



IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER church cancellation will be announced on CBS 21 Stormwatch, ABC 27 Snow Watch, and www.wgal.com. The answering machine will also be changed to inform you of any cancellation.



HE GIVES SNOW LIKE WOOL;
HE SCATTERS THE FROST LIKE ASHES.
HE CASTS FORTH HIS ICE AS FRAGMENTS;
WHO CAN STAND BEFORE HIS COLD?
PSALM 147:16-17



"Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!... He gives snow like wool; He scatters the frost like ashes. He casts forth His ice as fragments, Who can stand before His cold? He sends forth His word and melts them He causes His wind to blow and the waters to flow."

~Psalm 147:12-18

Many of us are not winter people. We all know someone who is a "snow bird"- that person who escapes to Florida at the hint of snow only to return after the first robin sighting. But winter is a season that is meant to be enjoyed. Who can't help but to smile at the beauty of a freshly fallen snow as it glistens in the morning light? And how about the joy that glows in your heart as you watch the cardinals and the sparrows visiting your backyard feeders?

Yes it is cold. Yes winter days are short, and the darkness seems to go on and on. But winter can be a time of slowing down. The busyness of life seems to take pause this time of year. It is a time when we can refresh ourselves and seek to renew our Spiritual lives. Perhaps God did know what God was doing when He gave to us four seasons. Perhaps the winter's quietness is a season that was designed to give us space to read more of God's Word, to connect with God's Spirit in prayer, and to find solace in listening to the quiet stillness of God's voice.

Don't let this season pass you by. Don't be in a big hurry to fly the coop. In the fullness of winter's frigidness, warm yourself in the slowness of season. Let the glow of Jesus' loving presence make your life complete.

Stay warm,

Rev. Kathy



Our Members: John & Maybelle Altland, Mabel Baer, Lily Mae Bakner, Karen Bathgate, Mary Jo Bollinger, Barry Brown, Lisa Crisamore, Dale Danner, Clara Eisenhart, Jeff & Kathy Flickinger, Allen Hoke, Betty Hoke, Pam Kiser, Helen Klindedinst, Grace Kraft, Gladys Leese, Sandy Lehman, Marie Luckabaugh, Cole McKowen, Lois Nelson, Allison Orchowski, Pat Parks, Donny Pasmore, Linda Pentz, Ruby Ruth, Brenda Starner, Norma Strausbaugh, John & Ruth Yohe. **Friends of the congregation:** Janet Betlyon, Joe Crisamore, Johnny Davis, Dubé/Stanton family, Janet Eichelberger, Clarence Fritz, Michelle Gemmill, Wayne, Theda, & Tim Jacoby, Hailey & Logan Kehoe, Sharon Krout, Judy Luckabaugh, Caleb Martz, William, Mazol, Carissa McComas, Carol Melhorn, Diane Moul, James Mummert, Keith Myers, Bo Rhodes, Kurt Riser, Jackson Salemme, Mindy Shively, Sandy Shultz, Donna Spinelli, Irene Walker, Deb Warner, Karen Wintrey, Vicki Zanni, Mike Zohrbaugh. **Our friends at home** who we want to know are missed, yet are always in our hearts. **The men and women proudly serving our country:** Josh Barday, Phillip Hammond, Kody Lauchman, Joey Myers, Brandon Shepard, Shane Warner.



from the Music Minister

All the choirs immediately jumped from rehearsing Christmas music to 1 or 2 general pieces and then music for Easter! It is quite a sudden change this year with Easter being so early. Many from the Sanctuary Choir have been rehearsing music for Easter since September of last year! A mass choir of approximately 80 voices from several area churches will be presenting the cantata, "Behold The Lamb" by Lloyd Larson on Palm Sunday, March 20th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Trinity Road. For further information please see the announcement and invitation included in this newsletter. Mark your calendars and start Holy Week by enjoying this musical and narrative worship experience!

