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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Finally, the crocus is blooming, the robins are back, and it is officially spring. It has been a long winter, and I am sure that most of you are as glad as I am to see warm weather headed our way. My lane has definitely been a challenge at times this winter, and I look forward to going up and down without a thought to the weather.

Easter will soon be here, and we will joyfully celebrate the risen Christ. We are all called to come to the light of the empty tomb. Easter is a day when hope blooms again and again in our hearts as we contemplate what was done for each of us on the cross. We who are buried in our humanness and sin, are brought into the light by the blood of Christ shed for us on the cross. We are all called to come to the one who will never turn away from us, and we are assured that we can trust in Jesus and all that He has taught as He did what He promised He would do; He rose from the dead to never die again. Through His

blood of redemption, we too can have eternal life.

May you enjoy Easter and all that it brings, and may you feel the warm rays of God's grace each and every day.

Happy Easter,
Pastor Linda

MARTIN LUTHER SAYS:

Pray like it all depends on God, then when you are done, go work like it all depends on you.



HOLY HUMOR:

HAVE YOU SEEN THESE CHURCH SIGNS?

Notice in a church parking lot.
Trespassers will be baptized.

If you can't sleep, don't count
sheep. Talk to the Shepherd.

Do not wait for the hearse to take
you to church.

How will you spend eternity -
Smoking or Non-smoking?

Free Trip to heaven. Details
Inside!



“BOOKS AND BEYOND” BOOK GROUP ANNOUNCES FALL BOOK SELECTIONS

The group meets at 10 a.m. at the Library on the third Wednesday of each month, September through May. All are welcome. book selections are picked by the group. Please invite any of your friends who like to read. We are a laid-back group who has a lot of fun talking about the book and its characters.



Earth Day was founded in 1970 as a day of education about environmental issues, and Earth Day 2019 occurs on Monday, April 22. Let us all pray this month for wise decisions from our leaders to keep God’s beautiful creation healthy and green!

Selections:

April 17 *The Chilbury Ladies Choir*
by Jennifer Ryan

May 15 *A Piece of the World*
by Christina Baker Kline

- *Book group does not meet over the summer: June, July and August*

Sept 18 *Little Fires Everywhere*
by Celeste Ng

Oct. 16 *Miss Julie Hits the Road*
by Ann B. Ross

Nov. 20 *Winter Sisters*
by Robin Oliveira



Our church website has been updated, not only does it include current photos, but you can find the Pastor's sermons, newsletters as well as current news articles posted there. You can easily reach the site by googling Christ Lutheran Church in New Bloomfield or <http://www.clcnewbloomfield.org>. Check it often to keep up with the latest happenings at Christ Lutheran!



UP DATE OF "YOUNG VOICES" AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM JOINT PROJECT

In the fall of 2018, Christ Lutheran partnered with the Methodist Church in obtaining a \$1000 grant from the Harrisburg District of the United Methodist Church. Between 8 and 18 children now come every week on Wednesdays after school for singing, crafts, snacks, and activities that emphasize good manners and positive behavior. The program is open to any Perry County child in kindergarten

through 5th grade, and all are welcome regardless of experience or ability.

The children are directed by Bob Buyer who is the Choir Director at Enola Emmanuel United Methodist Church and works with the youth choir of the Susquehanna Choral. The children have recently been invited to sing at this year's Memorial Day celebration here in New Bloomfield.

The steering committee is also in the process of applying for grants for the next school year. Please consider volunteering to lead a craft or tell a story in the future. If you are interested, let Pastor Linda know at 717-386-8762 or Lindashank@centurylink.net

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

This year we will continue to partner with the Methodist Church and the River of Life Community Church to offer a community Maundy Thursday, and a good Friday service.

The Maundy Thursday service will take place at the **Methodist Church at 7 p.m.** on April 18th. The Good Friday service will be held at **Christ Lutheran Church at 7 p.m.** on Friday, April 19th.





Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS

April 3 Lent Bible Study, 1 p.m.
“Young Voices” After
School Program 3:30pm
Methodist Church

April 7 Confirmation Class, 11 a.m.
Perry Village Service, 2 p.m.

