APRIL 7, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 467 Main St., P. O. Box 494 CONYNGHAM, PA 18219



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Weekly Worship:

Saturday @ 5:00pm Sunday @ 10:30am

MISSION STATEMENT

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church is a redeemed family of God's people empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the love of God in Jesus Christ in this community and in the world.

As an active and growing congregation, we share ourselves, our time, and our possessions to serve the Lord by serving others. Inspired in worship, nurtured through teaching, supported with fellowship, and strengthened by prayer, we reach out to others with the Gospel, now and in future generations.

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Welcome in the name of Christ, whose church this is! If you are seeking a church home, please notify the church office. Contact information is on the front of the bulletin.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE: Hearing Assistive Devices are located on the table at the entrance to the worship space. An ADA Compliant restroom and changing station are located in the entrance hallway. A first aid kit, water, juice and snacks are in the kitchenette adjacent to the Parlor (main entrance room).

FOR SECURITY: During worship, only the upper-level main entrance doors are openall other doors are locked.

Have any questions? An usher will be glad to help you!

Individual communion cups are ready for pick up for you to use at home. They are inside the front door of the parlor and may be picked up during office hours. Please help yourself. You may also commune with what you have handy at home; bread, crackers, juice, wine, etc.

Our Sunday morning 10:30am service is on our FaceBook page "Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregation' or catch the service on the website video tab using 'clcconyngham.org'. The bulletin is on the web site using the bulletin tab.

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH APRIL 7, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 10:30am Worship Services

PRELUDE

"Low in the Grave He Lay" Robert Lowry-arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

<u>GATHERING</u>

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE STAND

ENTRANCE HYMN "This Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

- Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.
- C Amen.
- \mathcal{P} Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

 Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. ELW(red) #384

- In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!
- C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!
- At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Water is poured into the font.

- \mathcal{P} Look, here is water!
- C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

GREETING

- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **C** And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE (CONGREGATION SINGS ALL MUSIC)



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray.

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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<u>word</u>

A READING FROM ACTS

Acts 4:32-35

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

L Please join in reading the Psalm - Congregation responses are in **bold** type

Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity. (Ps. 133:1)

¹How good and how pleasant it is,

when kindred live together in unity!

²It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion. For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

A READING FROM 1st CORINTHIANS

1 John 1:1--2:2

The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.

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¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN the 20th CHAPTER



John 20:19-31

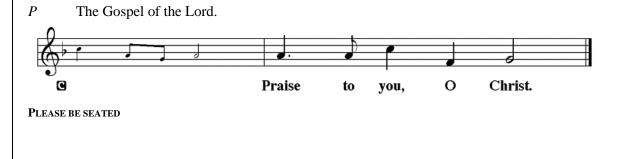
The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.



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SERMON		Pastor White	
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HYMN OF THE DAY	"We Walk by Faith "	ELW(red) #635	
APOSTLES' CREED𝒫Let us join in confessing or	ur faith using the words of the Apostle	e's Creed.	
 C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. 			

THE PRAYERS

A Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

- A Your church cries out, O God, and you listen. As you drew near to the disciples, draw near to us this day. Breathe on us your Holy Spirit, that our faith is renewed and we witness to your love. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.

A Your creation cries out, O God, and you listen. Nurture trees, crops, wildflowers, and all growing things. Guide farmers, gardeners, arborists, and others who tend the soil and nurture plants into life. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Your world cries out, O God, and you listen. Guide police, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders to work for the well-being of communities and the dignity of every person, that no one may need to live in fear. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Your children cry out, O God, and you listen. Hear your people crying out for justice, for an end to racism and other oppression, and for a world where all are fed and safe. We pray for all who cry out in suffering or pain. Especially we pray for all on our prayer list and those we name in our hearts (*pause*)...God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Your congregations cry out, O God, and you listen. Renew pastors, deacons, musicians, and other staff, administrators, and volunteers who facilitated Holy Week and Easter worship. Open our hearts to discern where God calls each of us to serve. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Accept our gratitude, O God, for the lives of those who now rest in you. Grant us your peace amid our fears. God of grace,

Here other intercessions may be offered.

