

# Sharon Lutheran Church's Monthly News

## April 2014



### Easter Egg Hunt

**April 19 at 1:00pm**

Come and Meet Hop-our furry friend!

This event is open to ALL Ages from 1 month to 100 years so come and have fun, and bring a friend.

We will begin with the story of Holy Week, then have the Egg Hunt and end with snacks and prizes

Fellowship Team is looking for HELP! Contact Nancy Martin 570-374-6388 or e-mail her at [busybeemartin@gmail.com](mailto:busybeemartin@gmail.com) or just come the church by Noon.

On **April 18, at 9:00am**, we need help to color eggs. This is a great project for the entire family. It will not take longer than 1 hour and 30 minutes. More hands = less time. For more information give Nancy a call.



On April 28 we will have our Annual Bloodmobile Drive

1:00 pm. to 6:00 pm. Look for a signup sheet soon to HELP! For more information call Grace Housley 570-374-4734, or Nancy Martin 570-374-6388.

### Holy Week Worship

#### Maundy Thursday

April 17

7:00 pm Worship Service

#### Good Friday

April 18

Noon to 3pm

Community Good Friday Serve at the Church of the Nazarene  
7:00 pm Worship Service

#### Easter Vigil

April 19

7:00 pm Worship Service

#### The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 20

8:00am and 10:30am Worship

### “CELEBRATE LIFE”

#### Musical

April 27

Showtimes:

3:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Join us for dinner between showtimes. See details inside this newsletter!

### A FAREWELL FEAST

**May 4 following 10:30 worship**

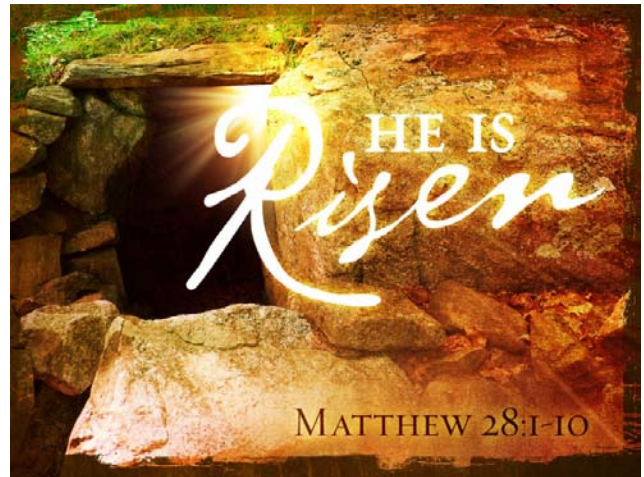
The Welcoming Team and Fellowship Team invite you to a luncheon for Vicar Rick White in the fellowship hall.

Look for sign up sheets to donate and help with the meal which will be: Turkey, Ham, Filling, Cake, and Drinks. (as well as all the sides and desserts you provide). For more information call Darlene Ritter at 570-837-6416, or Nancy Martin at 570-374-6388, or e-mail at [busybeemartin@gmail.com](mailto:busybeemartin@gmail.com)

## ***Pastor's Thoughts***

Jesus is Risen!

As I prepare for the final weeks of Lent and Holy Week, I am met by my own need to hear the Passion story again, but to hear it with new ears. How can I walk this path yet another time; hear the shouts and jeers of the crowds; hear the last words from the cross; and not experience the routine as routine—but have God's love and reconciliation encounter me new once again with life, with promise, and with hope?



The good news of the cross and resurrection heard in the voices of the women who announce that Jesus is Risen breaks through time and is meant to be heard now. This moment of death and resurrection is not simply a historical event, a moment in time, but rather a timeless moment—a present moment—bringing us to life now. Jesus is Risen is good news and lifts up a hope that will not disappoint us and a promise of resurrection to come and yet also proclaims a present reality of our being alive in Christ.

I have been listening to and reading some poetry written by Wendell Berry out of the collection of mad farmer writings. The poems speak with humor and with a bit of poignant directness about contrariness, frugality and compassion, relationships, and faith. The one poem ends with two words—practice resurrection. I hear these words with the echoes of the women's voices, Jesus is Risen! What does new life look like in the now. What freedom we have been given in Christ to live fully, to be fully alive—to practice resurrection? How are our hearts transformed by this good news? How do our encounters with others and with our world speak of the unconditional love of God, of forgiveness, and new life?

