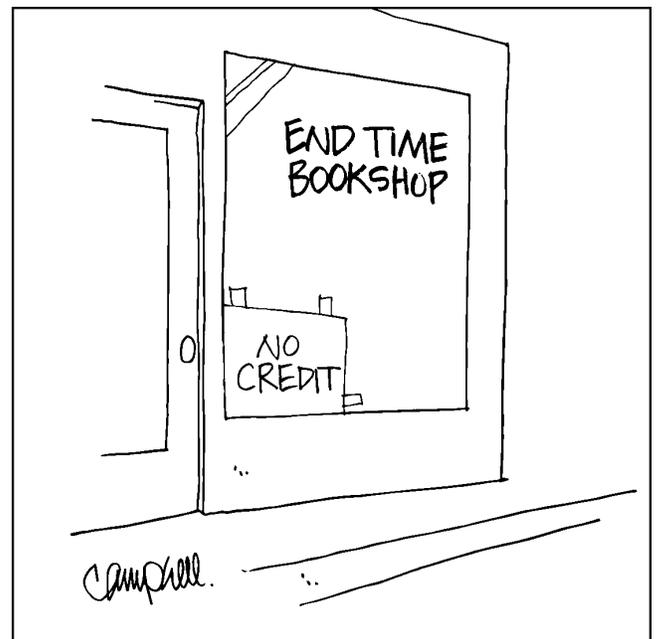
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FACEBOOK: Please come check us out on Facebook. We are listed under **Mellingers Evangelical Lutheran Church**. Check with your children or grandchildren if you do not know how to use Facebook.

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

- February 1:** Vincent Snavelly
Harry Wentzel
- February 2:** Horst Berendt
Brenton Geske
- February 5:** Sandra Schaeffer
- February 7:** Kaitlyn Reed
Jason Schlott
- February 8:** Christopher Parrish
Thomas Parrish, Jr.
- February 10:** Sam Heiser
Debra Jeffers
Grace Pfautz
- February 11:** Brittany Hartlove
Taylor Starling
- February 13:** Brittany Neidigh
Christopher
Wagner
- February 14:** Erica Drach
Vivian Gehr
- February 15:** Patsy Goding
- February 16:** Greta Harting
Jay Stoltzfus
- February 17:** Brian Adams
- February 20:** Kevin Kieffer
- February 21:** Amanda Guigley
John Leisey
- February 22:** Deklan Fischbach
Carl Usner
- February 24:** Florence Gehr
Richard Raffauf
- February 25:** Joyce Auker
Linda Netzley
- February 26:** Scott Brubaker
- February 28:** Liam Bell
- February 29:** Desiree Wagner

ANNIVERSARIES

February 5, 1981

Robert & Gail Harker

February 12, 1961

Ronald & Joyce Heckman

February 14, 2004

Dan and Deb Sensenig

February 18, 1978

Scott & Jeanette Engle

Jesus said,

"You are the light of the world.

A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

No one after lighting a lamp

puts it under the bushel basket,

but on the lampstand,

and it gives light to all in the house.

In the same way, let your light

shine before others."

Matthew 5:14-16

Seminary Update

By Scott Brubaker

As of this writing, I have just returned from a weeklong, on campus course on Biblical Greek at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia on January 17-20. The seminary is in the Mt. Airy area of Northwest Philadelphia (a bit different than our Mt. Airy!). The course was grueling and I learned just enough to be dangerous. Seriously, we learned the basics of Greek grammar and how to use Accordance® Bible Software to analyze both Greek and English Bible passages. It is a very powerful tool. I am producing a 12-page paper analyzing John 6:53-58 for submission on January 31. Spring semester online classes begin the first week of February. I am enrolled in Old Testament overview of Job to Malachi and Christian Discipleship in a Consumer Society.

I returned to my field education assignment at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd on January 7 and 8 (preached) and will be there until mid-May. I will be at Mellingers for Easter!

Thank you to my Mellingers family for all your prayers and support.

Blessings,

Scott Brubaker

FEBRUARY: RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS SUGGESTION

WRITE POSITIVE STICKY NOTES

Grab a stack of sticky notes and spend five minutes writing positive statements on them. Then place the sticky notes anywhere that needs a little kindness like an office, a bus stop, a gas pump, a parked car, a hallway, or hidden around your home!

Here are a few phrases to get you started:

You know who's awesome? Read that first word again.

Hey, you're great.

Be the reason someone smiles today.

Throw kindness around like confetti.

One kind word can change someone's entire day.

Psst...you're awesome.

<https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/kindness-ideas/868-write-positive-sticky-notes>

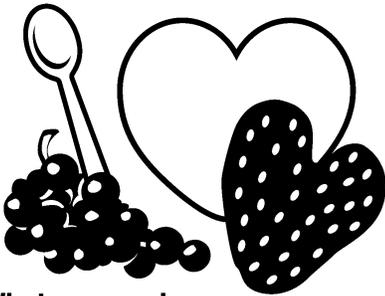


Love one
another.

Happy
Valentine's Day

Heart FRUIT SALAD

Make this cute, healthy snack for your loved ones on Valentine's Day.

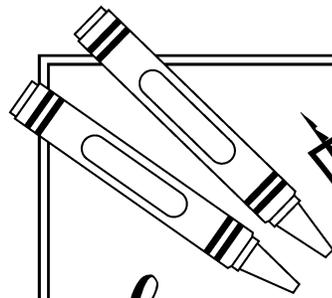


What you need:

- Adult help
- Washed fruit (watermelon, cantaloupe, strawberries, grapes)
- Knife and cutting board
- Small heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Bowl and spoon
- Mint leaves (optional)

What you do:

1. Slice the watermelon and use the cookie cutter to make heart shapes.
2. Slice the cantaloupe and cut chunks into heart shapes.
3. Remove strawberry stems and cut berries in half. Cut a small V atop each half to form a heart.
4. Cut grapes in half.
5. Place fruit in bowl and stir.
6. Wash and cut the mint. Sprinkle strips on the salad. Enjoy!



PUZZLE

Love your neighbor as yourself

Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to live out God's love. How does Jesus say we should treat other people?

Directions: Find a hidden word in each sentence. For example, "the" is hidden here: (12) "It's Harry's hat he stole." The (12) means the hidden word starts on the 12th letter (ignore punctuation). Use the answers to complete Matthew 19:19, NIV.

(1) You really like ice cream! _____

(16) Carly has a really fat hermit crab. _____

(21) My favorite animals are moth, ermine and eels. _____

(4) "Hello, Vera!" called Joseph. _____

(11) When horses neigh, boredom reigns. _____

(17) Their daughter, Kara, sat patiently. _____

(6) "That's yours, elf!" the fairy yelled. _____



"Honor _____ and _____, and _____ your _____."



Matthew 19:19, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 19:19, NIV