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March 2024



Luther Memorial Lutheran Church

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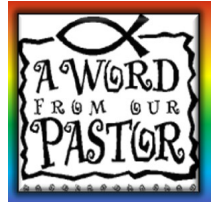
All people are welcome to share in laughter, the love of God, and life of Christ with us regardless of creed, race, sexual orientation, socio-economic background or anything that may separate you from another community.

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Siblings in Christ,



There is a saying found in the Farmers' Almanac that goes something along the lines of "March comes in like a lion, and it goes out like a lamb." Certainly, we might relate this to the weather as the weather at the beginning of March might be rather terrifying – with snow, cold, and blustery winds – while the weather at the end of March is more spring-like – with rain, warm sunshine, and gentle breezes. But where else have you seen a connection between a lion and a lamb?

If you are into astrology, you might know that the Zodiac sign for March is Leo represented by a lion and for April, the sign is Aries which is represented by a ram (or a male sheep).

You might also remember hearing the saying, "The Lion and the Lamb shall lay down together." But that saying isn't actually in the Bible. However, we do come close in two places in the book of Isaiah (Isaiah 11:6 and Isaiah 65:25) where we have lambs and wolves living and feeding together, and calves eating with lions. These relationships portrayed by Isaiah in Scripture seem a bit paradoxical. We know that wolves would eat lambs if given the chance, that is part of the reason why there are shepherds traveling, leading, and ultimately protecting flocks of sheep. We know that a lion would indeed eat a calf if given the opportunity. And yet, it is this paradox that reflects life in the kingdom of God, where all are brought into loving relationship with one another.

It is, however, in the person of Jesus Christ where the images of the lamb and the lion are brought together in Scripture. In John's Gospel, Jesus is referred to as the Lamb of God. He is the one who is offered as the Pass-over Lamb, a sacrifice to redeem humanity from its sinfulness. Jesus endures death, yes even death on a cross, but that isn't the end of the story. Jesus ushered in the Kingdom of God during his earthly life, and we await his return, as the Lion of Judah, for the Kingdom of God – where there is peace and brotherhood for all humanity – to be completed and brought to perfection. St. Augustine, one of the early church fathers, is quoted as saying, "He [*Jesus*] endured death as a lamb; he [*Jesus*] devoured it as a lion."

The lamb is Christ's sacrifice. The lion is Christ resurrected. This March may we remember that death is real, but with Christ, death is not the end!

Pastor Vanessa

L E N T

Mid-Week Lenten Meal & Worship



We continue to meet on Wednesday evenings through March 20th for Mid-Week Lenten Worship! Soup supper begins at 5:30 pm in the Narthex; Worship with Holden Evening Prayer begins at 7 :00 PM in the Sanctuary. If you are able to help provide soup, bread, and dessert for these simple meals, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up!



Good Gifts during Lent

The Congregation and Community Life Team has set a goal of raising \$250 for ELCA Good Gifts during the Lenten Season. ELCA Good Gifts provides plants and animals to

families to provide food and business opportunities that help improve their financial and living situations. So far we have raised \$50. Donation forms and ELCA Good Gifts Valentine's are available on the front pew in the Sanctuary.

EASTER FLOWERS

Again this year, we are offering the opportunity for you to help adorn the worship space in floral beauty on Easter Sunday by purchasing planted flowers. Forms are available in the narthex on the tall table by the door or you may call the church office to order plants. Orders are due by Sunday, March 10.



Single Easter Lily	\$12.50 each
6" Tulip	\$11 each
4.5" Gerbera	\$6 each

HOLY WEEK



Sunday, March 24 – Palm/Passion Sunday Worship at 10 AM followed by Palm Sunday Brunch in the Narthex. Worship will include the Procession of Palms and the reading of the Passion story from the Gospel of Mark. Would you like to be part of the story? Please let Pastor Vanessa know! Brunch will include breakfast casseroles, fruit, breakfast pastries (donuts, muffins, etc.), coffee and juice. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex for more information and to sign-up.

