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**In April...**

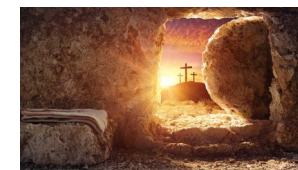
- **Sunday, April 4 -**  
EASTER DAY  
"RESURRECTION"  
10:30 AM  
Worship In-Person &  
Virtual "Communion"
- **Sunday, April 11-**  
Second Sunday of Easter  
10:30AM Worship  
11:15AM Annual Meeting
- **Monday, April 12 -**  
Council Meeting 7PM
- **Sunday, April 18 -**  
Third Sunday of Easter  
10:30 AM Worship
- **Sunday, April 25 -**  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
10:30 AM Worship

# EVANGEL



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### **"The Rock has been rolled back"**

*"when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back." (Mark 16:4)*

Jesus, their hope, their master, their friend had now been brutally executed on a cross. He had been placed in a tomb whose entrance was blocked by a very large stone. And now they felt only grief, hopelessness, isolation and separation from Jesus, from God, from each other. Little did they know that no rock could separate anyone from Resurrection and new life. Jesus had told them he would die **and** be raised. A young man (angel?) told the women early on Sunday that Jesus, their hope had been raised. Eventually, joy and light and the reconnection to community would break out. For, HE IS RISEN!

For us during the last year, it has seemed as if a huge rock has blocked us from life, from relationships, even from God. Besides the COVID-19 Pandemic, rocks of resentment, division, **sin**, have held us in a kind of tomb. Some have become sick. Some grieve for loved ones lost that they might not have been able to see before death. Our life in a kind of tomb has included anger and tears and depression. And yet, the Easter Gospel proclaims that we were never separated from God by any rocks- quarantine, sin or death. This month we proclaim in faith that Jesus is risen from the dead and removes all the rocks that may block us. Easter 2021, we celebrate with a new found understanding of what God has done for us!

~ *Pastor David Deal*

## **MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS FOR APRIL 2021**

- **HOLY THURSDAY**, April 1st - 7:00PM  
Pre-videotaped service will be posted via Facebook/ YouTube  
(from sanctuary of Trinity Lutheran, Pleasant Valley)
- **GOOD FRIDAY**, April 2nd - 7:00PM  
Pre-videotaped service will be posted via Facebook/ YouTube  
(from sanctuary of Evangelical Lutheran, Durham)
- **EASTER DAY- RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**  
April 4th - 10:30AM - Holy Communion  
We return inside! (with masks, social distancing, 50% of seating capacity, and no choral or congregational singing)
- April 11 - 2nd Sunday of Easter - 10:30AM WORSHIP  
11:15AM ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING- In-person/Virtual
- April 18 - 3rd Sunday of Easter - 10:30AM WORSHIP  
In-person (within seating limits) and ON-LINE
- April 25 - 4th Sunday of Easter - 10:30AM WORSHIP  
In-person (within seating limits) and ON-LINE

## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 11th @11:15AM (immediately after 10:30AM worship)**

We will look for in-person participants for both worship and meeting. There will also be a way for you to participate virtually on-line, using comments capability.

The Bulletin of Annual Reports will be E-Mailed or Mailed to every member person or family prior to the meeting.

### **IMPORTANT ITEMS OF BUSINESS AT THIS YEAR'S MEETING:**

- The need to elect 4 new council-persons to replace those who have completed their terms.
- Approval of Financing for major painting and other improvements to the outside of our church building. Brief presentation of need from Council and Property Committee.



	April BIRTHDAYS		April ANNIVERSARIES		April BAPTISMS
				1	Hal Taylor
				3	Rachel (Crouse), Sam Rhine
				4	Dave Helfrich
				6	Chris Fox, Ben J. Naska
7	Becky Praster				
				8	Samantha Mueller
				9	Diane De Walt
				10	Becca Anderson
12	Barbara Altemus	12	Barbara & Mike Altemus (35th)		
13	Phyllis Lanshe, Ben Naska, Sr.				
14	Joshua Roney				
		16	Joan & Frank Mammana (55th)		
				18	Laura Helfrich
19	Matthew Crouse			19	Cleo Eck
20	Karen Rilling				
21	Jayne Miller, Chris Apgar				
				24	Landon Helfrich
26	Robert Ziegenfuss				
27	Nancy Moskella			27	Clayton Helfrich, Landon Frey
28	Frank Mammana (84) Tim Gadwell				
30	Alison and Emerson Rhine			30	Ella Rose Michl

