

Sharon Lutheran Church's Monthly News Update

May 2014

We Celebrate Vicar Rick's time with us here at Sharon on May 4

The Sunday school classes will host a reception at 9am

All are welcome to the Farewell Feast at 11:45am in the Fellowship Hall



“The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ... But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.” Ephesians 4: 11-13, 15

Paul uses these words to counter a belief in the Ephesian church that those who spoke in tongues were superior to those who did not. His point is that each individual is given gifts which contribute to a well-functioning body. The gifts are diverse yet unified in Christ so that the many parts of the body can serve as one as it participates in the mission of Jesus Christ.

Sharon Lutheran you have played a major role in equipping me for future ministry. For that I will be forever grateful. You are diverse, and you teach well. I pray what I have learned from you will benefit the Church as I move on to a ministry of word and sacrament in another place. Thank you for sharing your faith, your stories, and your love for Christ with me for the past two years. You have been welcoming and generous.

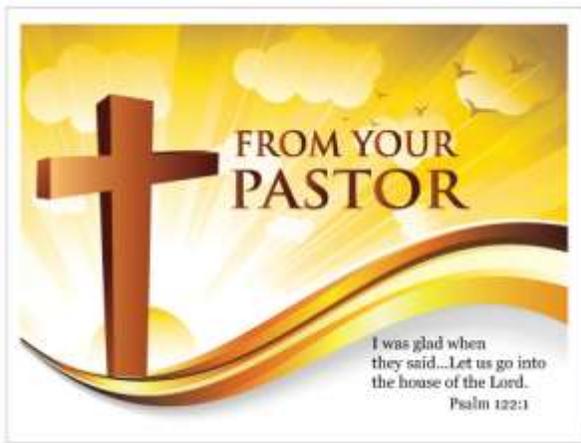
I would be remiss if I did not offer special thanks to Kathy Reiland, Grace Cote, Carol Hanson, Jim App, and Alex Pennay who served as Sharon's Intern Team. Their insight, constructive criticism, and encouragement was always timely and spoken with love. Thanks Team! Also, thanks to a wonderful and talented staff, Robin, Carrie and Susan, who also offered counsel and lots of information.

Lastly, thanks to Pastor Doll for the trust you placed in me and the grace you gave to me. Much of what I have learned either came out of our conversations or via the opportunities you provided for learning. I will always treasure your counsel and the wisdom you shared. No intern could ask for a better mentor. Thank you.

These two years have gone so quickly. But in those two years I have not just served at Sharon, I have come to love each and every one of you. Internships end, but relationships last a lifetime. I look forward to seeing and working with you as we, unified in Christ, continue to serve together to build up the body of Christ for the sake of God's mission in the world.

God's blessings to you.

Vicar Rick



Now what? Not only is this the question that really faces the disciples in the days and weeks after the resurrection of Jesus—we hear that question in many of the post resurrection stories; in the disciples huddled in the room behind locked doors, the conversation on the road to Emmaus, on the lake as these former fishermen are again in the boat fishing—but also this question, “Now what?” is ours as well.

We might ask this question in a variety of contexts. For those who have been involved in ministries throughout the year, the question might come as we think about what has been accomplished, how effective we have been, and what is next in our ministries in the community and the world. I am excited about the next steps that will come as Sharon Cares takes hold and we find ways to have many of us engaged in this caring ministry. Some of you have volunteered quickly and the database of all the volunteers is being pulled together as we look for coordinators for some of the areas. A page will be added to the website for more information on this new ministry.

Certainly, we ask the question, “Now What?” as we give thanks for the two years of internship study and service that we have had the joy of sharing with Vicar Rick White. We will celebrate on May 4, share stories, food, and gifts that honor his time with us and extends our blessings as he moves on to serve God in a congregational call. We will need to talk more about the possibilities of being a teaching congregation and internship site. I am so thankful for your willingness to simply jump into this with Rick as the opportunity came to us on short notice two years ago. Vicar Rick’s time with us has been a mutual blessing. We will definitely provide updates on his progress and invitations to his ordination, when that is scheduled. As difficult as it is, I will remind you that as of May 11, Rick’s leadership, care, and service comes to an end among us. I ask that you respect those boundaries as he begins the final steps toward a first call.

We also ask the question, “Now What?” as we seek to respond to our call to live engaged in resurrection life—this new life given in Christ that affects the way we live every day in every place. We might ask how being forgiven has offered us a chance to extend forgiveness to another. We might wonder about the ways that we can see ourselves as loved by God and demonstrate God’s love for another. What might that love look like in our families, in our interactions on the street or at work? What might that love look like as we live out the busyness of each day or set new priorities or goals for our lives and together as families? Where might you find new life in prayer or reflection? Where might you enter into conversations that encourage your life of faith and that broaden your perspectives of God’s work among us?

