

HILLTOP HERALD

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH www.churchohthehilltop.org LINGLESTOWN, PA

MARCH 2010

Midweek Services

Wednesdays - 7:30PM

On Wednesday evenings in March, through the 24th, we will come together at 7:30PM for Evening Prayer. Our theme is: "Stories Around the Fire: The History of Salvation." Weekly topics will be:

Mar 3 - The Flood

Mar 10 - The Testing of Abraham

Mar 17 - Crossing the Red Sea

Mar 24 - The Valley of Dry Bones

Please plan now on making these services a part of your observance of this holy season.

AND . . .

Soup Suppers

Wednesdays 6:30-7+PM

We will be serving a light supper of homemade soup and bread each week. Our "menu" will be as follows:

Mar 3 - Chicken Corn

Mar 10 - Vegetable Beef

Mar 17 - Chicken Noodle

Mar 24 - Baked Potato and Ham

This supper will be served in Fellowship Hall from 6:30-7+PM, and will be followed by time for clean-up and for fellowship, with our evening's worship beginning promptly at 7:30PM. While there is no "charge" for this meal, there is a suggested donation of \$3.00/person to help cover expenses.

First Communion Training

Classes will meet on Sundays, March 14 and 21, following worship, from approximately 11:30AM-12:15PM. There is no minimum age requirement. If interested, please contact Pastor ASAP!

Easter Flowers

A reminder that the deadline for ordering flowers for our Easter Chancel Garden is Monday, March 22. Flowers can be sponsored at a cost of only \$12.00 in memory or in honor of someone or some event. *An order form is included in this mailing*, and will be available in Sunday bulletins through March 21.

Lenten Offering Boxes

Boxes were mailed with the *Hilltop Herald* to all members last month. We encourage you to think in terms of a *daily* donation of *at least \$2 or more per day* throughout the forty days of the Lenten Season in order for this to signify something which begins to approach a true sacrifice. If you are a person who "gives up" something for Lent (cigarettes, candy, etc.) you may want to include in your offering box at least the amount you would otherwise have spent.

New Council Officers

The following new Council Officers were elected at the January meeting:

President - Linda Bugden

Vice-President - Don Krause

Secretary - Jay Nenninger

Treasurer - Tina Morgan

Those listed below were appointed:

Ass't Treasurer - Cyndi Heisey

Financial Secretary - John Potteiger

Ass't Fin'l Secretary - Ann Noonan

When you see them (and any of these other members of Council: Lester Doyle, Diane Haas, Matt Holmes, Dan Madio, Vickie Matzoni, Andy Maurer, Carol Maxwell, Cathi Leigh McAdams, Wenda Plowman, Judy Sosik, and Nicole Stehr), be sure to thank them for the extra time and energy they put in to serving our church family.

HOLY WEEK

Palm/Passion Sunday

Sunday, March 28

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. Luke. The celebration of *Holy Communion* will conclude our worship at both services.

Holy Mon/Tues/Wed

March 29-31 at 7:30PM

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 1/ Noon & 7:30PM

There will be *two* opportunities for worship on this day - at Noon, a spoken service, and at 7:30PM, the full service with choir - both including Corporate Confession and Forgiveness (with Individual Absolution) and the celebration of Holy Communion.

Good Friday

April 2/Noon & 7:30PM

There will be two services on this holy day:

- ◆ Noon - A meditative service
- ◆ 7:30PM - Our Lord's Passion according to St. John, Adoration of the Cross, with Choir.

Easter Vigil - April 3, 9PM and

Easter Day - April 4 8, 9:15 and 10:30AM

Watch for details in next month's newsletter!

Youth Happenings . . .

Upper Elementary Youth Group (Grades 4-6)

- ◆ March 28, 4:00PM-5:30PM

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

- ◆ March 7, 6-8:30PM - Youth Group Meeting
- ◆ March 21, 6:00-8:30PM - Youth Group Meeting - "The Passion of the Christ"

Snow Closings . . .