February Rehearsal Schedule

Sunday, February 14th & 28th

9:30 A.M. Joyful Singers

Thursday, February 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

6:30 P.M. Chime Choir

7:00 P.M. Sanctuary Choir & Men's Chorus

February Special Music

February 7th Sanctuary Choir

February 14th Chime Choir

February 21st Sanctuary Choir

February 28th Joyful Singers

Darlene

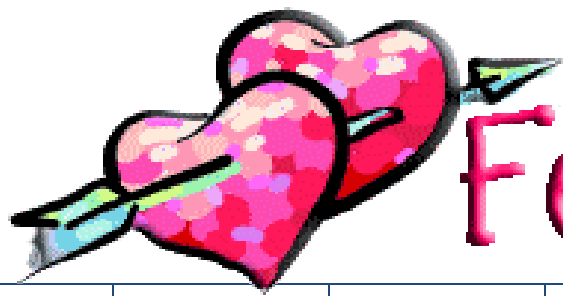
P.S. Nature report... well as the weather turned colder, the blue birds returned in numbers waiting for their early morning feeding of mealworms! The woodpeckers are eating more suet! The gold finches are back in groups hanging on the socks filled with thistle seed, and all the others are fighting over a perchfighting feeder serving sunflower seed! That about covers the menu of The Miner's Feathered Restaurant! I can't say the profits are great but the rewards are many! We have been seeing the pileated woodpeckers quite frequently again and hearing the Owls at night and early morning. And in addition to the birds, a few deer will occasionally stroll through the yard. It all keeps us entertained and at times gives us some great photo "oops"! So I'll keep on feeding and watching God's little creatures!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR and attend the ecumenical choir cantata, "Behold the Lamb!" directed by Connie Dunklebarger, on Palm Sunday, March 20th, at 2:30 PM at St. Paul (Trinity) Lutheran Church, Trinity Rd, York (beside Adams Electric on Route 616). The choir is made up of many singers from different denominations from around our community.

BEHOLD THE LAMB is a musical and narrative journey that underscores the significant price that Jesus paid for our freedom and salvation. It blends original melodies with timeless hymns to create a compelling worship experience and dramatic reminder of God's relentless love and grace.

There would be no better way to begin your walk through Holy Week than to experience this cantata for yourself! Please plan to attend... the harp preludes begin at 2:00 PM



February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 31 Potluck Breakfast 9:00 AM Worship Service w/ Healing 10:30 AM Harvest of Hope Offering	Feb 1	Feb 2 	Feb 3	Feb 4 Chime Choir 6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Men's Chorus 7:00 PM	Feb 5	Feb 6 Fellowship Hall in use 9 AM-4 PM
Feb 7  Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM	Feb 8  Church Council Meeting 7:00 PM	Feb 9	Feb 10  Ash Wednesday Supper 6:00 PM Service 7:00 PM	Feb 11 Chime Choir 6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Men's Chorus 7:00 PM	Feb 12	Feb 13
Feb 14 Sunday School 9:30 AM Joyful Singers 9:30 AM Worship Service w/ communion 10:30 AM	Feb 15 WIMPS 7:00 PM 	Feb 16	Feb 17 Supper 6:00 PM Service 7:00 PM	Feb 18 Chime Choir 6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Men's Chorus 7:00 PM	Feb 19	Feb 20
Feb 21 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Annual Meeting	Feb 22	Feb 23	Feb 24 Supper 6:00 PM Service 7:00 PM	Feb 25 Chime Choir 6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Men's Chorus 7:00 PM	Feb 26	Feb 27
Feb 28 Sunday School 9:30 AM Joyful Singers 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM	Feb 29	March 1	March 2 Supper 6:00 PM Service 7:00 PM	March 3 Chime Choir 6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Men's Chorus 7:00 PM	March 4	March 5

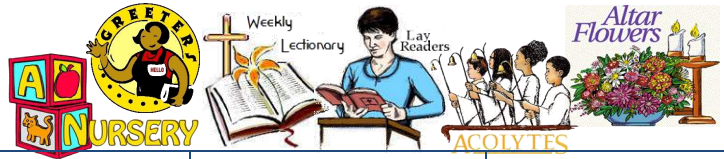


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Thank you to our Volunteers!



