

CHRIST  
MERTZ  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
*The Service of Holy Communion*  
April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 @ 9:00<sup>AM</sup>

THE LORD IS  
MY SHEPHERD  
I SHALL  
NOT WANT  
HE MAKE ME  
TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES  
HE LEADETH ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS  
HE RESTORETH MY SOUL  
HE LEADETH ME IN THE  
PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR  
HIS NAME'S SAKE  
YEA THOUGH  
I WALK  
THROUGH  
THE VALLEY OF  
THE SHADOW  
OF DEATH  
I WILL FEAR  
NO EVIL  
FOR THOU ART  
WITH ME  
THY ROD AND  
THY STAFF THEY  
COMFORT ME

## GATHERING MUSIC

How I Shall Sing that Majesty

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

For those who are able, please stand.

## INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

*Leader* We gather in the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Pastor* God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*People* Amen.

*Pastor* Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
Most merciful God,

*People* **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**  
Amen.

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

*Pastor* In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*People* Amen.

# GATHERING SONG

# O Master, Let Me Walk with You

ELW 818



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,  
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.


## APOSTOLIC GREETING

*People* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*People* ***And also with you.***

# KYRIE


*Refrain*




Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Pastor* O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People** Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### READING: ACTS 4.5-12

*Reader* A reading from Acts, the fourth chapter.

The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

### *“I am Jesus’ Little Lamb”*

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724-1782

Tune: Choraltbuch...Bruder-Gemeinen, Leipzig, 1784

Arr: Koiné - The Vine; track 10

*featuring THE BAND of Christ Mertz Lutheran Church  
vocalists, Vicki Flicker, Pastor Marty Milne*

I am Jesus’ little lamb,  
Ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me,  
Knows my need, and well provides me,  
Loves me ev’ry day the same,  
Even calls me by my name.

Day by day, at home, away,  
Jesus is my staff and stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,  
Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, He bids me go  
Where the quiet waters flow.

Who so happy as I am,  
Even now the Shepherd’s lamb?  
And when my short life is ended,  
By His angel host attended,  
He shall fold me to His breast,  
There within his arms to rest.

I am Jesus’ little lamb,  
Ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me,  
Knows my need, and well provides me,  
Loves me ev’ry day the same,  
Even calls me by my name.

## READING: 1 JOHN 3.16-24

*Reader* A reading from first John, the third chapter.

We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in any one who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

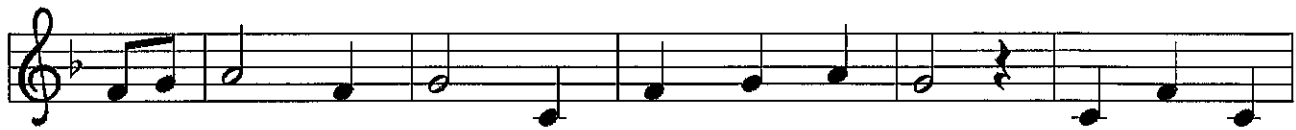
Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: JOHN 10.11-18

*Pastor* The holy gospel according to Saint John, the tenth chapter.

*People* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Pastor* [Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

*Pastor* The gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly sits.

# SERMON

The assembly stands.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

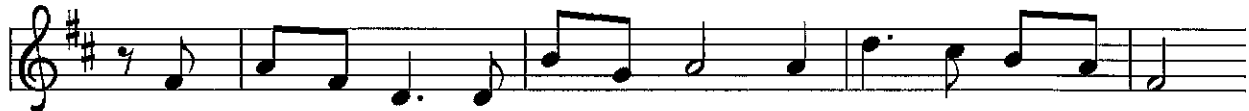
ELW 484



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joi - ce.  
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

## APOSTLES' CREED

*Pastor* With the whole people of God gathered here today, let us profess our faith.

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Pastor* Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Petitions will conclude "Lord, in your mercy," the response is "Hear our prayer."

At the conclusion of the prayers, the presiding minister will offer the following:

*Pastor* Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

*People* Amen

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*Leader* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Leader* Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

The congregation shares a handshake, a hug, or a sign of genuine Christian love and joy with others. When the sharing is concluded, the congregation sits.

The congregation sits.

## OFFERING & OFFERTORY

God Is Love

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"*

ELW 512



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

## OFFERING PRAYER

*Pastor*

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*People*

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Pastor* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Pastor* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*People* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

The proper preface concludes:

*Pastor* ...and so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -



est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

# THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*Pastor* Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

*People* **Amen.**

# LORD'S PRAYER

*Pastor*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray ...

