

Sharon Lutheran Church is a community that strives to be:

Faith –filled

Rooted in God's Word

Loving

Connected to the community and world

Adaptive

Sharon Lutheran Church's Monthly News
April 2015

Holy Week Worship

March 29

Sunday of the Passion/Palm
Sunday

Worship at 8am and 10:30am

April 2

Maundy Thursday Worship at
7pm

April 3

Good Friday Community
Service at Christ UMC
Noon to 3pm

Good Friday Evening Worship
at 7pm

April 4

Easter Vigil at 7pm

April 5

The Resurrection of Our Lord
Worship at 8am and 10:30am

3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 4

1:00pm in Fellowship Hall

Over 900 eggs will be collected, so bring
your friends!

How You can Help

Color eggs on Friday, April 3 in the
fellowship hall at 9:30am. Bring your own
eggs too and you can bring them home with you for the holiday!
This event is for the young and the young at heart.



Help set up the event at 12:30pm Saturday. We could use the extra
hands to set up the hunt and hand out refreshments and prizes.

You are invited To Easter Sunday "Holy Grounds"

When: April 5 from 9am – 10:30am

Where: What's Brewin' Room

What: Share in coffee, tea, juice, and breakfast goodies

Hosted by: Choir members

Come and enjoy food and conversation! On this special Sunday, as
we celebrate our risen Lord, show your appreciation to choir
members for their contributions to Sunday morning worship!

Blood Drive: Monday, April 27 from 1-6pm

Mark your calendar to donate, help set up, or clean up and look for sign-up
sheets on the narthex bulletin board.

Contact Don or Grace Housley at 374-4734 for more info.





Pastor's Easter Message

Go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee...

This is the message that the women hear from the young man dressed in white sitting in the tomb. These are amazing words. Not just, "He has been raised." Not just, "He is not here." Or, "Look, there is the place they laid him." But, yet another call to, "follow me."

"Go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee..."

I find such grace in this invitation. The words are spoken to Mary Magdalene, Mary the Mother of James, and Salome, who are all named as ones who were looking on at the crucifixion from a distance. The other male disciples had all run away and Peter had denied him. With a sense of complete inclusion, despite social norms and without a judgment spoken for those who had scattered, the invitation is given. Peter is even named individually. "Go, and tell his disciples **and Peter** that he is going ahead of you to Galilee." In spite of fear, of doubt, or failings, the invitation to new life in Christ is extended freely. What amazing news! Not only is Jesus Risen, but in spite of our own shortcomings, wants us to follow him into this new life. What a moment of resurrection, of reconciliation, of forgiveness, and of new life offered now.

This Easter life we live calls us into the world and into the regular places where we spend our moments and our days. God goes out ahead of us inviting us to follow; even to be in the places we have been before, but in a new way and with a new purpose. We are called from death to life and from brokenness into completeness in this one who died and rose again for us. Hear this invitation again with new ears and new hearts. Christ is Risen and goes before you with an invitation to follow and live.

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

Reasons to go to Summer Camp for preschool through high school

Campers have been enjoying camping at Mount Luther since 1963. Camp is an important part in the development of anyone who enjoys our programs. Why? Because at church camp you will get to:



- **Grow in your faith:** We believe that faith is caught, not taught, so we spend time Gathering and Reflecting On God's Word through readings, songs, games and demonstrations. Our GROW Time this summer is based on the theme "A Love That Never Ends," as you will consider what it means to live in the world as people chosen by God, by studying five heroes of the Old Testament.
- **Make new friends:** Some of your best friends can be those that you meet at camp. Our intentional Christian community is a great place to meet people like you, with similar beliefs, who will accept you for who you are!
- **Try new things:** Exploring new interests happens at camp. You'll do things here that you don't do other places and may discover you have a talent you never knew about!
- **Experience nature:** Mount Luther is a camp in the mountains, nearly surrounded by the Bald Eagle State Forest. It is not uncommon to see deer, bear, porcupines, raccoons, and wild turkey all in a week's stay. At our camp, you will find outdoor worship sites, athletic fields, walking trails, campsites, a pool, and a pond. We know that extraordinary things happen when faith and nature meet!

Open House: New campers should plan to join us on Sunday, April 26, from 2-4 pm for an Open House. You can ask questions, tour camp, and see what it's like to be a camper! First time campers who are not yet registered for the summer and who attend the event can get a \$25 discount on their summer registration! More details will be shared on our website at www.campmountluther.org!

