

# Sharon Lutheran Church's Monthly News

MARCH  
2011

The beginning of our Lenten journey  
**Ash Wednesday Worship**  
**March 9<sup>th</sup> at Noon and 7 p.m.**  
Imposition of Ashes and Communion



## Lenten Series 2011

***“Give us this day our daily bread;  
may all the world be clothed and fed.”***

Each week, beginning March 16<sup>th</sup> we will gather for a simple meal, share in the contemplative Holden Evening Prayer, and explore the theme of Hunger. The following topics will be addressed creatively through discussion and drama:

1. Addressing the Root Causes of Poverty
2. Relief—Responding to the Immediate Needs of People
3. Development—Ensuring Sustainable Livelihoods
4. Education—Learning to Love Our Neighbors as Ourselves
5. Advocacy—Proclaiming the Lord’s Favor for All

### **The Wednesday Evening Schedule**

5:15-6:00	Children’s Choir
5:30-6:15	Dinner
6:30-7:15	Worship
7:30-8:15	Chancel Choir
8:15-9:00	New Generation Choir

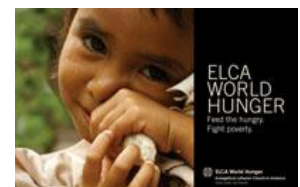


## Lenten Soup Menu



- 3/16- Welcoming Team-Clam Chowder, Potato, Broccoli and Cheese
- 3/23- Women's Circle- Chicken Noodle
- 3/30- Christian Education- Chicken Corn
- 4/6- Property Team- Chili and cornbread
- 4/13- Fellowship Team- Beef Noodle

The Lenten Offerings received on Wednesdays will be given to the ELCA’s World Hunger Appeal. The Sunday School will also be participating through the use of the Barnyard Hunger project.



*California Lutheran University  
Choir performs  
Monday, March 14 at 8:00 p.m. at  
Susquehanna University.  
Sharon will be providing this choir  
with dinner. Please contact Nancy  
Martin to help with the meal.*

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 17: Sunday of the Passion
- April 21: Maundy Thursday
- April 22 Good Friday
- April 23 Easter Vigil
- April 24 Easter Day

*Look for Easter lily  
order forms in future  
weekly bulletins.*

**As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.** *Colossians 2:6-7*

This is that time of year in the midst of winter when we begin to get spring fever. We start thinking about warmer days, longer hours of sunshine, being out in the yard looking for the bulbs to start pushing their way through the leaves and mulch getting seedlings ready, and clearing away the clutter. Spring: a time of preparation for new growth, of clearing away the dormancy of winter, and of feeding and nourishing to promote development. Springtime is life-giving and refreshing; a time when we throw open the windows and let the air rush through the house.

Lent is the Springtime of the soul—A time to de-clutter, to focus on the basics, to clear away and make room for new growth. It is a season when we seek to deepen roots and enrich the soil to promote new shoots. It is a time to throw open the windows and let the life-giving breath of the Spirit rush in.

I encourage you to step into Lent this year with a desire for new growth and for deeper roots in Christ. We will begin that journey together on Ash Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> as we gather for worship at noon and at 7 p.m. We will again meet on Wednesday evenings for our Lenten Series. The evenings will begin with a simple soup supper and then end with worship as we learn together about the theme of “hunger.” The Selinsgrove Ministerium, which includes many of the churches in our area will host Sunday evening gatherings during Lent and a schedule of sites will be posted. Sharon will be hosting Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m.

### **Sharon Gatherings**

I would like to invite you to have a conversation about Sharon and our ministry together. Over the next few months there will be house gatherings at Sharon member homes and a few at Sharon Lutheran Church as well. The purpose of these gatherings is to be able to share in some fellowship/conversation time together, to have a structured time with me to talk about both history and future directions. The gatherings will be offered throughout the region, on varying days and times in order to accommodate as many people as possible. Please note the sites that are accessible. Each gathering is set to run for 90 minutes 30 minutes of fellowship time with snacks and drinks 45 minutes of time with Pastor Doll, and a 15 minute wrap up.

Each site has a designated number of people that the host is willing to have at the gathering. Please contact the host directly to reserve your place.

Brandy and Rick Savidge—Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m.

Susan Hegberg—Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m.

Jim and Carol Black—Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m.

Additional Dates are under consideration and will be posted.

God's Peace,

*Pastor Doll*

## Parish Associate's Projects

# MINISTRIES for CHILDREN, YOUTH & TEENS

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

- **Tuesdays @ 10:30a.m.** Adult Bible Study – coffee served
- **March 7 @ 7p.m.** Guest speaker at Christian Ed meeting = Sandy Grier/owner of *Along the Way Bookstore*
- **April 1 & 2 - Gathering in the East-Carpooling available**

Workshops for Sunday school teachers and youth leaders and guides.