Monday, March 25 – York Conference Holy Week Vespers. Choir rehearsal at 6:15 PM, Worship at 7:00 p.m. Location is still to be determined. All are invited!

Thursday, March 28 – Maundy Thursday worship will be held in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM. Join us for this special time of worship as we remember Jesus' Last Supper and prepare for his crucifixion and resurrection. There will be absolution of sins prior to the stripping of the altar accompanied by the choir chanting Psalm 22.

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday worship will be held in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM. Worship will be a Tenebrae style service with the reading of Jesus' Passion from the Gospel of John interwoven with hymns and the extinguishing of candles representing Jesus' life being extinguished on the cross.

Sunday, March 31 – Resurrection Sunday! Join us as we celebrate Jesus overcoming the power of death and the grave and being raised to new life. A special prelude will begin at 9:45 AM with worship beginning at 10:00 AM! There will not be Bible study on this day.

From the Council President

Council, at their February meeting regretfully accepted the resignation of Jen Morris, who has been filling in as Administrative Assistant in her spare hours from her full-time position as chaplain at Lancaster General Hospital. We wish her well in her new calling, and welcome her to worship with us whenever she can.

Thanks to Jamie Taylor, who posted our Administrative Assistant position on Indeed.com. We will be scheduling interviews with the most promising respondents as soon as possible.

Our Garden will grow again this year!

We received news that there are volunteers from the Impact Foundation willing to adopt the garden for a week at a time this growing season. Indian Rock PTA has donated 3 raised beds and many supplies for the garden. We registered with the York College Spartan Volunteer Network, and got 3 volunteers to help with garden prep and planting on March 16. I may also contact the Greenhouse Club at YSHS to see if they want to be involved.

With all that, we have plans to expand the garden to better fill the needs for the 80 + families that the IF assists. Thanks to Willis Larson, Steph Campbell and Craig Campbell for jumping in with seeds, plants, and help! If you would like to help in any way, including financial support for the supplies and plants we will need to purchase, please feel free to do so!

The Stewardship Team, under the direction of Craig Campbell has been looking at carpet samples to re-carpet the sanctuary and narthex. You will hear more about this soon! At their recommendation, Council also approved a contract for preventive maintenance on our HVAC systems, so no more nasty surprises on Sunday mornings (we hope)!

Thanks to **the Congregational and Community Life Team** for planning our Souper Bowl Sunday party and Lenten suppers. The latter continues for the Wednesdays during Lent. If you haven't come before, come and see what you're missing: good food and a beautiful service of evening prayer and song.

May God continue to guide and bless us.
Carol Little

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

- Carol Heiss, 2330 Freedom Way, Apt.203, York, PA 17402
- Leona Hubley, 3377 Fox Run Road, Dover, PA 17315
- Dick Mylin, Misericordia, 998 S Russell St, York, PA 17402
- Mary Ann Rudler, 1801 Folkemer Circle, York, PA 17404
- Jean Rudy, Senior Commons Rm. 310, 1775 Powder Mill Road, York, PA 17403
- Judy Skouras, The Haven at Springwood, 2321 Freedom Way, York, PA 17402
- Muff & John Spangler, 134 Edgewood Drive, York, PA, 17403
- Mary Ann Wertman, 2330 Freedom Way, Apt.327, York, PA 17402



♪ Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday dear... ♪

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 3/1 Dave Feltenberger | 3/26 Eve Platts |
| 3/6 Helena Patterson | 3/27 Katy Grenewalt |
| Carl Young | 3/28 Judy Kochenour |
| 3/12 Donna Platt | 3/31 Muff Spangler |
| 3/15 Shirley Rice | Lindsey Wujcik |
| 3/16 Barry Arnold | |
| 3/17 Meta Palmer | |
| 3/20 Emily Raffensberger | |
| 3/23 Lisa Wolf | |





ZOOM WORSHIP **10 a.m. Sunday**

If you can't join us in person, worship with us
on Zoom & Facebook Live
View on your computer or call in and listen to the
worship service each week.