CONFIRMATION AND SENIOR HIGH ACTIVITIES

Pennies for Meals for Seals

The Meals for Seals program began last summer to supply weekend meals for families in the Selinsgrove school district who are on discounted or free lunch programs. Sharon members, Sunday school children and other area churches and organizations have been collecting needed items as well as volunteering time to making and delivering kits. The confirmation kids have collected over \$12 in pennies and still counting and the Sunday school children have almost filled their gallon jar! It is a fun way to watch the pennies grow and know that they are helping their classmates.

Youth Action Day: April 12 @ 9am

Sunday, April 12 at 9am the confirmation and Senior high classes will be assembling ham sandwiches for the sandwich sale fundraiser. It's been a good opportunity to have the youth participate in a service that helps them and their Sharon friends. See Sandwich Sale information to order your sandwiches.

Lutheran Youth Day: April 18: 6-12 graders

We are blessed to have a Christian youth event called Lutheran Youth Day in our own backyard. Lutheran Youth Day is a day that begins with registration at 9am at Susquehanna University's Stretansky Hall and ends with a concert by Swen and Dean at 4:30pm. The youth and adult leaders as well as Susquehanna student leaders will meet for large and small group gatherings exploring the theme Redeemed. This full day event is only \$10.00 per person which includes registration and lunch. Please contact Robin Kunkel if you would like to attend. We are in need of adult leaders for at least the morning portion of day.

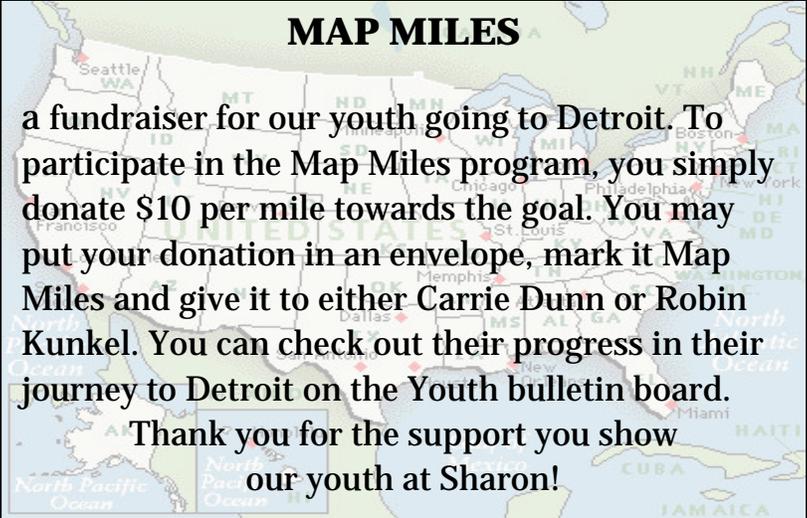
COMING IN MAY: Mother's Day breakfast for Confirmation and Senior High mothers!

PAY IT FORWARD TO DETROIT

The LutheranHands organization and the ELCA Youth Gathering are teaming up to help the students of the Detroit Public schools by supplying backpacks and school supplies. LutheranHands will supply backpacks, which will be at a booth in the Interaction Center in Detroit. As an offering, the Gathering is asking participants and their congregations to donate school supplies or money to fill the backpacks. The Gathering participants will then be able to visit the LutheranHands booth and fill the backpacks when in Detroit in July.

LutheranHands is a young organization that sprung out of the Harrisburg area. They plan and organize trips to places needing immediate 'sweat hours', like New Jersey where hurricane Sandy hit or overseas trips. The Sharon youth will be traveling with the LutheranHands organization to Detroit, leaving a few days early to spend two days doing service in Detroit.

If you are interested in donating, visit www.LutheranHands.org. Go directly to DONATE. It will give you three options, \$50 for a complete school bag of books and supplies, \$25 for a Scholastic Summer Reading packet or \$? fill in the blank to customize your amount.



MAP MILES

a fundraiser for our youth going to Detroit. To participate in the Map Miles program, you simply donate \$10 per mile towards the goal. You may put your donation in an envelope, mark it Map Miles and give it to either Carrie Dunn or Robin Kunkel. You can check out their progress in their journey to Detroit on the Youth bulletin board.

