

**Buffalo Valley
Lutheran Parish**

FEBRUARY

2022

From the Pastor...

Grace and peace to you!

It is hard to believe it is a new year, and a new chapter of ministry has begun in the Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish! Over the last month, I have met many of you but have not had the opportunity to tell you about myself. I thought I would share a little bit about myself and my family.

My wife Erin and I have been married for 22 years. Erin is an administrative assistant at Penn State University. We have two teenage sons, Garrett (17) and Gaige (14), who are students at Penns Valley High School. Garrett and Gaige are very active in 4-H and FFA and show beef cattle at different shows across Pennsylvania. We have three dogs; two Australian Shepherds named Wyatt and Stetson and a German Shorthair Pointer named Ruger. You can find me watching the Nebraska Cornhuskers, Penn State Nittany Lions, and the Denver Broncos during football season. I am a bit of a history nerd and enjoy reading about the Old West, the Civil War, and World War II. My favorite travel destination is Gettysburg. In August, you can usually find us at the Great Grange Fair in Centre Hall.

I was raised in the small rural community of Homer, Nebraska. I attended and graduated from Homer Community School in 1994. Homer Community School has K thru 12 in one building, and there were only 24 students in my graduating class! While in school, I was active in 4-H showing horses, cattle, and poultry. A fun fact about Homer: Al Capone's brother Vincenzo Capone, alias Richard Hart was the sheriff during the Prohibition.

My father was in the military, the Iowa Air National Guard, and my mother babysat for a few families in the community. My grandparents were farmers,

raising crops, cattle, and Belgian draft horses. I spent countless hours on my grandparent's farm, where I found my love for horses. After graduating high school, I moved to Florida to work for a horse trainer, Rob Foster. The horses that we trained competed in western pleasure and hunter under saddle events across the country. In the late '90s, Rob and his wife Pam moved their business to Weikert, Pennsylvania, and I made the move with them. I also met my wife Erin in Weikert. I continued to train horses for several more years at different facilities in Pennsylvania and Ohio. In the early 2000's I started a new career working in retail. I worked for Tractor Supply, and for approximately ten years, I was the dairy and frozen manager for Burkholder's Country Market in Millheim. During this time, I felt a strong calling to ministry, and in 2015 I began seminary in Gettysburg as a TEEM candidate. TEEM stands for Theological Education for Emerging Ministry. During my time in seminary, I continued to work full-time and served two congregations that I was assigned to in Huntingdon County. In 2019 I graduated from United Lutheran Seminary with a Certificate in Theology and a Certificate in Congregational Faith Formation. Also, in 2019 I was called to serve two congregations in the Allegheny Synod. I am passionate about social justice issues and have done a significant amount of work around poverty and food insecurity. When the Covid pandemic hit in 2020, I contacted the Central PA Food Bank to bring a food distribution to the Penns Valley area. When our distributions started, we were serving approximately one hundred and fifty families, and currently, the distributions are helping about sixty-five families.

I am excited to begin this new chapter in ministry with you all and am looking

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| 4 Ethel Musser | 21 Kim Sawers |
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| Teresa Shuck | Cory Harvey |
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| 14 Lucas Flickinger | Rose Wenrich |
| Ed Libhart | 28 Alicia Zimmerman |
| 15 Kenneth Emery | |
| Pat Stees | |



Duane & Carol Miller 02/13/1988 34 yrs

Heartfelt Thanks

*Everyone at First Lutheran,
Dave, Ethan & I want to thank all of you so much for your recent donation to us. This has been so difficult for us and we appreciate everyone praying for us. That is what got us where we are now. Without our faith and all your prayers I believe I would still be in the hospital. We are still living with friends since the fire. We are hoping insurance moves along quickly so we can figure out what we are doing with our home. If any of you have ever been in this situation you know how we feel. So thankful and grateful and humbled by strangers and friends generosity. Thank you all!*