# PRAYER

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:** Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Esther Crouse; Norma Fox; Faye Gadwell; Virginia Hager; Betty & George Kreitz; Phyllis Lanshe; Dean Litzenberger; Dot Peterman; Silas Rodenbach; Hal Taylor; Linda Sauter; Dianna, Peter and Steven Streletz; Carolyn Williams; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:** Phyllis Allebach; Brian Ashmore, Jr.; Lynn Bailey; Jason Bigley; Karen Bolesta; Kelly Bordelon; Phyllis Boyer; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Josie Crown; De Lorenzo family; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Ken Garey; Candie Gimbar; Craig Hartzell; Bob Helm; Kathy J.; Paige Jipner; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Jean Kaki; Martine King; Priscilla Kinter; Aleena Lang; Barbara Lynch; Chelsea Marley; Warren & Pat Merkham; Andrea Miller; Clint O'Connor; Lisa Pezzino; Donnie Pyne; Letitia Reidinger; Randy Rilling; Jill Roland; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Gary Shollenberger; Erma Starling, Donna Storm; Stephen Szalwinski; Yolanda Taube; Russ Trauger; Alex Ulrey; Linda Willson; Laura, Kelly, Charlie D, Charlie L., and Jane.

**For those who are Homebound:** Cleo and Ken Eck.

**For the Grieving:** The families of Reta Bieber; Julia Bizon; Helen, Robert and Glenn Eby; Jane Kemmerer; Leah Kneebone; Elfriede and Manfred Marschewski; Sarah Rhine; Gerry Seipt; Lewis Snyder; Alex Trebek; and Rudolf von Watzdorf.

**For those in Health Care:** Including Sara Aquino, Debbie Angstadt; Kendell Beerer, Mary Crouse, Sara Deal Den Herder, Mary Erceg; Faye Gadwell; Tanya Naska; Kristi Lee Reiman; and Sharron Streletz.

**Essential Food Workers:** Bethany Michl, Trauger's Farm

**Essential Postal Workers:** Andrea Fox and Dawn Margeson

## (PRAYER CON'T)

**New Baby:** Please keep Brittany and Dan Froehlich and their newborn daughter, Olivia Dawn Froehlich, in your prayers. Olivia was born December 4, 2020. Please keep Alyse and Andrew Hales, along with big brother Ashton and their newborn daughter, Aria Leighton Hales, in your prayers. Aria was born March 2, 2021. (grandparents are Cheryl and Wayne Mesko) Please keep Tabitha and David Weiner and their newborn daughter, Abigail Rae Weiner, in your prayers. Abigail was born March 18, 2021. (grandparents are Beth and Luke Snyder)

### JOIN IN A BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER

#### FOR PHYLLIS LANSHE!

Phyllis will celebrate her 79<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 13<sup>th</sup> .

She has recently moved to new address below:

Phyllis Lanshe

Mount Hope Retirement Community

3026 Mount Hope Rd.

Mannheim, PA 17545



## WELCA

We will meet on Friday April 23rd, at one o'clock in the church fellowship hall. We will wear masks until we check with one another to see if we are all vaccinated and feel safe without them. We will have a short business meeting as we need to make some donations and make plans for the remainder of the year. I will also update you on what is happening in our Synodical and Churchwide WELCA organizations, and share the introduction to the Fall Gather Bible study – Holy Time.

Helen Dungan

## Outreach

**Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod:** Thank you to everyone who donated to help struggling churches in our synod. We are blessed to be able to help others.

**Playground:** Our April donations will help fund renovating our playground. The playground is an outreach to our community, as it is open to all children. Right now, it isn't safe to use.

Thank you all for your generosity,

Helen Dungan

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THANK YOU from the Strelitz Family "for the thoughts and prayers during our time recovering from covid and my husbands hospital stay due to covid. We are so grateful for our family in Christ's prayers. We sure needed them."

**UPGRADE TO CHURCH OUTDOOR PLAYGROUND**  
 for the community and congregation to use  
**SPECIAL "OUTREACH" OFFERING- Designation for April**

For nearly 40 years, our congregation has had playground equipment available behind the church office. This equipment has been enjoyed by our Care-a-Lot Pre-school kids, the families of our congregation, and numerous families in the nearby community. It has been used for picnics and Vacation Bible School.

Over the years, there have been a few upgrades made to the playground. But now, the slide, etc. there have been deemed unsafe.

Therefore the Council plans to remove old equipment this Spring. We would then like to purchase brand new equipment for use by the community. It is roughly estimated that we will need \$4,000 - \$5,000 for quality equipment.

Please be generous with your "April" Outreach envelope, as we continue to reach out to the kids and families near us!