

NEW LIFE AND VITAL SIGNS

This month's Synod News, which is included in this mailing, has an article written by Pastor Deb. As her 'News from the Pastor' this month, she is sharing her comments and thoughts about new life and vital signs here in Christ Church and all around us. Please take time to read her article. And share in the promise of Spring and Jesus' resurrection.

YOU ARE INVITED TO

Growing Young Book Group

At Christ Lutheran

In the upcoming months, we will be reading the book *Growing Young*, and studying the six essential strategies that have helped congregations to "Grow Young"

If you're interested, please stay tuned for dates and times or contact the church office for information and join us!

FYI

Pastor Deb will be on vacation April 5 -11, 2021. Please direct calls to the church office. If it is an emergency, please feel free to contact Cindy at home.

Holy Week Worship Services

Maundy Thursday

April 1st Worship Indoor Service at 7:00 PM

Good Friday

April 2nd

Stations of the Cross in the Parking Lot at 12:00 noon
Indoor Service at 7:00 PM

Easter Vigil

April 3rd

Indoor Worship service
5:00PM

Easter Sunday Festival Worship

April 4th

6:30am

Outdoor Worship Service in Courtyard/Indoor Seating in
Sanctuary

9:30 AM

Indoor Worship Service/Outdoor Seating in Courtyard

Stations of the Cross will be available during Holy Week
for individual prayer walks

Stephen Ministry

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2, NRSV)

The congregation is planning on starting a new outreach program called Stephen Ministry. This ministry offers an effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members called *Stephen Ministers*—to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties. These can include, but are not limited to, death, divorce/separation, job loss, relocation, life threatening illness, loss of property, etc.

Stephen Ministers are trained by *Stephen Leaders*, all being from the congregation. *Stephen Leaders* and the church pastor match *Stephen Ministers* with people in need of care. The *Stephen Minister* meets with his or her *Care Receiver* for about an hour a week to provide one-to-one Christ-centered care. This relationship lasts as long as needed. It is important to remember that this ministry IS NOT counseling. *Stephen Ministers* gather together twice monthly to receive the guidance, support, and encouragement they need to provide high-quality care. They also participate in continuing education to enhance their skills.

This ministry was started in 1975 by Rev. Kenneth C. Haugk, Ph.D., a pastor and clinical psychologist, to help him provide Christian care and support to people in his congregation and community who were experiencing life difficulties. It is based in St. Louis, MO. Stephen Ministry is in more than 13,000 congregations from more than 180 Christian denominations, in all 50 states in the US, 10 Canadian provinces, and 30 other countries.

For more information on Stephen Ministry, contact Deb Jones at 570-233-7675 or msjonesncc@gmail.com or Pastor Deb.

2021 FLOWERS AND BULLETIN SPONSOR CHARTS

Now that the church is open weekday mornings and Sunday, the flower and bulletin charts are posted o the bulletin board to sign-up. You can still call the church office (570-788-1572) to sponsor flowers or bulletins for the coming year. There are MANY openings!!

BEAR CREEK CAMP INFO

Registration is now open for summer camp at Bear Creek Camp. Information is on the bulletin board in the parlor or go to bearcreekcamp.org for all the information about dates, COVID policy, etc. Financial help is available for cost of camp. Contact the church office. Summer camp positions are also open.

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LWR QUILTERS

Mark your calendars! Quilting for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) will begin on **Thursday, May 6 at 9am**.and the first Thursday of each month thereafter. Remember, you **don't** have to know how to quilt to be part of this group. If you can tie a knot, you're good to go. More details will follow in the bulletin as we get closer. If you have questions or want to participate, please contact Jean Frye at 570-788-5700 or Marian Jaxheimer at 570-788-6098.

PEANUT BUTTER PIE SALE

Yes, those wonderful peanut butter pies are back! **Orders begin Sunday April 11th and order deadline is April 30th (NO orders after that date).** Watch for the order form.

Drive-thru pick-up dates are Saturdays May 15th, 22nd & 29th from 11am-1pm. *You will need to specify what date you want to pick-up your order.*

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Finance Committee will meet Thursday April 8th at 6:30pm at the church for an in-person meeting.

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**ARTICLES FOR THE MAY NEWSLETTER  
ARE DUE SUNDAY APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>**

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**APPLE PICKIN' TIME?**

It is hard to believe that it is time to plan our annual Apple Fest for October 16, 2021. Our committee's first meeting will be Thursday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Anyone interested in planning or volunteering for the event is welcome to attend. We will meet in Roth Hall and hope to see some new faces.

Hopefully, we will be able to have our Fest indoors with all the activities, but of course, can switch gears and do a food drive-thru that was well supported by our congregation and community.

Call or e-mail Barb Gaval at 570-788-4219 or [barb123@ptd.net](mailto:barb123@ptd.net) for more info.

## WORSHIP HELPERS - APRIL 2021

### **April 1 - Holy Thursday**

*7:00pm service*

Asst. Minister Tom Toth  
Reader Tom Toth  
Ushers Shirley & Ken Ikeda

### **April 2 - Good Friday**

*7:00pm Service*

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### **April 3 – Easter Vigil**

*5:00pm Service*

Asst. Minister Cindy Derr  
Readers Deb Jones, Alyssa Kuba  
Ushers Deb Jones, Karen Kuba

### **April 4 – Easter Sunday**

*6:30am Service*

Asst. Minister Ashley Marsicano  
Reader Margie Yost  
Ushers TomToth, Margie Yost

*9:30am service*

Asst. Minister Fred Jaxheimer  
Reader Marian Jaxheimer  
Ushers Tom & Cindy Thorne

### **April 11**

*9:30am service*

Asst. Minister Cindy Derr  
Reader Nancy Lockwood  
Ushers Nancy & Rob Lockwood

### **April 18**

*9:30am service*

Asst. Minister John Homa  
Reader Zack DeRemer  
Ushers Zack & Trystin DeRemer

**April 25**

9:30am service

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| Asst. Minister | Confirmation Class |
| Reader         | Confirmation Class |
| Ushers         | Confirmation Class |

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Ethel Welliver

- 4/1 Rick Walck
- 4/2 Brian Bartal
- Melissa Hare
- 4/5 Fred Jaxheimer
- Kristy Welch
- 4/11 Cheryl Krystopa
- Timothy Michalesko
- 4/12 Christian Smith
- 4/13 Brynn Lenko
- 4/15 David Antolick
- 4/16 Jack Mariano
- Nicholas Memis
- Dale Shuman
- 4/20 Deborah Antolick
- Drew Detweiler
- Sarah Michalesko
- 4/21 Rosalie Wright
- 4/22 Pat Walser
- 4/23 DianeKulengosky
- Maizie Kurtz
- Cindy Thorne
- 4/24 Jackie Ruch
- 4/25 Lance Book
- Lyla Buck
- 4/26 Luke Bernstein
- Donna Nestor
- 4/28 Alyssa Kuba
- Joseph Matz
- Audrey Skalla
- 4/29 David Detweiler
- Lew Dryfoos, III

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

- 4/6/ Millie Beach & Bob Luchi
- 4/15 Larry & Debbie Edwards
- 4/30 Leslie & Rick Mariano