

Sharon Lutheran Church

February 2013



Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

In these words we hear a call to repentance; a call to discipleship; a call to the Lenten journey.

I invite you to a time of re-centering where you can step outside yourself; a time to refocus, to be renewed, and to stand in the mystery of God's abiding presence; to return to the Lord your God.

We will meet on Wednesday evenings beginning Feb. 20 for dinner at 6 pm and worship at 6:30 pm. This contemplative worship has been designed using Holden's "Prayer Around the Cross" and will be held downstairs in the smaller room that is part of the fellowship hall. Dinner will be held in the larger room. Invitations have also been extended through the Chaplain's Office to any SU students who might want to participate or attend.

The weekly themes are as follows:

Feb 20 Be Still

Feb 27 A Heart of Flesh

March 6 Light and Darkness

March 13 Sighs too deep for words

March 20 Healing and Anointing

I hope that throughout this Lenten season you will set aside time for worship. In addition to the Wednesday gatherings, we are also invited to worship each Sunday evening at 6 pm in a number of the churches of the Selinsgrove Ministerium. The Church of the Nazarene will host Feb. 17, Sharon will take our turn for the presentation of "Godspell Junior" on Feb 24, Christ United Methodist will host March 3, All Saints Episcopal has invited us to their Second Sundays at 6 on March 10, and St. Matthew's Lutheran will host March 17. We have been extended an invitation to take part in Pius the 10th Seder on Sunday, March 24 at 1 pm (reservations are helpful).

Lent is a time marked by a simplicity that speaks to the depth of our faith and trust in a God who is merciful, who is gracious, and who abounds in steadfast, abiding, and unbreakable love for us.

Peace and Blessings to you all,

Pastor Doll

MINISTRIES FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & TEENS

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SUNDAY SCHOOL HOPE IN LENT

During February the Sunday school classes will focus on two particular stories from the Bible; Mark 14:3-9 and Luke 23:13-56. "These stories invite us to ask ourselves how our actions and stewardship choices honor Jesus. In what ways do our actions as well as our words say, 'this is what I believe'?" Sunday school leaders will use a variety of activities that will familiarize children with the stories and invite questions about Lent and Jesus' resurrection.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

After the Lenten lessons with the children, we will offer the Stations of the Cross during their Sunday school time. Again, we will separate the eight station experiences into four stations, each on two consecutive Sundays. We are seeking 'station volunteers'. Please see Robin Kunkel if you can be a guide on March 3 or 10.

YOUTH RETREAT at Camp Mount Luther MARCH 1&2 for 6-12 graders

The annual synod youth retreat invites all youth in sixth through twelfth grades to come to Camp Mount Luther on Friday night, March 1, to Saturday, March 2, 2013. There will be music, indoor and outdoor activities and lots & lots of snacks for the movie on Friday night. The theme is "Washed by the Water." Contact Robin Kunkel to reserve you place.

CONFIRMATION DATES TO REMEMBER

- FEBRUARY 3 – evening group
- FEBRUARY 17 – evening group
- MARCH 1 & 2 **CONFIRMATION RETREAT** at Camp Mount Luther

CHILDREN LEAD LORD'S PRAYER

February 10 at both services

Our Sunday school children will begin the Lord's Prayer during worship at both 8:00am and 10:30am services on February 10. The children have been saying the Lord's Prayer every Sunday for many years. They know it very well and are proud to say it. This is another way of encouraging the children to participate in worship. We are very proud of our children and hope you are too. Please praise them when you see them, so that they know they are recognized and cared about by others in their church family.