C hear our prayer.

- Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
- **C** Amen.

<u>MEAL</u>

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- \mathcal{P} The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Please greet each other as you are comfortable.

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OFFERING

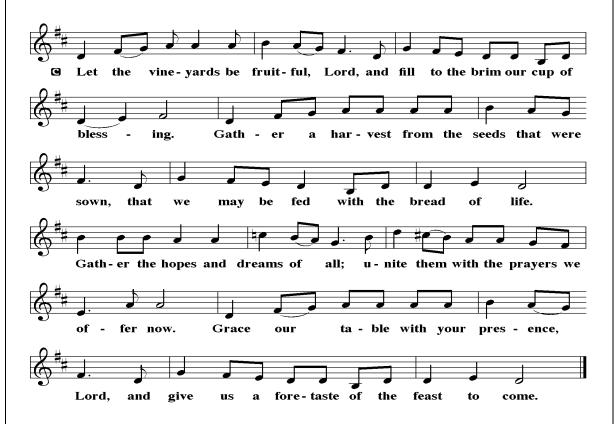
MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

Wilbur Held

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OFFERTORY



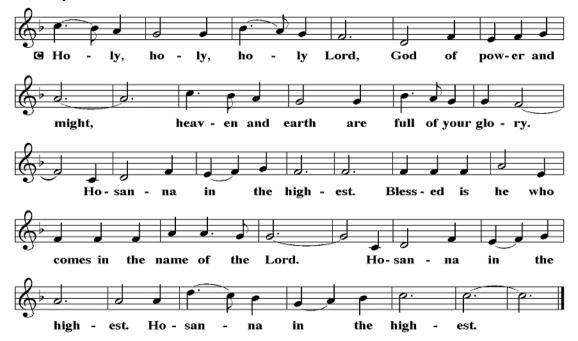
OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A In thanksgiving for our offerings, let us pray.
 Risen One,
 you call us to believe and bear fruit.
 May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.
 Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
 through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
- C Amen

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- \mathcal{P} The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- \mathcal{P} Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- \mathcal{P} Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

 \mathcal{P} Holy, living, and loving God,

we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen

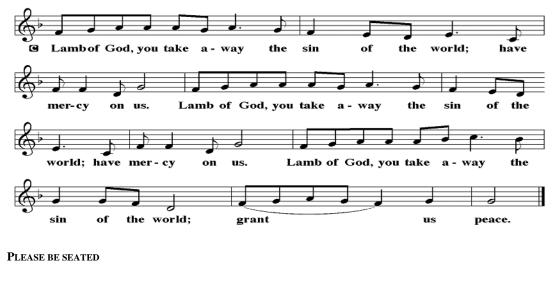
LORD'S PRAYER

- \mathcal{P} Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

COMMUNION



HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Those using the pre-filled communion elements and the people on Facebook will take communion first. Those taking communion from the altar will receive next. Proceed forward from your pew toward the altar. The Lectern side (right facing Altar) will proceed first and then the Pulpit side (left facing Altar). Pick up an empty communion glass as you approach, or use a cup filled with grape juice. Receive the bread and eat the wafer, then the assistant will fill your cup with wine and drink. Deposit empty cups in the bowls provided on the way back to your pews and be seated. If you need a gluten-free wafer, come forward with your arms crossed in front of you.

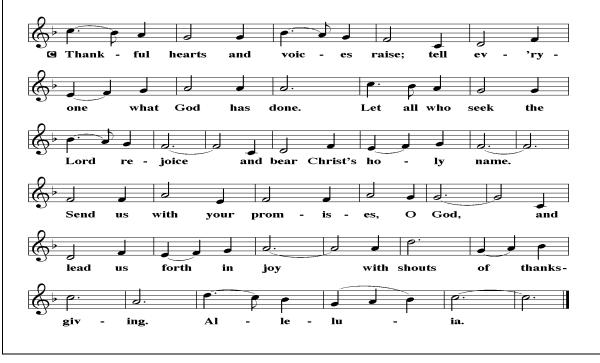
COMMUNION HYMN "Now the Green Blade Rises" El

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COMMUNION BLESSING

- \mathcal{P} The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace.
- **C** Amen.

