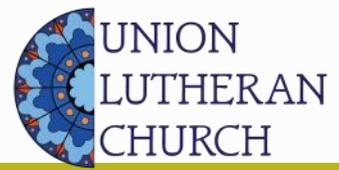


LUTHERAN LETTER



Union Evangelical Lutheran Church

April 2022

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

As I write this note, the church is preparing to make our journey through Holy Week to the celebration of our Lord's resurrection on April 17th. And even though the past twenty-four months have provided a busy, active, and turbulent news cycle, we have suffered through a pandemic the likes of which haven't been seen in over 100 years, an attack on the U.S. Capitol Building, violence in our streets and the return of the horror of war. However, the news we rejoice in goes back almost 2000 years continues to overshadow everything else.

What news could be bigger than that the world's true King has defeated our greatest enemies forever? What news could be bigger than that life has triumphed over death – not just for Jesus, but for all who are found in Him, for all who live by faith in Him?

If you have experienced grief and loss this year, the message that Christ is risen has the power to transform that grief, for the crucified and living Christ has experienced your grief fully. He knows what you go through. And even better, He has done something about the sin and brokenness that ultimately causes our grief. He has erased the guilt of our sin in His death, and He lives forever to be our ever-present help and comfort in time of need. And if you are looking for hope, then look no further! Some people put their hope in politicians. Some people put their hope in medical developments. Christians have the joy of putting our hope in the One who has destroyed the power of death. In Jesus, we are guaranteed a hope and a future. In Him, all creation is given the promise of new life. Eternity in His presence. Reunions with those we've loved and laid to rest in the Lord. No more evil, no more death, and no more night. These are not wishes, but God's guarantee we've been given because Jesus lives. God bless you this month, and I look forward to celebrating this glorious news again with you in the weeks to come!

Blessings and Happy Easter, *Pastor* Camp

Cat. Class

April 3rd

team building FLC

April 24th

Nave 9:45—10:30 am
(moved due to Easter)



Bible Study

Join us on **Saturday, April 2,** at 8 a.m. in Sunday School room 202 when we'll continue our study using the book "*The Women of Easter*" by Liz Curtis Higgs. This is a very informal gathering of women who like to discuss faith issues and be supportive of each other. Please consider joining us! If you have any questions, please contact Linda Rebeck at linda.rebeck@gmail.com OR at 610-613-6196.

HAPPY HOUR

Join us in Room 206-207

April 3rd and 10th

“Jesus Christ Superstar”

Let's watch the 50th Anniversary edition of the famous musical featuring John Legend, Alice Cooper, Sara Bareilles

Telling the story of Jesus' last days

April 17th

Happy Easter

April 24th

Holy Humor Sunday

Let's celebrate Jesus' victory over the grave by "laughing" at the darkness!

Join Ron Pugh and Patti Hoffman and be ready to laugh.

Bring a joke to share with the gang!



Easter Sunday Flowers

Sponsorship/ Dedications:

ministries@ulclv.org

\$10 each

Sponsors can pick
up flowers after the

9 am service on

EASTER

SUNDAY



Drive Thru

Saturday, April 9

1-2:00 pm

Special Guest-

The Easter Bunny



ministries@ulclv.org

Council **Report** Highlights from the March 21, 2022 Meeting

Next meeting: April 25, 2022 at 7:00 PM Room 206-207.

Financial update – Giving to the budget expenses are lower this year due to 2 cancelled worship services. Future Building Maintenance (FBM) contributions are increasing based on the Finance Committee's plea to support important property repairs and improvements. Thank you to the Heintzelman Funeral Home who donated \$10,000 in memory of Richard Heintzelman for the FBM Fund. ULC will be receiving a memorial in excess of \$12,000 from the William Kisthardt Estate for our FBM appeal. Designer Purse Bingo fundraiser is scheduled for May 22. Proceeds will benefit the FBM.

Reopening Committee discussed the current decisions allowing more singing during the worship services, relaxed mask wearing directives and limited food service in the building.

Pastor reports: youth will be leading worship on May 1st; 12 children will receive First Communion on Maundy Thursday, new members are joining our church family and we are seeing many folks visiting our worship services; office hours will be changing as of April 1 in order to accommodate current office work flow and needs of ULC.