*People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power**

# INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

# DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

Please follow the ushers and communion assistants for instructions and directions for the reception of the Sacrament. During the distribution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, reflective and meditative music will be played.

# LAMB OF GOD



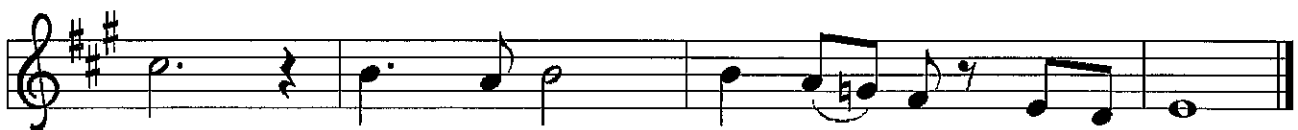
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

The first 2 (two) communion hymns on the following page will be sung ostinato  
— continually repeated — at the accompanist's discretion.

**Feel free to sing the harmony as you like.**

# COMMUNION HYMN

# Shepherd Me, O God ELW 780

*Refrain*  
All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from

death in - to life. life.

Leader or All

1 God is my shep-herd, so noth-ing shall I want, I  
2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you  
3 Though I should wan-der the val - ley of death, I

rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I  
lead me by path-ways of righ - teous-ness and truth, my  
fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

*Refrain*

walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.  
spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.  
rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

Leader or All

4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of

*Refrain*

ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

Leader or All

5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;

I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

*Final refrain*  
All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

yond my fears, from death in - to life.

# COMMUNION HYMN

Come, Let Us Eat  
ELW 491



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.  
in Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest.  
rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word.



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.  
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.  
in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.  
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

Once all have communed, the congregation stands and the following blessing is offered:

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*Pastor* The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bless you and keep you in his grace.

*People* Amen.

## PRAYER

*Pastor* Let us pray.

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being.

With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together.

Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

*People* Amen.

# BENEDICTION

*Pastor* The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

*People* Amen.

# SENDING HYMN

## God Be with You Till We Meet Again

ELW 536



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,  
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,  
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,

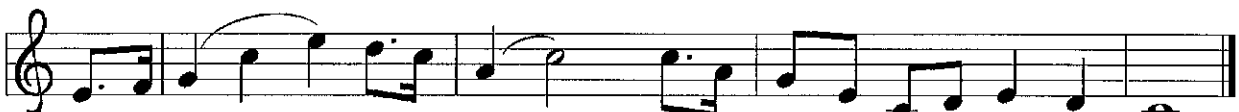


with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;  
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

### Refrain



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

# DISMISSAL

*Pastor* Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

# POSTLUDE

Christ, Our Peace

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## FOR VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS

*Welcome!! We are so glad you joined us this. Whether you are here with us in-person or have joined us online, it is fantastic to have you with us. If you would like to know more about us and our ministry, visit [www.christmertz.org](http://www.christmertz.org).*

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Regular office hours

M - F 9:00am - 1:00pm

### **Sunday, April 21**

9:00<sup>am</sup> Service of Holy Communion

### **Tuesday, April 23**

6:30<sup>pm</sup> Choir Practice

### **Wednesday, April 24**

6:00<sup>pm</sup> Yoga

### **Saturday, April 27**

9:00<sup>am</sup> Dream League @  
Baseballtown

## REMEMBRANCES

- ✘ The Altar Flowers, bulletins and children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God presented by Jeff and Cindy Haring in honor of their 17<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## MAY HOAGIE SALE

There will be one more hoagie sale for the Spring season. Make sure to place your hoagie order by May 5<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$5 a hoagie. Pick up will be Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Let Liz Kemner know or sign up on the bulletin board if you are able to help make hoagies May 11<sup>th</sup>.

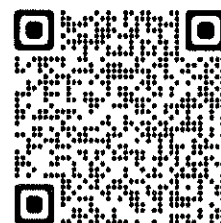
## THE NICE KNITTERS OF BERKS

Our own Pat Roth is a member of The Nice Knitters of Berks. This group makes items that are donated to different charities in Berks County. They make hats, scarves, mittens/gloves, blankets, baby sweaters, and much more. They are in need of materials to continue making these items.

If you would like to donate yarn, (new or not so new) or magnets, please see Pat Roth. You can also visit their Facebook page The Nice Knitters of Berks.

Pat thanks you for your support.