In addition to this guide, a weekly bulletin including all
hymns and readings may be downloaded from the
Luther Memorial website: lutherpeople.org

CONNECT WITH ZOOM

Type this address into your browser to join the webinar:
<https://zoom.us/j/95620305506> Type in Password 064255

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March Hymns and Readings

March 3, 2024 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Gathering: LBW 104 – In the Cross of Christ I Glory
Lessons: Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Cor. 1:18-25, John 2:13-22
Hymn of the Day: LBW 365 – Built on a Rock
Communion: LBW 532 – How Great Thou Art
Sending: LBW 415 – God of Grace & God of Glory

March 10, 2024 – 4th Sunday in Lent

Gathering: LBW 520 – Give to Our God Immortal Praise
Lessons: Numbers 21:4-9, Ps. 107:1-3, 17-22, Eph. 2:1-10, John 3:14-21
Hymn of the Day: LBW 385 – What Wondrous Love Is This
Communion: LBW 699 – Blessed Assurance
Sending: LBW 482 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

March 17, 2024 – 5th Sunday in Lent

Gathering: LBW 94 – My Song is Love Unknown
Lessons: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Ps 51:1-12, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33
Hymn of the Day: WOV 658 – The Word of God is Source and Seed
Communion: LBW 212 – Let Us Break Bread Together
Sending: LBW 377 – Lift High the Cross

Holy Week

March 24, 2024 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Gathering: LBW 108 – All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Lessons: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Ps. 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 11:1-11
Hymn of the Day: LBW 117 – O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
Communion: LBW 92 – Were You There
Sending: LBW 121 – Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

March 28, 2024 – Maundy Thursday

Gathering: ELW 712 – Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
Lessons: Ex.12:1-14, Ps.116:1-2, 12-19, 1 Cor.11:23-26,
John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Hymn of the Day: LBW 126 – Where Charity and Love Prevail
Communion: LBW 199 – Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior
Stripping of the Altar: Psalm 22 (chanted by the choir)

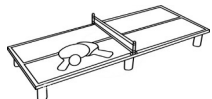


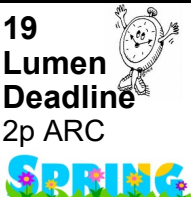




March 29, 2024—Good Friday

John 18—19

March 31, 2024—Easter Sunday

Gathering Hymn: LBW 151 – Jesus Christ is Risen Today
Lessons: Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8
Hymn of the Day: LBW 145 – Thine is the Glory
Communion Hymns: ELW 384 – That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright
ELW 385 – Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing
Sending Hymn: LBW 131 – Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 2p ARC	2 3p Grope Gr.
3 3rd Sunday in Lent 9a Bible Study 10a Worship 8p Search for Serenity	4 2p ARC 8p Grope	5 2p ARC	6 2p ARC 5:30p Supper 6p Choir 7p Service	7 2p ARC	8 8:30a Ping Pong 2p ARC 	9 3p Grope Gr. 
10 4th Sunday in Lent 9a Bible Study 10a Worship 8p Search for Serenity	11 2p ARC 8p Grope	12 2p ARC	13 2p ARC 3:30 Prayer Group 5:30p Supper 6p Choir 7p Service	14 1p Stitches of Love 2p ARC 6p York Beaders 7p Moms of T/T	15 2p ARC	16 3p Grope Gr.
17 5th Sunday in Lent 9a Bible Study 10a Worship 8p Search for Serenity 	18 2p ARC 7p Council 8p Grope	19 Lumen Deadline 2p ARC 	20 2p ARC 5:30p Supper 6p Choir 7p Service	21 12p Ladies Lunch @ Isaacs 2p ARC	22 2p ARC	23 3p Grope Gr.
24 Palm Sunday 9a Bible Study 10a Worship 11a Brunch 8p Search for Serenity 	25 2p ARC 7p Holy Week Vespers (Location TBD)	26 2p ARC	27 2p ARC 3:30 Prayer Group 6p Choir	28 2p ARC 7p Service 	29 2p ARC 7p Service 	30 3p Grope Gr.
31 Easter Sunday 10a Worship 8p Search for Serenity 	<p>Luther Memorial Church 1907 Hollywood Drive York, PA 17403</p>					

