

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

MAY
2015



First Sunday of each month, join us in the What's Brewin room.

This month is hosted by *The Stitchers*

May 3 9 am–10:30 am

Share in coffee, tea, juice, and breakfast goodies

Take this opportunity to admire some of the Stitchers' beautiful creations! Come and enjoy good food and even better conversations!

Celebration of Hymnody



May 17 at both 8 and 10:30am Worship

As part of our 225th anniversary we will celebrate our legacy of hymnody over those years at both services on May 17. The hymns that have been chosen reflect the hymnals used over those years from the accompaniment to "A Mighty Fortress" from a tune book published for use by German Lutherans in 1813 to the huge variety of hymns from other cultures and denominations represented by *Evangelical*

Lutheran Worship, our current hymnal. Commentary on the themes, stories of faith, basis in scripture, and history of many of these hymns will be shared. **Come and make a "joyful noise!"**

You are cordially invited to the 225th Anniversary

Picnic and Pig Roast of Sharon Lutheran Church

Come to East Snyder Park for an afternoon of food and fun

Sunday, June 7 beginning at Noon

The Hospitality Team has arranged for roasted Pork and drinks. You will be providing the rest of the meal in the form of a potluck. If your last name begins with the letters:

A through H- bring a Side Dish (other than a "Salad")

I through P-bring any dish with salad in the name

Q through Z –bring any dessert

Please RSVP by signing up on the sheet on the desk outside of the church office



From the Pastor

As we move on through this 225th Anniversary year, I am thankful for the variety of celebrations that have been and will be part of this year. I am looking forward to the hymn festival on May 17 and to exploring the variety of hymns and stories of faith that have been part of our history together. It will only be a snapshot, but a glimpse of God at work and our story and God's story intertwined. We will also join together to eat and play at our picnic on June 7 at East Snyder Park.

Right now, I am still thinking about the joy of the experience of working with our youth and adults in the production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." This experience of bringing together such an array of gifts and of, not only working really intently together but also, of lifting each other up and encouraging each other in the exploration of art and music and seeking cooperation and dedication is one not easily taken off and put away like the props and stage. We explored what it means to be community together—the laughter and silliness, the tears and scheduling conflicts, the open communication and the heart to heart relationships that bound us together. I am always touched by the depth of talent, the surprises, and the seemingly endless generosity of so many people. We received gifts of all kinds that allowed us to constantly be encouraged by the abundance of God. There were so many helpers who shared time, energy, and their own gifts. There were those from the congregation and also from the wider community and region who gave props, shared props, donated food, time, and expertise. We were welcomed on to the radio and given significant publicity there and through the schools as well.

I loved the questions that the youth asked as we learned more about our characters and as we thought more and more about the personalities and experiences that we were called to enact. I am always looking for ways to encourage and lift up families and to create positive and encouraging experiences for youth where we can connect faith and life and where we can build a depth of relationship and trust. I was thrilled to be invited to take on the character of Charlie Brown and to be so welcomed by the cast. I told them that it really was a privilege for me to work with them. I also shared how encouraging they had been to me in my investment in this production together. I wish you could have seen behind the stage—where we all danced and sang with the characters who were on stage and all the high fives and words of encouragement that were shared. It really was amazing.

Ministry comes in all shapes and sizes and in many forms. Thanks to all of you for your support as well. Through your generosity in giving, we have a budget line that allowed us to initially contract the show and many of you continued to provide for us and for the costs of production. I was touched by a letter (that appears later on in the newsletter) from an audience member who took time to write to us and to offer an additional financial gift for the mission work that the group will be part of in Detroit this summer. Over \$220 was given at our dessert event towards the literacy project that we will be part of in Detroit as well. This literacy project is a collaboration between the Detroit teachers and Scholastic Books. The net gain for the musical was \$941.00 which will be used for our trip to Detroit.

God is good and brings us together to accomplish amazing things. Thanks for being part of the body of Christ as we share in the joy of God's freedom.

