

**Buffalo Valley
Lutheran Parish**



2021

From Our Pastor...

EASTER FAITH, EASTER JOY

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Such is the cry of Easter faith. This proclamation is foundational to our Christian faith because it fully depends on the way God wills to act through Christ in our world for our benefit. Light overcomes darkness. Love overcomes enmity. Life overcomes death.

God's will is life. God's way is love. God's path is light. We are able to believe this because we are drawn by God into the life and love of Jesus (John 6:44,65). In Jesus there is life and this life is the light of all people (John 1:4).

Through Jesus we become able to truly believe that life is not reduced to a time span between birth and death. Because of the life shared in the Father and the Son, we are also able to believe that our lives are relational and eternal. God in Jesus is the giver and sustainer of life: "Just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomever he wills" (John 5:21).

God's will is lovingly bound to our lives through Jesus: "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away, for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of Him who sent me. And this is the will of Him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that He has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day" (John 6:37-40).

We are able to believe because God draws us into His promise revealed in Jesus: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die" (John 11:25-26). God's promise in Jesus is for all: "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself" (John 12:32).

As we believe and live in God's promise, we are also empowered by God to live out the promise through love. Through Jesus we are moved out of darkness into light (John 12:46) that we may follow the commandment of God which is eternal life (John 12:50). This eternal life is lived out in Jesus' love: "having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end" (John 13:1). Jesus' love is given to us to follow: "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another (John 13:34). Jesus' love enlightens the way for us to overcome the darkness of sin and allow us to participate eternally in God's life: "Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life (John 8:12).

Easter joy begins in God's promise, an eternal favor of and for life, and is revealed through Jesus' love for all people. Easter joy is expressed as we believe and participate in God's eternal life in the presence of the risen Jesus. Easter joy celebrates resurrection hope expressed in and through lives lived by loving others unconditionally. Easter joy anticipates a future totally within the bounds of the love shared between the Father and the Son and poured out into the world.

We are able to believe because the Father and the Son believe in us and will not allow anything to get in the way of their eternal love for us, not sin and not even death. Sin and death may be a present reality; but because Jesus has been raised from the dead neither sin nor death will determine our destiny. As Easter people, we are able to believe that our future is securely within the eternal relationship of the Father and the Son, where life begins and where it will not come to a close.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Share the faith! Share the joy!

Pr. John

**Parish Pastor
Rev. John D. Yost**

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Bible Study Schedule

Pr. John will update the participants of the individual groups as decisions regarding the classes are made.

WORSHIP & SS SCHEDULES

Christ's United:

Worship: Sunday, 8:30AM

Sunday School: Sunday following worship

First Lutheran:

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

In Our Prayers:

Winifred Aikey
Marie Anderson
Kim Blyler
John Bowersox
John Dunkle
Roger Dunkle
Mike Flickinger
Josh Frank
Jenn & Jeff Gates
Doug & Pearl Gemberling
Gary & Barb Gemberling
Toni Hostalley
Dave Janaes
Janet Meyer
Harry Moyer
Wendy Norton
Diane Reamer
Kim Roberts
Richard Rowe
Gerry Shively
Ken Smith
Miranda & Caleb Stroik
Rita Tinnes
Helen Troup
Ron & Darlene Ulrich & family
Glen VanDyke
Tom Watters
Shut Ins:
Jim & Jan Beckley
Jim & Florence Boop
Carolyn Bowersox
Pearl Culp
Barbara Grimooris
Georgie Linke
Doris Moll
Ethel Musser
Helen Pirone
Meda Struble
Ronald Ulrich
Connie Wagner
In Our Military:
Brandi Gemberling
Thaddeus Miller
Zachary Miller

**If an effort to keep the prayer list current, CULC is going to clear the current list on a quarterly basis. A new list will begin in January, April, July & October. If you want to continue an existing prayer request or have a new prayer concern, please contact Margie.*

Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!

Happy
EASTER





Mike Flickinger	4/01	Bob Musser	4/18
Joseph Zimmerman	4/01	Courtney Snyder	4/18
Steven Moyer	4/04	Dennis Boop	4/20
Perri Hull	4/05	Matthew Zimmerman	4/20
Harvey Ilgen	4/05	Ray Mincemoyer	4/23
Dylan Yost	4/05	Jim Shipton	4/23
Helen Troup	4/09	Janelle Hicks	4/24
Darryl Mincemoyer	4/10	Jeffrey Mensch Esq.	4/24
Reagyn Rothermel	4/11	Corrin Zechman	4/25
Isaac Marshall	4/13	Betty Goss	4/28
Zachery Taylor	4/13	Dwayne Reed	4/28
Nancy Snook	4/15	Katherine Hassinger	4/29
Don Seebold	4/17	Cora Reed	4/29

Our condolences....

