

Covenant NEWS



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Christ Is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!



April - May 2016

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Soup Supper Offerings for ELCA World Hunger

During the Lenten Soup Suppers this season, we remembered those who are hungry and living in poverty.

The combined offerings collected at the soup suppers, which alternated between The Lutheran Church of the Covenant and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Master, totaled \$335.00!

If you were unable to attend the suppers, you are welcome to make a donation to support this important cause. Designate "ELCA World Hunger" on the check or envelope.

Holy Week Services

We continued our joint worship experience with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Master on Maundy Thursday at Covenant and Good Friday at Master. These quiet, somber services set the tone for reflection on the meaning of the Passion and Resurrection of Christ.

The offerings from these services were split between the Southeast Clergy Hunger Center and the Meals on Wheels program, yielding \$107 for each.



Palm Saturday

The annual Palm Saturday children's event on March 19 offered fun for children (and their parents, grandparents, or aunts & uncles) in the congregation and community. Crafts and games were fun, and the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem was brought to life.



In Memoriam

Two long-time members of The Lutheran Church of the Covenant entered the Church Triumphant during Lent.

Rosemary Linert passed away on February 18 at the age of 90. She is survived by a family who loved her dearly: daughter Daralynn Constant, son-in-law Bruce, brother Louis Fetzer (Verna) of Canada, grandchildren: Christopher Constant, (Jennifer), Dr. Kelly Constant Bhatnagar (Vimal), Kara Lynn Constant; great grandchildren Naren, Nia, and Christopher Jr.; cousins, nieces and nephews. And finally, her cat "Snickers" – her faithful companion to the end who was sleeping by her side as she died.



In the 1970's Rosemary became a faithful member of The Lutheran Church of the Covenant serving on the Evangelism Committee, helping with the newsletter, communion cards, phone calls to members, setting up tables, washing dishes or offering help with any other task. From the pews of Covenant, she experienced some of the most cherished moments of her life from holding her grandchildren to witnessing their baptisms, confirmations and marriages. From the time of her youth Rosemary never forgot the sick and the lonely. She took food to elderly neighbors, visited homebound friends and visited acquaintances when they moved to nursing homes. She did this until she could no longer walk, slowly making her last visits on a walker.

Rosemary frequently quoted her favorite words from scripture: "God is Love". That assurance gave her the faith to endure her final life's journey and to trust God's promise that all will be well. We commend her to His care with all of our love.



Eleanor Lautanen was the beloved wife for 73 years of George H. Lautanen; she was a loving mother to daughters Janet (the late Sam) Dickey, Linda (Bobby) Glover and Anna Lautanen; a dear grandmother to six and their spouses and great-grandmother to eleven with two more on the way; a cherished sister to Willard (the late Eleanor) Meilander and the late Warren (Marjorie) Meilander and dear aunt to long-time friend/"niece" Penny Smith and to many nieces and nephews.

As faithful members of Covenant for over 60 years, both Eleanor and George made their faith in Jesus as Savior and participation in church life a foundation of family life. Eleanor sang with the choir, taught Sunday School, and served with a variety of committees and ministries.

Personal reading and meditation on Scripture was an essential pursuit and underlined and marked verses in her Bible are indicative of how God's word spoke into her life. Through her last struggles, her mounting desire "to be with Jesus" was fulfilled on March 15, at the age of 94, as she was reunited with mom Ida, dad Henry Meilander and so great a crowd of witnesses in her new heavenly home. We are thankful for all the years we've shared with her and for the promised assurance that we too will celebrate a joyful reunion with her and see HIM face-to-face.

We thank God for having given us these two faithful servants to know and to love as companions in our pilgrimage on earth. And we pray that God keeps us in faithful communion with them until that day when we are all gathered into God's heavenly home.

