## Prayers for Lent to Focus

### on Grace and Mercy

### this Lenten Season

#### Prayer for Strength and Guidance:

Lord God Almighty, we pray for your great mercy, that you guide us towards you, for we cannot find our way. Guide us to do your will, to the need of our soul, for we cannot do it ourselves. Strengthen us against the temptations of the devil, and shield us against our foes, seen and unseen. Amen

#### Prayer to Protect Us from any Temptation:

O Christ, Son of God, protect us so that we may not be led astray by any temptation. Nourish our souls with the heavenly food of your Word, through your mercy, O our God, you govern all things. Amen

#### Prayer for God to Bring Beauty from Ashes:

Lord, Lent reminds us of our difficulties and struggles. Sometimes the way has seemed too dark. We feel our lives have been marked by grief and pain, we don't see anything changing. In the midst of our weakness, we ask that you would be strong on our behalf. Let your Spirit shine out every broken place we've walked through. Let others recognize that it is You who is at work on our behalf. We ask that you trade the ashes of our lives for the beauty of your Presence. We believe that this is the season of darkness will fade away. We thank you that you are at work right now, trading our ashes for greater beauty. Amen

#### Prayer for a Clean Heart:

Oh God, create in me a clean heart, a humble heart, a peaceful heart, a benevolent heart, a devout heart which does evil to no one, which does not repay evil for evil, but overcomes evil with good, which loves you above all things. Amen

#### Prayer to Defend Us from All Enemies:

Lord, defend us from all enemies that rise up against us. Through your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

# March 2023 Newsletter

### "On Wings Like Eagles"

...but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength They shall mount up with *Wings like eagles*, They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31





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#### Our Purpose

(Our sense of what God is calling us to be and do in the mission of the Church) God's purpose for our congregation is to be a Christ-centered community, glorifying God and sharing the gospel and blessings with our neighbors.

#### Sunday Mornings

Youth Sunday School 8:45 am Coffee Hour following Worship first Sunday of the month

#### **Catechism Classes**

Catechism Classes for youth in grades 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades is available. Parents and P. Kaufman agree to a schedule that is compatible for all.

All are invited to join us for our worship/fellowship opportunities.

#### **Contact Information**

#### Pastor Michele Kaufman – Pastor Designate Phone Number: 570-881-2371

If you have a pastoral need such as a request for a hospital visit, pastoral care need, or spiritual counseling, please contact P. Kaufman.

For other requests such as a baptism, funeral, or wedding, please contact the church office @ 570.788.2685. If necessary, please leave a message including your full name, phone number, the reason for your call, and the best time to contact you.

#### 2023 Church Council Officers/Members

Melody Hinderer – President	Janet Brady
Donna Cassarella – Vice President	Jim Cassarella
Carolyn Kuehn – Secretary	Jan Jacobus
Jane Krouse – Assistant Secretary	Patty Phile
Jennifer Cipriani – Treasurer	
Sherry Grenzberg – Assistant Treasurer	

Church Ministries – See Calendar for Scheduled Meetings/Events Finance Team – TBA, Chairperson Lay Eucharistic Ministry Team: Melody Hinderer, Judy Mundie Learning Ministry Team: Kim Deliman, Chairperson Lutheran Church Women (LCW): Mary Ellen Sims, President Prayer Circle Ministry: Kim Deliman, Chairperson Prayer Shawl Ministry: Peggy Hawk Property Team: Jim Cassarella, Chairperson S.E.R.V.E. Ministry: Donna Cassarella, Melody Hinderer, Co-Chairpersons Worship and Music Ministry Team: Arlene Poltrock, Chairperson

We offer many opportunities for ministry. If interested, please contact the church office, a council member, or the chairperson(s) listed above.

**Our Guiding Principles #1** 

We proclaim Jesus as our Lord and Savior.



### PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Almighty God,

My parish family is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a parish with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, and filled with these same qualities.

Therefore, with the help of God-

I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish family to be.

Bless my journey Lord God, that I might build the Church through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

#### From Pastor Michele Kaufman

I came across a list entitled, "Satan's Beatitudes." They said if the devil were to write his Beatitudes they would probably go something like this: Blessed are those who are too tired, too busy, too distracted to spend an hour once a week with their fellow Christians—they are my best workers. Blessed are those Christians who wait to be asked, and expect to be thanked—I can use them.