Our God is alive and at work in the world. Resurrection is more than a TV series, it is the heart of God beating in us, it is compassion that knows no bounds, and it is life, a call to life, a rebirth of life in us now and always.

*Pastor Doll*

# **MINISTRIES for CHILDREN, YOUTH & TEENS**

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**Visit our Website at [sharonlc.org](http://sharonlc.org)**

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SUNDAY SCHOOL?**

### **Stations of the Cross**

The elementary Sunday school classes had their third annual Stations of the Cross activity last month. For two consecutive Sundays they walked through eight stations. Each station is a representation of Jesus' path to the cross. Every year the children are engaged in the story and offer insightful answers to the experience. To experience a unique journey of this faith practice, join us at worship on Palm Sunday, April 13 at 10:30am.

### **Senior High Faith Stories**

Do you like telling jokes? Or, do you like telling stories? I think most people like telling stories, especially if it's about themselves. The senior high students have been practicing telling their faith stories to their peers. One concept that is hard for them to grasp, is that the story doesn't have to have huge events in it. We find that most people feel their story is insignificant because it doesn't have catastrophic events or positively impacted an entire community. The purpose of sharing our faith journey with friends or even kind strangers, is that they get to know who a person is by listening to their unique story. Have you practiced telling your story?

### **Good Grief?!?**

#### **Adult Discussion Group Continues through April 6 @ 9am**

April 6<sup>th</sup> is the final session for the topic of grief and how to cope or to support someone who is coping with death or loss. It is our hope that the conversation continues long after the sessions are completed. We hope that the three brief sessions will encourage and equip others to go beyond the shy and awkward moments and engage those who need their presence. In this instance, I think children and animals have an advantage over adults. They comfort without words, by 'being there'. To assist you on your journey, visit Sharon's library to find resources on grief, comfort and many other topics.

### **THE NIGHT FLIGHT 5K – A Family Event! April 5**

The Night Flight 5k will be taking place at Camp Mount Luther on Saturday night, April 5 at 8:30pm. It is a night time trail run (or walk) and a great family event. A ton of youth show up every year and the proceeds benefit Camp Mount Luther. This is a fun activity as well as a way for youth to support the ministry at CML. Follow the link for more information

[www.midpenntraiblazers.com/trail-race-events/night-flight/night-flight](http://www.midpenntraiblazers.com/trail-race-events/night-flight/night-flight)

### **LUTHERAN YOUTH DAY**

**April 12 from 9-5**

**6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders**

Susquehanna University students are hosting a day on campus for Christian youth in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Come and experience the theme of "Living Water" and join the musicians, City Harbor for a concert at the end of the session. The cost is \$10.00 per person which includes registration for the day, lunch and concert by City Harbor. Sign up on the youth bulletin board by April 6. Sharon is looking for one other adult to be a youth leader for that day. Contact Robin Kunkel at [robinkunkel@gmail.com](mailto:robinkunkel@gmail.com) or 570 374 8444.

## M&M FUNDRAISER

**Begins April 20**

The youth will kick-off another FUNdraiser on April 20! Mini M&M containers will be given out before and after worship by the youth going to Detroit in 2015. If you missed seeing a youth, there will be a basket in the lobby filled with mini M&M containers. Please take a container, enjoy the contents and then fill them with quarters and return them to the church office or Robin Kunkel. After the initial kick-off there will be a basket in the lobby with empty containers to refill. Last time we successfully raised \$1,500 for the New Orleans trip! Let's try to beat that number!



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## CHICKEN & WAFFLES

### DETROIT FUNDRAISER

**April 27 between Celebrate Life Musical**



The students committed to going to the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering and their families are partnering with the Fellowship Team to offer a luncheon fundraiser between the *Celebrate Life* musical performances. Nancy Martin has chosen the menu of chicken and waffles! You have the option of a show and dinner for the 3:00pm performance or dinner and a show for the 7:00pm performance. All donations will help to offset the trip to Detroit.

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## RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER:

**\$5.00 BAG LUNCH OR SUPPER May 15**

You have the choice of a Ham-Cheese sandwich or a Turkey-Cheese sandwich; a bag of chips, and 2 homemade chocolate chip cookies.

**Save The Date!** and help us raise money to stamp-out Cancer. For more information and/or to place orders:

call Maureen Ries at [570-374-4627](tel:570-374-4627) or Nancy Martin at 570-374-6388.



