

From Our Pastor...

LENT

We are ready to begin another season of Lent on Ash Wednesday (March 6th). Lent is a forty day period (excluding Sundays, which are understood as days of resurrection) in which the church intentionally prepares through the spiritual disciplines of worship, study and service to celebrate the new life given through and by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In its earliest history, Lent was reserved as a time to instruct recent converts to the Christian faith in preparation for their baptism at the Easter vigil.

As Lent is observed in today's world, the emphasis is often placed on a deepening awareness of one's faith and piety in relationship to the forgiveness of sin received upon Christ's actions in life and on the cross, and the new life offered to us in the promise of the resurrection. Such an emphasis always calls the believer to return to the ways of the Lord in thought, word and deed.

Lent has been seen as a time for repentance and spiritual growth; a time to cast off that which is contrary to God's will and a time to put on the example of Jesus' selfless and unconditional love. It is a time for confession and a time of unbridled hope. Lent faces us squarely before the reality of

sin as well as the promise of God's forgiveness. It holds the church accountable at the same time it promotes the possibility of new life that can only come from God.

Lent is a moment of encouragement rather than despair because it boldly declares that the world is under the sovereignty of God. It beacons a call for justice and righteousness even in the midst of the devastating consequences of sin. In Lent, the church cries out that Christ is the victor over sin and its effects. Therefore, it need not fall prey to fear and threats from the agents of evil and the perpetrators of false security.

Lent is not a dark cloud hanging over our fears, doubts and uncertainties. Lent lifts the veil cast by human sin and reveals the truth about God in Christ whose love spares sinners and sustains believers. Lent gives pause to the ways believers may reflect upon their future with God.

Lent is all about LOOKING, EXAMINING, NEGOTIATING, and TRUSTING. In Christ, we have the power to see things as they really are. In Christ, we have the ability to test our thoughts, words and deeds in light of God's will fully revealed in Jesus. In Christ, we can journey through life's curves in faithfulness to God's promised future. And in Christ, we are given the power to follow the way of life eternal.

LOOK at the world and the way it seems to be working.

LOOK at the cross of Jesus and the word of God.

LOOK for hope in the right place, in God's promises.

EXAMINE the effects of sin and brokenness in the world.

EXAMINE the forgiveness and love of Christ Jesus.

EXAMINE your role both as sinner and as forgiven.

NEGOTIATE through the vastness of options and opportunities.

NEGOTIATE your freedom only as you take up your cross.

NEGOTIATE your choices as you love as Jesus loves.

TRUST God's word of grace, mercy and steadfast care.

TRUST the obedient and selfless love of Jesus.

TRUST the power of the Spirit in you.

This Lent: worship regularly, study with other sisters and brothers in Christ, and participate actively in the ministries of the church.

Blessings,

Pr. John



Parish Pastor

Pastor John Yost
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In Our Prayers:

John Snook	Doug & Pearl Gemberling
Ethel Musser	Vickie Kahler
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Jan Beckley	Wendy Norton
Jerry Mickel	Bob Rantz
Helen Troup	Dottie Rathfon
The Baker Family	Alice Reitz
Jim & Florence Boop	Teresa Shuck
Carolyn Bowersox	Meda Struble
Jean Buoy	
Bev Catherman	In Our Military:
Paula Christy	Thaddeus Miller
Sara (Moyer) Crosbie	Zachary Miller
Shirley Diehl	Brandi Gemberling

Heartfelt Thanks

Dear Mrs. Sawyer,
I want to thank you and your entire group for all of your donations to our food pantry at the United Way. We are now full to the brim...thanks to all of you! Please convey our thanks to your colleagues.
Sincerely,
Lois E. Passi, Chair
Local Vision (United Way)

Dear Pastor,
Mine is a letter expressing deepest thanks for your congregation's generous efforts in last year's "Christmas-at-Sea" project to provide gifts of warm clothing, snacks, and holiday greetings to cargo crew members forced to sit out Christmas in New York harbor far from their homelands and families. (Most crew members call the Philippines their home). "You should have seen the look on the seafarers' faces when our six port-chaplains distributed the 670 gift sacks from Upper Susquehanna congregations." These were the words of Rev. Marge Drege, executive director of Seafarers' International House whose ministry to ships' crews dates back to 1837 when the service was limited to Swedish ships' crews and immigrants headed west to the American heartland.

