

MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH // MARCH 2024

NEWSLETTER

Fostering community through faith, love, and service

Holy Week

Holy Week is fast approaching. Here's what you need to know about Holy Week at Milton Lutheran Church.

Palm Sunday: To start the journey through Holy Week we will begin with our Palm Sunday service on March 24th at 9:30am.

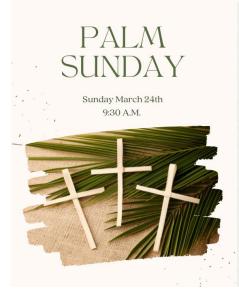
Healing Service: On Wednesday of Holy Week, March 27th, we will be holding a healing service at 7pm.

<u>Maundy Thursday:</u> On Thursday of Holy Week, March 28th, we will be having Maundy Thursday Dinner Church at 6pm to remember the Last Supper on the night before Jesus was crucified. Dinner will consist of roast chicken, potatoes, green beans, and fresh bread.

<u>Good Friday:</u> On Friday of Holy Week, March 29th, we will be holding our Good Friday service at 7pm, remembering Jesus' death on the cross.

<u>Easter Sunday</u>: On Sunday, March 31st, we will gather to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. We are celebrating this year with two services, one at 8am and another at 10am. In between the services, all are welcome to gather for breakfast in the fellowship hall from 9am-10am. We will have special music starting at 9:30am preceding our 10am service. Finally, we will end our festivities with an Easter Egg Hunt at 11am.

Holy Humor Sunday: The Sunday after Easter, April 7th, is Holy Humor Sunday. Service will be at 9:30am









Coming Soon!



Holy Humor Sunday

SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH

An Update from MLC Church Council

From Council President Lynnette Weisner

Council news

The MLC Council met on February 19, 2024. Council members listened to a presentation about the Foundations for the Future Capital Campaign for Camp Mt. Luther. More information will be forthcoming about this in the near future after a congregational leader is appointed and trained to present more information to the congregation.

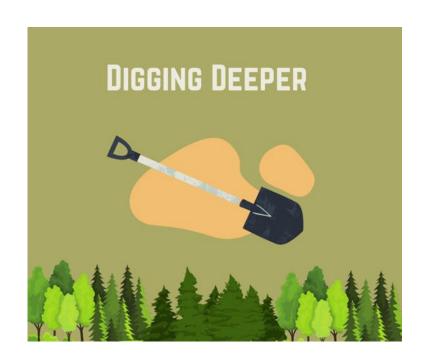
At the June council meeting, council members and Pastor Gary will review the 2024 council goals and pastor's goals that were set during the August 2023 council training. Council members, staff members, and ministry team chairs will meet in April to begin identifying the measures needed to evaluate MLC's readiness to begin the discernment process in preparation to create a short-term vision plan through the end of 2025 and eventually create a 5-year strategic plan for MLC.

Each month Jeff Coup and Andy McNeal, Jr. from the finance team, Pastor Gary, and church treasurer, Rose Deaner will meet to review monthly expenditures to better monitor income and expenses. Creation of a Facilities Use Policy is in the process of being formulated.

After talking with several of the young adult members of MLC there was enough interest in starting a Young Adult group. This group has been formed and will begin planning activities to do together. For more information, contact CarolAnn Miller, ministry coordinator or Andy McNeal, Jr.

Our Bible Study groups meet on Wednesdays. You'll be invited to dig deeper into scripture, faith, and your relationship with God. An in-person group meets on Wednesdays at 10:00 A.M.

Please contact Pastor Gary for the Zoom link. This will be a great way to take what we are learning in worship and dig deeper each week into new concepts and ideas.





We wanted to say a special word of thanks to everyone who has contributed to this campaign so far. We have raised \$21,975. Due to some unexpected expenses that have come up this year our Church Council has decided to conduct a special appeal to help offset the cost for the purchase of a new steam boiler, reseal the parking lot at 100 Mahoning St., moving expenses, and fixing the air conditioning at 1125 Mahoning St. We invite you to make a contribution to help cover these expenses. You can do so by making a contribution through your regular giving or make a contribution online through Tithe.ly. Please just be sure to place 'Moving Forward Campaign' in the memo line.

fleck & Friends fresh express



Friday, March 8th 3:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.

