

From the Congregation Council President

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God is faithful and keeps His promises.

On November 15, 2021 our beloved pastor Barry Kendall went home to be with our Lord and Savior. He was not simply a friend or an acquaintance. He was our pastor and held a special place in our lives and in the life of the congregation. He was with us for a long time as Moses was with the Israelites.

In the 31st chapter of Deuteronomy Moses states, *“I am now 120 years old and I am no longer able to lead you. The Lord has said to me, ‘You shall not cross the Jordan.’ The Lord your God Himself will cross over ahead of you. He will destroy these nations before you, and you will take possession of their land. Joshua also will cross over ahead of you, as the Lord said.”*

Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, “Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the Lord swore to their ancestors to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance. The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be

discouraged.” (Deut. 31:7-8)

The past 16 months have been a time of uncertainty as it was with the Israelites. We haven’t always seen or understood what was happening, but through faith and His promises God has walked with us and has brought us to this point in time.

Our members of the congregation have stepped up to fill the life of the congregation with hope, faith, prayers, actions, personal growth, and love. God has been faithful and has provided for us.

There will never be another Pastor Barry Kendall. We were very blessed to have had Pastor Kendall to guide and lead us on our spiritual journey. Remember and celebrate him and his gifts for ministry.

We are moving on by the grace of God Who has already chosen our Joshua. Our Joshua will be a different leader with different skill sets who has been prepared by God to lead this congregation into the future.

The Call Committee has been diligently working to search for our new spiritual leader. We thank them for their time and dedication

in doing so.

On Sunday, April 16 the prospective pastor will lead the worship service. After worship there will be a **luncheon in the fellowship hall.** At this time you will be able to spend some time with the prospective pastor in a more informal setting.

On Sunday, April 30 there will be a special congregation meeting after worship. At this time we will vote on the prospective pastor to fulfill the call.

I look forward to sharing these times with you.

Yours in Christ.

Brenda Beegle
Congregation Council
President



Prospective Pastor is coming to lead worship!

Sunday, April 16

10:30 AM

Liturgy of Holy Communion

Followed by a
luncheon in the fellowship hall
(sign up on the Information Board)

There will be time to meet & greet and a time for
you to ask questions to the prospective pastor.

Then.....

Sunday, April 30
after worship

A Special Congregation Meeting is being
called for the purpose of conducting a Call
Vote.

Please make plans to attend these two VERY
important gatherings!

Reminder! Active (voting) membership is defined by our Constitution as making **four Commu-
nions of record** (completing the Communion record card when you receive Holy Com-
munion) and **one contribution of record** to Messiah (use your envelopes when mak-
ing your offering at Messiah) in the current calendar year.



April Birthdays

- 3 Terri Brightbill
- 6 Karlyn Roof
- 9 Cheryl Lutz
- 10 Debra Bowman
- 11 Adam Brossman
Carey Kendall
- 12 Angela Gassert Fair
- 22 Joshua Risser
- 29 Karen Zivic



April Anniversaries

- 4 Thomas & Janet Gassert
- 16 Donald & Karen Munford
John & Vicki Schimminger
- 25 Bryan & Gayle Hoffman
- 27 Matthew & Jessica Lutz



New Address

Jean Patschke has an updated address!

2000 Cambridge Ave., Apt. 701
Wyomissing, PA 19610



Intentional Prayer

Prayer petitions for the month of April as we travel through the Call Process:

- ◆ That the congregation and Call Committee will continue to have patience with this process.
- ◆ That the committee and congregation will continue to seek God's will in this process.
- ◆ That the committee will work together in Christian love as they vote and recommend a future pastor for our congregation.
- ◆ That each member of the congregation will seek Your will when the day comes for us to meet and vote on our prospective pastor.
- ◆ That, regardless of the outcome of this process, our congregation will continue to live in agape love for one another.
- ◆ That all pastors seeking a call will discern God's will for them.