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER AWARENESS SUNDAY: FEBRUARY 10

A representative from our local ELCA summer camp, Camp Mount Luther will be visiting with us at both worship services and Sunday school. There are many opportunities for all ages at CML. Summer camp is known to many of our middle school and senior high children. But, Camp is active throughout the year with youth leader trainings, Advent events, Women's retreats, the Dandelion 5K run and much more. Sharon has a scholarship fund to assist students to go to camp. Please see Pastor Doll or Robin Kunkel for more information. The early bird sign up ends in April.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER MISSION TRIP: ages 16-adult

LutheranHANDS is an organization that plans and carries out mission trips both locally and on a larger scale. Even though we are into winter, it's never too early to start thinking about the hot heat of July. LutheranHANDS is offering national mission trips on two different weeks in July, to Birmingham, Alabama. We would like to take a group from Sharon Lutheran. Contact Nancy Martin 374 6388 or Robin Kunkel 374 8444 to sign up. Your spot will be secured with a \$100 deposit and the final payment of \$325 is due April 14th, 2013. There may be time for one or two fundraisers before the deadline; so don't delay in contacting Nancy or Robin. We encourage you to visit LutheranHANDS.org for more details about the trip and organization.

Mid-Winter Potluck

You are cordially invited for a time of fellowship and food on

Sunday, February 17, 2013

after the 10:30 am worship service,
in the Fellowship Hall.

Let's try something fun for this potluck. If your last name begins with the letters:

A through H - bring anything with the name "Salad" in it

I through P - bring any other Side Dish

Q through Z - bring a Dessert

If everyone enjoys feasting on the variety dishes we hope to receive, the categories will be rotated at another gathering.

The Welcoming Team will be providing the main dishes and the drinks.

We hope to see you on February 17!



February 24th
Showings at
2 pm and 6 pm

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE

FOUR EVENINGS: February 28, March 7, 14 & 21, 2013 from 6-9pm

Sharon Lutheran is hosting a Mental Health First Aid Certification course designed for four evenings in the Winter. MHFA is an innovative training program to equip individuals with the skills to recognize mental illness and respond to mental health emergencies. The training also addresses the risk factors and warning signs of specific illnesses like anxiety, depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and substance use disorders. This course is designed for nurses, emergency responders, church staff and volunteers, teachers, family members and friends. The cost is \$85.00 per person. The class is limited and 11 CEU credits are recognized. A very helpful 136 page manual will be given to each participant as well as refreshments. Give it some prayerful consideration....it will be one of the best things you do for yourself and those you care about. The course director is Lisa Basci, MA, LPC from the Community Services Group (CSG) with one of their offices located in Sunbury. Contact Robin Kunkel at robinkunkel@gmail.com or 374-8444 to reserve your place.



Hugh and I would like to thank the kind folks who came to carol at our home and bring an early poinsettia plant at Christmas! So much appreciated when home bound.

Ellie and Hugh Dinsmore

To my church family

I appreciated my home visit from Vicar Rick White, and thank you for the lovely poinsettia.

Nancy Ernest

We Remember in Prayer

Sharon Members: Dale Bickhart, Ruth Corbin, Hugh Dinsmore, Suah Harris, Jean Leach, Mary Partica, Myron "Nip" Shirk, Robert Stetler

Deployed in Military Service: Josh George, Kimber Kreamer, Ryan Kuster, Matthew Sharp, Jake Tomko

Friends of Sharon: Rodger Bergquist, John Burk, Amy Bush, Pat Campbell, Sue Catherman, Holly Daubenspeck, Sally Diehl, Carol Farris, Teresa Flynn, Wade Ganns, Colin Grube, Mary Haddon, Mitch Himmelberger, Jeremy Hoffman, David Holmes, Jr., Sara Holmes, Valerie Holmes, Kendra Hoover, Paul Kerstetter, Destany Kile, Jennifer Merrill, Susan Mull, Tina Reichenbach, Linda Remler, Laurie Riggs, Riley Schwalm, Mary Sheridan, Jim Smiley, Lura Sollenberger, Brenda Sprenkle, Wendy Stauffer, Felicyal Stern, Rev. Cathy Stevenson, Rick Sweigart, Linda Wetzell, Ken and Chris Whitebread