Fellowship Committee – planning Egg Hunt, Ice Cream Sundae Sunday, Strawberry Shortcake Sunday, Iron Pigs baseball game, 3 summer Sunday breakfasts, Dinner & Movie Nights and Much More!

Library Committee – Little Library damage to the plexiglass window was replaced. Book Fare date set - Sept. 11th.

Social Ministry is collecting toilet paper for Lehigh Conference of Churches; children's clothing for Palm Sunday, Easter goodies for Parkland Cares as well as food for the local food pantries.

Worship/Music Committee presented battery operated taper candles to be used in the pew candleholders. Advantages: safer and ease of use. Council approved purchase. Committee suggesting changes to the worship services as Covid safety protocols are relaxing including Communion at the Altar and increased singing during the services.

Open Office Hours effective April 1, 2022

Monday-Thursday: 9 to 1:00 pm

Friday & Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Worship and Activities

If someone is in need of access to the building other than these hours, contact the office for arrangements. office@ulclv.org 610-767-6884

Proceeds benefit Future Building Maintenance

DESIGNER PURSE

VERA
BRADLEY



MICHAEL
KORS

Sunday, May 22, 2022

Union Lutheran Church, 5500 Rt. 873 Schnecksville, Pa

Doors open at Noon

Bingo starts promptly at 1 pm

\$20/20 games + SPECIALS

To reserve your spot:

(first come first served)

KATE
SPADE

COACH



ministries@ulclv.org



610.767.6884



www.ulclv.org

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

First 100 reservations are entered into a drawing for a



Coach
zip wallet

Kitchen is open

Bake Sale

50/50 Raffle

Click to reserve your spot <https://neartail.com/us/>

Funeral Luncheons – Due to the lowering Covid numbers, we are now able to offer funeral luncheons for our church family. If you would like to help serve food on an as needed basis, please contact the church office or Jane Borbe-Coordinator (610-767-5638).



- To replace our failing sound system in the worship area
- To replace HVAC unit #9 which heats and cools our lower level
- To reseal and reline our parking lot
- To upgrade our lighting system

Use the enclosed Future Building Maintenance Fund envelope in this newsletter or donate online by clicking this link

<https://>

Family Vacation Bible School 2022



Sundays, June 26,
July 10, 17, 24, 31
10:00 - 11:00 AM
(parent & kids)

Join us in the Nave for skits, games, music and VBS fun!

All children ages 3 through 5th grade are welcome. Parents, please stay and join in on the fun!

Register your child(ren) by June 12th:

by clicking on this link
<https://forms.gle/qyF7rqH45raZ7ZPL6>

or
by picking up a registration form in the church office!

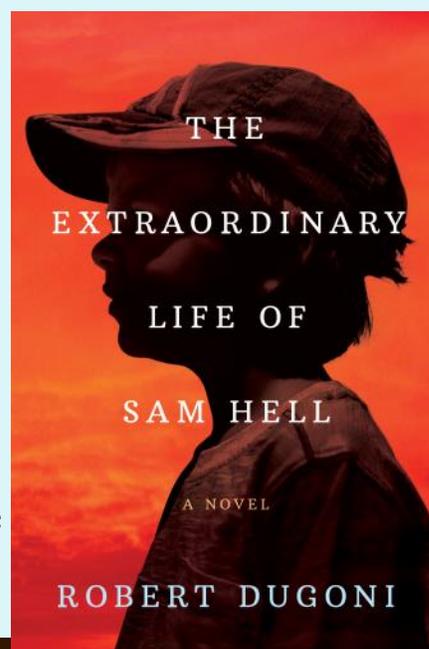
Our next selection is *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni.

Sam Hill always saw the world through different eyes. Born with red pupils, he was called “Devil Boy” or Sam “Hell” by his classmates; “God’s will” is what his mother called his ocular albinism. Her words were of little consolation, but Sam persevered, buoyed by his mother’s devout faith, his father’s practical wisdom, and his two other misfit friends.

Sam believed it was God who sent Ernie Cantwell, the only African American kid in his class, to be the friend he so desperately needed. And that it was God’s idea for Mickie Kennedy to storm into Our Lady of Mercy like a tornado, uprooting every rule Sam had been taught about boys and girls.