Audrey Crone - Our sympathy to the family of Audrey Crone, 87, who passed away on March 6. She is survived by her daughters, Kathy Eberly, Sandy Murphy, Sue Kucharik, and Marti Sanclemente, 12 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and her sisters Violet Deamer, Joanne Brown, and Janet Smith.

Thank you....

*Dear Friends at Christ's United,
Thank you for your kindness during this difficult time in our family's life. You have helped us feel Christ's love and life. We are so grateful! May God bless you always in all ways! The flowers were beautiful— Thank you!*

Love, Gwen & Kids



John & Mary Lib Dunkle	4/01	(66 yrs)
Tom & Karen Watters	4/02	(44 yrs)
James & Karen Adams	4/07	(48 yrs)
Greg & Teresa Shuck	4/21	(31 yrs)
Andrew & Daphne Clouser	4/22	(26 yrs)
Jason & Brandi Zimmerman	4/23	(16 yrs)
James & Lori Bailey	04/24	(44 yrs)
David & Lori Galer	04/28	(37 yrs)

CULC & FELC Altar Flowers

The 2021 Altar Flower charts at CULC & FELC are on the bulletin boards outside of the sanctuary. The cost of weekly flowers, which is payable to the church, is \$40.00 for CULC and \$40 for FELC. For FELC sponsors: please complete a form outlining your request.

Camp Mt. Luther News

OUR CONGREGATION has a valuable resource literally in our backyard: Camp Mount Luther. There you will find accommodating staff, valuable programs, and great facilities that will bring added life, creativity, and opportunities to you and this congregation.

From Camp Executive Director Chad Hershberger: "Since 1963, Camp Mount Luther has been a place to gather with others, reflect, apply our faith to daily life, and Create Memories that Last! In 2021, this will be vital as we try to gather again a camp after a summer off due to COVID-19. With all the changes in our world since the beginning of 2020, we know camp is needed now more than ever. Even with pandemic precautions that we are planning that will make camp look a little different, Mount Luther can give you a sense of normalcy, nostalgia, and something to look forward to in 2021!"

Camp is for those from age 4 through 17. Various camps for these age groups run from June 20 to August 6. Family camps also are available.

Barry Spangler is serving as Christ's United's camperson again this year, who has information on programs for the summer. Brochures are available at our church or on the website. CULC will pay up to \$150.00 per person for any congregational member's child or grandchild this year. Anyone from CULC can receive "Camel Bucks" from Barry for use at the camp store this summer. FELC offers \$100 camper tuition assistance.

If you have any questions, contact Barry (570-966-0406) or the camp office at 570-922-1587 or cml@campmountluther.org. You can also check out the camp's website at www.campmountluther.org.

REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP at Mount Luther by midnight on April 15, 2021, to get a discount on your summer camp registration! Or, if you bring a friend to camp who's never been there, you and the friend (or sibling or church buddy) can both get \$25 off your registration! Or, first time campers who attend the Spring Open House on May 2 can get the same discount on their summer registration! Only one discount per camper.

NEW AND FORMER CAMPERS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS are invited to the Camp Mount Luther **Spring Open House** on Sunday, May 2, 2021, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. to enjoy a nice spring day at camp. Come see what it is like to be a camper, tour our facilities, ask questions, and participate in fun "camp" activities. If you are a returning camper, consider bringing a friend who has never been to camp. Want to get a taste of camp before the summer sea-

son? This event is perfect for new campers who are a little apprehensive about leaving home for the first time. First time campers who attend can get a coupon for a discount on their summer registration

IT IS RAISE THE REGION TIME! Camp Mount Luther is participating in The First Community Foundation Partnership of PA's "Raise the Region" on March 10-11, 2021. It is a 30- hour fundraising event starting at 6:00 p.m. and ending the next day at 11:59 p.m. Money donated by the Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships will help stretch donations made to organizations that day. Additional monetary prizes and incentives will be awarded, too. Proceeds raised for Mount Luther go to the camp's Annual Fund unless a donor gets in touch with the camp office to designate it for another camp cause. To be part of Raise the Region, visit www.raisetheregion.org during the event and make an online donation to camp. Running totals will be shown throughout the day at the Raise the Region website. Camp Mount Luther has participated in Raise the Region for eight years and has garnered about \$119,000 in donations during this event. The camp hopes you will help us to have another successful year!