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## Mission Endowment Fund Update

At the February 24, 2014 meeting of the MEF Jeff Sassaman was welcomed as a new member of the committee to replace Nancy Martin who had resigned as she felt she could help Sharon Church in other areas.

Janet Bilger, Vice-President of the Church Council has extended an invitation to a church member to replace Ed Barben who felt it was necessary to resign in view of their move to Newport, PA. In early March we learned that Jim App accepted the invitation to serve as Ed's replacement.

At the meeting, Kermit Ritter, Treasurer reported the December 31, 2013 balance in the ELCA endowment Pooled Trust Fund was \$54,271.46.

As we knew the MEF exceeded the \$50,000 restriction before distribution could be made, we had invited Rev. Greg Kramer to the meeting to explain the calculations covered by the "MEF Distributions" in the Sharon Lutheran Church Constitution. Greg was able to show that \$1,500 to \$,2000 would be able to be distributed before the end of the year.

The current task of the committee will be to consider possible applicants for these donations.

*Submitted by Bob Soper*

February 16, 2014

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Dear Friends,

Greetings from Minnesota. It's been cold and snowy, but it has been that way in Pennsylvania too. Minnesota is a lot colder with the temperature going below zero often. Luckily I don't have to go outside. I'm looking forward to the weather warming up so I can get out and see the area.

Things are falling into place. I have lovely one bedroom apartment nearby Fred's family. I attend a lot of the programs here. The food is pretty good, no Pennsylvania Dutch cooking, so the menu is a little different. The care I'm receiving is good.

My health has improved since arriving. I've gotten stronger, but still need help getting around.

It is nice seeing Fred's family frequently, especially Max and Willa. Fred stops by at least every other day and checks in most days. We had a nice Christmas with the entire family at Fred and Jan's I do miss all of my Pennsylvania friends and think of you often. I would love to hear from you. My address and phone number are above so feel free to call or write, news of Selinsgrove and Central Pennsylvania would nice to have. Afternoons or early evening are the best time to call.

All the best, Ruth

## **The Ridge: The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Carol Black, ALWL**

The month of Resurrection Celebration lies ahead. Yet for now the daily path of Lent is tread by Seminary personnel and all of us, too as we walk along the disciplined journey. "Disciplined lives" include reconsidering daily habits and sharing special time, like the upcoming African cuisine offering at Trinity Church, Gettysburg as an attempt to better understand our fellow humankind. The staff of Lombard Mennonite Peace Center is now distributing on campus registration forms for a St. Luke's Bloomsburg, PA Seminar on Mediation Skills, and the Seminary is working hard at recycling and "Green Force" efforts on campus. Sunday, March 30 there will be a free open to public Israel-Palestine presentation by activist Josh Ruebner as he discusses his book "Shattered Hopes." Likewise, on March 29, free Music Gettysburg happens with the "Ensemble Companio" in the Chapel, 147 Seminary Ridge .Keep in mind also that Dr. Kristin Largen is offering discussions at the local YMCA on women's roles in the church and academic world, and the Seminary is looking to becoming a Reconciling in Christ seminary with the Student Association activating the dialogue. Of course, the Holden Evening Prayer for Lent continues, Earth Day events take shape, U.S. Navy Chaplains have been regularly visiting, and Lutheran Day at the Capitol is on for May 6. Let's again thank God for our all our Seminaries. These sacred places of His Grace need our thoughts, prayers and blessings.

## COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

**Approved** to modify the \$8,200 initial non-endowment portion of the Campership Fund of the NNB Sharon Trust to pay out all approved scholarship requests from this gift until the \$8,200 is fully paid out.

**Approved** position description for church Treasurer.

**Approved** one service to be held at 9:30 a.m. on the two following dates: June 8, 2014 Pentecost and Confirmation and July 6, 2014 celebrating freedom and Independence Day.

