

Luther Memorial Church
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LMC Newsletter

March 2024

Join us for
Lenten Services

Wednesdays at
Noon and 7pm

Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday March 28th at 7pm

Good Friday March 29th at 7pm

Easter Sunday March 31st
@ 9am and 11am



Easter Goodie Bags

The best way to increase outreach is to get to know people. That means you connecting with your friends, coworkers, and neighbors. What's one of the most fun ways to connect? Gifts!

We will have gift bags available so you can reach out and make someone's Easter a little brighter. There will be bags for kids, and for adults, too. We hope each of you will share at least one bag with someone in your life.

Pick up your bags at church Sunday March 17th, Palm Sunday March 24th, or (if any are left) on Easter itself!

If you cannot make it to church, but would like some bags to distribute contact Ellen Rehberg and we'll see what we can do.

Help Wanted to make this Outreach project happen!

All the goodies have been purchased, now we need help putting things together! Stay after church on **March 10th** and we'll form a little assembly line. More people will make it go faster and make it more fun!

Also- To make the bags more personal we love to include a handwritten greeting on a card. Anyone willing to fill out a few cards should see Ellen Rehberg. (we have 288 cards to fill out this year, ANY help is appreciated!) Plus, 75 more cards are wanted... see the story on page 2!

Heart to Heart expands to Easter Cards for local Nursing Homes

St. Mary's Middletown Home Bound Ministry loved the Valentines for our Military and Veterans. The woman who was tasked to deliver our Valentine's to the veterans they serve visits three senior facilities in Middletown (Brighten Gardens, Arbor Terrace, Tomaso Towers). She felt like she shouldn't just bring Valentines to the Veterans because it would be sad to not have any for the remaining seniors! So, she asked us to put together 75 more cards. Our Preschool got right on the mission and supplied so many beautiful cards for the seniors! They were delighted and so

appreciative! A big loud ***Thank You*** to LMC Preschool!

We were asked if we could do the same for Easter Cards. We will need 75 homemade or store-bought cards. These are very lonely seniors who often do not see any visitors. Let's see if we can find something/think of something to attach to the cards to bring them some smiles! Contact Cathrine Sas for more information or to participate.



Annual Spring Church Cleanup Day

Joe Genke is organizing our annual LMC Spring cleaning

Saturday, March 23rd from 9am to 12pm

Let's make sure the church looks good for Easter!

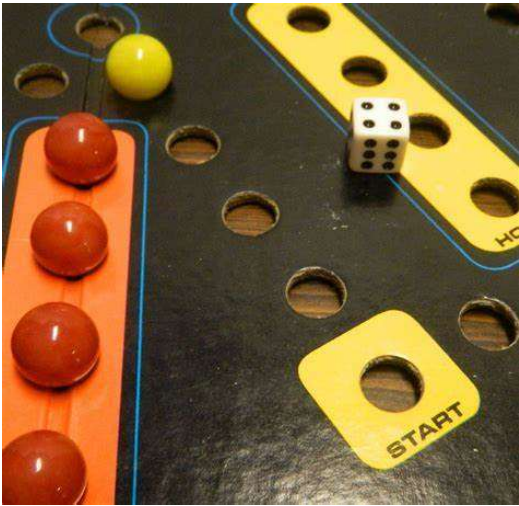
Polishing the pews, shaking out the rugs... We look forward to many hands making the tasks go more quickly.

One Worship Service @ 10 am March 17th

A Voters Meeting is scheduled after Worship. At this meeting we will be discussing and voting on the distribution of the Spring Endowment Grants.

These grants are awarded by our congregation from an Endowment Fund set up many years ago. We want all of our voting members to be included in the discussions and decisions. If you are not yet a member and would like to become one, speak to Pastor Detrie. (There will be no education hour that day.)





Monthly Game Night Saturday, March 9th at 6:30pm

The number one question we get is “What kind of games do you play?” The answer is both simple and complicated...

We play almost every kind of game! We play family friendly games new and old. Some examples are Clue, Apples to Apples, Codenames, Wits and Wagers, Blank Slate, Clank!, and Telestrations. If you are a “gamer” you will have a blast! If you have never played anything other than Go Fish, we can probably find you a game you’ll

enjoy. But honestly? We have people who come who don’t like board games... and they still have fun. You can sit and keep us company and NOT play if that’s more fun for you. It’s a sweet supportive group of people that get together every month...come by and meet us. (Oh, and there’s pizza... and sometimes homemade desserts... am I tempting you yet?)

Bible Studies

During Lent the Wednesday night Bible study will be meeting on Thursdays at 7pm.

Wednesday morning’s study continues to meet at 10:45am and is reading the Book of Concord.

And/Or join us Sunday mornings, in the Church Library at 10am!



Don’t forget to designate your **Thrivent Choice Dollars** **Before March 31st**

If you have insurance or investments through Thrivent you likely get free money to assign to the organization of your choice every year. You can donate this to us! You can do this calling our Thrivent representative, John Seifert at 732-320-6958 or through their website, www.thrivent.com. You can see Dan Rehberg if you have any questions.



Thank you for all the **Valentine’s Day** contributions to our service people, to the volunteers who helped sort cards and attach candy, and a very special Thank You to Catherine Sas Shaljian for inspiring our community. It is amazing how much we can do to spread God’s love when we work together!

March Birthdays

7 th	Kathy Johnson	16 th	Karen Karcher
8 th	Alexa Herbst	16 th	Diana Widmann
10 th	Debbie Genke	21 st	Matt Coombs
11 th	Jeanne Lobosco	25 th	Kirsten Colianno
12 th	Brenda Rescigno	27 th	Nancy Minue
15 th	Charlie Karcher	30 th	Barbara Rucker

Prayer Requests

Please add these individuals to your prayers

Connie Schulz	Marie Helsing	Jennifer Shaljian	The Schauer Family
Lynda Abrams	Bob Panarella	Stephanie Wesch	Family of Stacy Foy
Bill	Heidi Magenheimer	Jim Sculthorpe	Family of Connie Wild
Walter Wall Sr.	Sandi Carter	Carrie Bergmann	Wesley Rucker
Brian Donovan	Russ Baccaglioni	The Warner Family	Bill Huntley
Darlyn Nash	Joe Tetley	John Palazzo	Eve Plescia
Dave Meakem	Colin	Martin Rose	Jesse Whitehead
Gene Buckley	Jean Berich	Gilbert Saltzman	Cynthia Mayers' mom
Ruta Colomb	Joyce Siney	Matthias Colomb	Bob Keller
Pat McBee	Peter Foy	Chuck Colianno	Joyce & Jim Nash
Jake Johnson	Joan Pignataro	Pele DeNicola	Family of Eric Brown (Panarella)
Jerry Kastning	Renee	Mike Colianno	Andrew
Steve Judge	Mark & Josey	Bill A'Hearn	Family of Jean Shaljian
Bob Hollenbeck	Kathy Doss	Maureen Hoise	Linda Panarella's father, Dick Burrkett
Milly Taylor	Jill Bongiovi	Edith Bade Buckley	For all people in war zones
Steve Judge	Sandra Erhard	Oona Hollenbeck	Tom & Elenore Mirandi
Jason Caffrey			Family of Hannah Grace Peglow

You can e-mail your prayer requests or enter them into the Prayer Book at the back of the Sanctuary. Join the weekly email prayer group by contacting the church office at officeLmc818@gmail.com.

Share the News! The deadline for April's newsletter will be March 26th
If you have stories, questions, or ideas e-mail us @ ellen.illies@yahoo.com