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March ECHO....

A passage from Pastor Dewalt on April 24, 1983, during “The Festival” services of the Dedication of Saint Joseph’s (Hill) Lutheran Church.....

Dear Members and Friends,

The history of St. Joseph’s congregation goes back 252 years. Many saints of the church have labored long and hard over those two and one half centuries, not only in constructing and taking care of church buildings, but also in sharing the message of Christ in our community and in the world.

We are proud of our “roots”. But in constructing this new church, we, in our generations, are looking to the future. These new energy efficient and accessible facilities have been constructed to more adequately serve the needs of people today and tomorrow. I pray that this church sanctuary and related facilities will be the launching pad for a vital ministry of this congregation to all of God’s world.

As Jesus Chrst becomes a part of our lives, we will bring praise and honor to his name.

A passage from Herman A. Hassinger, the Architect of the church on April 24, 1983....

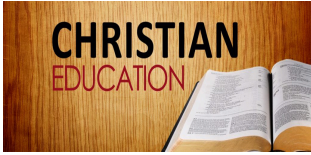
Our building is a deliberate design to return to the “gathered together” worship of the Apoststolic Church.

The Church is the people. The church building is only a man made convenience that exists to service the people in their act of corporate worship. There is a table altar as the center of worship. The congregation is in a gathered seating arrangement. In the center our Pastor leads this family in common worship. The building reflects directly an increased emphasis on the sharing of worship, joy, and celebration. This is a healthy return to the earlier tradition. The congregation is deliberately set face to face. We meet as a family across the table in a single unifying space for the congregation, the Word, and the Sacraments.

Dear St. Joe's Hill congregation,

We give heartfelt thanks for all your prayers, cards and thoughtfulness during this difficult time in the loss of Ernie. Ernie loved his Lord, this church and its church family, and I know he will be greatly missed. Again, deepest thanks and appreciation for all your support in our time of loss.

A note from Kathy Reinert, Terry & Karen Seyler



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.

Fifth grade communion class will be held on Saturday, March 23 from 9am to 11am. Please call Lucy Hartman for more information.

The Sunday School benevolence project this year will be a food drive held from April 7 to April 28. This project will benefit the Oley Valley Food Pantry. We are asking Sunday School members, church members and the Daycare to help us with our drive. We also have \$250 from a Thrivent Action Team to use towards our donations. A list of high need items will be available in the April Echo and bulletins.

The Oley Cluster will be hosting Bread, Bowl and Bible on Sunday, March 3 and 10. We will be meeting at Trinity Lutheran in Bechtelsville from 3pm-6pm. St. Joseph's is responsible for soup and bread on March 10. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. We look forward to your delicious offerings.



DAYCARE Dr. Seuss week ended the last week of February with crazy sock day, stuffed animal day, wacky Wednesday, silly hat day and plenty of "Green Eggs and Ham". Each week the center plans special activities and an academic curriculum for our students. St. Joes is a fun place to be!

The "annual" St. Joseph's "Spring Music and Art Show" will be held on March 14th , and it will be a magical evening with song and entertainment. Thank you to the many staff that participate and family & friends that attend.

Easter is early this year and March will include the children's Easter celebrations and the story of Jesus' Resurrection. Easter service invitations will be sent home with the children inviting their family to our Easter Service.

Corbi's Pizza... "WOW" the center made \$1,136. Delivery date is Wednesday, March 6 th .

Our church family is always welcome to participate in our daycare activities! The day care is distributing the summer enrollment and the school year enrollment for 2024-25. The center is nearly at full capacity and we have limited openings except for the school age program. We are committed to servicing Earl Elementary and the Oley School District. Church families should contact the daycare as soon as possible if they need care in the future. Church membership receives a 10% discount on tuition fees.