God's Peace, *Pastor Doll*

CONFIRMATION AND SENIOR HIGH ACTIVITIES

Mother's Day Breakfast: May 10 at 9am

The confirmation and Senior high students will be making pancakes and eggs for their mothers during Sunday school on Mother's Day. It has been a busy year for our students at Sharon and in their personal lives as well. It is nice to be able to serve and appreciate their families for the time and effort they put into their children's faith formation. If you are a mother of a confirmation or senior high youth, please reserve your place by contacting Robin Kunkel.

Confirmation: Past and Present: In need of photos

In celebrating our anniversary this year, we'd like to design a "Wall of Photos" showcasing confirmation pictures of all Sharon members, past and present. Please send your photos to Robin Kunkel. If you need your photos returned, please place them in an envelope with your name and 'please return' marked on the envelope. Also, be sure to mark who the photo belongs to on the back.

**CLASS OF
20
15**

Honoring our Grads

We will recognize our Sharon grads from high school, trade school, college and military service in the June newsletter. If your child is graduating this year, please send a photo, details of their graduation and future plans to either, Carrie Dunn carrie.dunn@sharonlc.org or Robin Kunkel. We are so proud of all of our kids!



YOUTH GATHERING OFFERING: Books for Detroit School Students

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.

"My family and I were in the audience of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." Saturday night and were so impressed with the wonderful job everyone did. The acting and singing were excellent! We were doubly impressed by the fact that all the hard work was to raise funds for your upcoming mission trip. What a great group of young people (and adults!!) Great Job!"

Mary Sullivan

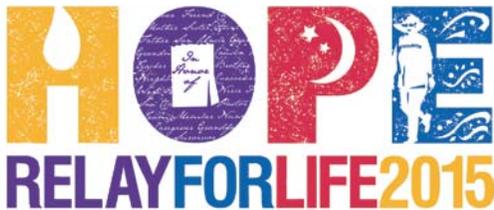
CAMP MOUNT LUTHER: Spring Work Day=May 16-For Most Ages

Practice stewardship through service at Camp Mount Luther at the Annual Spring Work Day on Saturday, May 16, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. They need your help getting the camp grounds and facilities ready for summer. There will be plenty to do and everyone in the family can help! Please bring supplies to do cleaning, mulching, raking, and light construction projects such as step ladders, buckets, rakes, etc. A light lunch will be served. We are in need of adult leaders for that day. Contact Robin Kunkel before May 7, if you are interested in helping or leading. Thanks!

From 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 Leitzel

1. **Approved** a motion to award the bid of \$103.00 per mowing of Trinity Cemetery and 120 S. Market Street to Hoffman's Lawn Service.
2. **Approved** a motion to appoint Lowell Leitzel and Carol Harrison as Synod Assembly Delegates.
3. **Approved** a motion to sponsor a hole at the Camp Mount Luther Annual Bishop's Open Golf Classic for a donation of \$125.00.
4. **Approved** a motion for Pastor Doll, Laura Aungst and Lowell Leitzel to participate in Stephen Ministry training, with the \$1,675.00 cost coming from Pastor Ted's memorial gift.
5. **Approved** a motion to hold one worship service on Sunday July 5, 2015 and Sunday September 6, 2015 at 9 am
6. **Approved** a motion to grant use of Fellowship Hall to Child SUM Development on Fridays and school cleaning weeks from 6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. for the After School Program.



The 2015 Selinsgrove Relay for Life event will occur from 1 pm on Friday, June 5 to 1 pm on Saturday, June 6 at Susquehanna University. Maureen Ries, chair of Sharon's team is planning to have a "sign up" table on Sunday, May 10 between the 8 am and 10:30 am service in the Narthex.

Another "sign up" possibility will occur on Sunday, May 17 between our two services. Maureen will have a schedule available for walkers to select a time in which they might want to participate. There will also be luminary forms and participant waiver forms available. If you want to participate but will not be at church either of those dates, please give Maureen a call at 570-374-4627 so other arrangements can be made.

5k Run/Walk Sponsored by: Freedom 4/24 Saturday, May 30th at 8:30am



Freedom 4/24 exists to raise awareness of the sexual exploitation and human trafficking of women and children around the world and to provide financial support to partner organizations dedicated to

bringing freedom and doing justice.