The compassionate and generous response by your congregation might encourage those USS churches who were unmoved or uninformed of the project in 2018 to respond in 2019 as generously as you did last fall.

Please share these words of appreciation with your congregation council and the congregation as a whole. Thank you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Robert L. Bradford
Upper Susquehanna Synod

Contact Information Update At FELC

Please complete a contact update slip and place in the offering plate on Sunday, or stop by the church office and update your information. This will allow us to make sure we can contact you if there should be a change in plans for the service on Sunday or an event being held at the church. If you would like to receive your church newsletter by email, note that on your slip as well.

Camp Mount Luther

Spring Open House: Sunday, April 28th, 2-4 PM.
Come see what it's like to be a camper, tour the facilities, ask questions and participate in fun "Camp" activities.

2019 Summer Camp Brochures and applications are available in the church office.

For more information on camps and events at Camp Mount Luther, please visit their website at www.campmountluther.org.



Happy Birthday

Cliff Valentine	03/01	Jeff Ruhl	03/16
Kristi Haedich	03/02	Bruce Graham	03/17
Barb Randecker	03/03	Debra Harvey	03/17
Jonathon Forcheskie	03/04	Denise Hosterman	03/17
Donald Ruhl Jr	03/04	Roger Dunkle	03/19
Hattie Page	03/05	Tina Erdley	03/19
Janet Reed	03/06	Maverick Stenger	03/19
Cain Showalter	03/07	Ben Wennich	03/19
Spencer Wagner	03/07	Michael Lynch	03/20
Jim Boop	03/08	Louise Ritter	03/20
Paula Christy	03/08	Kaitlyn Erdley	03/21
Fredrick Dale	03/08	Courtney Klose	03/21
Thomas Shirk	03/08	Hailey Foresman	03/22
Tammy Boop	03/09	Tiffany Spencer	03/22
Halley Watson	03/10	Connor Hicks	03/23
William Miller	03/11	Kortney McBryan	03/25
Jaydon Ginton	03/12	Don Fornwalt	03/26
Emily Seebold	03/12	MacKenzie Hallman	03/26
Jim Zimmermann	03/12	Brooke Harvey	03/26
Dennis Reed	03/13	Carla Ruhl	03/26
Carter Beiler	03/14	Nathan Sanders	03/26
Gail Erdley	03/14	Jennie Servinsky	03/26
Earl Michael Jr.	03/14	Dale Spotts	03/28
William Musser	03/14	Trevor Clouser	03/30
Kalvin Showalter	03/14	Russell Sawyer	03/30
Eve Rantz	03/15	Judy Mecouch	03/31



3/22/2014 – Colby & Corrin Zechman

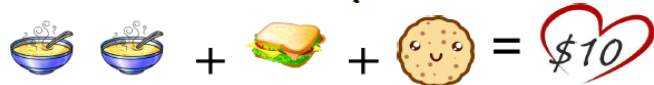
3/23/2013 – Joel & Pauline Templin

3/25/1994 – Steve & Judy Moyer

March Youth Group Scoop MACY

Annual Homemade Soups+Sandwich+Sweet Sale
First Evangelical Lutheran Church

@ 11:45 AM on
January 13th/February 10th/March 10th
in Multi-Purpose Room



At least 12 different homemade soups available – select 2 and all will be bagged up for you to take home and enjoy during the cold winter days! Thanks so much for supporting our youth as they prepare to serve this summer at another Workcamp in PUERTO RICO and attend Harvey Cedars Bible Camp!



Winter Jam, March 30th

Winter Jam at Bryce Jordan – If interested, please contact Kim ASAP – Gary Girton will be driving the van and we need to know how many are going! Active youth have free admission – bring friends and they pay their own \$15 admission.



Mini MACY

“Mini MACY”, a youth group for Mifflinburg Area Christian Youth ages 5-12-years, will hold their March gathering at, Christ’s United (4-Bells), on March 24th, in the large gym area next to the kitchen, from 3PM–5PM. They will be having a “game night”.



Children’s Coin Collection



FELC Workcamp will be going to Puerto Rico June 22-29 to do whatever we can to help! We will clean up, help build new homes, put a roof on a home, paint... whatever they need. We will also be buying school supplies and anything the children will need to continue learning.

We are asking you to take a brown container and decorate it any way you want and put your name on it. Then ask your friends and family to put coins (or dollars) in the cup. We are asking you to bring these cups back on Sunday, May 26th! ALL the money from these cups will be used for the children in Puerto Rico!!! It’s all from YOU!