**Did you forget your offering?  
Maybe you thought about giving a little extra?  
Use your smart phone & SCAN the QR code to the right.  
Open your camera app on your phone & center it on the QR code.  
Touch the highlighted area on your screen & VOILA!!**



## IN OUR PRAYERS

To add names to the prayer list, email the church office at [christ@christmertz.org](mailto:christ@christmertz.org) or call the main office at 610.682.7664.

### WE PRAY FOR

**Our homebound and shut-in:** Doris DeLong, Marion Heffner, Doris Koenig, Anna Heffner, Eva Sanders, Elton & Theresa Bieber, Maddie Landis, Georgianna Weidele, Ruth Hertzog

**Those hospitalized and recovering:**

*Bruce Engelhart*

**In any kind of need:** Connor Stanley, Kendra Smith, Jan Bertolet, Donna Rabert, Clayton Reed, Patricia Deller, Ralph Angstadt, Ann Melton, Quinn Meldrum, Brian Hamilton, Leroy Zimmerman, Joshua Cronrath, Kristen Weiner, Nancy Reilly, Christine Lehman, Terry and Carol Abraham, Len Hellwig, Donna Wenrich, Joan Acker, Sharon Danenhower, Thomas DeBarr, Kat Murray, Sue Wingert, Betty Greiss, Kevin Smith, Silas Imbody, Kenneth Conrad, Janet Haber, *baby* Charlie, Abby Mosteller, Dominick Aguilar, Denise Hartman, Evan Gershkovich, Joan & Daniel Readinger, Ricky, Jason Beshore, Jonah Meck, Jax, Shree Weber, Reid Hodor, Maura Malarkey, Cheryl Bower, Judy Bachman, Joan Acker, Ken Smith, Linda Guistwite, Kelly Wolfe, Brent Haring, Mark Smith, Jan Adams, Linda Maderia, Carol Pastelock, Reagan Motacki, Pete Kunkleman, Sherry Weller, Bella Reitenauer, Gracie Snyder, RuthAnn Luckenbill, Wayne Brewer, Tish Reichard, Dustin Grim, Michelle Kelchner, Lonnie Mazurie, Diane, Richard & Joanne, Elaine Bokanyi

### IN THE MILITARY

Brett Boyer, Ben Dirsas, Travis Meck, Justin Repko, Kaz Kramer, Timothy Bishop, Jon Dekovitch

### FAMILIES OF OUR CONGREGATION

Eric Stoudt and his family, Faye Stoudt and her family, Kyle Stoudt and his family

### PARTNER CHURCHES IN MINISTRY

The congregation of Christ Mertz Lutheran Church, Dryville, PA

### Pastoral Care

In case of illness, death of a family members or other pastoral emergencies, call the church office at 610.682.7664 or Pastor Milne directly at 484.505.0987

2024-2025

## COUNCIL OFFICERS

At its organizational meeting in February, the congregation council elected, from among its member, the congregation council officer for the year. The configuration of the council membership is as follows:

President of Council - *Kathy Greiss*

Vice President of Council - *Bill Koch*

Secretary of Council - *Margie Miller*

Members at Large of Council

*Linda Hilbert, Bonnie Mensch, Matthew Kells,*

*Tom Trupp, Sarah Hohl, Craig Kemp,*

*Luann Umberger, Bill Messersmith, Sue Smith*

Please pray for our congregation council.

Pray for vision, openness to God's mission in the world, and growth in faith and love.

## UPCOMING

### WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

#### April 21

Reader - *Regina Sanders*

Communion Assistants - *Margie Miller*

Council - *Bonny Mensch, Craig Kemp*

Acolyte - *Cort Peifer*

Usher - *Kathy Greiss*

Altar Guild - *Gene and Patsy Greenawalt*

Greeter - *Grace Bohn, Eleanor Dreibelbis*

#### April 28

Reader - *Ashley Nace*

Communion Assistants - *Margie Miller,*

Council - *Bonny Mensch, Craig Kemp*

Acolyte - *Hayden Ronco*

Usher - *Linda Hilbert*

Altar Guild - *Bonny Mensch, Linda Hilbert*

Greeter - *John and Jeanette Tomasi*

If you would like to serve as a worship assistant, please let Stef know in the office. We would love to have you part of our worship leadership.



# 2024 Million Smiles Campaign

Christ Church Children’s Center has launched our new fundraising campaign for 2024. It is our response to a broken childcare system. We need to pay our teachers better and fund our childcare center differently. We cannot just keep raising rates and making childcare more expensive.