Sponsored by the Central PA Food Bank

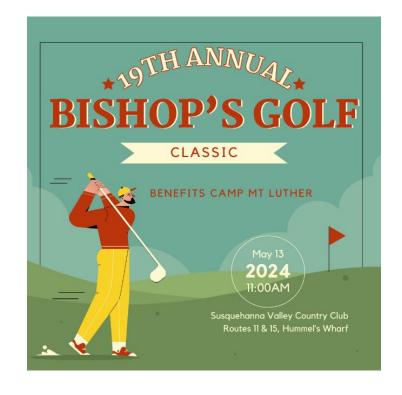


1125 Mahoning St. Milton, PA (570) 742- 4601

Fleck and Friends Fresh Express is a yearround program that provides nutritious food to our neighbors that are in need. This program is sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and comes to us at no cost. This outreach ministry will be held the 2nd Friday of each month from 3 to 5 pm. We are looking for volunteers each month to help us sort food, register people, pass out food, help with parking, run carts, provide snacks, or just volunteer to come out to support the team by socializing with others. The food gets delivered to us around 1:30 pm on distribution day. If you are interested in learning more or want to volunteer, please contact Stephanie Byers at (570)490-2049. We are also in NEED of gently used shopping bags (Recyclable Tote Bags, Paper or plastic Giant/Weis/Walmart bags).

To register for the Bishop's Golf Classic, contact the office for a registration & sponsorship form.

Participants enjoy lunch, souvenir gift, chances to win prizes, and t-shirts.





MOVERS & SHAKERS SENIOR'S GROUP

TUESDAY. MARCH 19TH 10:30 A.M- 12:30 P.M.

MEAL

CONVERSATION

BINGO



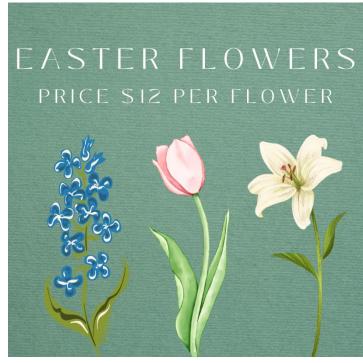
Our Pub Theology group is meeting again! Join us for some fun and conversation on March 14th at 7pm at the Arrowhead Bar and Grill.

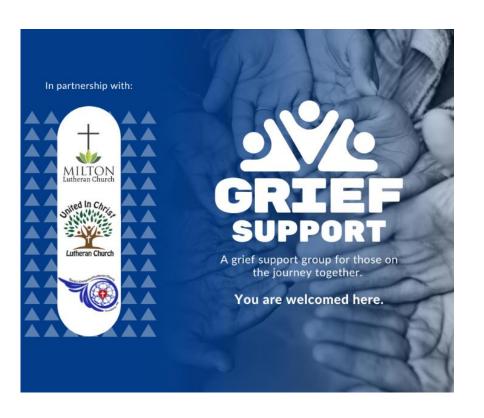




We are collecting candy for Easter Eggs! We will be collecting from now until March 21st. We will be stuffing the eggs on March 24th.

Thank you in advance for donating!





Our next grief support group will resume gathering on the last Monday of the month at 6:30 P.M. The next gathering will be March 25th and we will be meeting at Christ in Lewisburg. We are excited to continue our partnership with United in Christ and Christ Lutheran in Lewisburg for this vital ministry!



Scan the QR code to donate via Tithe.ly







Join us and our friends at Salem Lutheran
Church in Selinsgrove and Zion Lutheran
Church in Kratzerville - Wednesday, April 17th

Sign up and Pay using this QR code.



The Outreach Team is supporting the Empty Bowl Dinner by collecting themed baskets to be raffled at the event. Please consider putting together a raffle basket to donate for this event. Have fun and be creative with themes (i.e. sports, baby, candle, craft, etc.). The sign-up sheet for the raffle baskets is on the bulletin board. Baskets need to be turned in by March 17th.

We are also looking for people to help sell raffle tickets.

If you have any questions, contact Stephanie Byers.



Fidget Quilt is an event where we will gather to make small, lap quilts with fidgeting items on them for people who have Alzheimer's to keep their hands busy.

We are looking for people to help who are willing to cut, sew, and generally lend a hand to our creating of these quilts.

We are gathering on Wednesday March 6th from 1pm until 3pm.

Contact Connie Stover if you have any questions.





Tuesday, March 12

10:00 am - Doors Open

10:30 am - Free Bingo with prizes

11:30 pm - Game: Name That Tune!