It would be really nice if you would draw a picture or write a note to the children and let them know you are thinking of them! Also please put a note inside your cup to let our youth know what you want to buy with your money for the child(ren). Maybe a puzzle? Markers? Crayons? Soccer Ball? YOU CHOOSE! Then our youth will take your cup of money and buy that item in Puerto Rico and take pictures of them giving your gift to the child(ren).

Fundraisers

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Pot Pie Supper

Christ's United Lutheran Church
'4 Bell Church'
3 miles West of Mifflinburg on Rt. 45

Sat, March 2, 2019
serving from 3:30pm - ?

Ham, Chicken/Turkey, Beef Pot Pie
Applesauce, Pickled Cabbage, Drink & Cake

Adults - \$9.00
Children 6 - 12 - \$5.00
Children 5 & under FREE

Takeout Meals - \$9.00
Pot Pie Quarts - \$8.00

Pennies For Puerto Rico

The youth at FELC will be collecting loose change in buckets during the offering on the following Sundays:

February 17th, 24th and March 3rd.

They will take a break during Lent and will start up again on April 28th and continue through May 26th.

The coins collected will go towards the cost of building and repair tools and supplies to be purchased in Puerto Rico for WorkCamp.



3rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Hosted By The Youth of
First Evangelical Lutheran Church &
MACY (Mifflinburg Area Christian Youth)

Saturday, April 27th
5:00 PM—7:00 PM

404 Market Street, Mifflinburg

All-You-Can-Eat

\$10.00 Per Ticket Donation

4- 12 Years \$5.00 Donation

Take-outs available

3 & Under Free

To purchase tickets call the church at 570-966-0266, or contact
Cher Girton 570-755-1671 or Angie Harvey 570-765-1459.

Tickets also available at the door.

A Chinese Auction will be held during the dinner.

You need not be present to win.

Proceeds benefit the Youth Program and Mission Trips.

CULC Easter Flowers

FELC Easter Flowers

Order Deadline: March 31

Return with Payment to

Margie Dunkle or Janice Wagner

_____ 6" Daffodil @ \$8.00 _____

_____ 3 bloom Hyacinth @ \$8.00 _____

_____ 1 bloom Hyacinth @ \$3.75 _____

_____ 5-7 bloom Lily @ \$9.00 _____

_____ 4½ inch Pansy @ \$2.00 _____

_____ 6 bloom Tulip @ \$8.00 _____

TOTAL _____

GIVEN

BY _____

in memory

of _____

in memory

of _____

in honor

of _____

in honor

of _____

to the Glory of

God _____

Daffodils (full size or mini) \$ 9.00

Tulips (red, yellow, purple, pink,
orange, or white) \$ 9.00

Hyacinths (pink, white, yellow, peach
blue or purple) \$ 9.00

Flowers provided by Brookside Acres.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Flower: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory/Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

**All Easter flower orders must be in the  
office by March 28th.**

**All flowers need to be picked up before  
the Sunday after Easter (April 28th).**  
Flowers will not be donated this year.

*Geraniums will be available for purchase  
for Pentecost Sunday, June 9th.  
Information will be in the April newsletter.*

## CULC Homemade Easter Eggs

Lent begins March 6, which means it's time to start thinking about making our Easter eggs again. This year we are planning on making eggs for five (5) Mondays beginning the Monday before Lent. We will be making them on **March 11, March 18, March 25, April 1 and April 8** 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** a minimum of 10 persons are needed in the morning and a minimum of 15 persons are needed in the evening. Sign Up sheets are on the bulletin board. Please sign up so that we know if we have enough help to make eggs that week. The more help we have, the quicker we will get done. Mark your calendars NOW and please plan to come out and help make these popular treats.