Covenant Farmers' Market

This is our sixth year for the Market and we are starting out on Saturday, June 18 and will keep the time from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M., which seemed to work well. We will have the market each Saturday until October 8, which will be the Harvest Festival. There will be no Market on the July 4th weekend, yielding a total of 16 Saturdays.

There will be the usual hot dogs and pop for \$1, and produce and baked goods as before. We welcome more vendors to join us and the Avon Lady, Vivian, and will have the best corn in Ohio.

We can always use more help even though we had a Thank You meal for 32 that helped last year. Come and join the fun. One helper, not even a member of the Church said "I get more from the Market than I give."

Entertainment and other things to encourage customers to stay longer will be worked on. All suggestions welcome. With our market purpose and philosophy along with the rules in mind, we want to provide affordable, fresh agricultural products to the neighborhood and Covenant members. It also helps the finances of the church. Many customers will give extra knowing that it is for the church.

We are looking towards a better Market this year, as in the past years where we have improved and grown. For additional information and participation, please contact Mary Kaye Bernardo, Board of Evangelism & Social Ministry Chairperson or Dick Ptak, as Market Director. Vince Besednjak, as Market Manager, will make sure of all the details when you are at the market to a point where he has choreographed putting up and taking down the canopies. It is worth coming to see for yourself.

Dick Ptak, Director

YOUR COUNCIL IN ACTION

The Congregational Assembly meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, May 15, beginning at 10:45 a.m., following the Eucharist. The highlight of this meeting will be the election of council members. Discussion on the budget and the Call Committee's progress will also be featured.

The board positions with terms expiring this year are: Treasurer, Secretary, Chairperson of the Board of Evangelism & Social Ministry, and Chairperson of the Board of Managers.

If you would like to nominate someone, please contact President Ted Lockmiller. The next Parish Council meetings will be held on Tuesday, April 12 and May 10.

*Ted Lockmiller, President
Congregation Council*

A Reminder from The Board of Finance

It is April, the days are getting longer and hopefully warmer, and for some time, our minds are set on getting away on vacation(s).

We would like to remind you as you pack your bags to include Covenant on your "to do" list and make arrangements to manage your offerings to Covenant while you are away.

Being current in your commitment to Covenant will ensure that Covenant does not fall behind in its financial obligations.

We wish you sunny days ahead and a *bon voyage* to all who will be traveling in the near future.

*Gwen Susanek, Board of Finance
Chairperson*

Potluck & a Movie:

Sunday, April 10, 10:45 a.m.

The next Potluck and a Movie event hosted by the Board of Education will be on April 10, beginning after the Sunday Eucharist.

Please plan to bring a dish to share for the potluck and stay for the movie "Heaven is for Real."

From IMDB.com: "This is the story of a small-town father who must find the courage and conviction to share his son's extraordinary, life-changing experience with the world. His son Colton claims to have visited Heaven during a near death experience. Colton recounts the details of his amazing journey with childlike innocence and speaks matter-of-factly about things that happened before his birth... things he couldn't possibly know. Todd and his family are then challenged to examine the meaning from this remarkable event."

Spring Flower Sale

The Covenant Lutheran Women are sponsoring a plant sale again this year. Orders must be placed with payment by Monday, April 25. Orders can be picked up at the Church on Saturday, May 21 from 9:00AM-Noon.

The annuals can be ordered by the flat or by the 1/2 flat. Vegetables can be ordered by the flat, 1/2 flat or tray. All flats are 36 plants. No single plants will be sold this year.

You might also wish to donate flowers to the church by adding extra money to your payment. If you need a form, contact the Church Office or Arlene Lasher at 216.662.1939.



Blessed Birthday Wishes to...