Thank you for the support you show our youth at Sharon!

SANDWICH SALE for DETROIT

Delivery April 12

The youth going to Detroit are planning another sandwich sale for April. Orders will be taken from March 22 through April 2. Give yourself a break and treat yourself to a ham and cheese sandwich to take to work or enjoy after all the Easter festivities. You will get a ham and cheese sandwich, condiment and a small bag of chips for \$3.50 or 2 for \$7! Pick up and payment for the sandwiches is April 12 after late worship. Order forms will be posted on the Youth Bulletin Board. See Kathy Reiland for questions.

M&M Containers for Quarters

On Easter Sunday you will see the return of the M&M containers to collect quarters for the youth trip to Detroit. This year we are recycling the old containers, as well as saving you calories to count, by asking you to fill the empty containers. Simply, take one home with you and collect your stray quarters. Most containers can accommodate \$14.00 worth of quarters. You may give the filled containers to Robin Kunkel, Pastor Doll or drop them off with Carrie Dunn at the church office.



Do you have gently used toys that are collecting dust at home? Consider donating them to Wee Worship! We are currently taking stock of the nursery and trying to update some of our toys. Keep in mind that our little ones are 5 and under, so no small items, please! To give you an idea of what we are looking for some items could include:

Baby dolls, Musical instruments, Play kitchen, Shopping cart, Doll

stroller, Books, Games, Learning Toys, Clorox Wipes, Snacks, Small ziploc bags

Thanks for your support and helping make this a wonderful learning environment for our youngest members. If you have any questions, contact Susie Weller at susieweller@yahoo.com



USS Women's Organization Day of Learning

Theme: Mission? ME??

Saturday, April 18: Registration and fellowship begins at 9:30am at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Licking Creek Valley

Pastor BJ Collins, Presenter. Registration forms are available on the hallway bulletin board.

Deadline to register is April 11

July 25, 2015: The Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization Annual Convention will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2015, at the Evergreen Center at Camp Mount Luther, 355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg. The theme is "Love is an Open Door." Save the date now and bring your daughters to convention!

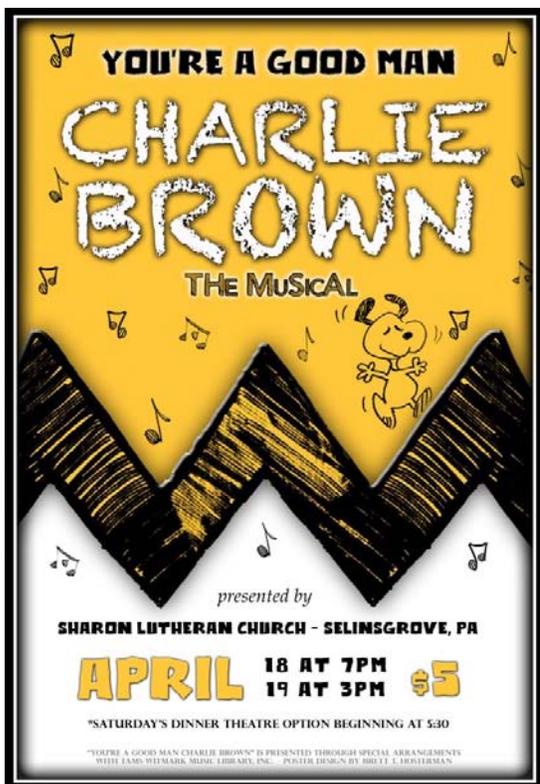


April 2015 Ridge: Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg: C. Black ALWL

It's Break Time for those early April days on the Ridge. After inspiring Lenten formation events on and off campus, spring will be rolling right on and the call for summer course registration will be well underway.

With the end of March, the Raymond Bush ordination will be realized, a library assessment in process, a community preschool opened at Christ Lutheran down the street. and Marty Haugen's wonderful "Unfailing Light Vespers" relished at St. James downtown with my friend and former classmate, Pastor Laura Haupt. Discernment Weekend for those considering God's call to ministry will run from April 17-19. Visit www.ltsg.edu/theweekend for more information.

The Spring Academy brochures are in the mail, and the agenda looks to "Home and Away." The names Zimman, Bell, Wetzel, Robinson and Carlson guarantee inspiration and zest for this April 27-May 2 event. There will be adventures into the life of the Global Church as well as up-close time for the here and now Seminary community of believers. Sounds like a celebration of Life! How appropriate! Shalom. Shalom.