CANTICLE



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.
 Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.
- **C** Amen.

<u>SENDING</u>

BENEDICTION

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **C** Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.
- **C** Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Thine Is the Glory

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DISMISSAL

- \mathcal{P} Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- **C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING BEGINS

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The flowers are offered to the glory of God by Lisa & Jay Burgeon in memory of loved ones.

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Worship Helpers

Acolyte	Addison Bobrowski	
Asst. Minister	Nancy Centrella	
Reader	Ashley Marsicano	
Comm. Assts.	Nancy Cantrella	
Ushers	Maria Smith & Anita Urso	

Calendar of Events for the Week of April 7, 2024

Monday-	5:00pm	Karate
-	7:00pm	Congregation Council
Tuesday -	1:00pm	Willing Workers
Wednesday-	7:00pm	Bible Study
Thursday-	9:00am	Apple Fest Crafts
	5:00pm	Karate
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Friday-

Saturday-

Next Weekend:

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Saturday Worship Service at 5:00pm Sunday Worship Service at 10:30am 9:15am Sunday School

April 13 & 14, 2024

OUR PRAYER LIST

Betty Lou, Shirley, Jean, Wilma, Dawn, Bob, Betsy, George, Frank, Patt, Dennis, Viola, Kim, Eileen, Samantha, Emily, Jarrod, Amanda, Dawn, Nancy, Rob, Violet, Scarlet. Robbie, Seth, Seth, Jr. Josh, Dick, Tom, Judi, Rodney, Pauline, Tom, Anita, Alex, Madison, Patti, Bob, Jean, Doug, Dolores, Gene, Donna, Bruce, Charlotte, Paul, Glen, Cindy and family and Rob. A copy of the prayer list is on the bulletin board in the parlor for you to take home.

PASTORAL CARE

If you are in need of pastoral care or wish a visit, please contact the church office at 570-788-1572, email clccony@ptd.net. In case of emergencies, you can also reach Cindy at 570-788-3708 or 570-579-7732 or Pastor Lupole at 570-708-1690.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

Dates are open for volunteers to teach Sunday School in 2024. Open dates are: April 14, 21 & 28 and May 12, 19, & 26 for the Pre-K-4th grade class and May 12 for the 5th-7th grade class. Please consider helping by picking one of the dates. All material is provided. See the sign-up sheet on the table in the parlor.

DEVOTIONS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Have you seen and read the devotional prayers that are posted periodically on our congregation's Facebook page? Hopefully, when you read them, you will find encouragement and a sense of God's peace as you go about your daily life.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

LDR is asking for gifts to help with the recent disasters and wars. The survivors/victims need our support. Checks may be out to the church and marked <u>LDR</u>.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Why is it called Stephen Ministry? Stephen Ministry draws its name from the book of Acts. In chapter 6, Stephen was one of seven men chosen to provide caring ministry to those in need, particularly widows. Stephen was known as a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, full of God's grace and power, and performed great wonders and signs among the people. Stephen was also the first person in the Bible who was martyred for his conviction of his faith in Christ.

Caring ministry has been a feature of the Christian faith throughout history – and it is at the heart of what Stephen Ministers do. Stephen Ministry serves to bring Christ's healing love to those who are hurt. Jesus instructed his disciples to "love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). Stephen Ministry, as a care-giving ministry, equips people to offer that love through their caring presence, listening, encouraging, and praying with and for their care receivers.

We ask you to continue to pray for our Stephen Ministers and to help those with the gifts for this ministry to hear God's calling and step forward so that we may reach out with compassion to those who need it most. You can contact Deb Jones at 570-233-7675 for more information.

2024 BULLETIN SPONSOR CHART IS AVAILABLE

Look for the sign-up charts on the bulletin board in the parlor to choose your dates to sponsor. Special flower pieces need to be ordered through the office (i.e. altar piece). Open bulletin dates are April 18th, May 26th, June 2nd, July 21st, August 11th & 18th, October 13th & 27th, November 10th and December 1st.

BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday night Bible Study is each week at 7pm. Currently, we are wrapping up Exodus and will be starting Leviticus shortly.