Blessed are the touchy. With a bit of luck they may stop going to church— they are my missionaries. Blessed are the troublemakers—they shall be called my children.

Blessed are the complainers—I'm all ears to them.

Blessed are they who are bored with the minister's mannerisms and mistakes—for they get nothing out of his sermons.

Blessed is the church member who expects to be invited to his own church—for he is part of the problem instead of the solution.

Blessed are they who gossip—for they shall cause strife and divisions that please me.

Blessed are they who are easily offended—for they will soon get angry and quit.

Blessed are they who do not give their offering to carry on God's work—for they are my helpers. Blessed is he who professes to love God, but hates his brother and sister—for he shall be with me forever. Blessed are you when you hear this and think it is about other people and not yourself—I've got you.

As I read thru that list, two things immediately struck me. I can honestly say I have pastored every one of those church members and what the church desperately needs are more members who simply love their church: not only love their church, but love their church the way God loves the church. You see, God loves the church sacrificially. He gave His Son for it. God loves the church unconditionally. There is a blessing that comes to every church member who really will loves their church. Do you love God's church? So many people only come to church three times in their life- when they're first born and baptized; when they get married and they come to church to have the wedding; and when they die and come to church to have their funeral. In other words, they come to church three times-when they're hatched, matched, and dispatched. The first time you throw water on them, the second time you throw rice, and the third time you throw dirt. I never cease to be amazed at the excuses that people give for not attending church. Someday I'm going to catalogue them and write a book. There are some people who neglect their church by not coming. They just don't show up. They want the benefits of membership at no cost. Even though we miss them, they really don't miss us. Then there are those who come but stop there. The only thing they do contribute to the church is their presence. They don't give, they don't work, they don't serve, they don't witness, they don't worship, some of them don't even sing; they just come. Then there are those who come to church and yet are so negative, so critical, their attitude is so bad that the church would be better off if they maybe stayed home. I believe if you're going to attend your church, you ought to defend your church; you ought to commend your church. That does not mean the church is not above good solid constructive criticism, but one should fully be aware of what's happened, been done or in the works. If you're not there, how can you share your insight? Do you love your church? Don't answer too quickly. Because I want to say to you gently, lovingly, but firmly; you have no right to say you love God's church, if you're not giving to it and supporting it financially. You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving. No matter what you do, whether it is giving a tithe and an offering, teaching Sunday School, inviting folks to attend, or sitting in a pew on Sunday morning; do it because you love Jesus. I want to encourage you to be more diligent in terms of worship. I want you to pray and ask yourself how you might participate and support the work of the church. I encourage you to contemplate how we may find new ways to touch our community and address the needs of folks around us. Most importantly, we want you to be part of something that has a lasting effect on others as well as yourself.

#### Highlights from the Church Council Meeting February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Attendance: Janet Brady, Melody Hinderer, Jan Jacobus, Carolyn Kuehn, Patty Phile, Jane Krouse, Sherry Grenzberg. Excused absence: Donna Cassarella, Jim Cassarella, P. Michele Kaufman

Church Council minutes from January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, approved.

Annual Congregation Meeting Minutes, motion approved to move the minutes to be voted on at the next annual meeting on Jan 28, 2024.

January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Election of Officers. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report for Jan 2023 approved.

Pastor's Report/Mileage: No report.

#### **Team Reports**

#### Worship Team: Arlene Poltrock - Chairperson

- I-Pad, still not working, P. Michele took I-pad to see if she can find someone to fix the I-pad.
- Ash Wednesday Service : Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7 pm. P. Chip Fairchild will preside.
- Arlene Poltrock hopes to be back in church playing the organ beginning in March.
- Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Boy Scouts Sunday which happens to be the birthday of the Scouts. The Scouts helped with the service, and they did a great job.

#### SERVE Team: Donna Cassarella and Melody Hinderer – Co-Chairpersons

- Member directory is coming along very well.
- "Souper Bowl" Sunday is Feb 12<sup>th</sup> donations will go towards the Hunger Appeal.
- A Kindness Tree is on the bulletin board in the St. Stephen's room. For every dollar received, a heart will be put on the tree. Donations will go to VBS.
- Future plans: create a children's library and an adult library, also video rentals.
- Amazon Smile has discontinued this program to concentrate on programs where their employees work.
- Thrivent Card needed for Divine Providence.
- The Spring Indoor Craft and Bake Sale March 18<sup>th</sup>. LCW will have a bake sale.
- Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, luncheon for first responders held after church.
- Hobo Party to be held in the fall.
- Melody Hinderer purchased pens with religious sayings to be put in the Welcome Bags.
- Next meeting February 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30 pm.

