

BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH NEWS

APRIL 2025

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

Grace and peace to you!

We continue on our Lenten journey. On this journey, our midweek services have been using Holden Evening Prayer, and I have been leading a sermon series on the "Hand of the Lord." Hands are tremendous instruments, and they can be used to heal people, or they can hurt people; we can use them to build things, and they can be used to break things. Hands can be symbols of power and control. They can be symbols of our handiwork and our belongings. Some of the everyday phrases and labeling we may use involve hands like: "Lend a hand," "handpicked," "Like a hand in a glove," "handmade," and "Out of hand." Throughout the Bible, we see the hands of God and Jesus working.

In our sermon series, Peter walks out on the water and begins to sink when he takes his eyes off Jesus. Jesus' hands reach down and save Peter, just as he reaches down and pulls us from our pain and suffering. Jesus' outstretched hand touches the leper, and the leper is cleansed. Jesus reaches out to the untouchable, takes our pain and suffering to the cross, and gives us forgiveness and a new life. Jesus' hands touch the coffin of the widow's son during the funeral procession, and he is raised from the dead. Christ touched death, and that death was overcome. In our baptism, we are united to Jesus' death and resurrection and made alive in Christ. We will see those hands work for forgiveness, life, and salvation. Jesus' hands will wash the dirty feet of His disciples. His outstretched hands that were nailed to the cross show His compassion for all of us!

Join us as we journey to Holy Week and the empty tomb!

As always, I continue to lift you up in prayer! If you have any pastoral care needs, please let me know!

Peace in Christ,
The Rev. Curt Wingert

PARISH NEWS

LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

First Lutheran, Christ's United (4-Bells), St. John's UCC

March 12-April 9

Mid-Week Lenten Prayer Service

6:00 p.m. (Meal); **7:00 p.m.** (Evening Prayer Service)

Wednesday, April 2 @ St. John's UCC

Wednesday, April 9 @ CULC

Saturday, April 12

1:00 p.m. – Community Easter Egg Hunt @ CULC
ages 0-12

Sunday, April 13

8:30 a.m. – Palm Sunday Service @ CULC

10:30 a.m. – Palm Sunday Service @ St. John's UCC

Thursday, April 17

7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Service @ St. John's UCC

Friday, April 18

7:00 p.m. – Good Friday Service @ CULC

Sunday, April 20

6:30 a.m. – Easter Sunrise Service @ CULC**

7:30 a.m. – Easter Breakfast @ CULC

8:30 a.m. – Easter Sunday Service @ CULC

10:30 a.m. – Easter Sunday Service @ St. John's UCC

10:30 a.m. - Easter Sunday Service @ FELC

*****The 6:30 Sunrise service will be outside around a fire, so please plan accordingly.***

Bible Study

The Parish Bible Study will be taking a break for the month of April.



Easter Egg Hunt

There will be a community Easter egg hunt for children ages 0-12 at Christ's United on **April 12 at 1:00 p.m.** Help will be needed to hide the eggs, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Donations of plastic filled eggs are greatly appreciated. Unfilled plastic eggs are available in the hallway at CULC for anyone that is willing to fill them with candy and/or prizes. **Please return filled eggs to CULC**

prior to April 12. If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Boop at 570-966-1610.



VBS is Coming!

Community Crusaders

BVLC Community VBS

Monday, July 7- Thursday, July 10

6:00 PM - 8:15 PM

Mifflinburg Town Park Pavilion

Questions can be directed to Ann Beckley
570-490-0242 or beckleyann07@gmail.com



Please watch for details to be a part of Buffalo Valley Parish VBS...keep the dates open July 7th-10th.

Keep in mind, any volunteers that will be working directly with the youth must have a volunteer clearance. The Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance (Certification) can now be submitted online through the Child Welfare Solution (CWIS) self-service portal. Plan ahead, and get this taken care of.

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/KeepKidsSafe/Clearances/Pages/PA-Child-Abuse-History-Clearance.aspx>

This certification is **FREE for volunteers!!!**
Sign-up sheets for Volunteers will be forth coming.

We are looking for interested YOUTH ages 13-20 to help facilitate this year's program. Please contact Ann Beckley if you are interested in helping (beckleyann07@gmail.com or text to 570-490-0242).

Register for VBS by scanning this QR code.