Wednesday morning Bible Study meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 11am. We use the "Wired Word" current affairs material and discuss how it relates to the Bible and our lives.

BEAR CREEK CAMP

Registration for Summer Camp is now open. See the poster on the bulletin board in the parlor for dates and take an information packet that shows costs phone, e-mail and other information. Financial help is offered to campers from our congregation (see Cindy).

FAMILY FUN AND GAME NIGHT

All are invited to attend a Family Fun & Game Night on **April 14 from 5pm-??** in Roth Hall. Feel free to being your favorite game, a friend, and a snack to share. All ages are welcome-we hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact the Fryes (Chuck & Jean) at 570-788-5700 or Deb Jones at 570-233-7675.

MAY NEWSLETTER

Articles for the May newsletter are due April 21st.

WILLING WORKERS

The Willing Workers will meet on **Tuesday, April 9 at 1:00pm**. We will discuss the Spring Fling which was held in March and upcoming events of our calendar. *After the meeting, several women who quilt are bringing in some of their quilts to talk about the history of the quilt. All members are encouraged to bring in their own special quilts or heirlooms to share their history of the item.* All women of the church are invited to attend. For more information, contact Deb Jones at 570-233-7675 or msjonesncc@gmail.com

CASTING OUR NETS

The ministry group will meet **Sunday April 14th following** the 10:30am worship service.

<u>MAY LUNCHEON</u> <u>SATURDAY MAY 11TH – 12PM LOOKOUT HOUSE</u> <u>COST \$15 – PAY DAY OF EVENT</u>

Moms, grandmothers, sisters, daughters, aunts, all ladies of the church are invited. <u>Bring</u> <u>your everyday and/or fancy apron!!!</u> Meal includes sandwiches, soup, quiche, salad, beverage and dessert. For reservations call 570-788-1572 by **Sunday May 5th** or sign-up on the sheet on the table in the back of the church. *If paying by check-please make payable tot the Lookout House*.

SAINT JOHN BOSCO BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY Sharing the Journey "Grief Shared is Grief Diminished"

The Bereavement Ministry of St. John Bosco Church will provide the Spring Support Group Sessions starting in April that are open to all people who are grieving the death of a loved one and are having difficulty in their grief.

The overall goal of the support group is to provide insight into one's grief and to help them to move toward a resolution of their grief. It is designed to be flexible. When the worst has happened and everything changes, get the support that you need to remember with more love than pain.

The program consists of seven weekly sessions on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the parish multi-purpose room, beginning on Monday, April 1, 2024. Registration is required to assure seating and materials. If interested, please call Marie (Bereavement Ministry) at (570) 455-3874 to register. Sessions are non-denominational.

VALLEY INTERFAITH COMMUNITY MEAL

The next meal is Friday April 26th from 5:30pm-7:00pm at Black Creek United Methodist Church at 158 Golf Course Road in Sugarloaf. Tickets are available in the church office. There is no cost for the tickets but a free will offering will be taken. All proceeds go to fund the next meal. Please pick up your tickets by April 12th so they know how many to prepare for.

"PRAISE FOR PAWS!"

For the **month of April** there will be a collection box in the parlor to help the Hazleton Animal Shelter. Please see the list of items needed! Thank you. Any questions 570-710-8501. Rob & Nancy Lockwood

Hazleton Animal Shelter Wish List

Clay & Clumping cat litter ***Dry Purina Kitten Chow ******Dry Purina Cat Food Dry dog food & Dry Puppy food **Canned Kitten food **Canned cat food **Canned Dog Food & Canned Puppy Food Cat Treats Dog Treats Dog and Cat Beds Dog and Cat Toys Collars/ harnesses/ Leashes Hand Sanitizer Towels/ Blankets/ Sheets/ Comforters/ Quilts Plastic Litter Pans Floor Cleaners/ Mops/ Brooms *****Paper Towels Office Supplies (Computer Paper/ *Pens/Paper Clips/*Epson 702 Ink) *****Bleach Step 2 Gerber Baby Food- Beef Only

Anything with a * next to it, is needed most. The more stars, the more needed.



Thank you for our support!



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