#### Learning Ministry Team: Kim Deliman - Chairperson

- Sunday school teachers: March Sherry Grenzberg, April Linda Snyder, May Donna Cassarella
- Palm Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, have kids carry the palms.
- Discussed having activities during the summer for parents and children.

#### Property Team: Jim Cassarella - Chairperson

- Mountain Top Paving plan to pave handicap area in the spring of 2023.
- Sausage Supper Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.
- Discussed changing the light bulbs in Luther Hall.
- Looking into having more signage in different parts of the church.

#### LCW: Mary Ellen Sims – Chairperson

• No report.

Lay Eucharist: Calls are being made monthly. Everyone is doing well.

Continuation from Highlights from the Church Council Meeting...

Finance Team: Chairperson needed.

Carillon Team: No report. Jane Krouse offered to do some research. Anniversary Celebration - 2024. Need to form a team in 2023.

#### Call Committee: Melody Hinderer – Chairperson

No report. •

#### **Old Business:**

- Parochial report is due by January 31, 2023.
- Lockbox will be closed as soon as it is feasible for the bank.
- No updates on the pavilion (Scouts).
- Baptism: Luke Alexander Thomas April 23rd •
- Offering envelopes went to print on Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. •

#### New Business:

- Review job descriptions
- Melody Hinderer to be put on as an Administrator on FB.

Next council meeting is March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 7 pm, meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm, closed meeting by praying the Lord's Prayer.

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### World Day of Prayer **Church Women United** March 3 at 2 pm **Providence Place, Drums**



#### **Have Heard About Your Faith**

Program was written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Taiwan for WDP 2023

Ephesians 1:15-19

Refreshments following the program.

#### **Supply Pastor Schedule**

March 5 - Pastor Melvin Mundie March 12 - Pastor Chip Fairchild March 19 - Pastor Melvin Mundie March 26 – Pastor Melvin Mundie

#### **Altar Flowers**

In Honor of Family by Janet Brady Available to Sponsor In Loving Memory of Family by Linda Snyder Available to Sponsor

#### **March Bulletin Sponsors**

March 5 – In Memory of William Bohmfalk by Janet Brady March 12 – By an anonymous donor March 19 – Available to sponsor March 26 – Available to sponsor

#### March Birthday and Baptism Celebrations

We publish these celebrations with permission and information given by our members. If your celebration is missing from our list, please call the church secretary with the information and your information will be updated. Thank you!



March 1 - April Floyd-Gliem March 6 – Dawn Floyd March 6 – Joe Washko March 8 – Korri Cipriani March 12 – Judith Mundie March 15 – Kaylee Marie Barbush March 15 – Colten Bryce Coxe March 16 – Barbara Schell March 16 – Brent Sims March 19 – Madden Urbancic March 26 – Nancy Reed March 28 – Walter Bloss, Sr.



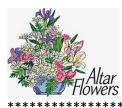
March 12 – Alexander Troy Bowden March 17 – Melody Hinderer March 18 – Kaylee Marie Barbush March 21 – Lindford Kuehn, Sr. March 22 – Trevor Fulton March 23 – Matthew Barbush

March 28 – Donald Wenner, Sr.

#### **Bulletin Sponsors**

Church members have the opportunity to sponsor our weekly church bulletins for 2023. The cost for one week is \$10.00. Available Dates Chart and forms are available in the St. Stephen's room. Please fill out the form along with your check payable to St. John's Lutheran Church and return it to Rose Fox, our church secretary. March 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> are available to sponsor.

#### **Altar Flower Sponsors**



A reminder that our 2023 Altar Flower chart is available in the St. Stephen's Room. March 12 and 26<sup>th</sup> are available to sponsor.

#### The Kindness Tree

For every dollar we receive in the envelopes with a 🤎, we will put a heart on the Kindness Tree. No names will go on the hearts so we can use the hearts again.

The money received will go towards our Vacation Bible School ministry.

We will be accepting donations for the month of February.