### Topics include:

*Abundant Living: Youth Ministry in a Consumer Society*

*...and Family: What Does This Mean? Why Bother with Young Children? Surrounding Kids with AAA Christians*

*Four Big Rocks: What Do Kids Need from Us?*

*Young People and Sexuality*

*Ecumenical Youth Ministry*

*How to Be A loser in Youth Ministry*

*Using Media in Youth Ministry*

*Taste and See: Come to the Resource Buffet*

*Parents, Kids, and Money Matters Youth Ministry and Christian Education in Smaller Congregations*

**For more information, go to [www.gatheringintheeast.org](http://www.gatheringintheeast.org). See Robin Kunkel to register**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ROTATION SCHEDULE

**March 6** > Storyteller = Vicki Kidd, **Music Leader** = ?, Activity Leader = Rachel Dagle

**March 13** > Storyteller = Judy Longacre, **Music Leader** = ?, Activity Leader = April Metzger

**March 20** > **Storyteller** = ?, **Music Leader** = ?, Activity Leader = Dana Kemberling

**March 27** > **Storyteller** = ?, **Music Leader** = ?, Activity Leader = Suzanne Nickler

## WORLD HUNGER =SCS LENTEN THEME

Each family that has a child in Sunday School will receive a Barn Bank that will be made during Activity Time. To participate, we ask that you drop loose change or bills in the barn each week. Bring your collection to Sunday school every Sunday so that we can keep a weekly tally. Then do it again for 6 weeks in Lent. Members of the congregation can also help by filling our Piggy Bank – it will be in the lobby beside the silo, where else! ☺

We are trying to collect enough money to buy a cow \$500, a sheep \$125, a goat \$50, a duck \$20, and chicks \$10 from the Heifer Project. The gift of animals will help villages produce their own eggs, milk and offspring to help feed entire villages.

### CONFIRMATION CORNER

#### Dates to remember!

March 20 = 9<sup>th</sup> grade Faith Presentation

April 10 = Lunch & Lesson with Pastor Doll

#### YOUTH STUFF

March 4 & 5 = Synod Youth Retreat @ CML

March 26 = Climbnasium

April 8 & 9 = Senior High Lock In

**YOUTH GROUP = Sundays @ 6p.m.** For more information contact Robin Kunkel [robin.kunkel@sharonlc.org](mailto:robin.kunkel@sharonlc.org) or Matt Marziale [matt@fixmehere.com](mailto:matt@fixmehere.com)

## CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

Summer brochures are now available for Camp Mount Luther. Copies were sent to congregations in the Upper Susquehanna Synod and to campers from the last two summers. It's going to be an exciting summer, with traditional, specialty, and trip camps part of this year's schedule. Church camping is an important faith developer of our young people. Encourage a child to go to camp! If you didn't see a brochure yet, you can view it online or contact the camp office at 570-922-1587 and we'll send you a copy. For more information on Mount Luther, visit [www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org). **Early Registration Deadline is April 1, 2011.** After that time, prices for summer camp go up. Campers need to pay their portion of the camp fee to qualify for the early discount.



**CONNECT AND GROW AS WOMEN OF SHARON**  
**All women of Sharon are welcome to participate in any of the following opportunities.**

**WOMEN OF SHARON CIRCLE** – Circle will meet on Wednesday, March 9 at 10:00 am in the What's Brewin' Room. This will be a work meeting to 1) Cut coupons from Campbell's labels. These will be sent to benefit the Navajo Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, AZ. Bring scissors for this project. 2) Assemble layettes for Lutheran World Relief. Items needed for this project are: Two shirts or Onesies (or similar item), Two gowns or sleepers (with or without feet), Two receiving blankets, Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred, One sweater or sweatshirt, Two washcloths (full-size preferred), One bath-size bar (4-5 oz.) of gentle soap, in its original wrapping, Two diaper pins. 3) We will make final plans to prepare soup for March 23.

**THE STITCHERS** – This group meets every Monday at 1:00 pm in their room on the second floor. Help is needed to assemble, tie, and hem quilts to be sent to Lutheran World Relief and for local needs.

**Knit & Crochet** - Gather in the What's Brewin' Room on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm. Come to enjoy knitting prayer shawls or working on other items like premie caps or other special needs items.