Men's Resurrection Breakfast

The 2025 Men's Resurrection Breakfast will take place on **Saturday, April 19, from 8:30-10:30 a.m.** at the Watson Inn, 100 Main St., Watsontown. Dave Brandt, Bucknell University Men's Soccer Head Coach will be the guest speaker. After the buffet breakfast, there will be worship music, testimony of a college athlete, guest speaker Coach Brandt, and door prizes. Tickets are \$15 per person and \$5 for young men age 18 and under. **Reservations and tickets are necessary by April 11.** For reservations, tickets or more info, please call (570) 452-5000. Space is limited, so make your reservations early. The event is sponsored by the Mifflinburg Alliance Church, Himmelreich Library and other churches.

FELC NEWS

Free Community Meal at FIRST

First Lutheran will be serving a free community meal on **Saturday, April 12, (*please note the change in date from the usual schedule*) from 11:00 – 12:30.** All are welcome! Please enter the door in the alley behind the church. Meals for the remainder of the quarter will be held on **May 3, and June 7.**

Rehearsal Schedule/Music News

April 6 – Rehearse choir at 9:45 am; Rehearse chimes after church
April 13 – Rehearse choir at 9:45 am; **No rehearsal after church**
April 20 – Rehearse choir at 9:45 am; **No rehearsal after church**
April 27 – Rehearse chimes after church

The choir will be singing on Easter Sunday for the 10:30 am service, featuring Brynn Umholtz on trumpet!

The tone chimes will rehearse after church on April 6 and 27 to prepare playing for Memorial Day.

There will be a piano/organ duet with Paula Christy and Diane Scott on April 27.

Altar Flowers

The cost of altar flowers is now \$50 for 2 vases.

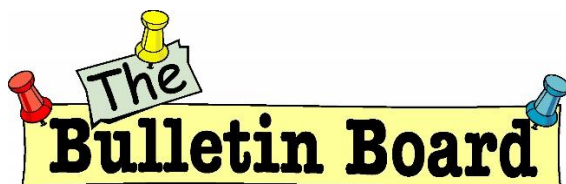
Empty Coffee Cans Needed

We are in need of empty #1 coffee cans for altar flowers. You may place them on the pew in the office hallway.

Weis/Wenger's Gift Cards

Gift cards are available in denominations of \$25, \$50, or \$100 and make wonderful gifts for any occasion. Kim Sawyer will have the cards available on Sundays, before or after church, at her home, in the church office when the secretary is in, and she will also deliver. Contact Kim at 570-713-4577. Make checks payable to "First Lutheran Church" and put "mission fund" on the memo line. **YOU receive the card's full value, and Weis gives 5% and Wenger's 10% of the purchase to our mission fund!**

Thanks to all who support this mission.



CULC NEWS

Ham Loaf Dinner at Christ's United



A 'Drive Through' Ham Loaf Dinner is planned for April 26th at Christ's United. The time is 3:30pm until sold out. Advance orders will also be taken. Please check our website at www.4bellschurch.com.

The Dinner includes Ham Loaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetable and Applesauce.

The workday will take place on Friday, April 25th starting at 9 am. Please come out on Friday to help mix the ham loaf and form the balls, mix and put the applesauce into containers & get ready for Saturday, etc.

Help is also needed the day of the Dinner. At 9 am, help is needed to cook the Ham Balls, Scalloped Potatoes & Vegetable. Help is also needed as the day goes on for other duties including making up the dinners and taking them to the cars, as well as clean-up.

If you are experienced, that is great; if not, we will provide training! To volunteer, please call Kim Blyler at 570-716-5601 or email him at kim@4bellschurch.com. If you have any questions, please talk to Kim Blyler.

Mark Your Calendars For These Other Upcoming Meals at CULC:

May 31 – Turkey Dinner

June 28 – Ham Loaf Dinner

September 27 – Turkey Dinner

November 1 – Pot Pie Quart Sale

CULC Money Counters

We are still in need of additional offering counters after worship services. If interested, contact Barry Spangler (570-966-0406).

Offering Envelopes

In 2025, we are continuing to use our “homemade” offering envelopes. If you need some, contact Gina Buttorff (570-966-3370).





