

LUTHERAN LETTER



Union Evangelical Lutheran Church

March 2021

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. (Romans 8:22-25)

At the dawn of 2021, the rapid development of the coronavirus vaccines by multiple laboratories added an optimistic glow to forecasts of sunnier days in the not-too-distant future.

Unfortunately, things are looking a bit less rosy now. Most people are desperate for progress toward a semblance of normalcy and now will have to wait a bit longer. And there's some anxiety, as well with the advent of more transmissible mutated variants of COVID-19. It has come down to a race between the virus and these eagerly awaited vaccines. There's no getting around the facts: These are the rough waters that the new leadership at federal and state levels must navigate.

The most useful message we can communicate is a request for patience — both in waiting for adequate doses to arrive at a reliable pace, and in continued adherence to the well-worn social-distancing, mask-wearing and hand-washing protocols.

And the truth about the coronavirus is that, vaccinated or not, people who let down their guard still will face an uncertain risk. Being careful must remain the watchword for the foreseeable future. As Paul writes, "I therefore...beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love."

Pastor Camp

ELCA WORLD HUNGER

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When Kamini Dhurvey was just a child, her mother died and her father remarried. Her stepmother abused her, and her father did nothing to protect her.

Unprotected and unsafe, Kamini left home when she was older and eventually found a place to rent and a job in a small shop. But even out on her own, she did not feel safe. Kamini feared that the landlord would harm her. Then one day, Kamini learned about Naari Shakti, a project of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Madhya Pradesh, India, that is supported in part by **ELCA World Hunger**.

Naari Shakti works for gender equality through advocacy for women's rights, provides training in tailoring and computer skills, and offers emergency medical assistance to girls and women in vulnerable situations. The project also provides housing assistance and psychosocial services to those who need it.

With counseling and support from the project, Kamini was able to leave the place she was renting and move into a hostel for girls. The project later arranged for her to stay in a women's rehabilitation center, where she is now living and pursuing her studies. Kamini has found a home at the center.

The Naari Shakti program provides women a safe place to live, books and additional help for their education. This is just one project of hundreds supported by **ELCA World Hunger** in 60 countries around the world. With your generous gifts, women like Kamini can find the resources and support they need and hope for a better future.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP KITS

During the pandemic, many of our church family members and many members of our surrounding community are joining our virtual worship services every week.

We are offering Holy Week worship kits for these folks. Each kit will include palm branches, Holy Week devotions, and communion kits.

If you would like a Holy Week worship kit for your family, please email the office at

office@ulclv.org or call 610-767-6884. Please indicate the number of people in your family. Packets will be ready for pick up at the church Sunday, March 22nd and during office hours the following week.

(If you are unable to pick up your kit, please let us know and we will deliver.)

Join us for “Drive Thru Communion”

March 7th & 28th

Pastor Camp will offer
Holy Communion.
Come anytime

between 11:00 AM to
noon.

Enter the parking lot
and proceed to the
covered entrance way.
There Pastor will offer
prayers, communion
and a blessing.

Communion will be
served using individual
sealed cups which in-
clude both the wafer



First Communion Class

will be offered for chil-
dren in First Grade or
older on March 21st im-
mediately following 9:00
AM worship. Pastor will
teach the meaning of
Communion and prepare
our children to receive
Communion during the
Maundy Thursday Ser-
vice on April 1st 7:00
PM.

To register, please email
the church office at

office@ulclv.org.



Council Report

Review of finances— January giving is 11.4% higher than last year. Expenses were lower by 16.5% comparing to January 2020. The church mortgage was paid off using accrued rental income.

Reopening Team— recommends that outdoor services continue in the parking lot through at least March. Team will continue to monitor.

Christian Life— discussing virtual church membership for folks who join us for online worship

Social Ministry Committee - 394 cans of soup were collected for Souper Bowl Sunday for our Lil' Pantry & Parkland Cares Food Pantry

Youth Group—17 youth going snow tubing on Feb. 27th

Fellowship Committee—delivered Lenten packets to families; Drive thru Easter Egg Hunt scheduled March 27th 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Worship and Music — discussing how/when to celebrate paying off of church mortgage



Pastor's Report -

- ◇ Radio frequency for parking lot worship changed to 97.3 FM in order to minimize static
- ◇ using new equipment which allows us to balance musical recordings for virtual worship services
- ◇ ordering "easier to open" communion kits

Next Meeting

March 15th

at 7 pm via

Zoom Conference

What's happening in Happy Hour in March?

Happy Hour - Join us on Zoom every Sunday at 10:30 AM. You do not have to be a "Bible scholar" to join in; our sessions are very informal. Watch your emails each week to receive your Zoom link!

March 7 - Terry Hoffman will lead our discussion based on the book, The God Dog Connection - "Things I've Learned about God and Faith from the Dogs and Cats in My Life" by Marti Healy. Anyone who has experienced the unconditional love from a pet will "get it"! Bring a picture of your pet or better yet, have your pet attend the Zoom with you!

