





## Sunday School Christmas Program: Sunday, Dec. 27

The Covenant 2015 Christmas program had a new face this year. In an effort to include the entire Covenant Family in sharing the joy of the Christmas season, the Sunday School Committee created a new way to celebrate beyond Covenant's walls. During the December visits to homebound/hospitalized members, these treasured members were asked to share their favorite Christmas or any other special memory of Covenant. Letters were sent to long-distance members inviting them to send their memory in writing. Those special memories were shared with those attending our annual Christmas program on December 27, 2015.

On the Sunday before Christmas, a photo was taken of the congregation as they decorated the Christmas tree. While the attendees of the Christmas program shared the collected memories and some of their own, they decorated the framed photos that will be delivered to our home bound and devoted past members in during future visits.

It is very important that we keep these treasured members and memories close to our hearts and minds. This was the first of hopefully many more projects that will be designed to unite our homebound and long-distance members with the active members. Below is one of the memories that was sent.



*God Bless you and Covenant.*

*Christmas memories at Covenant for me center around the choir and learning special music to inspire those who heard us. But a fond memory centers around twelve women who undertook the crafting of the Christmons to hang on the live tree in the sanctuary. If I remember correctly, there were twelve symbols made—one a week along with a Bible study for each symbol. Among the women were Lucille Osborn, Catherine Stoetzner and my mother, Mary Pintner. To say the directions left a lot to interpretation would be an understatement. One week the directions stumped them, so they asked if I could figure out the next step. The four of us finally worked it out, and they were able to finish. Of course, the Christmons glowed and sparkled on the tree that Christmas Eve after that labor of love. But that wasn't the end of the story. One Christmas, the Christmons were nowhere to be found. Every family brought an ornament from their own tree to decorate the sanctuary tree, which were returned. Fortunately, the next year, the lost ornaments were found and have been used every year since.*

*Marion (Pintner) Zelinski*



Emily & Lillian Knerem, Katie Garberich and Katlyn Knerem helped with the tree.  
Left: Steve Senderak.



Jennifer Lasher-Dobush really gets "into" decorating the tree!

## Blessed Birthday

### Wishes to...

A blessed birthday to each of the following Covenant members born in

#### February:

- 2nd - Aubree McPherson
- 4th - Nel Lanese
- 11th- Kenneth Schuetz
- 14th- Rich Nemeth
- 15th- Hildegard Schulz
- 17th- Bill Scott
- 23rd- Jody Bernardo,  
Harrison Werner
- 25th- Bryan Gaglione
- 27th- Jen Garberich
- 28th- Rita Eitel, Deborah Dickey



#### March:

- 3/2 Claudia Senderak,  
Alexandra King
- 3/4 Scott Spychola
- 3/5 Maren Dickey
- 3/11 Harry Werner
- 3/16 Deena Gaglione-  
Hernandez
- 3/19 Christopher Gaglione
- 3/24 Daralynn Constant,  
Avery Lockmiller
- 3/30 Toni Ridgell
- 3/31 Vanessa Besednjak

## Happy Anniversary

### Wishes to...

- 2/14 William & Jacquelyn  
Blogna
- 3/6 George & Eleanor  
Lautanen
- 3/12 Christy & Mark  
Hambleton



## Those Who Serve

	Asst. Min	Lector	Crucifer	Ushers	Altar Guild	Greeters
2/7	Nel Lanese	Maud Wright	Emily Garberich	A. Treichel, B. Treichel	M. Ptak, N. Lanese, L. Bewsey	Joan & Mike Garvin
2/14	Bert Zahn	Marie Zahn	Jody Bernardo	D. Schirmer, K. Frajter, S. Dobush	J. Rusher, C. Senderak, J. Skowronski, G. Susaneck	Arlene Lasher
2/2	Allan Treichel	Steve Dobush	Ethan Lockmiller	M. Garvin, B. Zahn		Alex & Paula Hohenstein
2/28	Alex Hohenstein	Ted Lockmiller	Katie Garberich	S. Senderak, V. Besednjak	C. Frajter, J. Garvin, M. Zahn	Don and Ron Schirmer
3/6	Maud Wright	Nel Lanese	Jody Bernardo	A. Treichel, B. Treichel		Janet Wilkens
3/13	Dick Ptak	Madeline Ptak	Emily Garberich	D. Schirmer, K. Frajter, S. Dobush	J. Rusher, C. Senderak, J. Skowronski, G. Susaneck	Lois Gerstenberger
3/20 Palm Sunday						
3/20	Alex Hohenstein	Ted Lockmiller	Ethan Lockmiller	M. Garvin, B. Zahn	Team 1: J. Rusher, C. Senderak, J. Skowronski, G. Susaneck;	Barb Gaglione
3/24 Maundy Thursday						
3/24	Marie Zahn	Bert Zahn	Emily Garberich	S. Senderak, V. Besednjak	Team 2: S. Werner, A. Copeland, P. Hohenstein	
3/27 Easter						
6:00AM	n/a	Daralynn	Jody Bernardo	Mike Garvin	Team 1: S. Werner, A. Copeland, P. Hohenstein;	
9:00 AM	Allan Treichel	Steve Dobush	Katie Garberich	M. Garvin, B. Zahn	Team 2: M. Ptak, N. Lanese, L. Bewsey	Harry and Sheila Werner
4/3	Nel Lanese	Maud Wright	Emily Garberich	A. Treichel, B. Treichel	M. Ptak, N. Lanese, L. Bewsey	



Don't forget to "SPRING FORWARD" and set your clocks ahead one hour on the morning of Sunday, March 13. You won't want to miss the Eucharist service for the Fifth Sunday in Lent!

# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

## FEBRUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7:00 Worship & Music	3	4	5	6 5:00 pm Sat. Eucharist
7 9:00 am Sun. Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School	8	9 5:30-7:00 Shrove Tuesday Dinner at Church of the Master 7:00 pm Council Meeting in Parlor	10 Ash Wednesday. Service at Church of the Master 7:00 pm	11 7:30 Lion's Club meeting	12	13 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
14 9:00 am Lent 1 Sun. Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School	15	16 7:00 pm Evangelism & Social Ministry Mtg. in Parlor	17 6:00 Lenten Soup Supper at Covenant	18 7:00 pm Board of Education Mtg. in Parlor	19	20 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
21 9:00 am Lent 2 Sun. Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School	22	23	24 6:00 Lenten Soup Supper at Covenant	25 6:00 pm Covenant-Hope Community Meal	26	27 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
28 9:00 am Lent 3 Sun. Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School	29 Leap Day!					

# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

## MARCH 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00 Bible Brunch 7:00 Worship & Music Mtg.	2 6:00 Lenten Soup Supper at Covenant	3	4	5 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
6 9:00 am Lent 4 Sun. Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School	7	8 7:00 pm Council Mtg.	9 6:00 Lenten Soup Supper at Master	10 Noon Retirees Luncheon 7:30 Lion's Club Meeting	11	12 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
13 Daylight Savings - Spring Forward! 9:00 am Lent 5 Sun. Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School	14 5:30 Board of Elections Set-up  *****	15 5AM-10PM Bd of Elections  7:00 pm Evangelism & Social Ministry Mtg. in Parlor  *****	16 6:00 Lenten Soup Supper at Master	17 7:00 pm Board of Education Mtg. in Parlor	18     *****	19 9:30 a.m Palm Saturday 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
20 Palm Sunday 9:00 am Sun. Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School	21  *ECOT TESTING MARCH 21-23	22	23  9:00-2:00*	24 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thurs. Service at Covenant with Master	25 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service at Master	26 NO Saturday Evening Eucharist
27 6:30 am Easter Vigil 7:30 Breakfast 9:00 Easter Eucharist	28 7:00 pm Mutual Ministry - Pastor's Office	29	30	31 6:00 pm Covenant-Hope Community Meal	April 1	April 2 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist

The Lutheran Church of the Covenant presents

# **PALM SATURDAY CHILDREN'S EVENT**

## **Saturday, March 19, 9:30 a.m.**

for Children ages 3 thru 8th grade.

This event for children will be held at

The Lutheran Church of the Covenant, 19000 Libby Road, Maple Hts., OH 44137, 216-662-0370 [CovenantLC@sbcglobal.net](mailto:CovenantLC@sbcglobal.net)

**Holy Week and Easter are the heart of the church year. Palm Saturday prepares children for the whole range of the church's experience from Palm Sunday through Easter.**

**The day will include storytelling, crafts, and an Easter Egg Hunt.**

**Children must be accompanied by an adult. (Space is limited to the first 40 children that enroll, so please register early!)**

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**Registration:**

Children's Names \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

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Food allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Chaperone's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to the church office by Friday, March 11 so that Covenant will have adequate supplies for the activities on Sat., March 19. Lunch will be provided (Sub sandwiches, chips, cookies and beverage).**

# Covenant NEWS

The Lutheran Church of the Covenant  
19000 Libby Road, Maple Heights, Ohio 44137

**Help the Church avoid additional postal fees; please notify us of your address change.**

If you would prefer to receive the newsletter online instead, contact [covenantlc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:covenantlc@sbcglobal.net).

The newsletters are always available our website [CovenantMapleHts.org](http://CovenantMapleHts.org).

The Lutheran Church of the Covenant  
proudly presents its annual

*Palm Saturday Children's Event*

**Saturday, March 19 9:30 am**

The Palm Sunday Festival is free & open to all children of the community along with their parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents & friends, who are welcome to assist the children with crafts & activities.

**All children MUST be accompanied by an adult.**

## REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

and is limited to the first 40 children, ages  
3yrs-8th grade

Call (216) 662-0370 with names and ages of children to register.

See registration form on page 7.

Festivities Include:  
The Story of Palm Sunday,  
Fun Lenten Crafts & Lunch

## Covenant Recycles!

Thank you for chipping in!

In 2015 Covenant earned \$493.19 thanks to the 46,250 pounds of paper collected in our River Valley Paper Recycling Bins!

It really pays off to bring your paper and cardboard recyclables here!

Bring your paper & cardboard each time you come for worship or events.

Covenant earns money for each ton we collect.

And we help the Earth too!

Did you know? An average tree can yield 2,700 copies of an average-sized daily newspaper.

Be sure to recycle all those copies!

### Items accepted:

- \* Newspapers \* Mail \* Phone Books \* Magazines\*
  - \* Office & School Paper \* Catalogs \* Brown Paper Bags\*
  - \* Hard & Soft Bound Books \* Cardboard\*
- (Please put shredded paper in a tied bag so it doesn't blow away in the wind.)

### Items not accepted:

- \* Any type of Plastic (bottles/bags) \* Styrofoam \* Glass \*
- \* Trash \* Aluminum \* Metal \*

Take your recyclable paper to the green dumpsters at the back of the parking lot any time!