Musical Presentation

Saturday, April 18 at 7 pm and Sunday, April 19 at 3 pm

We welcome you to Sharon Lutheran Church's production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," on April 18 and 19. Final rehearsals are underway and the excitement is building. Tickets for the show are \$5 per person and can be purchased by calling Sharon Lutheran Church at 570-374-8444. All proceeds are going to the Youth Gathering Trip to Detroit. We will have a pre theater dinner at 5:30 pm on Saturday and a special dessert with the characters on Sunday following the show. Donations are welcome for both of these added gatherings. You may make reservations for dinner and or dessert when you purchase your tickets. Thanks to all who have already purchased ads or have become program sponsors. We are also thankful to Thrivent Financial for the Action Team financial support. www.sharonlc.org

We Remember in Prayer



Rose Aucker, Tom Beachell, Barbara Broadt, Amy Bush, Arline Callahan, Audrey Deckard, Eleanor Dinius, Charles Engelbrecht, Betty Ettinger, Irene Fladmark, Jim Gautsch Jr., Linda Gautsch, Grace Hollenbach, David Holmes, Jr., Sara Holmes, Valerie Holmes, Pat Hower, Martha Hummel, Mary Hummel, Jessica and Dustin Jenkins, Mary Johnson, Bea Kissinger, Kevin Kratzer, Harvey Kreamer, Jr., Keith Landis, Ron Laniewski, Miriam Logan, Marci MacIntyre, Shirley Mayo, Susan Mull, Phillip Murphy, Kay Musser, Alyssa Oxenford, Tina Reichenbach, Ryan Riethmiller, Miles Schrader, Mary Seiler, Barbara Shaffer, Tucker Small, Bill Starr, Robert Stetler, Paul and Emily Twitchell family, David Weimer, Ken and Chris Whitebread, Lindsay Guido-Williams, Jeremy Wolfe, Gary Wydell

April Birthdays



App, James	4/2	Bastress, Robbie	4/13	Fasold, Charles	4/24
Ortner, Danilo	4/2	Ritter, Kermit	4/13	Hoke, Joshua	4/24
Walter, Shirley	4/2	Wolfe, Jeremy	4/14	Kepler, Ernest	4/24
Bonsall, Greg	4/3	Schlingmann Jr., Joseph	4/15	Mayo, Shirley	4/24
Madison, Doug	4/3	Beaver, Chelsey	4/16	Hanson, Carol	4/25
Milne, Matthew	4/3	Bradford, Carol	4/16	Kissinger, Kellee	4/26
Bilger, Deidre	4/4	Hoke, Amelia	4/16	Kissinger, Beatrice	4/27
Hummel, Aron	4/5	Partica, Jerry	4/16	Sandstrom, Derick	4/27
Dressler, Logan	4/7	Dagle, Jodie	4/17	Aungst, Brandon	4/28
Soper, Robert	4/7	Metzger, April	4/17	Fogle, Robert	4/28
Wenrich, Amber	4/7	Osgood, Shaun	4/17	Traher, Ann	4/28
Winey, Andrea	4/7	Spigelmyer, Lee	4/18		
Kalcich, Emma	4/8	Krebs, Nicole	4/20		
Kemberling, Kyle	4/9	Inch, Marlin	4/23		

2015 Altar Flowers still available

May 24, 31
 August 2
 September 20, 27
 October 11
 November 15

The cost to honor a loved one in this way is only \$30.00. Please contact the church office with your information.

Fom the Congregation Council

President—Jeff Whitman; Vice President—Eric Rowe; Secretary—Carolyn Sands; Treasurer—Buzz Savidge; Susie Weller; Janet Bilger, Karen Bowen; Carol Harrison; Teresa Berger; Lowell Litzel

1. **Approved** a motion to suspend weekly advertising in the Sunbury Daily Item.
2. **Approved** a motion to authorize the spending of a maximum of \$1,700.00 for a possible organ recitalist. \$700.00 to come from the Music Support portion in the Trust Fund and \$1,000.00 from the Memorial Trust Fund.
3. **Approved** a motion authorizing the Council Executive Team to appoint delegates to the Synod Assembly in June.