Order forms are available on the table outside of the sanctuary (CULC) and on the bulletin board and in the office (FELC) for anyone willing to take orders from relatives, friends or co-workers. If you would like to order just a few eggs, there will be weekly order forms on the bulletin board outside of the sanctuary. Just sign up for the week you would like your eggs. **PLEASE NOTE: Orders not in the church kitchen (at CULC), by NOON on Sunday will be filled last (if quantity permits). If you have any questions talk to Pearl Gemberling.**

## Hope's Haven Volunteers Needed

CULC continue to look for volunteers to pick up donated supplies for our Hope's Haven Food Pantry. This pick-up from GIANT in Lewisburg is scheduled for Monday mornings. The ideal time to pick up at the store is between 9:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Pick-up location is at the rear of the store loading area. Volunteers should have a pickup, SUV or minivan type vehicle to transport the items to the church kitchen. The following 2019 dates are available:

**March 4, 25 - April 1 - May 6, 20 - June 10, 17, 24 - July 22, 29 - August 19 - September 2, 30 - October 14, 21 - November 25 - December 9**

Sign up on the bulletin board or contact Gary Hackenberg to schedule one or more of these dates. Thanks for your help in continuing to make this vital ministry successful.

## Altar Flower Sponsors Needed At CULC

*Dates still available to sponsor altar flowers are:*

**March 10, 24 - April 7, 21, 28 - May 26 - June 30 - July 7, 14, 28 - August 4, 11, 25 - September 1, 29 - October 13, 20, 27 - November 3, 10 - December 29**

*The cost of the flowers is \$40.00 and is payable to the church.*

## CULC Banquet

The final banquet scheduled thus far for 2019 is:

**Readington Farms March 19 11:30 a.m.**

Help will be needed in both the dining room and kitchen. Watch the bulletin board across from the sanctuary for sign-up sheets for dining room help. If you are able to help in the kitchen, talk to Kim Blyler.

Cakes will also be needed for this banquets. If you are able to provide one or two, sign up on the attached form or talk to Darlene Ulrich. All help is greatly appreciated.





## March Volunteers Christ's United

### Altar Guild

June Wenrich

### Greeters

3—Janet & Gary Hackenberg  
10 – Karen & Tom Watters  
17 – Pearl & Doug Gemberling  
24 – June Wenrich  
31 – Maurice & Barbara Clouser

### Lay Readers

3 - Drew Christy  
10 – Maurice Clouser  
17 – Barry Spangler  
24 – Mike Flickinger  
31 – Barry Spangler

### Sound System

Barry Spangler

### Ushers

Tom Catherman  
Eugene Hassinger

### Music Providers

3 – Barry Spangler  
10 – Diane Valentine  
17 - Dave Swartz  
24 – Gary Hackenberg  
31 – Gary Hackenberg

### Communion Assistants

3 – Janice Wagner  
10 – Judy Moyer  
17 – Barry Spangler  
24 – Tom Catherman  
31 – Barry Spangler

## March Volunteers First Lutheran

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### Chief Usher

Carol Klose

### Acolytes

3 – Head Usher  
Ash – Emily Seebold  
10 – Jadyn & Sally Rothermel  
17 – Head Usher  
24 – Clinton Bartlett  
31 – Barb Randecker

### Altar/Communion

Lori Bailey & Kim Sawyer

### Lay Readers

3 – Andy Long  
Ash – Jeff Mensch  
10 – Harvey Ilgen  
17 – Earl Michael  
24 – Jane Moore  
31 – Tom Orren

### Children's Church

3 – Liz Loss  
10 – Tom Orren  
17 – Nicole Gessner  
24 – Sally Rothermel  
31 – Barb Randecker

### Offering Envelopes

Jane Moore & Sally Rothermel

### Ushers

3 – Harry Boyer, Jeff Hackenburg, Eric  
& Gwen Hull  
Ash –Cindy Harvey, Shirley Heasley,  
Tom Orren, Dewey Reed  
10 – Harvey & Brenda Ilgen  
Sue Jows, Carol Klose  
17 – Craig & Sally Rothermel  
Andy Long, Libby Loss  
24 – Jeff Mensch, Jane Moore  
Marianne Motto, Jim Schwartz  
31 – Linda Skinner & Jeff Crossland,  
Nicole Gessner, Don Seebold II