2023 Congregation Council

Brenda Beegle, *President, Christian Ed. co-chair*

Nick Adams, *Vice President, Christian Ed co-chair, and Personnel chair*

Karen Zivic, *Secretary*

Ernestine Batdorf, *Finance Secretary*

Michael Ernst

Deborah Lutz, *Publicity and Volunteer Resources chair*

David Machamer, *Evangelism and Property chair*

Non Council Committee Chairs and their positions:

Karen Fox, *Worship & Music chair*

Karen Hatt, *Fellowship Chair*

Kathaleen Lilley, *Assistant Treasurer and Finance Chair*

Rita Savant, *Assistant Finance Secretary and Social Ministry Chair*

Nancie Whelan, *Treasurer*

April 2023 Schedules

Assisting Minister

- 2 Eugene Martin
- 6 (7 PM) Nancie Whelan
- 9 Sandra Smith
- 16 Charlotte Varone
- 23 Eugene Martin
- 30 Deborah Lutz



Altar Guild

- 2 Barb Adams & Karen Zivic
- 6 Ernestine Batdorf & Deb Lutz (set up);
Lori Wert, Karen Hatt, Gayle Hoffman
during the liturgy
- 7 Deborah Lutz
- 9 Deborah Lutz
- 16 Rita Savant & Gayle Hoffman
- 23 Karen Hatt & Nancie Whelan
- 30 Deborah Lutz



Lector

- 2 Nancie Whelan
- 6 (7 PM) Nancie Whelan
- 9 Sandra Smith
- 16 Charlotte Varone
- 23 Eugene Martin
- 30 Deborah Lutz



Crucifer

- 2 Kathaleen Lilley
- 6 (7 PM) Mary Whelan
- 7 (7 PM) Gayle Hoffman
- 9 Eugene Martin
- 16 Sandra Smith
- 23 Andrew Surmacz
- 30 Mary Whelan



Greeters

- 2 **NEEDED**
- 6 (7 PM) Deborah Lutz
- 9 **NEEDED**
- 16 Deborah Lutz
- 23 Mary Ann Hartman & Kay Zellers
- 30 **NEEDED**



Acolyte

- 2 Karen Zivic
- 6 (7 PM) Deborah Lutz
- 9 Nancie Whelan
Karen Zivic
- 16 Karen Zivic
- 23 Karen Zivic
- 30 Deborah Lutz



Head Ushers
Harry & Karen Hatt



There will be **NO regular WELCOME TIME** this month due to the Easter Breakfast on April 9.



Finance Steward
David Machamer



Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, April 2, The Sunday of the Passion:

9 AM Living in Faith Education Hour

10:30 AM The Holy Communion with the Blessing of Palms

Maundy Thursday, April 6:

7:00 PM The Liturgy of the Last Supper with the Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 7:

7:00 PM The Passion and Death of Our Lord

Sunday, April 9, The Resurrection of Our Lord:

8:30 AM Easter Breakfast

10:30 AM The Holy Communion
(No Living in Faith Education Hour today.)



Weekly Worship Schedule

SUNDAYS:

9 AM Living in Faith Education Hour

10:30 AM The Holy Communion

Supply Schedule for April:

April 2—The Rev. Michael Tamorria

April 6 (Maundy Thursday; 7 PM) The Rev. Michael & the Rev. Karen Tamorria

April 7 (Good Friday; 7 PM)—The Rev. Paul Hansen

April 9—The Rev. Michael & the Rev. Karen Tamorria

April 16—Our Prospective Pastor

April 23—Karen Fox

April 30—Kathaleen Lilley

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 9

8:30 AM

Cost is **\$4 per person** (to help defray the cost and get a more accurate head count). Children under age 4 are free. Tickets will be on sale beginning March 19 **after worship**. See Harry and Karen Hatt for tickets or more information.