Price: \$24.00 Race Fee + \$2.50 Sign Up Fee.

Registration ends May 28 at Noon

Place: Selinsgrove High School

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.

Meals for Seals Update

This ministry has had an increase in the number of children they are serving. Currently, more than 130 children are on the list to receive the weekend food packets. While the number of children served has increased, the amount of food donations has drastically decreased. The food needs include: pop top soups (in kid friendly flavors), canned pastas like Chef Boyardee products (also pop top cans), easy mac and cheese, meal completes, tuna packets (foil, tear open packets or pop top cans), single serving easy peel open packets of apple sauce, fruit cups or puddings, single serving boxes of cereal, cereal breakfast bars, oatmeal packets, granola bars, packs of crackers and juice boxes.

Other ways to help include volunteering for the once a month packing party at 7 p.m. the third Monday of every month in the church basement of All Saint's Episcopal Church, or the summer giveaways which will be every other Saturday during the summer vacation.

Monetary donations can be made to the Snyder County Coalition for Kids, a 501c3 non-profit organization, and mailed to P.O. Box 103, Selinsgrove, PA 17870. Mark donation Meals 4 Seals in the memo line.



During Lent, the Sunday school kids collected pennies for the *Meals for Seals* program. The jar was filled- totaling \$45.88. Thank you to all who helped with this endeavor. The kids were able to purchase enough items to fill at least a week's worth of meals for Selinsgrove's kids.



Let's Focus!

Mission Focus Gatherings

I would like to host a series of small group sessions to talk with the congregation about our next steps together in ministry. I would

like to invite you into this conversation and dialogue with me during the final weeks of May. The gatherings will be an hour in length and will be guided by a few questions. I will also share some updates on ministry development and will be seeking additional input. I look forward to your conversation.

Peace, Pastor Doll

All of these sessions will be held at Sharon.

Wednesday, May 20 7 pm

Thursday, May 28 3 pm and 7 pm

Sunday, May 31 Noon

The Ridge

Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg

Carol Black, ALWL

Spring Academy launches April 27 and runs through May 2. What a super agenda. "Home and Away, Ministry with Those Coming Home and Ministry as the Global Church" marks the theme. One can check out the full range of events at the website lts.edu/academics/lifelong-learning/spring-academy. There's an online brochure to browse and names like Wetzel, Bell, Carlson, Robinson, two Zimmanns, Rossing, Amjad-Ali plus singer Ali Amr all promise inspiration and welcome challenges for thought.

We Remember in Prayer



Rose Aucker, Tom Beachell, Bill Breon, Barbara Broadt, Amy Bush, Arline Callahan, Eleanor Dinius, Charles Engelbrecht, Betty Ettinger, Jim Gautsch Jr., Linda Gautsch, Ilene Gilson, David Holmes, Jr., Sara Holmes, Valerie Holmes, Pat Hower, Martha Hummel, Mary Hummel, Mary Johnson, Bea Kissinger, Harvey Kreamer, Jr., Keith Landis, Ron Laniewski, Barbara Lewis, Miriam Logan, Marci MacIntyre, Roger Marks, Shirley Mayo, Susan Mull, Phillip Murphy, Kay Musser, Alyssa Oxenford, Tina Reichenbach, Ryan Riethmiller, Miles Schrader, Bill Starr, Robert Stetler, Paul and Emily Twitchell family, David Weimer, Ken and Chris Whitebread, Lindsay Guido-Williams, Jeremy Wolfe, Gary Wydell

Dressler, Stacy 5/1
Beaver, Jerry 5/3
Kidd, Lenna 5/4
Ritter, Darlene 5/4
Lindquist, Sallie 5/6
Reiland, Kathy 5/6
Rowe, Kyle 5/6
Nickler, Suzanne 5/9
Reichenbach, Mary 5/10
Remaley, Barb 5/11
Beachell, Sue 5/12
Jaegers, Christine 5/13
Winey, Jackie 5/13
Lupolt, Lori 5/14