A reminder - should the weather make you wonder if worship has been cancelled, please check -

- ◆ TV Channels 15, 21 or 27
- ◆ Radio channels WHP 580AM, 97.3FM or 99.3FM, or
- ◆ Websites abc27.com, cbs21.com, or cw15.com.

In addition, you may call the church office to check our answering machine. And of course, in all situations, please use your best judgment: while we want you here, we want you safe most of all!

Breakfast Is Served! Sunday, March 21

Our Fellowship Team continues to put together a delicious breakfast (hot and cold items, muffins, bagels, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, etc.) for all comers between services (9:00 - 10:15AM) on the third Sunday of each month. This month, that will occur on the 21st. Be sure to join us for great food, and lots of fellowship! Hey! Ya' gotta' eat!

Church Youth Mission Trip Update July 11-17, 2010

Our Youth Advisor, Michael Bricker, will accompany thirteen of our Christ Lutheran Youth members on this mission trip to Indiana. In all, there will be 200 youth and adults from the Lower Susquehanna Synod answering God's call to service in His Name. Watch for more information in the coming months concerning ways YOU can show your support for this Youth Mission trip.

Speaking of God . . .

our monthly opportunity to gather for informal theological conversation, will be held on Sunday, March 14, at 9:15 in Room 10 (Youth Room).

Our Mutual Ministry Committee . . .

This Committee acts as the personnel committee of our church family, and as a liaison between our members and staff. Members include: Bill Veith, Linda Weller, Emily Wright, Peg Carroll, Kathi Clouser and Janet Bevan. If you have any specific concerns you would like to see addressed, please feel free to contact any of these members.

A Mission Trip: How You Can Help!

On Sunday, March 7, eight members of our church family will be traveling to Austell, Georgia for a week of work through a variety of agencies, including Lutheran Services of Georgia. In September, 2009, northern Georgia received 22.5 inches of rain in 24 hours. 8,000-10,000 homes were flooded. In the city of Austell, 696 of 2,400 homes received damage.

This mission trip will focus on restoring the interior of a badly damaged home - electrical, insulation, drywall, finish coat, painting, flooring and cabinetry. The family who lives there has no other means of finishing their house so they can return to a normal life. Nativity Lutheran Church, Austell will graciously open their doors for our group; we will have use of their fellowship hall, kitchen and facilities. We will purchase and prepare our own meals.

If you would like to *make a donation* to help underwrite the cost of the trip for our members (who provide their own transportation and food, as noted above) please use the enclosed Special Offering envelope. Mark "Joining Hands" on the envelope, make your check payable to "Christ Lutheran Church," and then put it in the offering plate, or mail it directly to the Church Office, through the end of March. And, as always, please be generous!

Thank You . . .

- ◆ "Pastor and Members of the Church - Thank you for the beautiful flowers and prayers during my long illness. I have moved to Country Meadows, 459 Sand Hill Rd, Apt 649, Hershey, PA 17033. Sincerely, Olga Frable"
- ◆ "Dear Pastor Sticklely and members of the Church, thank you so much for your concern and prayers while I was sick. I couldn't have gotten healthy again without all of your help! I honestly can't say how grateful I am to be around such wonderful people in church! Thanks again so much! God bless you! Sincerely, Lauren Matzoni"
- ◆ "Thank you so much for the donation of gifts and gift cards for our Holiday-Help-A-Family Program in 2009, and for your contribution of \$1,595 to help support our Emergency Fuel Assistance Program. Jacqueline Rucker, Exec. Director, Christian Churches United"
- ◆ "On behalf of Gaudenzia, thank you for your contribution of \$500 to benefit the DELTA Community Program in 2009. James D. Ross, President, Delta Community"
- ◆ "Your gift of \$500 is received with joy and humility, and given wholly to our mission (in the city). In God's Love, The Rev. Jody Silliker, Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Harrisburg"