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

April:

- 4/2 James Gradert
4/5 Bruce Constant
4/7 Dorothy Devorak, Gary Edler
4/10 Helene Egley (99!!), Jackie Blogna, Ted Lockmiller
4/20 Bob Franz, Tom Susaneck
4/22 Annie Copeland
4/27 Charlotte Zaranka
4/28 Marion Lick

May:

- 5/2 Christopher Dickey
5/3 Phyllis Welker
5/19 Frank Novak, Bernice Novak, Arlene Lasher, Steven Kobella
5/21 Joan Garvin
5/23 Don Schirmer
5/25 Ron Schirmer
5/26 Chuck Welker
5/28 Lois Gerstenberger, Tracy Scheller
5/30 George Lautanen, Jayden Kyle
5/31 Barbara Gerstenberger, Matthew Kobella



Happy Anniversary Wishes to...

- 4/9 Deb & Chuck Dickey
4/15 Toni & Robert Ridgell
4/15 Sheila & Harry Werner
5/4 Douglas & Michelle Pekar
5/11 Karen & Raymond Zack
5/13 John & Shirley Ingham
5/22 Ron & Nanette Schirmer, Jen & Larry Garberich
5/25 Daralynn & Bruce Constant

(if any important dates have been omitted, please notify the church office so records can be corrected!)

Bible Study and Retirees Club

The Bible Brunch will now meet on the first Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the kitchen overflow area. So mark your calendar for April 7 and May 5.

We gather around a meal and then are fed by the word of God with the Bible study.

All are welcome! Come and share with your brothers and sisters in Christ as well as deepen your faith in the study of Holy Scripture.

We look forward to gathering together in faith, fellowship and study. See you at brunch!

The next Retirees Luncheon is set for Thursday, May 12 at noon in the Parish Hall. Mark your calendars!

If you have an idea for a guest speaker, or a topic you would like to learn more about, please call the Church Office.



Let's Head Back to Camp! Camp Covenant

Covenant is again hosting a summer day camp for local children. 'Camp Covenant' is designed to enrich your child academically, spiritually, physically and socially. The camp operates from June 13 to July 29. Doors are open from 7:30 to 3:30 p.m. Extended day is NOT offered this year.

Enrollment packets are available by email (below) or from The Lutheran Church of the Covenant. You may also get an enrollment packet from the camp director, Sister Sharon.

REGISTRATION IS FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED! We anticipate full enrollment, so don't delay! Registration dates are Saturdays April 16 and May 14; 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

The following items are due at the time you turn in your camp application:

- * The registration packet, which is available upon request.
* \$295 camp activity fee PER CHILD. This is a one-time fee for the entire summer and must be paid in full PRIOR to the start of camp. The supply/activity fee covers reading/math materials, spiritual lessons, educational supplies, games, crafts, playground equipment, snacks, treats, stipends for our teen volunteers and compensation to adult staff.

We look forward to a wonderful, spirit-filled summer with your child at CAMP COVENANT 2016!!

For registration packet or more information, contact: Sister Sharon Steward, Camp Covenant Director: 216-315-5611 www.CampCovenantKids.com campcovenantkids@yahoo.com



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

APRIL 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 5:00 Saturday Evening Eucharist
3 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School Hour	4	5 7:00 pm Bd. of Worship & Music	6	7 10:00 am Bible Brunch in Kitchen Overflow	8	9 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
10 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am Potluck & A Movie	11	12 7:00 pm Council Meeting in Parlor	13	14	15	16 12:00-1:00 Camp Covenant Registration 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
	*****	ECOT TESTING	****	April 11-29 9:00-2:00	*****	
17 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist & Baptism 10:30 am Sunday School Hour	18	19 7:00 pm Evangelism & Social Ministry Mtg. in Parlor	20	21 7:00 pm Board of Education Mtg. in Parlor	22	23 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
	*****	ECOT TESTING	****	April 11-29 9:00-2:00	*****	
24 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School Hour	25 Flower Orders Due (see pg 3)	26	27	28 6:00 pm Covenant-Hope Community Meal	29	30
	*****	ECOT TESTING	****	April 11-29 9:00-2:00	*****	