Please place the envelopes in the collection plate or in the basket by the Kindness Tree display.

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#### Monthly Coffee Hour



On March 5, after church, the March birthdays will be celebrated with a coffee hour sponsored by the Schultz and Leitner families. Each first Sunday of the month Coffee Hour will be observed. There is a sign-up sheet in the St. Stephen's room for members/church teams to sponsor. A sponsor is needed for the month of April.

#### Worship Service Volunteers Needed

Since the Covid restrictions have been lifted, we are reverting back to our "normal" worship services which include coming forward for communion and offering collection. There is a sign-up sheet in the St. Stephen's room for volunteers to fill the following responsibilities for our Sunday worship services:

Head Usher/Building Attendant, Assistant Minister/Wine Pourer, Altar Guild (fold bulletins, etc.), Altar Guild (set up the altar for communion, etc.), Greeters, Crucifer (if needed), Acolyte, Communion Bread Provider, Bring Wine and Bread forward, Communion Ushers, Collection Ushers.

If you have any questions about any of the responsibilities above, please see a council member. We need volunteers in all areas, thank you.





#### Luther Hall

As a member of our congregation, Luther Hall is available to you if you need a place to hold a function such as a birthday party, baptism celebrations, first communion celebrations, confirmation celebrations, anniversary parties, and funeral dinners. For non-members, our hall is available for certain functions (funeral dinners not included) and there may be a fee depending on the usage of the hall (kitchen, etc.). All requests from members or non-members will have to be approved by the church council. If you are interested in reserving Luther Hall, please contact Jim Cassarella or Melody Hinderer.

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#### **Church Member Directory**



Gathering information has begun to publish an updated church member directory. Our church secretary, Rose Fox, has been contacting our members to get permission to have your information published. The information we are seeking is a current mailing address, current phone number, and email. We will not publish any information that you do not want published. As before, our directory will only be given to our members to use for sending cards for lifetime events such as birthdays, anniversaries, etc. If you received a call and a message was left, and are interested, please return the call with the information. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **Divine Providence**



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Our church provides a nourishing evening meal once a month for the Divine Providence Homeless Shelter in Hazleton. We are in need of someone that would work with Donna in organizing the volunteers to make the dinner and the delivery of it to the shelter. It's only once each month on the 3rd Saturday for their 7:00 pm meal. Thank you to those who continue to make this happen.

Please contact: Donna Cassarella @ 570-436-2168 (S.E.R.V.E. Team Outreach Initiative)

#### Valley Food Pantry

To help with providing an Easter meal to our Valley Food Pantry families, there is a need for bags of Easter candy. Donations must be made by Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure the candy is within the expiration date.



THANK YOU in advance for your generosity.



#### 2023 Offering Envelopes

The offering envelopes are ready for pick up in the St. Stephen's Room. Thank you for your cooperation during the waiting period until they arrived.

#### Valley Interfaith Council

Please follow the Valley Interfaith Council on Facebook if you haven't yet. It is an ecumenical group of member congregations in the Conyngham/Sugarloaf/ Drums area that promotes unity. Posts include events happening with each congregation to help grow faith community involvement along with providing support to the Valley Food Pantry. If you are already a follower of the Facebook page, invite your friends to follow too.



#### **Prayer Circle**



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If you have a prayer request for yourself, someone else, or would like to join the Prayer Circle and receive the list of prayer concerns; Please contact Kim Deliman at 570-788-4459. Leave a message with your contact information, prayer request and if possible, the duration the prayer request will be needed. (Example: week(s), month(s), indefinitely etc.) Let me know what is to be done for the requested name,

whether it is to be included in the bulletin, placed on the prayer circle list, or if the person would like to be contacted by Pastor Michele Kaufman. You may also call the church office or, sign the Prayer Request list located on the table in the St. Stephen's Room. With your help, the members of the church can keep the Prayer Circle current and enable us to fulfill the needs of the church, community, and the world in which we live. \* Please keep me informed when a name can be removed from the Prayer List.