Companion Synod Prayer Petitions for April

The following prayer petitions are prepared and sent by the Upper Susquehanna Synod Liberia Committee.

- April 5** On this Easter morning, we pray for the "peace that passes all understanding" for the families of health workers and others in Liberia who have succumbed to Ebola ... that they see in Jesus' resurrection "a foretaste of the things to come."
- April 12** As we are called into companionship with the Lutheran Church in Liberia, we confess that we sometimes forget that people of all colors, races, religions, and cultures, are our neighbors. Help us Lord, to put aside our prejudices and to treat all people as equals, as you yourself show no partiality.
- April 19** Lord we know that malaria causes more lost work hours than any other problem or ailment. In Africa, a child under 5 dies every 30 seconds, 3,000 children every day. We are thankful for the Lutheran Malaria Initiative. Guide our congregations in supporting this important work.
- April 26** We pray, O Lord, for health workers who continue efforts to defeat malaria in Liberia and in all countries until that day when malaria is eliminated.

Moving Deeper Into Mission



On March 2 and 3, 2015, representatives from the Upper Susquehanna Synod gathered at the Lutheran Center in Chicago with representatives from seven other synods and members of the ELCA Congregational and Synodical Mission Unit (CSM) to discuss the work of mission taking place in our various contexts. This event was a follow-up to the original gathering of Bishops, synod leaders, and churchwide staff that discussed creating the position of a Director for Evangelical Mission (D.E.M.) on the synod territory.

Rev. Stephen Bouman, Executive Director of the CSM Unit, shared the history and vision of the D.E.M. position with those gathered and the ELCA's strong support and desire to continue this Churchwide-Synod partnership. He has seen exciting things

happen across the church with new ministry sites being planted, congregations being renewed, and a growth in congregation-community relationships.

The bulk of this time together was centered around "Fishbowl" breakout sessions, where synod teams could share with other synods the work of mission taking place on their territories. Synod teams would sit as a panel and answer questions directed to them by churchwide staff and participants from the other synods. This synod's team lifted up the positive experiences that congregations are having through the Transformational Ministry Process, the Small Church Mission Planning events, and the Macedonia Project events. They also spoke of the mission outreach taking place across the synod territory, as well as the area ministry strategies that exist. Each of the team members had the opportunity to share from their own experiences while serving on these specific synod mission teams and how they saw congregations become empowered through the Bible study, training, and resources offered.

Although this time in Chicago was short, all felt appreciated for the mission work taking place in the Upper Susquehanna Synod and brought back new ideas for a stronger presence and partnership across our synod. New relationships were also created with brothers and sisters from across this church.

April Worship Volunteers

	Greeters	Acolytes	Readers	Ushers	Cantor/CA	Altar Guild
April 5	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
	Judy and Terry Kissinger	Vance Metzger	April Metzger	Paul Culbertson Brian Pauling	Lowell Leitzel	Dawn Marie Dunkelberger (B)
	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
	Jason and Rachel Dagle	Jessica Beaver Madison Snyder	Philip Riggs	Craig Hoke Keith Kunkel	Dawn Doll Kathy Reiland Eric Rowe	Carol Harrison Nancy Martin Melanie Heuer
April 12	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
	Jim and Carole App	Elise Keeney	Alma Pauling	Bill and Barb Remaley	Teresa Berger	Barb Remaley (B)
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	Robert and Romane Dagle	Hannah Doll Madison Snyder	Eric Rowe	Bill and Pat Pinkowski	Jeff Whitman Alex Pennay Dave Deckard	Audrey Deckard Linda McMillin
April 19	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
	Matt and April Metzger	Wyatt Metzger	Diane Pauling	Terry Kissinger Jack Spigelmyer	Theresa Kuster	Alma Pauling (B)
	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
	Harley and Marjorie Freed	Jessica Beaver Sean Dagle	Toby Skinner	Rod and Maureen Ries	Bob Bradford Curtis Pennay Doug Hassinger	Vi Soper Shirley Rowe
April 26	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
	John and Mary Pendley	Courtney Kemberling	John Pendley	Jim Black Brian Pauling	Carol Black	Jackie Winey (B)
	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
	David and Audrey Deckard	Raechel Councill Sarah Pennay	Deb Bernhisel	Kermit Ritter Eric Rowe	Judd Williams Don Housley Maureen Ries	Karen Bowen Grace Housley

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!