LEARN & GROW

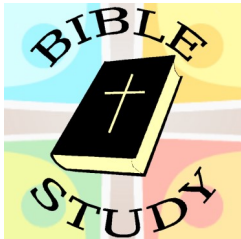


Prayer Group

Join a small but mighty group as we pray for our community, the church, and the world on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 3:30 PM in the Narthex; in March, we will meet on March 13 and March 27. Are you afraid to pray out loud? Please note that the prayers are pre-written and provided to you.

This would be a great opportunity for those who don't like to drive at night or are lonely, to get together with other people from church.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study



Topic: Women of the Bible
When: Sunday morning from 9:00-9:45 AM
Where: Narthex

Bible study continues to meet on Sunday morning at 9:00 AM in the Narthex; we will not meet on Easter Sunday. Join us for a time of lively conversation as we continue to explore the Scriptures that provide the foundation of our faith.

Large-print Bibles are available for you to use during this time, if you need. If you have an idea for the next topic, please let Pastor Vanessa know.



FELLOWSHIP



STITCHES OF LOVE

The knitting group meets the second Thursday of every month at 1 p.m. in the narthex. Bring your lunch. All are welcome!



Lunch with Pastor Vanessa!

During the season of Lent, I would like to spend time getting to know the people of Luther Memorial by inviting you to join me for lunch following worship (each person/family is responsible for their own meal). Each week will be limited to three families so that there is plenty of time for me to get to know you.

March 3 at iHop (108 Pauline Dr)

March 10 at Ferrante's Pizza and Italian (205 Pauline Dr)

March 17 at Primanti Bros (2151 S Queen St)



LM Ladies Lunch

On the 3rd Thursday of each month, the Ladies of Luther Memorial meet for lunch at noon at Isaac's on Pauline Drive.

If you need a ride, please let Pastor Vanessa know.

All ladies are welcome.

Looking Ahead

Save the Date!

Pastor Vanessa's installation will be held on Sunday, April 21 at 3:00 PM at Luther Memorial Church. Please put this on your calendar and make every effort to attend. More details will follow in the April Lumen.

Planning for Next Year!

The Congregation and Community Life Team is looking to host an Easter Egg Hunt for the community in 2025. If you have Easter eggs at home that are unused, feel free to drop them off at church or if you are out shopping and see a good deal, please consider purchasing Easter Eggs to help us prepare for next year.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are seeking volunteers to serve in in several ways before, after and during worship. **Sign up for the following worship duties on the bulletin board to the right of the glass narthex doors or call/email the church office:**

- ♦ **After worship Fellowship Hosts:** set-up, provide refreshments, and clean up providing parishioners
- ♦ **Ushers:** greet those coming in to worship
- ♦ **Altar Guild:** serve to set up and clean up the altar for worship
- ♦ **Lectors:** read the lessons during worship
- ♦ **Communion Assistants:** pour communion wine
- ♦ **Counters:** assist with counting the offering

YSEF Impact Foundation Food Pantry

We are collecting the most needed items for the Impact Foundation's Food Pantry. The needs change from week to week and you can find an updated list on the York Suburban Education Foundation's Facebook page or call the church office.

Food: Canned tune & chicken, spaghetti's, spaghetti sauce
Household: toilet paper, laundry detergent, tooth brushes, tooth paste, body wash, tissues

Items may be dropped off on Sunday morning in the basket to the right of the TV in the narthex. Thank you for your support!



Round-Up at the Register

The YSEF Impact Foundation Pantry is proud to be a part of the **@GIANT. Feeding School Kids Round Up Program!**

Now thru March 31, please **"Round Up at the Register"** at **GIANT**, to support efforts to eliminate childhood hunger.