THE ANNUAL BISHOP'S OPEN GOLF CLASSIC is set for May 10, 2021, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club in Shamokin Dam. The tournament benefits Camp Mount Luther and the camp's annual fund. The camp's golf tournament committee is currently looking for hole sponsors, and golfers. If you can help, please contact the camp office at 570-922- 1587 or chad@campmountluther.org. Congregations are also encouraged to become hole sponsors. This is the 16th year for this important camp fundraiser!

PRACTICE STEWARDSHIP through service at camp at Camp Mount Luther at the Annual Spring Work Day on Saturday, May 22, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We need your help getting the camp grounds and facilities ready for summer. There will be plenty to do and everyone in the family can help! Please bring supplies to do cleaning, mulching, raking, and light construction projects such as step ladders, buckets, rakes, etc. A light lunch will be served. RSVP by May 17 if staying for lunch to cml@campmountluther.org or 570-922-1587.



Rolling Hills Manor Need

Rolling Hills Manor is in need of lap robes for their residents.

If you could knit or crochet a lap robe with any yarn you want to use - weights 3 or 4 - and in any colors. You can stripe different yarns, use any pattern you like, or just use your imagination. Linda Swartz has (2) patterns available if needed. If you have any questions or would like a pattern, please call Linda at 570-966-4353.

The size must be: 36" square or 30" X 40" rectangle

Anything you knit or crochet for them will be greatly appreciated. You can drop them off at the church at Rolling Hills Manor and let the person that answers the door know the package/bag is for Ann Star, the activities director.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday - Sunday, March 28th:

8:30 AM - CULC 10:30 AM - FELC

Maundy Thursday - April 1st, 7:00 PM - CULC

Good Friday - April 2nd, 7:00 PM - FELC

Easter Sunday - April 4th:

8:30 AM - CULC 10:30 AM - FELC

Free "Community" Meal

The members of the Outreach Committee will sponsor a free meal that will be given to those in need. The meal will be distributed on Saturday, April 10th, from the rear of the Church. A limited number of volunteers will prepare and distribute the meal. If you are willing to help, please let Marianne Motto, Libby Loss or Sue Jows know.

Food Distribution

Know someone in need of food, or some help yourself? Summit early learning (through the tefap) is distributing food the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month from 3-5 p.m. drive thru distribution in the parking lot of Mifflinburg assembly of god church (1001 market St., Mifflinburg). Income requirements are 150% of poverty level (for example: must make under \$39,300 for a family of 4). Call 570-217-1215 to register ahead of time or if you have any questions.

CULC April Volunteers

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Comm. Asst.</u>
4/4	Kathy Spanger	Lee Spanger
4/11	Greg Shuck	Greg Shuck
4/18	Maurice Clouser	Dianne Shuck
4/25	Barry Spangler	Judy Moyer

MONTHLY:

Sound System:

Lee Spangler

Altar Guild:

Barry Spanger

Bev Catherman

Usher:

Cliff Valentine

Jim Zimmerman

FELC April Volunteers

Ushers:

4/4: Harry Boyer & Shirley Heasley

4/18: Sherri Neece

Offering Envelopes: Trena Zeller

4/11: Linda Lewis

4/25: Don Seibold II

APRIL 2021

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 7PM: Worship @ CULC <i>FELC Office Coverage 10-12</i>	2 <i>Good Friday</i> 7PM: Worship @ FELC	3
4 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 8:30 AM: Worship/HC-CULC 10:30 AM: Worship/HC - FELC	5	6 FELC Office coverage 10-12	7 FELC 9-2 10AM: Hope's Haven-CULC	8	9	10
11 8:30 AM: Worship/HC-CULC 9:45AM: SS-CULC 10:30 AM: WorshipHC - FELC	12	13 FELC 9-2	14 10AM: Hope's Haven-CULC 7PM: Ashe Wednesday-CULC	15 FELC 9-2	16	17
18 8:30 AM: Worship/HC-CULC 9:45AM: SS-CULC 10:30 AM: WorshipHC - FELC	19 FELC 9-2	20 7PM: CULC Council	21 10AM: Hope's Haven-CULC FELC 9-2	22	23	24
25 8:30 AM: Worship/HC-CULC 10:30 AM: WorshipHC - FELC	26	27 FELC 9-2	28 10AM: Hope's Haven-CULC	29 FELC 9-2	30	