CULC EASTER FLOWERS

One of the customs of this season at Christ's United is to celebrate the risen Christ with a bevy of flowers adorning the sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

If you would like to provide flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter, fill out the form below and return it to Janice Wagner or Margie.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Order Deadline: April 6

Return with payment to Margie Dunkle or Janice Wagner

_____ 4" Pansy @ \$3.00	_____
_____ 6" Mini Daffodil @ \$10.50	_____
_____ 6" Hyacinth @ \$10.50	_____
_____ 6" Tulip @ \$10.50	_____
_____ 4-6 Bloom Lily @ 12.50	_____
TOTAL	_____

GIVEN BY _____

in memory of _____

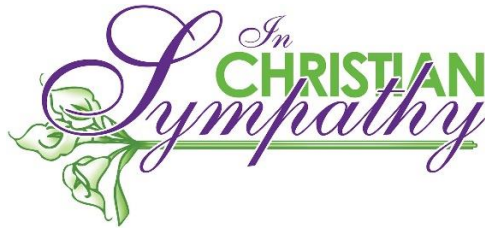
in memory of _____

in honor of _____

in honor of _____

to the Glory of God _____

(Supplier - Brookside Acres Greenhouse)



The members of Christ's United extend their sympathies to the family of Joseph "Joe" W. Dressler. Joe, 68, of Mifflinburg, entered into rest on Tuesday, March 4 at home. He was born June 24, 1956, in Lewisburg, a son of the late Morris Elmer and Maud Evelyn (Harrison) Dressler.

He was a graduate of SUN Area Vo-Tech, New Berlin and was employed at Pennsylvania House, Lewisburg, for over 25 years. After he retired, he worked at Puff's, Mifflinburg. Joe volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and Hope's Haven.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Shannon and Joshua Dressler of Lewisburg; a brother, Michael; a sister, Barbara; three grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on March 15, at the Mifflinburg Church of New Life, Buffalo Road, Mifflinburg, with Pastor Butch Woolsey officiating.



FAITH

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Heb. 11:1

Our walk with God is a journey of faith. We believe that He exists and that the promises in His Word are true. We put our confidence and our hope in their reality, even though we do not always see or feel them.

I don't know what difficulty you may be dealing with at this time, but I want to assure you that God loves you and that He has a good plan for you. I urge you to believe what God's Word says more than you believe the way your circumstances look right now. Through faith and patience you will receive the manifestation of God's promises.

God will meet your needs, and you will see the results of your faith if you hold fast and don't give up or back down. Take time right now to remember a time when God did something wonderful for you, and let it encourage you to believe that He will do it again. He is working right now, and you will see the result.

Prayer:

Father, I put my trust in you. I believe that you are faithful, and that you are working on my behalf right now. In Jesus' name, Amen.

So please take a few minutes each day to pray and read your Bible. And God Bless You! ~ Submitted by Janet Shoemaker, FELC



CHRIST'S UNITED

Laurie Adams
Paul Brann
Roger Dunkle
Darlene Endy
Dorothy Furgison
Gary Gemberling
Pearl Gemberling
Gary & Janet Hackenberg
John Jenkins
Paul & Sherri Klauger
Roy Laudermilch
Kay Martin
John & Kathy Morrison
Harry Moyer
Steve & Judy Moyer
Dave Oberlin
Louise Ritter
Larry Sampsell

Sam Schnure
Lee & Kathy Spangler
Chuck Spurr
Dave & Linda Swartz
Kerm Wagner
Gary & Marlene Walters
Tom Watters
Donald Weller

The Shut-Ins:

Betty Goss, Helen Pirone,
Dottie Rathfon

Also:

The family of Joe Dressler

*In an effort to keep the prayer list current, Christ's United will clear their current list on a quarterly basis. **A new list will begin in** January, **April**, July, and October. If you want to continue an existing prayer request or have a new prayer concern, please contact Margie.*

FIRST LUTHERAN

Prayer List: Jennie Servinsky

Shut-Ins: Millard Boyer, Mary "Lib" Dunkle, Lois Elliott, Doris Moll, Ethel Musser, June Ocker, Barb Reed, Dotty Seebold, James Shipton, Pat Smith, Nancy Ulrich