Christ is Risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Now What?

God’s Peace,
Pastor Doll

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SUNDAY SCHOOL?

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOSTS RECEPTION FOR VICAR RICK: MAY 4 @ 9AM

On Sunday, May 4, during the Sunday school hour, the Sunday school students and their families are hosting a celebration for Vicar Rick. They will be sharing memories of their experience with Vicar Rick and participating in an activity where everyone will be helping to create "God's Garden." Light snacks will be served and the senior high students will guide anyone willing to come and knot blankets for Kelsey's Dream.



YOUTH & FAMILY DAY: MAY 3 @ 8:30AM

Youth from across the Upper Susquehanna Synod are invited to participate in the first Practice Discipleship Day. The event is being planned for youth and their leaders and will hopefully become the culminating event each school year. Join us at Camp Mount Luther on May 3, as we join others from the area to do service work and learning. We'll begin at 8:30 a.m. with devotions and then participate in the camp's annual work day in the morning. Showers will be available to clean-up following the work. Then, after lunch, youth will reflect on the service experience and talk about serving others as part of their faith journey. Youth leaders will enjoy a training workshop by Robin Kunkel. The day will end with a concert by Shawn Smith at 2:30 p.m. You can come to all or part of this event. A free-will offering will be taken at the concert to help defray costs. *Contact Robin Kunkel or sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board. We are in need of drivers and adult leaders for the service portion of the event.*

Coming in June:

**STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE
JUNE 1 @ 9:00am**

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM
by 9TH GRADERS
JUNE 8 @ 9:30am Worship**



Why fundraisers? The cost for one youth to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering is approximately \$1,000.00. The figure includes registration fee, hotel room, food allowance and transportation. Since this ministry for young Christians is not a frequent opportunity, we at Sharon, want to eliminate some of the financial burden for youth to be able to attend. The Gatherings have changed lives of youth and adults over the many decades they have been offered.



MAY 6 HOSS'S COMMUNITY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

We are excited to team up with Hoss's Steak and Sea House to raise money to offset costs for the youth going to Detroit. All you need to do is visit the Hoss's Steak and Sea House Restaurant located in Shamokin Dam on May 6, 2014. Hoss's hours on Tuesday, May 6 are 11am to 9pm. You must have either a 'Community Night' fundraiser card or printed email to show to your server, for Sharon church to receive credit for the fundraiser monies. Cards are available in the church office or through Robin Kunkel. Thank you in advance for enjoying a good meal and helping the youth at the same time!

M&M FUNDRAISER CONTINUES

Mini M&M containers are still available in a basket in the church office. Please take a container, enjoy the contents and then fill them with quarters and return them to the church office or Robin Kunkel. Last time we successfully raised \$1,500 for the New Orleans trip! Our goal is to beat that number!



Remember in Prayer

Douglas App, Betty Aungst,
 Thelma Aucker, Terry Beaver,
 Tom Bell, Doris Berry, Pat
 Bertinet, Barb Blakley, Amy
 Bush, Arline Callahan,
 Elizabeth Campbell, Jane
 Campbell, Marjie Coleman,
 Mark Cote, Eleanor Dinius,
 Ellie Dinsmore, 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, James Litzel, Dale
 Morse, Susan Mull, Elwood
 Partica, Maryanne Pinand,
 David Rishell, Renee Snyder,
 Wendy Stauffer, Robert Stetler,
 Molly Walker, Drew Walter,
 Clarence White, Ken and Chris
 Whitebread, Gary Wydell

Also please remember:

National Police Week

May 11-17, 2014;

Peace Officer's Memorial Day

on May 15, 2014

Emergency Medical Services

Week – May 18-24, 2014



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
Roush, Ruth	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
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
Kerstetter, Thomas	5/26
Weirick, Aaron	5/26
Scholl, Cindy	5/28
Martin, Kayla	5/29
Wenrich, Garth	5/30
Longacre, Matthew	5/31

FYI-Ann Traher turned 99 on
 April 28! If you'd like to send
 her a card, the address is:
 Nottingham Village-Room
 104D,
 Northumberland, PA 17857



A BIG THANK-YOU!!!!

to all who helped in any way
 with the Easter Egg Hunt. It
 was great fun, and the kids
 really enjoyed it!!

GREAT JOB!!