Martin, Cassie	2/1	Grimes, Paul	2/9	Mangels, Abigail	2/20
Hummel, Martha	2/2	Pauling, Alma	2/9	Doll, Dawn	2/21
Doll, Robert	2/4	Laniewski III, Ronald	2/11	Heintzelman, Tamie	2/22
Pence, Doris	2/4	Sands, Carolyn	2/12	Longacre, Judy	2/22
Aungst, Laura	2/5	Savidge, Brandy	2/12	Wise, Benjamin	2/22
Dreese, Dustin	2/5	Starr, William	2/12	Dagle, Jason	2/23
Lindros, Ben	2/5	Kalcich, Eva	2/13	Kalcich, Anna	2/23
Mangels, Ryan	2/5	Wagner, Vi	2/14	Stetler, Michael	2/24
Reed, Freida	2/6	Hoke, Craig	2/15	Pinkowski, William	2/25
Metzger, Vance	2/7	Miller, Jen	2/15	Dagle, Dave Jr.	2/26
Pennay, Sarah	2/8	Turbitt, Sue	2/17	Miller, Lauren	2/26
Reichenbach, Wayne	2/8	Driscoll, Scott	2/19	Burns, Jean	2/27
Rowe, Guy	2/8	Miller, Keegan	2/19	Sassaman, Jeffrey	2/28

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

VISIT the CHURCH LIBRARY!

There is a corner of the library specifically focused on devotional and spiritual material, prayer, death and dying and self-reflective books. Lent would be a good time to choose one of the books and contemplate your faith life and mission as a church family. There are also plenty of books for family, children, teens, youth and a variety of fiction.

Leave a Legacy for Ministry and Mission:

The beginning of the year is always a good time to review the beneficiary statements of your financial accounts and your will. Were there changes to your situation in 2012: loss of a spouse, divorce and/or marriage or remarriage, etc? Do the beneficiary statements and your will reflect these changes? Is the executor information still relevant and correct? How about the charitable beneficiaries? Did you remember your congregation and other ministries of the church in your will? Remember, if you do not have a will, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has a will for you and that will does not consider your charitable interests. For more information about how to make charitable gifts using a will or other ways to make charitable gifts, call Pr. Greg Kramer at the Lutheran Planned Giving Office at 570-374-2044 or call the ELCA Foundation, 800-638-3522, ext. 2970 or visit our website at www.elca.org/fo



COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approved Janet Bilger, Karen Bowen, Carolyn Sands, and Don Harnum as nominees for church council.
- b. Approved quarterly leadership meeting for March 5 at 7:00 p.m.

2013 LENTEN APPEAL

The Social Ministry Committee has approved the splitting of this year's Lenten Appeal between The Selinsgrove Area Christian Council and Prisoner Visitation and Support.

February 2013, THE RIDGE: The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg

It's back to class as spring semester has begun! The serious rustle of book pages is taking the place of casual browsing now. And emails off to Seminary friends must include some serious class questions, debate- not just so much the usual social chatter. At a Synod event just this week, I had the chance to greet the spouse of one of my online classmates, MaryLou. She's had the experience of being a Hospital Chaplain. She knows so well the rugged task of study coupled with grueling yet satisfying social service work. Just seeing her new spouse David, too, reminded me how time does really press in so tight upon us so in all these undertakings. Spring term- It's rolling in right close, for sure. Reminds us all that up the hill, on Seminary Ridge before too very long, the grass will start to green, and on the scene where statues, crosses, cannons and the famous cupola align, walkers will wend their way along truly promising paths on sacred grounds where so much transpired not such a distant day ago.