	February 7 Transfiguration Sunday	February 14 1st Sunday in Lent	February 21 2nd Sunday in Lent	February 28 3rd Sunday in Lent
Ushers	Nancy Cherry & Jean Weidler			
Altar Guild	Delphine Waltersdorff			
Lectionary	Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:2-36 (37-43a)	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35	Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9
Altar Flowers	Martha Smeltz	<i>curly willow</i>	<i>curly willow</i>	<i>curly willow</i>
Memorial Vase			Tammy Wetzell	Barry & Tammy Wetzell
Acolyte	Mikayla Gebhart	Cole McKowen	Ryan McKowen	Joe Crisamore
Worship Leader	Dave Wiker	Don Carl	Kim DeGroft	Jenell McKowen
Lay Reader	Dave Wiker	Don Carl	Jean Weidler	Allen Hoke
Greeters	Wendy Carl Nancy King	Julie White Steve Miner	Linda Pentz Jim Luckabaugh	Melisa Altland Karen Bathgate
Nursery	Beth Mensinger			
Children's Portion	Jess Waltersdorff	Julie White	Melisa Altland	Rev. Kathy
Special Music	Sanctuary Choir	Chime Choir	Sanctuary Choir	Joyful Singers
Money Counters Mondays @ 12 noon	Bill Waltersdorff Betty Thomas Janet Brown	<u>Tuesday, February 16</u> Carol Brown Joanne Hoffman Jim Messinger	Elvin Myers Lois Nelson Kim DeGroft	Darlene Miner Betty Thomas Janet Brown



GREETERS ARE NEEDED for both doors on May 15th at 10:30 AM. Please see Darlene.



LENTEN



Mid-Week Worship

Lent gets underway on Wednesday, February 10th. Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. The Worship Committee has planned several opportunities to assist you in this time of self-reflection. We begin on the 10th with an Ash Wednesday service of imposition of ashes. Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. The service focuses on both themes helping us to realize that both have been triumphed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Then on Wednesday evenings we will gather together for a time of camaraderie and instruction. In the Fellowship Hall we will share a simple meal of soup and sandwiches. Then we will gather around the piano for a devotional time of songs, prayers and discussion. We will be discussing the latest Lenten devotional book by Adam Hamilton: "John: The Gospel of Light and Life." Here we will follow the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus through the Gospel of John. The book will be made available to everyone who would like a copy, and it is encouraged that you do read along, but we believe you will still receive an instructional blessing if you do not read the book. If you want a copy of the book ordered for you, please use the signup sheet in the overflow room. There is also a signup sheet to volunteer to help to provide the meals.



Council News

- Rev. Kathy reported that more money has come in for our adopted family. She will visit them and arrange for another check to Family First Health.
- Lenten plans from the Music & Worship committee were presented. Ash Wednesday service will be on February 10th in the sanctuary. On the following Wednesday evenings, after a supper of soup and sandwiches, we will remain downstairs for the service. The services will be a combination of worship and book study. You may order a copy of the book to read, but it is not required to participate in the service. On Maundy Thursday, the Last Supper will be recreated downstairs with communion. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be combined on Thursday evening. The Easter Sunrise service will begin inside at 6:58 AM.
- We have received a \$1200 grant to buy a screen for use with Christian Education and Vacation Bible School. The Council authorized additional money to cover installation costs.
- Rev. Kathy would like to decorate a Sunday School room to be appealing for the youth and the confirmation class. Council authorized her to paint and obtain some furniture and a TV. A wish list will be published. If you wish to donate anything or help paint, please let the Council or Rev. Kathy know.
- Council recognizes we need to offer more support for our church volunteers, without whom we could not function. We are also in need of helpers on the altar guild and money counters. Please prayerfully consider helping and tell a Council member.
- New officers for this year are: President - Nancy Cherry, Vice-Pres. - Sandy Lehman, Secretary - Julie White, Treasurer - Jean Gross, Chaplain - Elvin Myers