Musser, Amelia 5/14
Krebs, Tyler 5/15
Lindros, Shelbi 5/15
Wentzel, Abbey 5/15
Bottiger, Mary 5/17
Lupolt, Sara 5/17
Aucker, Thelma 5/18
Doll, Hannah 5/18

Koch, Jacob 5/19
Pauling, Diane 5/20
Ritter, Helen 5/22
Kunkel, Robin 5/23
Laskowski, Laura 5/24
Piermattei, Dagen 5/24
Schroeder, Hugo 5/24
Pendley, Mary 5/25
Weirick, Aaron 5/26
Scholl, Cindy 5/28
Martin, Kayla 5/29
Wenrich, Garth 5/30
Longacre, Matthew 5/31

SPECIAL THANKS to all who helped with the egg hunt...coloring eggs, filling eggs, and donating your time to set up and cleanup was all very much appreciated. **Nancy Martin**

To all of you, it was very thoughtful for you to send plants! I am enjoying them. When you are home bound, they do brighten the abode. Thank you very much.
Suzanne Chamberlain

Dear Sharon Members and friends, thanks so much for the lovely hyacinth plant. It really meant a lot.
Sincerely, **Rachel Betzer**

Thank you, Pastor Doll, for your visit. Thank you, Sharon congregation for the cards, phone calls, altar flowers and most of all, the prayers. Your concern was greatly appreciated.
Audrey Deckard

Thank you for the altar flowers, the cards, the easter flowers, and the prayers. Special thanks to Jim and Carol Black for bringing communion to me.
Martha Hummel

Pastor Doll, thank you for visiting me during my recent hospitalization. Thank you all for your prayers.
Erma Weirick

Pentecost Geraniums will fill the nave on

May 24. The cost per plant is \$3.00. Please fill out the following information and deposit it in the offering plate or send it to the church office by May 13.

To the Glory of God

In Memory of

In Honor of

Given by _____

Donor (please check one):

I will pick up my pot of annuals within 3 days of the service.

Please use my pot of annuals and dispose of it/them as the church sees fit. Please include your envelope number if you wish to receive financial credit for this donation.

May Worship Volunteers

	Greeters	Acolytes	Readers	Ushers	Cantor/CA	Altar Guild
May 3	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
	Donna and Donovan Goundie	Courtney Kemberling	Roseann Stetler	Todd and Laura Aungst	Chris Lupolt	Roseann Stetler (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	Art Bowen	Jacob and Stacy Koch	Hannah Doll Raechel Councill Dawn Doll	Carol Harrison Nancy Martin Melanie Heuer
May 10	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
	Dawn Dunkelberger Brian Pauling		Fred Hooper	John and Roseann Stetler	Lowell Leitzel	Maureen Ries (B)
	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
	Paul and Delphine Grimes		Bob Bradford	Bob and Vi Soper	Kathy Reiland Markie Reiland Curtis Pennay	Audrey Deckard Linda McMillin
May 17	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
	Jim and Carole App		Harold Dunkelberger	Brian Pauling Jack Spigelmyer	Theresa Kuster	Dawn Marie Dunkelberger (B)
	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
	Nelson and Sue Kerstetter	Madison Snyder	Carol Bradford	Bill and Pat Pinkowski	Judd Williams Art Bowen Don Housley	Vi Soper Shirley Rowe
May 24	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
	Gary Aucker Don Bottiger		Chris Lupolt	Fritz Frost Paul Culbertson	Teresa Berger	Alma Pauling (B)
	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
	Don and Grace Housley	Sarah Pennay	Harley Freed	Michael and Janet Bilger	Eric Rowe Doug Hassinger	Karen Bowen Grace Housley
May 31	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
	Craig and Karen Hoke		Alma Pauling	Terry Kissinger Brian Pauling	Lowell Leitzel	Roseann Stetler (B)
	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
	Harvey and Nancy Murray	Hannah Doll	Carol Harrison	Toby Skinner Judy Longacre	Sue Pennay Alex Pennay Teresa Berger	Carol Harrison Nancy Martin Melanie Heuer

If you can fill in the gaps, please contact the church office