Carol Black

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	Greeters	Acolytes	Readers	Ushers	Cantor/CA	Altar Guild
Feb 3	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	
	Gary Aucker Don Bottiger	Megan Keeney	Paul Culbertson	Bill + Barb Remaley	Nancy Martin	Roseann Stetler (B)
	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	
	Boy Scouts	Aaron Weirick	Dawn Doll	Drew Nickler Don Weirick	Philip Riggs Aron Hummel Kyle Nickler	Karen Bowen Grace Housley
Feb 10	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	
	Craig + Karen Hoke	Kyle + Courtney Kemberling	Jim Black	Terry Kissinger Jack Spigelmyer	Carol Black	Barb Remaley (B)
	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	
	Paul + Delphine Grimes	Hannah Doll Raechell Councill	Carol Harrison	Bill Pinkowski Rodney Ries	Victoria Doll Casey Reiland Maddie Weirick	Ruth Reuning Linda Gautsch
Feb 17	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	
	Cathy Hafer Terry Kissinger	Elise Keeney	Harold Dunkelberger	Jim + Carol Black	Sue Pennay	Brandy Savidge (B)
	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	
	Doug + Tammy Hassinger	Jessica Beaver	Doug Hassinger	Kermit Ritter Eric Rowe	Bob Bradford Art Bowen Dave Deckard	Mary Seiler Marian Thomas
Feb 24	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	
	Charles + Sue Hummel	Brandon Dunkle	Chris Lupolt	John + Roseann Stetler	Chris Lupolt	Jackie Winey (B)
	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	
	Don + Grace Housley	Sarah Fedder	Carol Harrison	Buzz Savidge Toby Skinner	Jeff Whitman Doug Hassinger Don Housley	Vi Soper Shirley Rowe

SUMMARY OF TRUST FUND SUB ACCOUNT BALANCES

SHARON LUTHERAN CHURCH
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FUND NAME	FUND NO.	12/31/11	1/31/12	2/29/12	3/31/12	4/30/12	5/31/12	6/30/12
MEMORIAL FUND	7	\$ 12,368.20	\$ 12,977.15	\$ 13,377.55	\$ 13,420.77	\$ 13,361.19	\$ 12,617.63	\$ 13,512.86
UNDESIGNATED								
BENEVOLENCE	6	\$ 6,937.45	\$ 7,279.02	\$ 7,503.61	\$ 7,527.85	\$ 7,494.43	\$ 7,077.36	\$ 7,235.44
YOUTH MINISTRY - FISHER	16	\$ 49,698.97	\$ 52,145.90	\$ 53,754.82	\$ 53,928.51	\$ 53,689.08	\$ 50,701.23	\$ 51,833.71
DESIGNATED BY CONGREGATION								
APP TRANSPORTATION	13	\$ 3,017.88	\$ 3,166.47	\$ 3,264.16	\$ 3,274.71	\$ 3,260.17	\$ 3,078.74	\$ 3,147.50
CAMPERSHIP	24	\$ 15,792.69	\$ 16,570.24	\$ 17,081.50	\$ 17,136.69	\$ 17,060.61	\$ 16,111.17	\$ 16,471.03
HISTORICAL CEMETERIES	23	\$ 18,346.34	\$ 19,249.62	\$ 19,843.55	\$ 19,907.67	\$ 19,819.28	\$ 18,716.32	\$ 19,134.37
MISSIONARY SUPPORT	5	\$ 10,839.96	\$ 11,373.66	\$ 11,724.59	\$ 11,762.47	\$ 11,710.25	\$ 11,058.56	\$ 11,305.57
MUSIC SUPPORT	22	\$ 4,443.83	\$ 4,662.62	\$ 4,806.48	\$ 4,841.26	\$ 4,803.54	\$ 4,598.56	\$ 4,729.99
PHILLIPS/HARRIS ESTATES	11	\$ 69,953.28	\$ 73,397.42	\$ 75,662.04	\$ 75,906.51	\$ 75,569.51	\$ 71,363.99	\$ 72,957.99
SEMINARY	4	\$ 19,211.15	\$ 20,157.00	\$ 20,778.93	\$ 20,846.07	\$ 20,753.52	\$ 19,598.56	\$ 20,036.32
YOUTH ACTIVITY	10	\$ 12,755.80	\$ 13,383.83	\$ 13,796.78	\$ 13,841.36	\$ 13,779.91	\$ 13,013.04	\$ 13,303.70
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$ 223,365.55	\$ 234,362.93	\$ 241,594.01	\$ 239,966.87	\$ 238,901.49	\$ 225,606.38	\$ 231,258.97

