



February 2024 ECHO
St. Joseph's (Hill) Lutheran Church
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In the News...

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Sunday School is available for anyone from kindergarten through adult. Classes start at 8am. Children from kindergarten through grade 6 will be in one classroom using "All Kids Spark" materials. There is also a Jr and Sr High class and an adult class.

Bear Creek Camp is taking reservations for their summer camp programs. If you are interested in attending go to their website BEARCREEKCAMP.ORG to register.

DAYCARE We're anxious to see if the "groundhog" sees his shadow, because winter "on the hill" has been gentle in November & December. In January & February is usually a "winter wonderland". The winter mix keeps us guessing on the hill! If the center is delayed or closed; the information will be posted on WFMZ website. It is recommended that you sign up for WFMZ storm center alerts. The message will be changed on the center's phone to reflect any decision for delays or closings by 5:45 AM. Please check before coming to visit the center in questionable weather.

Some of the activities that are planned for February include a Corbi's Pizza fundraiser, a Super Bowl celebration, the children's Valentine Party, a patriotic Presidents Day with red, white and blue attire. The center wide theme this month is snowmen. Each classroom will build or create a snowman project to display. Keep an eye out for "indoor snowmen".

Mark your calendar for Thursday March 14th. It will be a special evening as we present our annual "ART SHOW & ENTERTAINMENT". Our church family is invited at 6:30 pm for a short music show that will be followed by an exhibit of our gifted little artists.

OFFERINGS If you choose to make an offering and do not have your envelope with you, please use the pew envelope and write your name on it. Thank you for your generous support.

FEBRUARY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- February 4 5th Sunday in Epiphany, Ed Dierolf is supplying.
8:00 AM Sunday Church School
9:00 AM Worship Service
- February 10 Transfiguration of Our Lord, Pastor Latshaw is supplying.
8:00 AM Sunday Church School
9:00 AM Worship Service
- February 14 Ash Wednesday/To be determined.
- February 18 1st Sunday in Lent, Pastor Bruce Potteiger is supplying; Holy Communion.
8:00 AM Sunday Church School
9:00 AM Worship Service
- February 25 2nd Sunday in Lent
9:00 AM Worship Service

To watch service on Zoom:

Services will be held weather permitting. There are several ways to check to see if a Church Service has been canceled: call the church phone, check your email for an EBlast or channel 69 news.

Giving Statements Your 2023 contribution statements are in the narthex. Please review them. If you have any questions or corrections, please let me know. Jill 610-369-0990.

The Congregational Meeting is scheduled for February 11th Homemade Soup & Dessert is available after the meeting. A sign-up sheet for soup and dessert is on the bulletin board. We still need people to sign up to set up and clean up.

Bread, Bowl & Bible The Oley Cluster will be hosting Bread, Bowl and Bible on Sunday, March 3rd & March 10th. We will be meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bechtelsville. Pastor Gene Zieser is presenting "Biblical Storytelling: Our Story in God's Story from 3 PM until 6 PM. All are welcome. St. Joseph's is responsible for soup on March 10th. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Trinity will supply: desserts, drinks, bread/crackers, dishes etc.

Congratulations to Bonnie Miller-Eisenhart's daughter, Danielle, on the birth of her daughter Adelynn Grace!

February Calendar to date:

- February 6: Scouts meeting in fellowship hall at 6:30 PM.
- February 10: Blood Drive.
- February 13: Christian Education meets at 7 PM via zoom
- February 13: Scouts meeting in fellowship hall at 6:30 PM.
- February 13: Spiritual Life meets at 2 PM via zoom.
- February 15: Council meets at 7 PM in fellowship hall.
- February 20: Scouts meeting in fellowship hall at 6:30 PM.
- February 24: Fellowship Hall reserved 2-4 PM.
- February 27: Scouts meeting in fellowship hall at 6:30 PM.

We are looking for 2-3 volunteers to spearhead the fellowship hall and kitchen FOR FUNERALS AND OTHER EVENTS. Here is a list of what is involved:

- Obtaining a count of how many people are attending.
- Set up the tables and chairs.
- Place the table clothes on the tables.
- Place the salt and pepper shakers on the tables.
- Determine if a centerpiece is needed.
- If crock pots are being used, wooden blocks must be placed under the crock pots (located in the kitchen cabinet immediately behind the kitchen door).
- If soups are involved, do not use the table cloths as the soup will stain them.

Supplies that need to be checked prior the engagement:

- Soup bowls and spoons.
- Napkins.
- Cups.
- Coffee
- Tea.
- Drinks.
- Sugar.
- Plastic ware: soup spoons, spoons, stirrers, knives, forks.
- Creamer.
- Milk.
- Ice.
- Cold drink containers are in the WELCA cabinet in the fellowship hall.

Please let Linda K. and Jill know who will be the main contacts. Should we have a funeral or other event for the church, these things must be handled in advance . I thank you for stepping into this responsibility together so that we may continue to provide a safe and pleasant space for those who grieve.

And thank you Kathie Gilbert and Anna Moyer for the years and years of service for WELCA.

Your 2024 Council Team: Linda Kowalski, Crystal Schwenk, Don Hendrick, Dennis Weller, Vicki Bentz, Ben Reichert, Robin Schmale, Mark Robertson, Drusilla Spaid, Kathie Rhode and Tim Albrecht. Thank you for your time and dedication to the church.

A very Happy Anniversary and Happy Birthday to all!

Anniversaries

Kathie & Kenneth Gilbert years

Michael & Brittany Billera-Smith years

Birthdays

Kevin Davidheiser

Sydney Miller

Harry Sheetz

Michelle Gill

Max Kleinschmidt

Lisa Weller

Vicki Botts

Riley Reinboth

Grace Roberts

Patricia Kazmierczak

William Kimmel

Christine Krall

Dennis Weller

Stephen Miller

Brendan Souder

Kevin Kuser

Ellie Rose

Whitney Tracy

William Roberts

Jadyn Selfinger

Virginia Kuser

Nathaniel Rhode

Our Staff

Pastor Gene Zaiser, Pastoral Care.....610-322-0901

Mrs. Linda Kowalski, Council President

Mrs. Jill Savory, Parish Secretary610-369-0990

Mrs. Kathie Gilbert, Volunteer Coordinator

Mr. Blaise Miller, Sexton

Mr. Ethan Dierolf

Mrs. Carol Barton, Organist

Mrs. Marcia Kurtz, Music Director

Ms. Robin Schmale, Daycare Director

Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday.....9:00 AM–1:00 PM

Daycare hours Monday – Friday.....6:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Time Value: 1/30/2024