*God Bless,
Dave, Angi & Ethan Hendricks*

In Our Prayers

Winifred Aikey	Myrletta Kline
Kim Blyler	Rita Tinnest
John Dunkle	Jean Underwood
Roger Dunkle	<u>Shut Ins:</u>
Doug & Pearl Gemberling	Jim Beckley
Gary & Barb Gemberling	Florence Boop
George (Mick) Guffey	Pearl Culp
Janet Meyer	Lois Elliott
Harry Moyer	Ed Henry
Wendy Norton	Barbara Grimooris
Kim Roberts	Doris Moll
Gerry Shively	Ethel Musser
Ken Smith	Helen Pirone
Tom Watters	Meda Struble
Linda Gingrich	Connie Wagner
Bev Kauffman	<u>In Our Military:</u>
Dianne Shuck	Brandi Gemberling
John Snook	Thaddeus Miller
Linda Swartz	Zachary Miller
Rozelle DeDe Ensminger	

**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.*

Bible Studies

We will be resuming bible studies in December. Beginning 6th, the schedule will be as follows:

Mondays at CULC at 10:30 AM
Tuesdays at FELC at 10:30 AM
Thursday at CULC at 7:00 PM

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forward to seeing where the Holy Spirit guides us! Feel free to stop by one of the offices to chat and have a cup of coffee! Know that I lift you all up in prayer, and if there is anything that you need, please let me know!

*--Peace in Christ,
Pr. Curt Wingert*



CULC Altar Flowers

The 2022 altar flower chart at Christ's United is on the bulletin board outside of the sanctuary. The cost of the weekly flowers, which is payable to the church, is \$50.00.

Condolences

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of **Jim Boop**. Jim, 86, died on Friday, December 25, 2021. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Florence; three daughters and son-in laws, Donna (Curtis) Duke, Diane (Richard) Rainar, Sharon (Laird) and one son and daughter-in-law, Dennis (Tammy); eight grandchildren and their spouses, Jason (Brittany) Duke, Sarah (Jon) Keister; Karen (Santosh) Kuruvilla, Daniel (Amanda Mueller) Rainar, Tanya (Quincy) Lantz, Clint (Amanda) Stahl, Jennifer (Andrew) Keister, DJ (Haleigh) Boop; 20 great-grandchildren, Kinzley & Kingston Duke, Dylan Keister, Carter & Aethan Kuruvilla, Tamira Lantz, Isaiah Schweitzer, Natalie Stahl, Michael & Molly Keister and Baby Girl Rainar-Mueller due in April; one sister, Betty Hess, and brother-in-law, Francis "Butch" Strickler.

Pastor Curt officiated at the December 31 service. Interment was in Mifflinburg Cemetery.

We also offer our condolences to Gary & Janet Hackenberg following the death of his cousin, **Charlie Hufnagle**, 83, on December 21 and to Donna & Curtis Duke following the death of his father, Roland Duke, 90, on December 29.

Upcoming CULC Events

Yard Sale: Please mark your calendars. A yard sale benefiting our youth ministries is scheduled for Saturday, February 5, 2022. Contact Judy Moyer (570-922-1798), Teresa Shuck (570-966-2053) or Idella Zimmerman (570-966-1340) for details.

Scout Sunday: Scout Sunday will take place on February 6. The scouts will take part in the service that day and will host a Koinonia Kafe.

Help Needed: Help will be needed for a meal that is scheduled for noon on Thursday, February 24. Contact Kim Blyler (579-716-5601) for more information.

SPRING POT PIE SUPPER

A "Drive Through" Pot Pie "Quarts Only" sale will be held on Saturday March 5, 2022, at Christ's United. Quarts can be picked up beginning at 3:30 p.m. Beef, Chicken and Ham pot pie will be available. If you would like to pre-order, please go to our website at 4bellschurch.com. While there may be some extra quarts to purchase on March 5, there are no guarantees and therefore advanced orders are preferred and strongly encouraged.

Help will be needed to cut the potatoes, make the broth, mix the dough, make the pot pie noodles, cook the pot pie, fill the quart containers, distribute the orders, cleanup the kitchen, etc. Experience not necessary—Training will be provided! Please note: Everything will be done with the current CDC guidelines being enforced; masks, social distancing, sanitation, etc.

To volunteer to help in anyway, contact Kim Blyler at 570-716-5601 or email him at potpie@4bellschurch.com. He can give you the specific work dates and times.