12:00 pm - Free Lunch









United In Christ Lutheran Church

1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg \sim www.unitedinchristlutheran.net

Here at MLC we are looking to host a blanket/glove/hat/scarf event in October called Project Linus. We are sharing this announcement now because this is a good time to buy these items as they are on end of the season clearance. If you have items to donate, you can place them in the wooden cart.

If you have any question, you can talk to an Outreach Team Member.







Feb. 21

Feb. 28

March 6

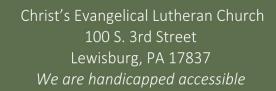
March 13

March 20

Soup & Salad Supper at 6:30pm (in the lower church hall)

Holden Evening Prayer at 7:30pm (in the Sanctuary)

Meals will consist of homemade soup, bread, salad, dessert, and beverages provided each Wednesday (with the exception of March 20th which will be a potluck meal.)







Our annual meeting is on March 24th immediately following worship to review the annual report, what last year looked like and our plan for the upcoming year.









Grow in the Snow - March 15-16

All youth in 6-12th grade and their youth leaders are invited to attend this synod youth retreat on March 15-16. This year's theme is "Break Forth in Song" based on Psalm 98. Experience your Creator, play winter games, and find refreshment in the peace of camp in winter. The retreat is from Friday night to Saturday afternoon, but there is an option for youth and leaders to come just for the day on Saturday. The cost is \$79 for the whole program. Each registered group should provide one adult (21 or over) for every seven youth and at least one adult for each gender represented. Cabin assignments will be made based on available adults and the number of youth attending. Registration form can be obtained from the MLC office.





SUN, MAR 3 9:30pm Worship

10:30am Choir Practice

11am Self-Care Sanctuary

5pm Youth Group Bowling Night

MON, MAR 4 12pm Milton Rotary

6pm Boy Scouts

TUES, MAR 5 10am TOPS

WED, MAR 6 10am Bible Study

6pm Bell Choir Practice

6pm Boy Scouts

6:30pm Soup&Salad Dinner and Holden Evening Prayer, Christ Church Lewisburg

8:15pm Young Adult Group Zoom Meeting

THUR, MAR 7 5:30pm Getting Ahead Meeting

7pm Outreach Team Meeting

FRI, MAR 8 3pm Fleck and Friends Fresh Express

SUN, MAR 10 9:30am Worship

10:30am Choir Practice

11am Fellowship Hour

11am Fellowship Team Meeting

MON, MAR 11 12pm Milton Rotary

6pm Boy Scouts

Executive Committee Meeting

TUES, MAR 12 10am TOPS

WED, MAR 13 10am Bible Study

6pm Bell Choir Practice

6pm Boy Scouts

6:30pm Soup&Salad Dinner and Holden Evening Prayer, Christ Church Lewisburg

THUR, MAR 14 1pm Worship Team Meeting

5:30pm Getting Ahead Meeting

7pm Pub Theology

FRI, MAR 15 – SAT, MAR 16 Grow in the Snow at Camp Mount Luther

SUN, MAR 17 9:30am Worship

	10:30am	Choir Practice
	1pm	Youth Group
MON, MAR 18	12pm	Milton Rotary
	6pm	Boy Scouts
	7pm	Council Meeting
TUES, MAR 19	10am	TOPS
	10:30am	Movers and Shakers
WED, MAR 20	10am	Bible Study
	6pm	Bell Choir Practice
	6pm	Boy Scouts
	6:30pm	Potluck Dinner and Holden Evening Prayer, Christ Church Lewisburg
THUR, MAR 21	5:30pm	Getting Ahead Meeting
SAT, MAR 23	4pm	Empty Bowl Dinner Fundraiser
SUN, MAR 24	9:30am	Palm Sunday Worship
	10:30am	Choir Practice
	11am	Fellowship Hour
MON, MAR 25	12pm	Milton Rotary
	6pm	Boy Scouts
	6:30pm	Greif Group at Christ Church in Lewisburg
TUE, MAR 26	10am	TOPS
WED, MAR 27		Red Cross Blood Drive
	10am	Bible Study
	6pm	Bell Choir Practice
	6pm	Boy Scouts
	7pm	Healing Service
THUR, MAR 28	5:30pm	Getting Ahead Meeting
	6pm	Maundy Thursday Service
FRI, MAR 29	7pm	Good Friday Service
SAT, MAR 30		Young Adult Group Meeting In Person (Time and Location TBD)
SUN, MAR 31	8am	Easter Service
	9am	Easter Breakfast

10am Easter Service