Easter Sunday



Easter Sunday

- Sunrise Service 6:58 AM
- Breakfast 8:00 AM
- Sunday School 9:30 AM
- Worship Service 10:30 AM



YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM RENOVATION:

Plans for a Confirmation Class are underway. We are hopeful that an opportunity for our young people to more deeply explore their faith will get underway in the next few months. In order for this experience to be as meaningful as possible, the room where the youth meet in is in need of a 'facelift.' Consistory has agreed that it is time to invest in our young people, and we are asking for your help. We would like to create space that is more inviting for young people - more like "their world." We are looking to give the room a fresh updated coat of paint, enhance the lighting with table and floor lamps, hang a smart screen TV on the wall, and replace the folding tables and chairs with comfortable furniture. In addition a snack bar area would provide hospitality for the youth as they come together in conversation. If you would like to donate to this project, you can do so financially or you can donate furniture or electronics. See Rev. Kathy for more information.



NEW MEMBER'S GROUP: Have you been attending church for a while, but have never "officially" added your name to our church membership? Have you been away from the church for some time and feel the movement of the Spirit calling you to "come home?" Reverend Kathy is looking to form a group who are interested in exploring their faith and see if God is calling them to become members of the congregation. Call the church, or Reverend Kathy, to express your interest in learning how to deepen your commitment to God's Call, strengthen your faith, and become a full disciple of Jesus Christ.



Women In Ministry Praise & Service

THE WIMPS will be holding an Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, March 19th at 1:00 PM. There will be a few activities prior to the egg hunt and a snack following it. There will be no need for anyone to bring colored eggs as we will be using only plastic eggs. We would appreciate contributions of an assortment of miniature candies to be used in filling the eggs. There will be a box in the overflow room to accept the candy at a later date in March. Additional information will follow in the bulletin and the March newsletter! Please mark your calendars now and save the date for fun!

We also have decided to designate \$500 from our fall tea profits to be used in the young children's Sunday School room for tables and whatever else they might need to make the room look attractive and more functional for our youngest members! They are our future and it's important to remember their needs!

Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 15th at 7:00. We will be finalizing the plans for the egg hunt and start organizing the old office/computer room downstairs. Anyone who has anything stored in that room is invited to help by being there that evening or at least giving prior instructions as to what must be kept and what can be disposed of. Please, we need your cooperation in this area to better utilize and organize that space! Thank you in advance for your support of these activities!



OUR DEEPEST CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES are extended to Sue Sanders & family on the death of her father, Burnell Myers, who passed away on January 9th.

OUR DEEPEST CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES are extended to Anna Mae Mummert & family on the death of her husband, Harry Mummert, who passed away on January 14th.



THANK YOU to the Ladies of Lischey's for remembering and treating the older members of our congregation to a beautiful poinsettia. It is very much appreciated by all.
Norma & Bob Strausbaugh

THANK YOU to everyone for the many cards and condolences and to the Ladies of Lischeys for the poinsettia following the death of Pat's father. *The McKowen family*

DEAR ST. PETER'S LISCHEY'S CONGREGATION,

We would like to express our most heartfelt thanks for the generous donations made by you to pay for dental work for our family in 2016!

We prayed to God that somehow we would be able to afford to have the work done that is sorely needed and He answered our prayers through you! You all will certainly be in our prayers this year!!

Once again, we thank you for your generosity!

The Bernstein family,

Gary, Marti, Gracie, Karlie, & Jaxyn

WITH HEARTFELT GLADNESS, I wish to say thank you for a meaningful Advent and Christmas Season. I received many lovely gifts and cards, and I am so appreciative of each thoughtful act. I look forward to serving our Living God together as we journey into the New Year!