**Approved** the purchase of a new Fair Linen and a set of linens.

**Approved** the sale of several items of old unused furniture at the discretion of the Property Team.



Douglas App, Neil Aucker, Thelma Aucker, Terry Beaver, Tom Bell, Doris Berry, Pat Bertinet, Barb Blakley, Paul Botteron, Amy Bush, Arline Callahan, Elizabeth Campbell, Marjie Coleman, Ellie Dinsmore, Eleanor Dinius, Larry Forrey, Jim Gautsch Jr., Grace Greiner, Suah Harris, Jeremy Hoffman, Karen Hoke, Grace Hollenbach, David Holmes, Jr., Valerie Holmes, Pat Hower, Martha Hummel, Paul Kerstetter, Harvey Kreamer, Jr., Keith Landis, Brynn Lauver, Vance Metzger, Dale Morse, Susan Mull, Elwood Partica, David Rishell, Mike S., Bill Starr, Wendy Stauffer, Robert Stetler, Molly Walker, Clarence White, Ken and Chris Whitebread, Gary Wydell

## Happy Birthday!

App, James	4/2	Partica, Jerry	4/16
Ortner, Danilo	4/2	Dagle, Jodie	4/17
Walter, Shirley	4/2	Fasold, Matthew	4/17
Bonsall, Greg	4/3	Metzger, April	4/17
Madison, Doug	4/3	Osgood, Shaun	4/17
Milne, Matthew	4/3	Spigelmyer, Lee	4/18
Bilger, Deidre	4/4	Harris, Suah	4/20
Christine, Brock	4/5	Krebs, Nicole	4/20
Hummel, Aron	4/5	Smith, Mike	4/20
Dressler, Logan	4/7	Soper, Zachary	4/22
Soper, Robert	4/7	Inch, Marlin	4/23
Wenrich, Amber	4/7	Fasold, Charles	4/24
Winey, Andrea	4/7	Hoke, Joshua	4/24
Kalcich, Emma	4/8	Kepler, Ernest	4/24
Kemberling, Kyle	4/9	Mayo, Shirley	4/24
Bastress, Robbie	4/13	Hanson, Carol	4/25
Ritter, Kermit	4/13	Kissinger, Kellee	4/26
Wolfe, Jeremy	4/14	Kissinger, Beatrice	4/27
Schlingmann Jr., Joseph	4/15	Sandstrom, Derick	4/27
Beaver, Chelsey	4/16	Aungst, Brandon	4/28
Bradford, Carol	4/16	Fogle, Robert	4/28
Hoke, Amelia	4/16	Traher, Ann	4/28