AT A GLANCE - March Calendar

- March 3rd:** Pastor Latshaw supplying; Holy Communion
Bread, Bowl and Bible at Trinity Lutheran 3 PM.
- March 10th:** Bread, Bowl, and Bible at 3 PM. : St. Joe's is responsible for soup.
- March 11th - 13th:** Fellowship hall reserved.
- March 14th:** Daycare Art show at 6 PM.
- March 17th:** Easter flower order forms are due to the church office.
- March 19th:** Spiritual Life meets at 2 PM and Christian Ed meets at 7 PM - Zoom
- March 21st:** Council meets at 7 PM in the fellowship hall.
- March 23rd:** First communion class taught by Faye Gehris.
- March 24th:** Pastor Rich, Palm Sunday.
- March 28th:** Maundy Thursday 7 PM; Holy Communion; Stripping of the altar.
- March 29th:** Good Friday Prayer Vigil - 7 AM -6 PM; Good Friday service at 7 PM.
- March 31st:** Easter Services

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORMS are in the narthex should you wish to be a part of decorating the inside and outside of the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The flower prices are on the order forms. All orders are due by March 17th. Checks may be made payable to St. Joseph's (Hill) Lutheran Church (payment is due when placing your order). Please place your orders in the offering plate or on the secretary's desk.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PLANNING This May it will be 42 years since we broke ground for our "new" church, and it's time to celebrate. We have picked Sunday, November 3rd for a special time of remembering and rejoicing in the opportunities we have had to worship and serve in this beautiful building. Even if you know nothing about the original building project, you can still help. There is much that will need to be done. If you are willing to help, please sign up on the bulletin board. All helping hands will be greatly appreciated.



VOLUNTEERS are needed for the services in **March, Holy Week, and Easter**. Needed are people to read the scriptures and/or the prayers of intercession, and to serve as acolytes, ushers and greeters. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the office. Thank you for volunteering.

POT PIE DINNER The 31st annual Pot Pie Dinner benefits people in need in Oley Valley School District. The dinner will be held on Sunday, March 10th at 11:30 AM - 3 PM. Snow date is March 17, 2024. The admission price is \$15 for adults and children age 4 to 10 is \$6. See Faye Gehris for tickets.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Susan Yerk
Ella Jabs
Allard van der Velde
David Renninger
Jennifer Nunan
Donald Fiorillo
Christine Sheetz
Shawn Chambers
Lukas Bollard
Jacob Miller
Emma Clouser
Amber McCaffrey
Andrew Rapella
Timothy Seyler
Marta Weller

Cathy Corkran
Sienna Fox
Zachary Rhode
Jennifer van der Velde
Tina Nold
Jillian Meitzler
Leroy Weidner
Jasper van der Velde
Carol Miller
Donna Moyer
Emma Morgan-Bates
Maggie Morgan
Dwight Miller
Madalyn Porter

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Stephen & Amy Miller	19 years
Penny & Richard Tracy	33 years
Keith & Patricia Christy	34 years
Natalie & William Kimmel	23 years

Deadline for removing flowers from the cemetery is March 26

MARCH *Our Staff* OPPORTUNITIES

- March 5** **3rd Sunday in Lent**
8:00 AM Sunday Church School
9:00 AM Worship Service.
Pastor Latshaw will supply; Holy Communion.
- March 10** **4th Sunday in Lent**
8:00 AM Sunday Church School
9:00 AM Worship Service.
Jim Youse will supply.
- March 17** **5th Sunday in Lent**
8:00 AM Sunday Church School
9:00 AM Worship Service
Karen Neumaier will supply.
- March 24** **Palm Sunday**
8:00 AM Sunday Church School
9:00 AM Worship Service with Pastor Rich Moore.
- March 28** **Maundy Thursday**
7 PM Worship Service with Pastor Rich Moore.
Holy Communion
- March 29** **Good Friday & Good Friday Vigil**
7:00 PM Worship Service with Pastor Rich Moore.
- March 31** **Easter Day**
6:30 AM Easter Dawn Service with Pastor Rich Moore
8:00 AM Sunday Church School
9:00 AM Worship Service with Pastor Rich Moore,
Holy Communion

Pastor Richard Moore.....
Mrs. Linda Kowalski, Council President
Mrs. Jill Savory, Parish Secretary
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