Nancy Martin

Dear Sharon Family and
 friends

Many thanks for the beautiful
 flower given to me on 4/13/14
 Sincerely

Rachel Betzer

Special thanks to Paul Grimes
 and his many helpers for all the
 hard work that has gone into
 renovating the What's Brewin
 room including updating the
 bathroom to be handicapped
 accessible. Thanks to the
 congregation for all the support
 and understanding during this
 time of being under
 construction.

Dear Sharon family,

Thank you for the beautiful
 altar flowers, and for all the
 prayers during this time.

Karen Hoke

Dates to Remember:

May 4: Bishop Driesen will be joining us for worship at both services

May 8: Last chance to order your sandwiches for the Relay for Life.

May 15: Pick up your sandwich orders in support of the Relay For Life

May 18: Sharon Honors Graduates at 10:30am worship
The Welcoming Team will host a reception in the What's Brewin room after the service

May 18: last chance to order Pentecost Geraniums. \$2.50 each.

June 8 and July 6: One Service Only at 9:30 am

July 13

August 17

September 21, 28

November 2, 16

These are the last available dates to sponsor altar flowers this year. The cost is only \$30. Honor a loved one in this special way. Contact the church office to reserve your date.



The Ridge

By Carol Black

Spring Academy is running at LSG from April 29 to May 2, and the Spirit is

soaring. With ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton along with other Bishops and Seminary Presidents visiting campus just prior to Holy Week, Seminary personnel have been both honored and humbled and all are set for an inspiring agenda of transformation theme Academy time together.

Having experienced museum awards, musical presentations plus the announcement of Dean Steinke's election of the Presidency of Luther Seminary, the Seminary community is now poised to enjoy the promise of Academy names of Peters, Gensch, McKinley, Melton and Peterson along with the Hoffmans. Check out <http://ltsg.edu> and see for yourself what's coming!

June 6 and 7 at Susquehanna University



Maureen Ries will be taking donations and looking for walkers on May 18 and 25. If you'd like to sponsor a luminaria, she will be taking orders for them at any time. Please contact her at rmries@verizon.net or 570-374-4627

\$5.00 BAG LUNCH OR SUPPER –Deadline to order your meal is May 8. Pick up on 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. Help us raise money to stamp-out cancer. For more information and/or to place orders: call Maureen Ries at 570-374-4627 or Nancy Martin at 570-374-6388.

SENIOR PROJECT DONATION

Kyle Rowe, a member of Sharon and senior at Selinsgrove High

School, rebuilt and refurbished a bicycle to give to someone in need. He prepped and painted it with some help from a member of a local body shop. Before Kyle could drive, he would use his bike as a means for transportation to come to church, visit his friends and generally get around. Building a bike and giving it to the church is thoughtful and generous, in time, effort and kindness. He passed his Senior Project and we are very proud of him. Thank you, Kyle! If you know of a young person in need of a bicycle, please contact Robin Kunkel.



Worship Volunteer Schedule

	Greeters	Acolytes	Readers	Ushers	Cantor/CA	Altar Guild
May 4	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
	Bill + Barb Remaley	Sarah Pennay	Kay Spigelmyer	Paul Culbertson Terry Kissinger	Sue Pennay	Linda McMillin (B)
	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
	Greg + Teresa Beaver	Olivia Dunkle	George Pence	Tim + Teresa Berger	Dawn Doll Art Bowen Kathy Reiland	Shirley Walter Jenny Ruth Partica
May 11	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
	Jack + Kay Spigelmyer	Vance + Wyatt Metzger	Fred Hooper	Don Bottiger Brian Pauling	Chris Lupolt	Jackie Winey (B)
	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
	Art + Karen Bowen	Elise Keeney	Kermit Ritter	Todd + Laura Aungst	Madison Weirick Casey Reiland Markie Reiland	Mary Seiler Marian Thomas
May 18	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
	Don + Aundrea Weirick	Aaron Weirick	Roseann Stetler	Jack + Kay Spigelmyer	Lowell Leitzel	Alma Pauling (B)
	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
	Mike + Janet Bilger	Emma + Anna Kalcich	Eric Rowe	Bill + Pat Pinkowski	Rachel Councill Hannah Doll Alex Pennay	Vi Soper Shirley Rowe
May 25	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
	Jim + Carole App	Courtney Kemberling	Alma Pauling	John + Roseann Stetler	Sue Pennay	Linda McMillin (B)
	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
	Jason + Rachel Dagle	Madison Snyder Jessica Beaver	Toby Skinner	Robert + Romane Dagle	Jeff Whitman Dave Deckard Maureen Ries	Mary Hummel Audrey Deckard

One 9:30 Service Only on June 8 for Pentecost
Summer Worship begins June 15
8:00am and 9:30 Worship