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**RETREAT FOR SHARON WOMEN AND FRIENDS – SATURDAY, APRIL 9 at the church.** Leader: Dawn Doll.

Mark your calendar now, invite a friend and look for further information in bulletins and April Newsletter. Hope to see YOU there.



**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – Tuesday, April 26 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 p.m.** Volunteers to supply food for the canteen and to help will be needed.

(From our Dec. 26 blood drive, 72 units of whole blood and an additional 14 double red cell products were collected. We collected enough blood to potentially help 230 patients in area hospitals.)

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**THE DAY OF LEARNING – SATURDAY, APRIL 30 here at SHARON – for ALL WOMEN of the UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD**



THEME: God's Creation...Today's Environment

SPEAKERS: Carol Loveland, professor at Penn State Extension. She will do a power point presentation about Marseilles Shale and answer questions. The Rev. Gilson Waldkoenig, professor at Gettysburg Seminary. His subject is Ecology and Faith. How do we live harmoniously in God's world.

(Gil is Irene & Ken Fladmarks' son-in-law). Mark your calendar today for this special event to be held from 10:00 am – 3:00pm. Women at Sharon have been invited to host the luncheon.

# From Our Parishioners

Many thanks to all who sent cards, the flowers, and for all the prayers during the illness and final rest of Dave Dagle. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

**From the Dagle Family**

Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia. It was really appreciated!

**Nancy Ernest**



I would like to thank Pastor Doll for his visit with me and for giving me communion. I learned a lot from his visit. Also thanks to all the members that have visited. Thank you for the beautiful flowers, and for all my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday cards. Thank you to my Sunday School class. They told me they give a red rose to anyone that has a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Thanks SO MUCH! **Evelyn Wagner**



Thank you to Darlene and the Welcoming Team for the greeting filled with Xmas stories. I really enjoy reading them and will think of all of you. Thank you to everyone for thinking of me! Thank you to Bob Soper for giving me communion and for the beautiful poinsettia!

**Rachel Betzer**

Thank you for the lovely flowers.

**Jack and Edna Messner**

## From the Ridge

To a first year Seminarian out in the field, the real world of parish ministry emerges as a juggling act. Phase one for the field work stuff of the Seminary journey is called Teaching Parish. It has placed me in the two point parish arena of Pastor Wayne Muthler. It's where theory meets practice. It's being thrown into the nuts and bolts bag where most of the time things do come mysteriously together. The wild ride between parishes provides valuable conference time to smooth out rough edges. It's not so much about getting it right as it is about rightly getting the Spirit's call to and focus on Word and Sacrament celebration. Yes, it's about the joy of worship on the Sunday day. It's about God. Not us. And the shuffling of vestments, paraments, pages, plates, texts can yield to the awesome holiness that is now there. All is in place. In the sacred sanctuaries the sinner-saint assembly with its sinner-saint leadership settles in. It's time. The Gathering. The Confession and Forgiveness. The Word. The Meal. The Sending. Renewal comes as only God can deliver as worshippers listen, sing, then come to the Table. Their faces, like ours, reflect the joys or sorrows of a week past. In peace they depart. And we too. But God is freshly with us all.

**Carol Black**

**COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Approved the appointment of Susanne Starr as Treasurer of the congregation.
2. Approved the re-organization of the Stewardship Committee under the guidance and development of the Congregation Council.
3. Member nominees are sought for delegates and alternate delegates to the Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly being held on June 17 and 18 at Susquehanna University. Members interested should make their wishes known to the church office or to Brandy Savidge, Council President soon.
4. Approved Worship and Music Committee's request to purchase a Wish List item of Hand Chimes at a cost of \$1,750. This purchase funded by a \$1,000 gift and \$750 from the Music Support Fund of the Sharon Trust Fund.
5. Approved the offer of the Selinsgrove Shade Tree Commission to beautify the Sharon Cemetery by planting seven Small Leaf Linden trees along the Bough and High Street boundaries. The trees are provided without cost by the Selinsgrove Shade Tree Commission who will also spray and replace the trees as necessary. The trees will not interfere with existing grave markers.
6. Approved the request of the Social Ministry Committee to designate Lenten offerings, excepting Ash Wednesday envelopes, for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal

**2011 weekly Altar flowers are available to be sponsored for the following dates:**

March 27, May 8, July 24, August 7, 14, September 18, 25, October 2, 9, November 27, December 11. The cost is \$30.00. Please contact the church office with your information.