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MAY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 7:00 pm Bd. of Worship & Music in Pastor's Office	4	5 10:00 am Bible Brunch in Kitchen Overflow	6	7 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Euch.
8 Mothers Day! 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School	9	10 7:00 pm Council Meeting in Parlor	11	12 Noon Retirees Luncheon	13	14 12:00-1:00 Camp Covenant Registration 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
15 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am Congregational Assembly Meeting	16	17 7:00 pm Evangelism & Social Ministry Mtg. in Parlor	18	19 7:00 pm Board of Education Mtg. in Parlor	20	21 9:00 AM-Noon Flower Order Pick-Up 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
22 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Altar Guild Meeting in Conference Rm	23	24	25	26 6:00 pm Covenant-Hope Community Meal	27	28 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
29 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School	30 OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY	31	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist

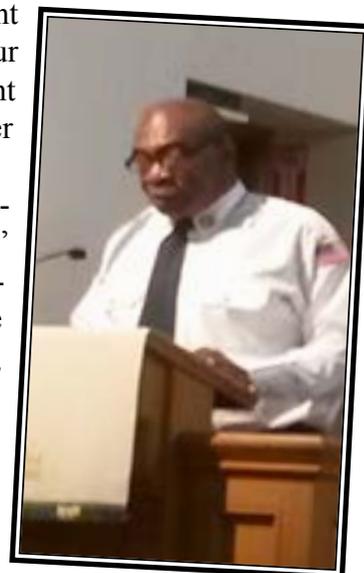
Server Schedule - April & May

	Asst. Min	Lector	Crucifer	Ushers	Altar Guild	Greeters
4/3	Marie Zahn	Bert Zahn	Emily Garberich	A. Treichel, B. Treichel	M. Ptak, N. Lanese L. Bewsey	Annie Copeland
4/1	Alex Hohenstein	Ted Lockmiller	Ethan Lockmiller	D. Schirmer, K. Frajter, S. Dobush	J. Rusher, C. Senderak, J. Skowronski, G. Susaneck	Mary Kaye Bernardo
4/	Madeline Ptak	Dick Ptak	Jody Bernardo	M. Garvin, B. Zahn		Bert and Marie Zahn
4/2	Bert Zahn	Marie Zahn	Emily Garberich	S. Senderak, V. Besednjak	C. Frajter, J. Garvin, M. Zahn	Steve & Claudia Senderak
5/1	Maud Wright	Nel Lanese	Katie Garberich	A. Treichel, B. Treichel		Madeline & Dick Ptak
5/8	Allan Treichel	Ted Lockmiller	Jody Bernardo	D. Schirmer, K. Frajter, S. Dobush	S. Werner, A. Copeland, P. Hohenstein	Mike & Joan Garvin
5/	Alex Hohenstein	Steve Dobush	Katie Garberich	M. Garvin, B. Zahn		Bob & Donna Franz
5/	Marie Zahn	Bert Zahn	Emily Garberich	A. Treichel, B. Treichel	M. Ptak, N. Lanese, L. Bewsey	Lois Gerstenberger
5/	Dick Ptak	Madeline Ptak	Jody Bernardo	S. Senderak, V. Besednjak		Arlene Lasher
6/5	Nel Lanese	Maud Wright	Ethan Lockmiller	A. Treichel, B. Treichel	J. Rusher, C. Senderak, J. Skowronski, G. Susaneck	Alex & Paula Hohenstein

Four Chaplains Service:

During the February 7 Sunday Eucharist, Covenant hosted the American Legion Post 309, in its annual Four Chaplains Service honoring four brave men, all of different faiths, who gave up their lives aboard the USS Dorchester on February 3, 1943 so that others may live.

In addition to the veterans, we welcomed local community representatives, and members of many veterans' organizations. Maple Heights Mayor Annette M. Blackwell offered introductory remarks and then the Tribute to the Four Chaplains was presented by Darryl Harris, Chaplain, American Legion Post 309.



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Full details inside on page 3.