Menu

Scrambled Eggs

Little Smokies

French Toast Sticks

Fruit Cup

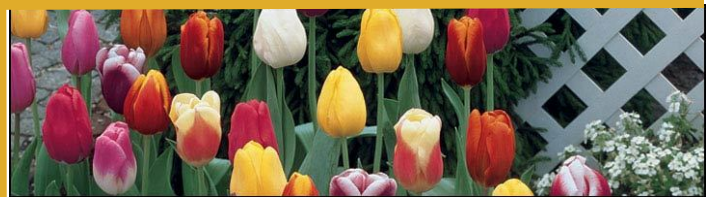
Coffee

Tea

Juice



Easter Breakfast set up will be held on Saturday, April 8 at 9 AM. Any help will be appreciated.



Interested?

The Fellowship Committee is contemplating a trip to the Flight 93 National Memorial in Stoystown, PA later this year and would like to gauge the interest of the congregation before deciding to organize a trip (or not).

It will be a long day (~3 hour drive each way). Everyone would bring a packed lunch, and we would go out for supper. There is no entrance fee. Please see Karen Hatt or Deb Lutz if interested.



A Hearty Thank You Note



Central M.D. Convocation



You are invited to the annual Central Mission District Convocation for fellowship, worship, business, and learning about **Life to Life Discipleship!**

Saturday, April 29

from 8:30 AM—1 PM (lunch is included)

St. Michael's Lutheran Church
529 St. Michaels Road
Hamburg, PA

Registration materials are available!
For more information see Robin.

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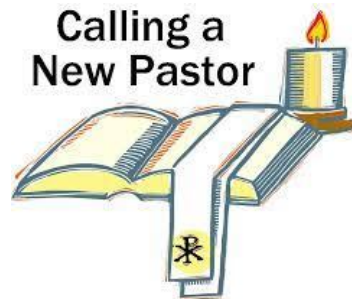


Upcoming Events



See details on page 5

Sunday, April 16
at 10:30 AM



Call Vote! Sunday, April 30 after worship

Ministry Plan Report for February

(Budgeted need per week: \$2,820.44)

Date	Amount Received	Attendance
2/5	\$3,080.30	11 LiF / 30 +
2/12	\$2,063.00	12 LiF / 33 +
2/19	\$2,592.00	13 LiF / 37 +
Ash Wed. 2/22	(rolled into 2/26)	26 +
2/26	\$2,414.00	15 LiF / 32 +

NOTE: "+" denotes Worship
"LiF" denotes Living in Faith



Thank You Note

Many thanks to all who called me, visited me, or sent me get well wishes and prayed for me during my recent hospitalization and rehab. I appreciated all of you.

In Christian love,
Dorothy Martin



Greeters Needed



Have you noticed how EMPTY our Greeter sign up sheets are? April has some spots remaining open, (see page 4) and the May–August sign up sheet has NO volunteers. We need YOU and your friendly smile to greet your fellow worshippers on a Sunday morning. It is not hard and it is a lovely way to get your Sunday morning going. Please help us out and sign up today to be a Greeter!

March Congregation Council Meeting Highlights

The Messiah Congregation Council met on Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

- Financial reports were reviewed and accepted pending audit.
- Committee reports were given.
- The Call Committee has a prospective candidate. Plans are being made for this pastoral candidate to lead worship on April 16 followed by a congregation luncheon in the fellowship hall.
- A special congregation meeting will be called for April 30 for the purpose of conducting a Call Vote.

Respectfully submitted,
 Karen Zivic
 Congregation Council Secretary

Membership Changes

Please **amend your directory** to reflect they who joined the Church Triumphant recently:



Caroline Harnisch
 1925—2023

Betty Wetzel
 1930—2023

If we have died with Christ, we shall also live with Him; if we are faithful to the end, we shall reign with Him.



For Your Information



**FOOD
 COLLECTION
 SUNDAY**
April 2
 Rescue Mission

HEAD USHER NEEDED for September

If you are interested in serving as a head usher during September please contact Rob-in in the office.



PA Dutch Church Service

Sunday, April 23
2:30 PM
 Zoar Lutheran Church
 560 Freeport Road
 Lebanon

Refreshments to follow.



On Passion Sunday (April 2) members of the congregation, led by supply pastor the Rev. Michael Tamorria will participate in a dramatic reading of the Passion according to St. Matthew. Come and hear!