

# HILLTOP HERALD

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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LINGLESTOWN, PA

## APRIL 2009

### Support our Youth in Mission!

Our Youth Advisor, Michael Bricker, will be accompanying six members of our Youth Group to New Orleans for the ELCA National Youth Gathering, July 22-26. On the way, they will stop off in Mississippi to participate in some "hands-on" mission work, helping to re-hab homes ravaged by Hurricane Katrina. They will also help out at some local schools when they arrive in New Orleans.

We are looking to YOU for some financial help. The Youth will be holding a Pasta Dinner on April 24, and we will be soliciting donations directly. Michael and some youth reps will be sharing much more information at worship on April 26. Watch for a special mailing towards the end of the month, and please - SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!

### Easter Egg Hunt

April 5, Noon - 1:30PM

Our Sunday School will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children of our church family on Sunday, April 5, from 12:00 Noon to 1:30PM. Parents, make plans now to bring your child(ren) for what is always a popular and fun event.

### Midweek Lenten Service

Wed, April 1, 7:30PM

Our final Wednesday evening Lenten service will be held at 7:30PM. Our theme is "Heroes of the Faith" and on April 1 we will focus on the life and witness of Albert Schweitzer, Missionary to Africa. From 6:30-7:00PM+ we will be serving a light supper of homemade Vegetable Beef soup and bread (with a suggested donation of just \$3/person). Join us!

### HOLY WEEK

#### Palm/Passion Sunday

April 5

Both services will feature a *Procession with Palms*, but the mood will change quickly as we turn our focus to the Passion of our Lord according to St. Mark. At 8:00, we will use a Congregational Reading of the Passion story. At 10:30, we will feature a choral rendering of the Passion with Narration. The celebration of *Holy Communion* will conclude our worship at both services.

#### Holy Mon/Tues/Wed

April 6, 7 & 8 - 7:30PM

The Services of the Word will focus on our Lord as he makes his way to the Cross which awaits Him at Calvary. Preachers for these services will come from our church family.

#### Maundy Thursday

April 9

There will be *two* opportunities for worship on this holy day, both including Corporate Confession and Forgiveness (with Individual Absolution) and the celebration of Holy Communion

- ◆ 12:00 Noon - A spoken service
- ◆ 7:30PM - The full service with choir

#### Good Friday

April 10

There will also be *two* opportunities for worship on this day:

- ◆ 12:00 Noon - A Service of the Word focusing on the Cross
- ◆ 7:30PM - A service focusing on our Lord's Passion according to St. John and the Adoration of the Cross, with choir participation.

### The Easter Vigil

Sat, April 11, 9:00PM

The climax of the sacred "Triduum" (three days) which began on Maundy Thursday is reached in this service which abounds in imagery of darkness and light, death and life, chaos and order, slavery and freedom. This most holy night is the solemn celebration of the central mystery of our salvation - Christ's saving death and Resurrection.

This service has four distinct parts (NOTE: While longer than "normal" this service still lasts only about 1 1/2 hours):

- ◆ *Service of Light* - The New Fire is struck, the Paschal Candle is lighted, and God is praised.
- ◆ *Service of Readings* - Old Testament texts rehearse the story of our God and His people
- ◆ *Service of Affirmation of Baptism* - All present will participate in the affirmation of Baptismal vows
- ◆ *Service of Holy Communion* - The "first Communion" of Easter, which foreshadows . . .

### Easter Day—April 12

8:00, 9:15 & 10:30AM

There will be *three* services - at 8:00, 9:15 and 10:30AM - on this holy day. Both our Adult Choir AND Handbell Choir will be present at 10:30. A supervised Nursery will be available at both 9:15 and 10:30AM.

### Easter Flowers . . .

A reminder that the deadline for ordering flowers for our Easter Chancel Garden is Monday, March 30. Flowers can be sponsored at a cost of only \$12.00. An order form will be included in the Sunday bulletin on March 29.

**Support our Youth Mission**  
**Pasta Dinner—Apr 24**  
**Holy Week**  
**April 5-12 (See Inside)**  
**Easter Egg Hunt Apr 5, Noon**  
**Three Services Easter Day!**

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## Youth Happenings . . .

*Upper Elementary Youth Group (Grades 4-6)*

- ◆ April 26, 4-5:30PM - 2nd Annual American Idol Competition

*Youth Group (Grades 7-12)*

- ◆ April 3-5, Youth Spring Retreat
- ◆ April 26, 6:00-8:30PM - Youth Meeting

## Welcome New Members!

The following new members were received on March 22:

- ◆ Shirley Morris, 177 Mapleton Dr, 17112  
545-4347
- ◆ Alan Wadsworth & Sarah Caler, 6100 Springford Dr, B23, 17111  
319-9564
- ◆ Michelle Zandome, 311 Lori Dr, 17112  
540-0344
- ◆ Brian Daubenspeck, 7735 Althea Ave, 17112  
541-8974
- ◆ Steve & Melissa Gaiski, 2191 Carol Dr, 17110  
412-7725

Welcome them as brothers and sisters in the Lord!

**Remember - Three Services**  
**Easter Day (8:00, 9:15 & 10:30)**

## Thanks . . .

- ◆ To Lester Doyle for emptying the aluminum bin, and to Bob Bugden for assisting him.
- ◆ "Your recent donation of blankets, winter gloves, baby items and hygiene items towards the Health Ministry is highly appreciated. . . You are the hands of Christ in Allison Hill. In deep gratitude, The Rev. Jody Silliker, Christ Lutheran church, Harrisburg"
- ◆ "Thank you for your contribution of \$500 to Catholic Charities Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families. Sincerely, Jeanne L. Troy, Director, Development."

## Congratulations . . .

to Christine Kramer, proud Mom of John Christan, on March 12. The tale of the tape? 8lb, 7oz and 20 1/2 inches. Also congrats to proud grandparents Carol and Bob Maxwell (and big brother Ryan).

## Welcome to the Lord's Table . . .

The following younger members of our church family will receive their First Communion on April 5: Ahren Stauffer, Patrick Howard and Braden Stehr.

**Youth Pasta Dinner**  
**Friday, April 24**  
**Watch for More Details Soon!**