Through this initiative, funds raised can be used to expand the YSEF IF Pantry's food distribution program, and help supply extra weekend meals to students and families in need.

Join us as we ROUND UP to fight hunger!



CHURCH COUNCIL



LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS JANUARY 15, 2024

OFFICER ELECTIONS:

President: Carol Little was nominated and elected.

Vice President: Jamie Taylor was nominated and elected.

Treasurer: Jim Platt was nominated and elected.

Secretary: Lois Larson was nominated and elected.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion passed to reinvest the \$250,000 in a new CD at Traditions Bank, for six months, at 5.15% interest.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Synod Benevolence for 2023. Motion passed to take \$1,017.67 from the "Ritter Trust Fund" to meet the pledge of \$11,000 to the Lower Susquehanna Synod.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of 3% increase in salary for Administrative Assistant.

Approval of updated job description for Administrative Assistant to be posted to seek a replacement.

Relationship with Tunduma Congregation in the Konde Diocese. To be assigned to the Outreach Committee.

Delegates for 2024 Synod Assembly. Tabled until February. Some interest shown by Karl Boldt and Roberta Freedman.

The meeting closed with Council praying the Lord's Prayer.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Date	Total Deposit	Undesignated Giving	Budget	Variance
1/2024	\$9,161	\$8,365	\$15,572	\$7,207
2/2024	TBD	TBD	TBD	

Voting Membership



In order to be considered a voting member of a church in the Evangelical Church in America, one must be a confirmed member of the congregation. Additionally, there is a requirement to have communed and made a contribution of record in the present or preceding calendar year. This means that the church must have on record giving in any amount AND also must record that you have had the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are communing at home during the broadcast worship, please let us know so that we may record that on your behalf in the church records. If you would like to schedule to have Pastor Vanessa Visit and provide you Holy Communion, please call the church office at 717-854-1219 or email info@lutherpeople.org



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

We are pleased to welcome Patricia 'Pat' Potter to the staff as the Administrative Assistant. Please welcome Pat and we appreciate your patience during this transition.

Church Office

Jennifer Morris is functioning as the Administrative Assistant to do necessary tasks, however, there are no stated office hours for that position at this time. Please contact the church office via phone 717-854-1219 or email info@lutherpeople.org for assistance.

PASTOR VANESSA'S OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Vanessa will be in the office

Monday 10 a.m.—3 p.m.

Wednesday 12 p.m.—6 p.m.

Thursday 10 a.m.—3 p.m.

In the event of an emergency, Pastor Vanessa Storlie may be reached either by phone/text at 717-819-1325 or by email; luthermemorialpastorv@gmail.com

COUNCIL FOCUS AREAS

Stewardship Team

will oversee property issues, finances and staff relations
Craig Campbell, Karl Boldt, Jamie Taylor, Jim Platt

Spiritual Life Team

will oversee Faith Formation, Altar Guild, and worship and music
Bert Freedman, Lois Larson, Carol Heiss, Carol Little

Congregational and Community Life

will oversee Social Ministry projects, Fellowship and outreach.
Bert Freedman, Karl Boldt, Jamie Taylor,
Peg Ebersole, Tammy Taylor

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL AND STAFF

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Council President **Carol Little—717-870-6784**

Vice President **James Taylor—717-893-4562**

Council Secretary **Lois Larson—785-212-1440**

Treasurer **Jim Platt—717-757-6907**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Karl Boldt—717-848-5283

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Carol Heiss—717-894-8493

Tammy Taylor—717-891-3235

STAFF

Pastor Vanessa Storlie, 717-819-1325

luthermemorialpastorv@gmail.com

Jennifer Morris, Administrative Assistant

Emily Morris, Worship Broadcast Technician

Richard George, Music Director

Charles D. Kress, Sexton



April Lumen Deadline: March 19

Please submit all items to info@lutherpeople.org,
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Please keep your contact information

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