LENTEN ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

Tuesday, March 1: Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Supper, CULC, Time to be determined

Wednesday, March 2: Ash Wednesday Service, FELC, 7 PM

Mid-Week Lenten Services & Meals:

Meal starts at 6 PM

Evening Prayer Service at 7 PM

Wednesday, March 9: CULC

Wednesday, March 19: FELC

Wednesday, March 23: CULC

Wednesday, March 30: FELC

Wednesday, April 6: CULC

Maundy Thursday, April 14, CULC, Meal with Service, Time to be determined

Good Friday, April 15, FELC, Service only. Time to be determined

Easter Sunday, April 17

Easter Sunrise, CULC, Time to be determined

Easter Breakfast, CULC, 8 AM

Easter Late Morning, FELC, 10 AM

During Lenten Sunday workshop services (including Easter Sunday), we are collecting any loose change that will go towards the purchase of a cow (or cows) to a needy family through ELCA Good Gifts plans. More details will be forthcoming from the Lenten Parish Cow Challenge 2022 Task Group.

Community Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 9, 1 PM, CULC. Rain Date: April 16.

EASTER EGGS

Lent begins March 2, which means it's time to start thinking about making our Easter eggs again. This year we are planning to make eggs for seven (7) Mondays beginning the Monday preceding Lent. We will be making them on February 28, March 1, March 7, March 14, March 21 and March 28 provided we have enough help.

Providing there is enough help, eggs will be mixed and shaped starting at 9:00 am each Monday morning and coating and packaging will begin each Monday evening at 6:00 pm. This is a great fundraiser for the Church and much help will be needed both at 9:00 am and at 6:00 pm to make this project successful.

In order for this fundraiser to be successful, EVERY week 8 - 10 helpers are needed in the morning and 12 - 15 helpers are needed in the evening. Please let Bev know if you can help, and when, so that we know if we have enough help to make eggs each week. The more help we have, the quicker we will get done. If there are not enough volunteers signed up, Eggs will not be made that week.

Everything will be done with the current CDC guidelines being enforced; masks, social distancing, sanitation, etc.

Mark your calendars NOW and please plan to come out and help make these popular treats.

Easter Eggs are going to be made by Pre Order Only. Information on ordering and picking up Easter Eggs will be available soon. Please watch for more information on the CULC Website at www.4bellschurch.com or contact Bev Catherman at 570-922-1640 or 570-768-1214 or email eggs@4bellschurch.com.

FEBRUARY 2022

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 FELC 9-2	2 FELC 9-2 7PM: FELC Council	3	4	5 7AM: Yard Sale - CULC
6 8:30 AM: Worship/HC -CULC 9:45AM: SS-CULC 10:30AM: Worship/HC -FELC	7	8	9 10AM: Hope's Haven- CULC	10	11 FELC 9-?	12 8:30AM - Hess Auc- tion - CULC
13 8:30 AM: Worship/HC -CULC 9:45AM: SS-CULC 10:30AM: Worship/HC -FELC	14	15 7PM: CULC Coun- cil	16 10AM: Hope's Haven- CULC	17	18	19 8:30AM - Hess Auc- tion - CULC
20 8:30 AM: Worship/HC -CULC 9:45AM: SS-CULC 10:30AM: Worship/HC -FELC FELC Semi-Annual Meeting - after wor- ship	21	22	23 10AM: Hope's Haven- CULC	24	25	26
27 8:30 AM: Worship/HC -CULC 9:45AM: SS-CULC 10:30AM: Worship/HC -FELC	28					

CULC February Volunteers

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Comm. Asst.</u>	<u>MONTHLY:</u>
2/6	Barry Spangler	Bev Catherman	<u>Sound System:</u>
2/13	Kathy Spangler	Lee Spanger	Dave Bickhart
2/20	Janet Hackenberg	Janet Hackenberg	<u>Altar Guild:</u>
2/27	Glenn Spangler	Glenn Spangler	Janice Wagner
			<u>Usher:</u>
			Cliff Valentine & Jim Zimmerman

FELC February Volunteers

<u>Ushers:</u>	<u>Lay Reader:</u>	<u>Children's Church</u>
2/6: Harry Boyer & Sherri Neece	Sherri Neece	Sally Rothermel
2/13: Crossland's	Jeff Mensch	Libby Loss
2/20: Kim Sawyer, Don Seebold II	Don Seebold II	Tom Orren
2/27: Hull's	Shirley Heasley	Kim Sawyer

Money Counting: Sue Jows & Gloria Mincemoyer