April 8 Morning Glories, 9 a.m.
Lions Club, 6:30 pm

April 9 Church Council, 7 p.m.

April 10 Lent Bible Study, 1 p.m.
“Young Voices” After
School Program, 3:30pm
Methodist Church

April 13 Easter Play, 2 p.m.

April 14 Palm Sunday
Confirmation Class, 11 a.m.

April 17 * Books & Beyond Book
Group, 10 a.m., at Library
* Lent Bible Study, 1 p.m.
* “Young Voice” After
School Program 3:30
Methodist Church

April 18 Maundy Thursday
Community Service, 7 p.m.
Methodist Church

April 19 Good Friday Community
Service, 7 p.m.
Christ Lutheran

April 21 Easter Sunrise Service at
Snyder’s United Methodist
Church at 6:30 am.

In the Church Cemetery.
Bring a chair. The church is located at
1724 New Bloomfield Road, New
Bloomfield, PA. (Along Route 274
near Meck’s Corner.)

*Easter Breakfast at 7:30 am at Christ
Lutheran Church followed
by worship at 9 am.

April 22 Earth Day

April 22- 29th Pastor Linda on
Vacation



Many thanks to all who donated items
for our Easter basket collection for the
Perry County Emergency Shelter.

Your contributions are greatly
appreciated and what a great showing
of God’s love and concern for others
was demonstrated by these
contributions.



GREETING CARD MINISTRY:

Sue Adams has graciously volunteered to lead this ministry. Appropriate cards will be sent to those who are ill, shut in for some reason, etc., including members of the Church who are still part of our congregation but no longer worship with us on Sundays.

We are in need of greeting cards especially “Thinking of You” cards. If you have cards with envelopes to **donate**, please bring them to the church office or give them directly to Sue.

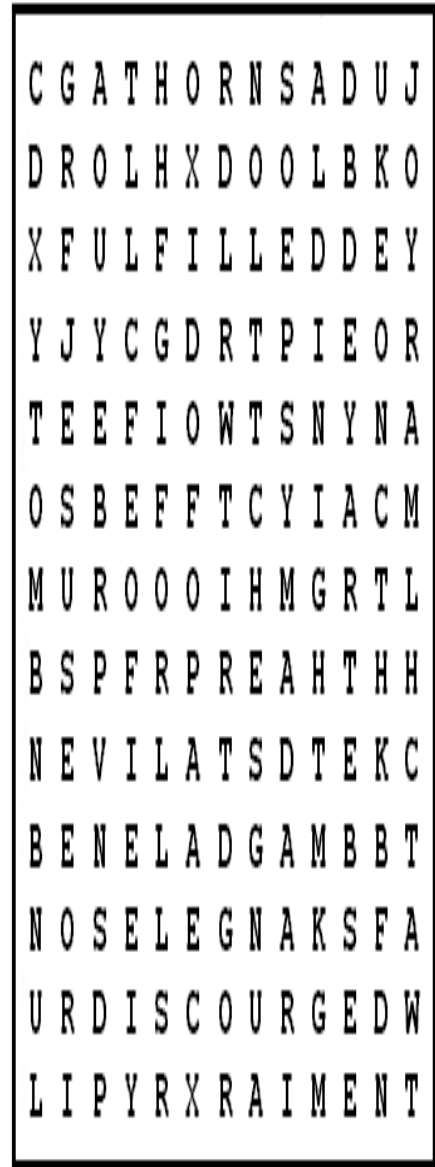
Also, we will be making homemade cards every month at “**Morning Glories**,” and no prior artistic experience is needed. Making the cards is easy and fun. Why not join us this month on **Monday, April 8th**, at **9 a.m. in the Sunday School Room**.



Kids Bible Wordsearch

Resurrection
of Jesus Christ
Puzzle #3

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.



ALIVE
ANGEL
BETRAYED
BLOOD
BODY
CHRIST
CRUCIFIED
DISCIPLES
FEET
FORSAKEN
FULFILLED
GOLGOTHA
JESUS
JOY
JUDAS



LORD
MAGDALENE
MARY
NIGHT
PILATE
RAIMENT
RISEN
ROBE
SCOURGED
SOLDIERS
SON
THIRTY
THORNS
TOMB
WATCH



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