March 14 - Dianne Gillikin leads today's discussion based on an article from the Living Lutheran magazine, "Discipleship in a democracy - How Should Lutherans be involved in politics?"

March 21-- Everybody has some...maybe you even are one. What are we talking about? **Grandparents!!!!** Join Patti Hoffman as we talk about "the Spirituality of Grandparenting". How did your grandparents influence your faith? How are you sharing your faith with your grandkids?

The logo for "Happy Hour" is written in a white, cursive, handwritten-style font. It is set against a teal square background with white radiating lines emanating from behind the text, giving it a bright, sunburst-like appearance.

March 28 - Herb Gifford will lead "Making Senses of Holy Week." Be sure to tune-in for what is sure to be a great session.

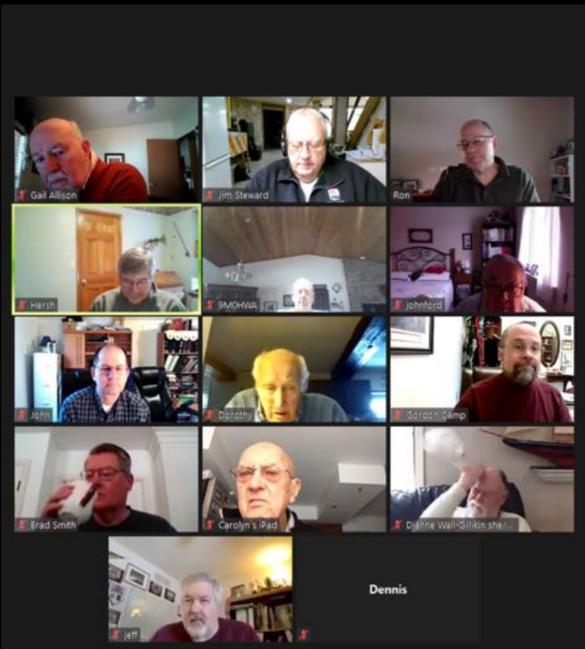
The graphic consists of two overlapping speech bubbles. The larger one is orange and contains the word "Join" in white, sans-serif font. The smaller one is blue and contains the word "us" in white, sans-serif font. A third, smaller grey speech bubble is partially visible behind the orange one.

Annual Men's Retreat

Did SNOW stop them?...NO!

Did Covid-19 stop them?...NO!

**Nothing stops the men of ULC from
"meeting", socializing and learning
about the Bible with each other!**



All the recent snow did not stop the property committee from installing the crosses out front of the church.



COVID-19 Vaccines

LVHN: 484-884-1767

St. Luke's: 1-866-785-8537

Information from the CDC Website regarding taking medications before and after COVID-19 vaccines.

Management of post-vaccination symptoms

Antipyretic or analgesic medications (e.g., acetaminophen, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs) can be taken for the treatment of post-vaccination local or systemic symptoms, if medically appropriate. However, routine prophylactic administration of these medications for the purpose of preventing post-vaccination symptoms is not currently recommended, because information on the impact of such use on mRNA COVID-19 vaccine-induced antibody responses is not available at this time.

EASTER BUNNY WILL BE PRESENT TO WAVE AS THE KIDDOS DRIVE BY

Egg Hunt

Drive Thru Edition

CONTACT THE OFFICE TO RSVP
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MARCH 27TH
1 - 2 PM

ALL CHILDREN NEWBORN - AGE 12 INVITED



Bible Study

...please consider joining us for our monthly bible study via Zoom! Our next "meeting" is Saturday, March 6, at 8 a.m. In this third of a series of four, we will continue our discussion of angels concentrating on those angels who bring comfort to God's people and to us. Please call Linda Rebuck at 610-613-6196 or email at crebuck@hotmail.com OR Linda.rebuck@gmail.com to make arrangements or learn more.

We'd love to "see" you!



Winter chill bringing you down? Warm up to some fun with our weekly Sunday School videos! Check in each week for the latest bible lesson, story, and song! New videos are uploaded every week and are available at any time!

The newest member of the
Union Lutheran family

Aria Jane Weinert

Baptized 2/21/21

Parents

Alexander & Jenna (Beidleman) Weinert

Sponsors

Justin & Angela Beidleman



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Jacqueline Schneck

Advent Packets back by popular demand...in the form of

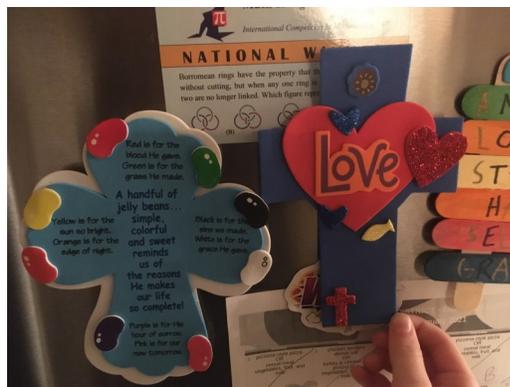
Lenten Packets!