The Troops: Thaddeus Miller, Zachary Miller

Also: The family of Keith Sawyer



- 1 – Maria Kuba (F), Joseph Zimmerman (C)
- 3 – Noah Kuba (F)
- 4 – Steven Moyer (C), Denny Neece (F)
- 5 – Perri Hull (F), Harvey Ilgen (F)
- 6 – Karen Fritz (F), Tessa Woodring (F)
- 10 – Darryl Mincemoyer (F), Sue Smith (F)
- 11 – Carter Kerstetter (F), Reagyn Rothermel (F)
- 15 – Nancy Snook (F)
- 17 – Don Seebold **(90)** (F)
- 18 – Bob Musser (F), Courtney Snyder (C)
- 20 – Dennis Boop (C), Matthew Zimmerman (C)
- 21 – Catrina Bollinger (F)
- 23 – Ray Mincemoyer (F), Jim Shipton **(99)** (F)
- 24 – Janelle Hicks (F), Avery Kline (C), Jeff Mensch (F)
- 25 – Corrin Zimmerman (C)
- 28 – Betty Goss (C), Dwayne Reed (F)
- 29 – Katherine Hassinger (C), Cora Reed (F)



- 2 – Tom & Karen Watters (C) (1977)
- 21 – Greg & Teresa Shuck (C) (1990)
- 22 – Andrew & Daphne Clouser (C) (1995)
- 23 – Jason & Brandi Zimmerman (C) (2005)
- 24 – James & Lori Bailey (F) (48 yrs.)
- 28 – David & Lori Galer (F) (41 yrs.)
- 29 – Don II & Tracy Seebold (F) (25 yrs.)



VOLUNTEERS

CULC

Date:	Greeters:	Lay Reader:	Communion Asst:
6	Idella Zimmerman	Maurice Clouser	Janice Wagner
9 (Lenten Srvc)		Greg Shuck	Dianne Shuck
13 (Palm Sunday)	Idella Zimmerman	Greg Shuck	Greg Shuck
18 (Good Fri. 7 pm)		Barry Spangler	None
20 (Sunrise 6:30 am)	Judy Moyer	Lisa Lapp	Barry Spangler
20 (Easter 8:30 am)	Greg & Teresa Shuck	Glenn Spangler	Glenn Spangler
27	Idella Zimmerman	Barry Spangler	Judy Moyer

Sound System: Dave Bickhart

Altar Guild: June Wenrich

Ushers: Cliff Valentine & Jim Zimmerman

REMINDER! You are responsible for finding a substitute if you are unable to be here when scheduled. Altar Guild Members, Sound System Operators & Ushers are responsible for any special services scheduled during the month.



FELC

Date:	Lay Reader:	Ushers:	Acolytes:
6	Don Seebold II	Barb Randecker/Jane Moore	Aria Gessner
13 (Palm Sunday)	-----	Service @ St. John's UCC	-----
20 (Easter)	Linda Skinner	Jeff Crossland/Linda Skinner	Erica Boyer
27	Shirley Heasley	Shirley Heasley/Marianne Motto	Brynn Umholtz

Chief Usher: Barb Randecker

Money Counters: Linda Lewis/Nancy Snook **Altar Guild:** Ann Beckley/Marianne Motto

If you are scheduled to help with the service and are unable to fulfill your responsibility, please contact the Chief Usher. If you are scheduled to count money and are unable to do so, please find a substitute.

BUFFALO VALLEY LUTHERAN PARISH

The Rev. Curt Wingert, Pastor

Pastor Curt's e-mail: pastorbuffalovalleyparish@gmail.com

Parish Council Members: Terry Kline, Marianne Motto, Barb Randecker,
Kim Sauers, Teresa Shuck, Linda Smith

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CULC Website: www.4bellschurch.com
CULC Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/4bellchurch1>

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday – 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

STAFF MEMBERS

The Members of the Congregation,

The Ministers

Matthew Wagner, Organist

Diane Valentine & Karen

Zimmerman, Pianists

David Swartz & Barry Spangler,

Digital Music Arrangers

Loretta Martin, Custodian

Margie Dunkle, Secretary/Asst. Tr.