Forty years later, Sam is a small-town eye doctor. He is no longer certain anything was by design—especially not the tragedy that caused him to turn his back on his friends, his hometown, and the life he’d always known. Running from the pain, eyes closed, served little purpose. Now, as he looks back on his life, Sam embarks on a journey that will take him halfway around the world. This time, his eyes are wide open—bringing into clear view what changed him, defined him, and made him so afraid, until he can finally see what truly matters.

Join us for our **discussion on Sunday, June 5** following the church service in the library.



UPCOMING WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

*April 10th - Palm Sunday

+April 14th—Maundy Thursday

+April 15th—Good Friday

*April 17th—Easter Sunday

*April 24th—Holy Humor Sunday

*May 1st—Youth Sunday

*9 am in person, parking lot and virtual

+7 pm in person, parking lot and virtual



Patty Hersh, Social Ministry Chair, delivered some of your generous donations and we are FaceBook famous! Great job, ULC. Supporting hunger in our community!



We received new members to our church family:

Bob and Joan Snyder

In Loving
Memory

Geoffrey S. Chenworth



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Will be meeting on Tuesday, April 12th at 1:00 pm in room 202. Anyone is welcome. For more info, please contact Sandy Castaldi 484-262-0425.

Thank you!



Free Little Pantry Needs:

Canned tuna, canned chicken & canned vegetables

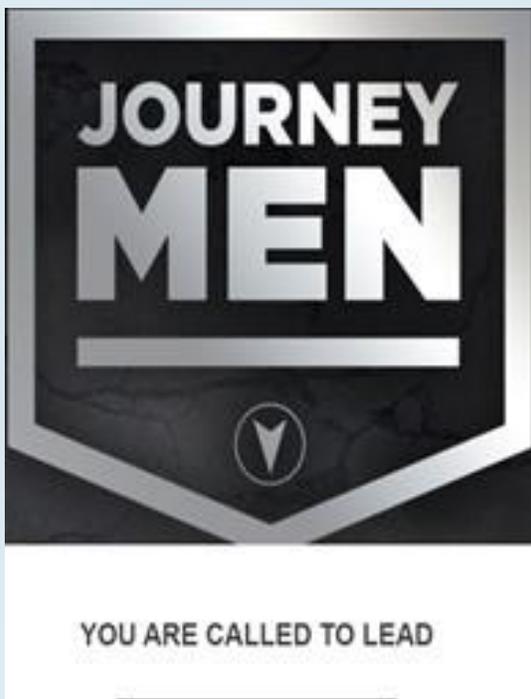
NL Food Bank needs:

Jelly and ketchup (in plastic containers), single serve bags of snacks and crackers

Parkland Cares Pantry Needs:

Oatmeal packets, Chicken noodle soup (10.75 oz cans), Spaghetti's/Ravioli cans, Mac & Cheese

**We cannot accept
expired foods**



Next Meeting

April 9th @ 8 am

@ ULC

Fun, food, fellowship, faith

Come join us as the IronPigs take on the Buffalo Bison June 17th.

Game start 7:05pm

(doors open at 5:45pm)

Cost is \$12 per ticket.

Last day to reserve tickets is May 15th.

They do not accept cash at the stadium! Credit or debit only!



The Pandemic

In the last two years as the world has reeled from the effects of a deadly pandemic, we have seen the number of hungry people around the world increase, watched as food pantries and soup kitchens expanded to serve an ever-growing number of needy men, women and children, and longed together in hope for the time when we “will hunger no more, and thirst no more ... and God will wipe away every tear from [our] eyes” (Revelation 7:16-17).

This yearning is at the heart of who we are as a church together. It is at the heart of **ELCA World Hunger**. Our longing has never led to inertia or despair, despite the discouraging forecasts. We are an Easter people, ever journeying toward the cross but trusting in faith that God’s story does not end on that hill with its three crosses.

This Lent, you’re invited to join with fellow Christians to pledge to work together to end hunger. Your support is critical to help people here at home and around the world who face hunger and poverty.

And now with war ravaging Ukraine, it is more urgent than ever that we be generous in our support of **ELCA World Hunger**. May we use this Lent as a time to study, pray, reflect and give to help relieve the pain of our families, our neighbors and communities here and around the world. **ELCA World Hunger** envelopes can be found in the pew racks. Use them for your generous gifts to alleviate pain, suffering and hunger.



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

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