FUND NAME	FUND NO.	7/31/12	8/31/12	9/30/12	10/31/12	11/30/12	12/31/12
MEMORIAL FUND	7	\$ 13,593.55	\$ 13,807.89	\$ 14,093.78	\$ 14,031.58	\$ 14,154.28	\$ 14,369.16
UNDESIGNATED							
BENEVOLENCE	6	\$ 7,278.65	\$ 7,139.47	\$ 7,274.12	\$ 7,242.02	\$ 7,305.35	\$ 7,400.57
YOUTH MINISTRY - FISHER	16	\$ 52,143.24	\$ 51,949.65	\$ 52,929.43	\$ 52,695.82	\$ 53,156.61	\$ 53,849.49
DESIGNATED BY CONGREGATION							
APP TRANSPORTATION	13	\$ 3,166.30	\$ 3,216.22	\$ 3,276.88	\$ 3,262.42	\$ 3,290.95	\$ 3,333.84
CAMPERSHIP	24	\$ 16,569.39	\$ 25,159.95	\$ 25,634.47	\$ 25,521.33	\$ 25,744.50	\$ 26,080.07
HISTORICAL CEMETERIES	23	\$ 19,248.64	\$ 19,552.14	\$ 19,920.90	\$ 19,832.97	\$ 20,006.40	\$ 20,267.18
MISSIONARY SUPPORT	5	\$ 11,373.08	\$ 11,196.89	\$ 11,408.06	\$ 11,357.71	\$ 11,457.03	\$ 11,606.37
MUSIC SUPPORT	22	\$ 2,334.33	\$ 2,371.14	\$ 2,415.86	\$ 2,405.20	\$ 2,426.23	\$ 2,457.86
PHILLIPS/HARRIS ESTATES	11	\$ 73,393.67	\$ 63,326.69	\$ 64,521.03	\$ 64,236.26	\$ 48,658.06	\$ 49,292.30
SEMINARY	4	\$ 20,155.97	\$ 19,661.17	\$ 20,031.98	\$ 19,943.57	\$ 20,117.96	\$ 20,380.19
YOUTH ACTIVITY	10	\$ 13,383.15	\$ 13,594.17	\$ 13,850.55	\$ 13,789.42	\$ 13,910.00	\$ 14,091.32
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$ 232,639.97	\$ 230,975.38	\$ 235,357.06	\$ 234,318.30	\$ 220,227.37	\$ 223,128.35

Kid's Page

Word Scramble

Unscramble the names of the animals and write them on the lines below the words.

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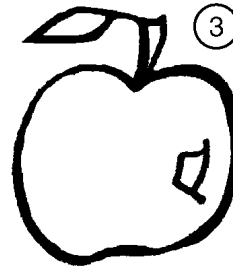
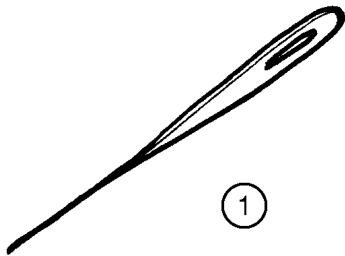
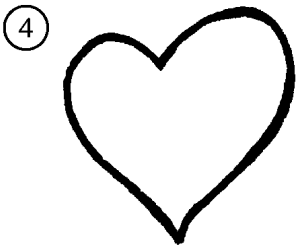
A O T G

E E S H P

Answer:

HORSE, COW, GOAT, CHICKEN, SOW, SHEEP

Decode the Message



Who was the man whom God asked to build an ark for the animals? To find out, write the first letter of each picture above in the correct space below.

①	②	③	④
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Answer:
NOAH