With gratitude,

Rev. Kathy



HARVEST OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY needs the following items for their Easter meals: Hams (2-6 lbs.), Cake Mix, Frosting, Boxed Stuffing, Gravy, Boxed Mashed Potatoes. They also have the following ongoing needs: Canned Pasta, Canned Beef Stew, Canned Soups (Chicken Noodle, Tomato or Rice), Boxed Macaroni and Cheese, Spaghetti Sauce, Helpers (Hamburger, Chicken or Tuna), Peanut Butter, Boxed Rice, Boxed Potatoes, Canned Fruit, Pork and Beans, and Vegetarian Beans. If you are able to donate any of these items, please place them in the box in the bell tower vestibule.



(* - over 80)

- February 1 **Mary Jo Bollinger***
- February 4 Connie Neiderer
Matthew Neiderer
- February 5 **Katie Sanders***
- February 6 **Joan Folmer***
- February 9 Karen Bathgate
- February 10 Diane Myers
Karla Waltersdorff
- February 12 Patsy Parks
- February 15 Mikayla Gebhart
- February 16 Kathye Shue
- February 18 Colin Walker
- February 19 Timothy Bolden
- February 21 Raymond Heindel III
George Luckenbaugh
Bethany Pasmore
- February 23 Dylan Kramer
- February 26 Sage Freed
Heath O'Neal
- February 28 Scott Carl
Kara Starner

forever & always

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- February 12, 1983 Scott & Susan Sanders
- February 14, 1982 Thomas & Julie Waltersdorff
- February 14, 1982 Jacob & Cheryl Albright
- February 27, 1971 Thomas & Joanne Hoffman



SOUPER-BOWL DONATIONS will be received for the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry through February 7th. Monetary and non-perishable food donations will be greatly appreciated!

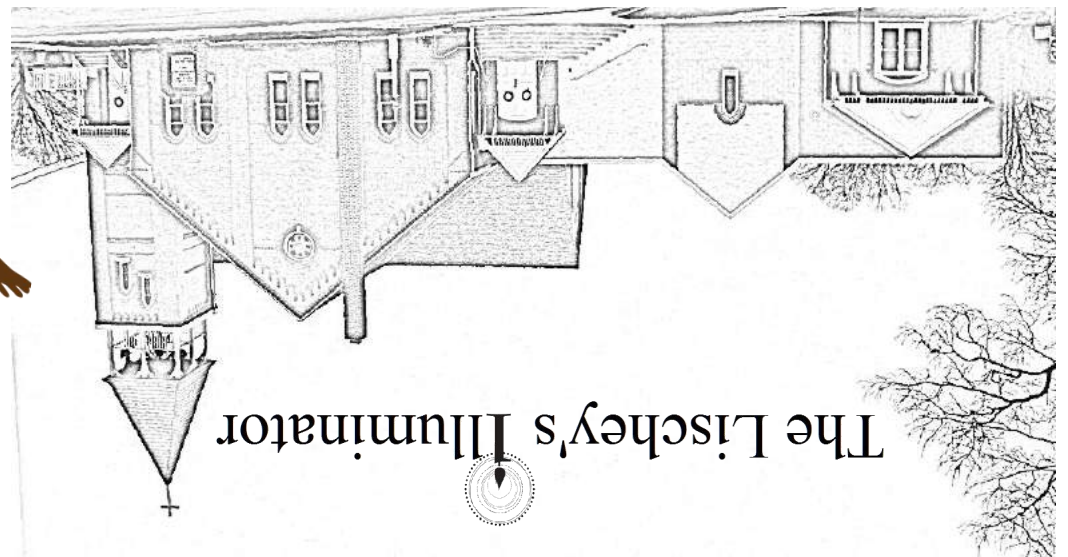
St. Peter's Lischey's United Church of Christ
5671 Lischeys Church Rd.
Spring Grove, PA 17362

February

Worship Service
10:30 AM

Sunday School
9:30 AM

Sundays



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If you are spiritually weary and in search of rest,
If you are mourning and you long for comfort;
If you are struggling and you desire victory;
If you recognize that you are a sinner and need a Savior -
God welcomes you here in the name of Christ.
To the stranger in need of fellowship,
to those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
And to whoever will come -