Christ Church Children's Center's Million Smiles Campaign will raise money to support our center financially without constantly raising rates. The campaign will...

- \* Allow us to pay our teachers what they deserve (currently make an average of about \$12 per hour).
- \* Provide effective educational supplies that are creative and innovative for our children.
- \* Help us attract more staff with competitive salaries.
- \* Give our community affordable childcare.
- \* Help us enroll additional children in our program.



Three ways to donate:

- 1) Scan the QR Code
- 2) Visit <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/fundraising/578c9652-be48-42fd-86be-deab77c71420>
- 3) Get a Form at the Church Bulletin Board and Return it with Your Donation

## UPCOMING FUN COMMITTEE EVENTS

Mark your calendars!

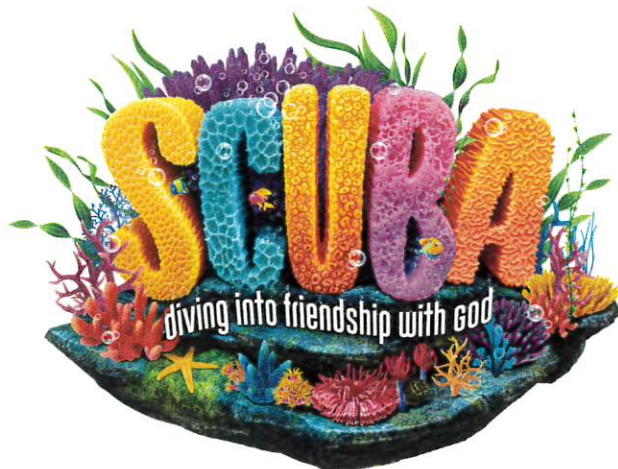
**Saturday, August 17 @ 5:00<sup>PM</sup>**  
Shared meal and Game Show Night

**Saturday, November 23 @ 5:00<sup>PM</sup>**  
Back by popular demand ...  
Shared meal and Sequence Card Game Night

## MILLER KEYSTONE BLOOD DRIVE

See John Tomasi or sign up on-line for an appointment to donate blood Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00<sup>am</sup> - 2:00<sup>pm</sup>

[https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/86691](https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/86691)



## SCUBA VBS

Save the date!

Vacation Bible School returns  
July 15<sup>th</sup> - July 19<sup>th</sup>

Thrivent Grants are once again needed to help with VBS . Please contact Carla Flemming if you are willing to help. She will provide the information you will need.

# Brandywine Food Pantry Needs

The Brandywine Food Pantry is in need of the following items

## Paper Products, Cleaning Products, Toiletries

Tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste, shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, laundry detergent, dish detergent

## Canned Goods

Chicken, peaches, coffee (regular), applesauce, chili, beef stew, Manwich, soup (other than tomato or chicken noodle)

## Miscellaneous

Cake mixes, brownie mixes, mustard, flour, sugar, juice (other than grape), mac & cheese dinners, pancake mix, salt, pepper, cinnamon

## Ways to help the Pantry

- Bring your donations to church
- Drop off your donations to the pantry, St. Peter's UCC in Tipton the
- first 3 Tuesdays of each month from 9-11:30AM,
- Third Thursday of each month from 9-12:30PM & 4-6PM
- Volunteer your time manning the pantry when it's open.

Contact for Brandywine Food Pantry  
@ (484) 861-7117

# Back by Popular Demand Adult Faith Study

## Thursdays @ 10<sup>AM</sup> & 7<sup>PM</sup>

(ZOOM option available for evenings)

Yes, yes, you couldn't get enough in March and so for the time being **Thursday** will be designated the day for adult faith study at Christ Mertz Lutheran Church.

This is an **OPEN INVITATION**. Anyone, from anywhere, who wants to gather to talk about being a disciple of Jesus, who wants to get into the Scriptures a little deeper, and who want to gather as brothers and sisters in Christ. You invite whoever you like. There is always room. We have a big place here.

For the time being, we will continue with the NOOMA video series. So for April, our faith study will include ...

- ✧ April 25<sup>th</sup> - Luggage:

"It isn't always easy to forgive."



Longswamp Boy Scout Troop 575  
All You Can Eat!

# Spaghetti Dinner

## FUNDRAISER

**SAT** April 27 4-7pm

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Mertztown, PA

**TAKE  
OUT**  
*Available*

ADULTS: \$12.00

CHILDREN UNDER 8: \$8.00

CHILDREN UNDER 3: Free

Includes spaghetti, salad, beverage, 1 dessert