# For the Kids

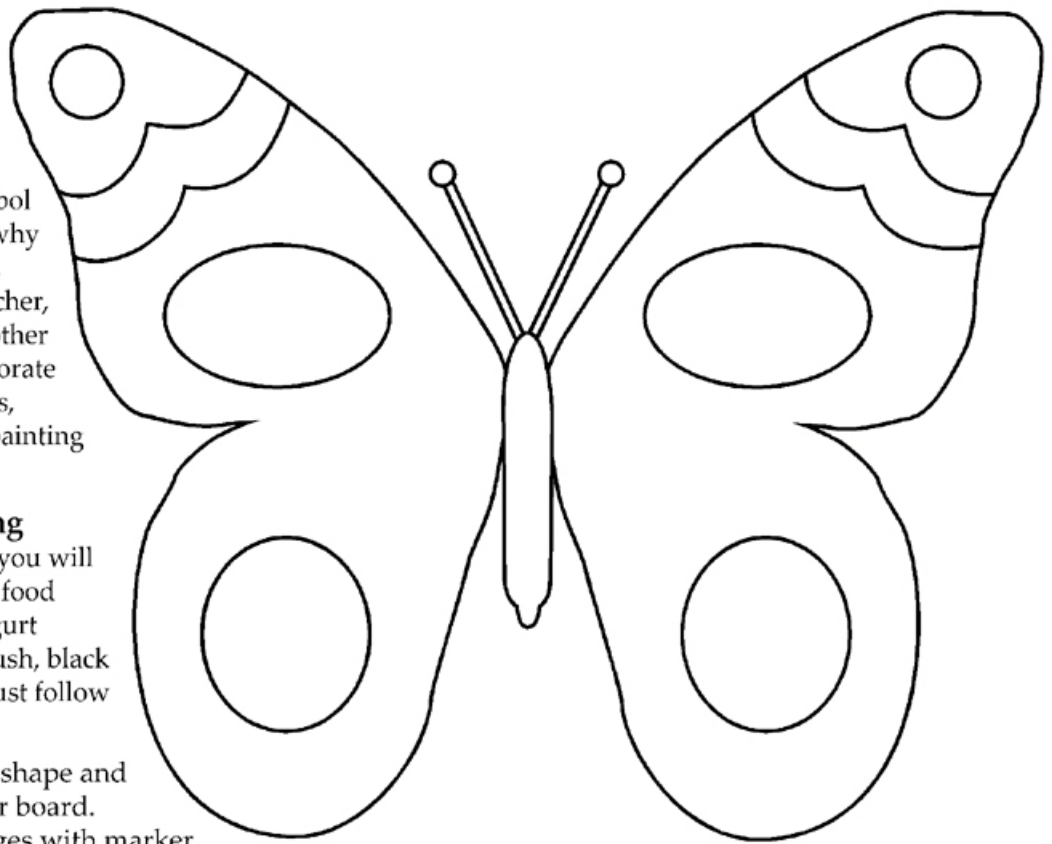
## Butterfly Symbol

A butterfly is a great symbol of Easter. Can you think why this is? Talk with a friend, parent, church school teacher, or pastor about this and other Easter symbols. Then decorate this butterfly with crayons, markers, glitter, or sand painting (see below).

### Butterfly Sand Painting

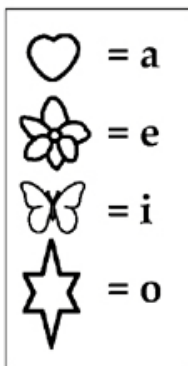
To sand paint a butterfly, you will need: poster board, sand, food coloring, small jars or yogurt containers, glue, paint brush, black felt pen or crayon. Then just follow these directions.

1. Cut out this butterfly shape and mount it on the poster board.
2. Draw over design edges with marker or crayon.
3. Color the sand: (a) put small amount of sand in container, (b) add several drops of food color and shake, (c) put sand on newspaper to dry. Do the same for each color.
4. Paint small section of design with glue. Let it set up and become tacky. Sprinkle with desired color sand. Let dry. Gently shake off extra sand. Repeat for each different color until the surface is all covered with colored sand.
5. Allow the butterfly to dry flat overnight, especially if the layer of glue was thick.



## Jesus' Prayer

While he was hanging on the cross, Jesus prayed to God. Use this symbol key to fill in the missing letters in the message.



F th r f rg v th m; f r th y d   
  
 n t kn w wh t th y r d  ng.

Luke 23:34

Answer: Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

## April Worship Volunteers

	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Cantor/CA</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>
<b>April 6</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
	Jim + Carole App	Courtney Kemberling	Fred Hooper	John + Roseann Stetler	Sue Pennay	Barb Remaley (B)
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	Chris + Kathy Reiland	Olivia Dunkle	Joyce Kuster	Kermit Ritter Fritz Frost	Theresa Kuster Sue Starr Maureen Ries	Mary Seiler Marian Thomas
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	Dawn Dunkelberger Brian Pauling	Wyatt + Vance Metzger	April Metzger	Don Bottiger Paul Culbertson	Lowell Leitzel	Alma Pauling (B)
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	Nelson + Sue Kerstetter	Sarah Fedder Sarah Pennay	Linda McMillin	Rodney + Maureen Ries	Hanna Doll Raechel Councill Kathy Reiland	Vi Soper Shirley Rowe
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	Charles + Sue Hummel		Paul Culbertson	Terry Kissinger Brian Pauling	Carol Black	Maureen Ries (B)
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	Bob + Vi Soper	Jessica Beaver Madison Snyder	Maureen Ries	Chris Lupolt Rich Sands	Dawn Doll Doug Hassinger Eric Rowe	Carol Harrison Nancy Martin Melanie Heuer
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	Rich + Carolyn Sands	Aaron Weirick	Harold Dunkelberger	Jim + Carol Black	Chris Lupolt	Linda McMillin (B)
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	Carol Harrison Deb Bernhisel	Emma + Anna Kalcich	Nancy Murray	Bob + Vi Soper	Casey Reiland Markie Reiland Madison Weirick	Karen Bowen Grace Housley

### Holy Week Help Needed:

**April 18: 7pm** Maundy Thursday Service, we need a Reader, Communion Assistant, Ushers, and members of the Altar Guild.

**April 19 7pm** Good Friday Evening Service, we need Ushers  
Please contact Phil Riggs if you can help with these. [psriggs@ptd.net](mailto:psriggs@ptd.net)