Brandi Zimmerman, Council Secretary

Dianne Shuck, Treasurer,

Financial Recording Secretary

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Joel Blyler – Dennis Boop

Gina Buttorff - Bev Catherman

Terry Kline - Lisa Lapp

Greg Shuck - Teresa Shuck

Linda Smith - Lee Spangler

Breonna Zimmerman - Idella Zimmerman

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FELC Facebook: First Evangelical
Lutheran Church Mifflinburg Pa

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday –
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

STAFF MEMBERS

Sue Nentwig, Church Secretary

Katiann Lloyd, Financial Secretary

Gloria Mincemoyer, Treasurer

Diane Scott, Director of Music

Hank Dorman, Sexton

Kay Trick, Housekeeping

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jeff Mensch – Council President

Kim Sauers – Council Vice President

Linda Lewis – Secretary

Gloria Mincemoyer – Treasurer

Jamie Bartlett – Council

Christian Boyer – Council

Drew Christy – Council

Perri Hull – Council

Barb Randecker – Council

Don Seebold II – Council



CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844

Phone: (570) 922-1587 E-mail: cml@campmountluther.org

Get Ready for a Summer Full of Adventure!

Registration is Now Open for the 2025 summer camp. This year's curriculum is: 'Who Are You Jesus?' This summer, we'll take a look at some of the different ways Jesus described himself (bread of life, light of the world, good shepherd, the way, the resurrection and the life) so that we can better understand who Jesus is and the relationship we have with him!

Summer Staff

Every summer, Camp Mount Luther depends on responsible young people to serve as role models for our campers. Whether serving as a counselor, lifeguard, or kitchen personnel, a job at camp can be an amazing and rewarding work experience. Please spread the word and help us find quality candidates for Summer 2025. If you know someone who would be a good fit, direct them to chad@campmountluther.org.

Bishop's Open Golf Classic – May 12

The Bishop's Open Golf Classic will be held on May 12 at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club. The schedule is as follows:

11:00 a.m. Registration starts

11:30 a.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. Golf - 4 person scramble with shotgun start

Immediately after all golfers are finished, there will be snacks, drinks and prizes!

Individuals, businesses, and congregations can be sponsors!



SYNOD NEWS

WELCA Convention

You are invited to attend the Thirty-seventh Annual Convention of the Women of the ELCA, Upper Susquehanna Synod, **July 26, 2025** at Faith Lutheran Church in Lewisburg. Please plan to attend this one-day convention, "For All the Faithful Women." It is an excellent opportunity for you to unite with our sisters from neighboring churches as we engage in the business of the Women of the ELCA.

This year we will be putting together Period Packs which will be sent to CWS for distribution. Each WELCA group attending the Convention is asked to bring either regular Tampons, Super absorbency Tampons or packs of 12 Pads (unscented, long super ultra-thin). The plan is to pack 200 kits. Any extra items will go to a local shelter. All other items needed for the kits will be supplied by the USSWO.

In light of all the natural disasters the In-gathering offering will be sent to Lutheran Disaster Response. Checks should be made payable to USSWO.

To register, e-mail rlatsha@tds.net.



April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC 6:00 Meal 7:00 Evening Prayer-UCC	3 1:00 WELCA- FELC	4	5 Wedding-FELC
6 8:30 Worship- CULC 9:30 Koinonia Kafe-CULC 9:00 Adult S.S.- FELC 9:45 Choir Rehearsal-FELC 10:30 Worship- FELC Chimes Rehearsal-FELC	7 No Bible Study 6:00 Kiwanis- FELC	8	9 6:00 Meal 7:00 Evening Prayer-CULC	10	11 1-2:00 Visitation 2:00 Keith Sawyer funeral- FELC	12 11-12:30 Community Meal-FELC 1:00 Egg Hunt- CULC
13 Palm Sunday 8:30 Worship- CULC No Adult S.S. 9:45 Choir Rehearsal-FELC 10:30 Worship with UCC	14 No Bible Study	15 7:00 Council- CULC	16 10:00 Hope's Haven-CULC	17 Maundy Thursday 7:00 Service-UCC	18 Good Friday 7:00 Service- CULC	19
20 Easter 6:30 Sunrise, 7:30 Brkfst-CULC 8:30 Worship- CULC 9:45 Choir Rehearsal-FELC 10:30 Worship -FELC 10:30 Worship -UCC May Newsletter Articles Due	21 No Bible Study 6:00 Kiwanis- FELC	22	23	24 Kitchen Reserved-CULC	25 9:00 Workday- CULC	26 9:00 Workday- CULC 3:30 Ham Loaf Dinner-CULC
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