# MARCH 2019

## Buffalo Valley Lutheran Parish

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Mon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Tue                                                                                                     | Wed                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Thu                                                                                             | Fri                      | Sat                                                                                                     |
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| 3<br>9:00AM: Worship (CULC)<br>9:15AM: Sunday School (FELC)<br>10:00AM: Koinonia Kafe (CULC)<br>10:15AM: Sunday School (CULC)<br>10:30AM: Worship/HC- (FELC)                                                                                                                       | 4<br>10:30AM: Bible Study (CULC)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 5<br>10:30AM: Bible Study (FELC)<br>7:00PM- Council Meeting (FELC)                                      | 6 Ash Wednesday<br>7:00-9:00 a.m.: Imposition of Ashes - (CULC)<br>10:00AM: Hope's Haven (CULC)<br>7PM: Ash Wednesday Worship-HC & Imposition of Ashes (FELC)                                                                   | 7<br>9AM: BV Conference Meeting<br>1PM: WELCA-DS (FELC)<br>7:30PM Men's Ministry MP Room (FELC) | 8                        | 9<br>8AM: Men's Breakfast-Carriage Corner<br>FFA Pasta Dinner (CULC)                                    |
| 10 <i>Daylight Savings</i><br>9:00AM: Worship (CULC)<br>9:15AM: Sunday School (FELC)<br>10:00AM: Koinonia Kafe (CULC)<br>10:15AM: Sunday School (CULC)<br>10:30AM: Worship/HC- (FELC)<br>Youth Soup/Sandwich Sale-immediately following worship (FELC)                             | 11<br>9:00AM- Mixing & Shaping Easter Eggs (CULC)<br>1:00PM: Bible Study (CULC)<br>6:00PM- Coating & Packaging Easter Eggs (CULC)                                                                                                                                                                  | 12<br>10:30AM: Bible Study (FELC)                                                                       | 13<br>8:00AM -Lenten Breakfast Christ's United<br>10:00AM: Hope's Haven (CULC)<br>6PM: Lenten Dinner-St. John's UCC<br>6PM-6:20PM Cherub Choir (FELC)<br>7:15PM-8PM Chancel Choir (FELC)<br>7:30PM: Bible Study (CULC)          | 14                                                                                              | 15                       | 16<br>8AM: Men's Breakfast-Old Turnpike<br>9:00AM: Train Show (CULC)                                    |
| 17<br>9:00AM: Worship (CULC)<br>9:15AM: Sunday School (FELC)<br>10:00AM: Koinonia Kafe (CULC)<br>10:15AM: Sunday School (CULC)<br>10:30AM: Worship/HC- (FELC)<br> <i>Happy St. Patrick's Day</i> | 18<br>9:00AM- Mixing & Shaping Easter Eggs (CULC)<br>1:00PM: Bible Study (CULC)<br>6:00PM- Coating & Packaging Easter Eggs (CULC)                                                                                                                                                                  | 19<br>10:30AM: Bible Study (FELC)<br>11:30AM: Readington Farms Banquet (CULC)<br>7:00PM: Council (CULC) | 20<br>8:00AM -Lenten Breakfast Christ's United<br>10:00AM: Hope's Haven (CULC)<br>6PM: Lenten Dinner-Trinity Lutheran, Cowan<br>6PM-6:20PM Cherub Choir (FELC)<br>7:15PM-8PM Chancel Choir (FELC)<br>7:30PM: Bible Study (CULC) | 21<br>7:30PM Men's Ministry MP Room (FELC)                                                      | 22                       | 23<br>8AM: Men's Breakfast-Ard's<br>Tentative Public Sale (CULC)                                        |
| 24<br>9:00AM: Worship (CULC)<br>9:15AM: Sunday School (FELC)<br>10:00AM: Koinonia Kafe (CULC)<br>10:15AM: Sunday School (CULC)<br>10:30AM: Worship/HC- (FELC)<br>3:00PM-5:00PM: Mini MACY at CULC                                                                                  | 25<br>9:00AM- Mixing & Shaping Easter Eggs (CULC)<br>1:00PM: Bible Study (CULC)<br>6:00PM- Coating & Packaging Easter Eggs (CULC)<br>31<br>9:00AM: Worship (CULC)<br>9:15AM: Sunday School (FELC)<br>10:00AM: Koinonia Kafe (CULC)<br>10:15AM: Sunday School (CULC)<br>10:30AM: Worship/HC- (FELC) | 26<br>10:30AM: Bible Study (FELC)                                                                       | 27<br>8:00AM -Lenten Breakfast Christ's United<br>10:00AM: Hope's Haven (CULC)<br>6PM: Lenten Dinner First Lutheran<br>6PM-6:20PM Cherub Choir (FELC)<br>7:15PM-8PM Chancel Choir (FELC)<br>7:30PM: Bible Study (CULC)          | 28                                                                                              | 29<br>BSA Chicken (CULC) | 30<br>Winter Jam: Youth Barbecue (CULC)                                                                 |