Diane Ward, Cindy Pugh and Patti Hoffman were at it again. These busy ladies assembled 250 Lenten Packets with 3 groups in mind; Children, Teens and Adults.

The packets contained everything from; Devotionals, to word searches and crosswords puzzles, to Daily Lenten Journey Boards. But they didn't forget the candy, Instagram booklets and Guardian Angels.

Many, many, many miles were traveled by Terry and Patti to ensure all members received their packets in time for the Lenten season and just in time before the next snow storm!!!

All of these efforts were done to help your Lenten Journey be blessed and full.



A Lenten-Easter 2021

Message from the Decorating Committee

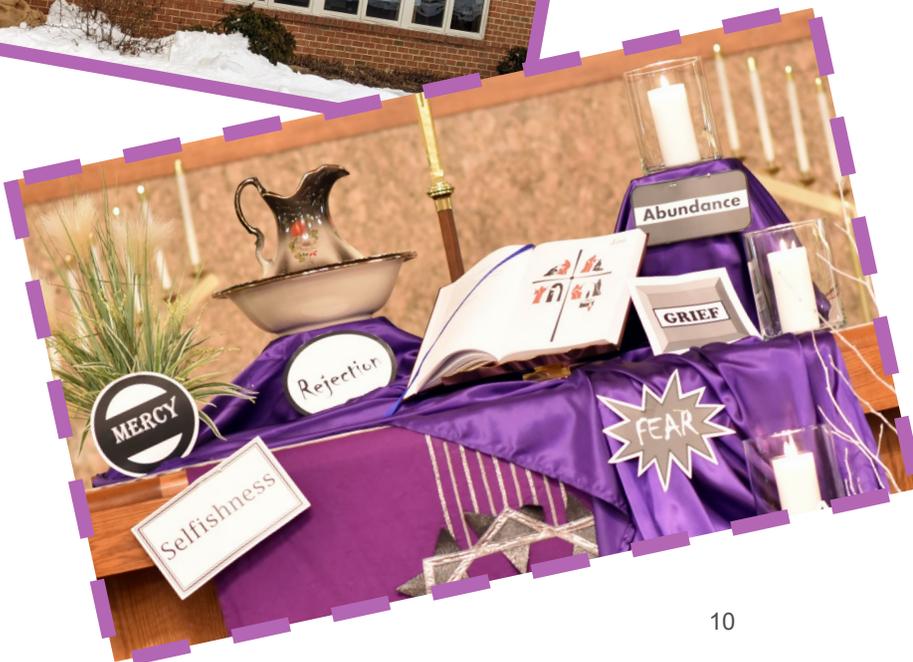
Throughout the church year, the Decorating Committee searches for ways to enhance our congregation's worship experience through visual presentations. This year we take our inspiration from an article by Diane Brown ([Decorating the Altar and Sanctuary for Lent and Easter](#): Online at Holidappy.com, March 17, 2020)

Diane Brown is an artist and illustrator living in Texas and is a member of her congregation's Liturgical Art Group. Her article details how and why they chose to use sticks and branches that represent sin to create a Lenten cross.

The "dryness, brokenness, and death" of the sticks and branches placed on the cross, presents a compelling imagery of giving up "our sin, our burdens, and our suffering" to Christ. In the giving up to Jesus, we reach a deeper relationship with Him.

In the weeks to come, our cross will grow with the addition of sticks and branches. As we move from Lent into Easter, our cross will make a remarkable transformation into an Easter cross. Wait and see the joy of Easter as our Lenten cross makes that transformation. Bring your sin, in the form of a simple branch, on any Sunday in Lent and it will be laid at the foot of the cross of Jesus for you.

It is the Decorating Committee's hope that our choice, to take our inspiration from Diane Brown, will help all of us to have a closer relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021

Come receive your palm
and celebrate this special day.



Worship will be held in the parking
lot beginning at 9 AM.



Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021

Worship will be held in the
parking lot beginning at 7 PM.

Good Friday

April 2, 2021

Remember the day that Jesus
gave his life for us.



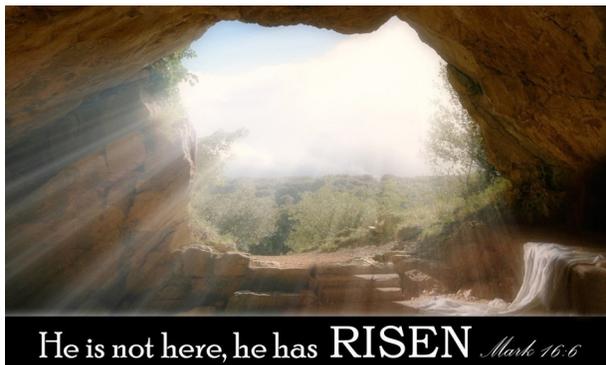
Worship will be held at 7 PM in
the parking lot.

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

Come celebrate the day that love
conquered the grave!

We will hold services
at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.



Drive thru Communion is offered
from 10:00 - 10:30 AM



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"Our Mission is to follow Jesus and serve as He would."