Bowersox, Frances	3/21
Keeney, Michael	3/21
Dagle, Sean	3/23
Beaver, Beverly	3/24
Bordner, Debbie	3/24
Whitman, Jeffrey	3/25
Remaley, William	3/26
Bohm, William	3/29
Goundie, Donna	3/30



The American Cancer Society is sponsoring the Relay for Life on June 3 and 4 at Susquehanna University between 1:00 pm Friday, and 1:00 pm Saturday. The Youth Committee of Sharon is sponsoring our team, the Rose of Sharon. We are recruiting participants to experience this year's event. Please contact Shirley Rowe to volunteer your time to this worthy cause-374-1794

**Request for Financial Support**



**"Simply Giving" A greener approach to Giving**

Churches, because of their heavy weekly check volumes, were among the earliest organizations to embrace electronic giving as a way to automate contributions. Today, electronic giving in all its forms provides convenience for frequent check writers and donation consistency for churches. A less frequently discussed benefit of electronic giving is its positive impact on the environment. An enormous amount of natural resources are consumed in the production, transportation, processing and disposal of paper checks. That's why paying bills electronically always ranks high on any list of actions an individual can take to improve the environment. The trend toward electronic payments has already produced more than a 50% decline in check use since the year 2000. As you consider the payment method you use to make your regular offering, we hope that you will think about the unique connection between financial stewardship and environmental stewardship.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU IN MARCH**

Dagle, Evan	3/2
Soper, Jerry	3/2
Partica, Elwood	3/5
Fisher, Thelma	3/7
Lindquist, Theodore	3/7
Savidge, Dalton	3/10
Young, Richard	3/11
Frymoyer, Dale	3/13
Hoke, Abigale	3/14
Pennay, Jeffrey	3/14
Shoemaker, Dorine	3/14
Barborek, Emily	3/16
Bowen, Karen	3/20
Keeney, Kathryn	3/20
Savidge, Marjorie	3/20

<b>March</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Cantor/CA</b>	Altar Guild
<b>6-Mar</b>	<b>1st Service</b>	<b>1st Service</b>	<b>1st Service</b>	<b>1st Service</b>	<b>1st Service</b>	
	Joshua and David Klinger	Kay Swank, Bill and Barb Remaley	Roseann Stetler		Pastor Doll, Kody Hummel	Judy Johnston
	<b>2nd Service</b>	<b>2nd Service</b>	<b>2nd Service</b>	<b>2nd Service</b>	<b>2nd Service</b>	
Chancel Choir	Tyler and Nicole Krebs	Harley and Marjorie Freed, Hugh and Ellie Dinsmore	Deb Bernhisel		Phil Riggs, Nancy Martin, Dave Deckard	Jean Leach, Phyllis Stuck, B: Judy Johnston
<b>13-Mar</b>	<b>1st Service</b>	<b>1st Service</b>	<b>1st Service</b>	<b>1st Service</b>	<b>1st Service</b>	
	Madison and Aaron Weirick		Brandy Savidge		Sue Pennay	Alma Pauling
	<b>2nd Service</b>	<b>2nd Service</b>	<b>2nd Service</b>	<b>2nd Service</b>	<b>2nd Service</b>	
New Generation Choir	Casey and Markie Reiland	Todd and Laura Aungst, Dorothy Anderson	Toby Skinner		Kathy Reiland, Art Bowen, Doug Hassinger	Ruth Reuning, Linda Gautsch, B: Alma Pauling
<b>20-Mar</b>	<b>1st Service</b>	<b>1st Service</b>	<b>1st Service</b>	<b>1st Service</b>	<b>1st Service</b>	
	Kyle Kemberling and Curtis Pennay		Sue Pennay		Sue Pennay	Roseann Stetler
	<b>2nd Service</b>	<b>2nd Service</b>	<b>2nd Service</b>	<b>2nd Service</b>	<b>2nd Service</b>	
Children's Choir	Jessica and Tyler Beaver		Kermit Ritter		Pastor Doll, Keith Kunkel, Ed Barben, Kim Rowe	Carol Harrison, Linda McMillin, B: Roseann Stetler
<b>27-Mar</b>	<b>1st Service</b>	<b>1st Service</b>	<b>1st Service</b>	<b>1st Service</b>	<b>1st Service</b>	
	Megan Keeney and Kyle Rowe		Alma Pauling		Pastor Doll, Chris Lupolt	Barb Remaley
	<b>2nd Service</b>	<b>2nd Service</b>	<b>2nd Service</b>	<b>2nd Service</b>	<b>2nd Service</b>	
	Aaron Hummel, Sarah Fedder		Carol Harrison		Phil Riggs, Don Housley, Sue Starr	Mary Seiler, Marian Thomas, B: Barb Remaley