\* Psalm 33:22 Let your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

#### Lenten Series

Can you imagine anyone living without at least one modern convenience in this world of ours; running water, a bed, or a clock? To many, this would be horrible. But no one takes the time to think about what life would be without God. It was Friedrich Nietzsche, in The Gay Science (1882), who had his character the madman declare, "God is dead." The point Nietzsche seemed to be making toward the end of the 19th century was that the Christian idea of God was dead, giving birth to secular humanism. This really was not a new philosophy; it was as old as the Tower of Babel The cultural forces at work in the Western world at this time seemed to be leading people to a similar conclusion. Our culture, along with Western Europe, has become increasingly secular. It is once again popular to declare like the psalmist, "There is no God." And yet because God exists we always have hope no matter how dark the days seem. A world without God is a world without hope. The atheist (or "the fool", as the Bible calls him) says, "Prove God exists." I answer, "Prove that He does not." Either way, it is a choice of faith. I choose hope over hopelessness. What kind of a world do you choose to live in?

Join us for this year's Lenten series, **A World Without God**. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd and every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. throughout Lent, we will consider What if.??? and the consequences of a world devoid of God. St. Paul's is located at 316 S. Mountain Blvd in Mountaintop. You are invited to join us each week. The church is handicapped-accessible and ventilated by an air filtration system.

#### 2023 Lenten Study Guides



The 2023 Lenten Study Guides are available in the St. Stephen's Room for personal reflection of the Lenten season. Please only take one per family. If you know of members who cannot make it to church or if you would like to share with your neighbors and friends, please take one for them as well.

**Sunday School Resumes** 

#### All of the study guides are in large print.



Sunday School is starting again for the month of March and will continue until May 21, 2023. Right now, classes are being covered by volunteers on a month-to-month basis. It is so important for the children to have a strong foundation in their faith and that begins with Sunday School. We

look forward to the children coming back to class. Over the next few months, we encourage you to prayerfully consider sharing your time and talents with our youth. We are still in need of a Sunday School leader. Team up with someone if you aren't comfortable doing it alone. Any help would be greatly appreciated. It isn't necessary to figure out lesson plans. We have an easy curriculum available to use and explore together. Weekly, monthly, or a permanent volunteer would be a blessing. Will you answer that calling? Our SS group is small in numbers but not small in the need to continue growing through instruction and fun. We are open to any suggestions on how to make this happen. If you feel you can help us in this matter, please reach out to the Learning Ministry team. Kim Deliman (chairperson), Jennifer Cipriani, Donna Cassarella, Melody Hinderer, Patty Phile

Proverbs 22:6 "Train children in the way they should go; when they grow old, they won't depart from it."

#### Women of the Evangelical Church in America (LCW)

LCW will resume monthly meetings in March, April, and May on the first Tuesday of each month at 1 pm. The dates are March 7<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Events will be planned for the next several months.

During February and March, we are collecting **Wish List** items offered to the Beyond Violence Women's Shelter. Our bake sale in conjunction with the upcoming March 18<sup>th</sup> Craft Sale will need donations of baked goods to sell. Please sign up in the St. Stephen's Room or call Mary



Ellen Sims at 570-788-2866 to donate. Also, please bring baked items to Luther Hall on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 1-m. Help is needed to package items that afternoon and also for the sale the next day. Call Mary Ellen to offer your help. The proceeds of the bake sale support mission and outreach. Supplies for church dinners, Coffee Hour coffee, cups, and plates are purchased from our LCW treasury to name a few.

LCW President Mary Ellen Sims



Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 8 am to 3 pm

Homemade Crafts, Food, Baked Goods, and Tricky Tray Raffle

The event will benefit our church and help send our youth to the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering.

**Baked goods** are needed for the sale. Sign up in the St. Stephen's Room. Deliver items to the church on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. If you would like to help package items for the sale, contact Mary Ellen Sims.

Tricky Trays are needed. A theme basket or gift cards are welcome. Your donations are appreciated.



Prayer Shawl Ministry donated 8 lap blankets to the Cancer Center in Hazleton

### Sausage Supper

#### Drive-Thru "Take out" Only! Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Pick-up times: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

#### Dinner - \$13.00

Menu: sausage, pancakes, baked potato, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, dessert



For tickets: 570-582-7193 Jim 570-436-2168 Donna 570-788-3938 Betty & Don 570-788-2685 Church Office

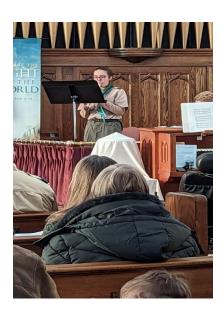
#### Boy Scouts Sunday – February 5<sup>th</sup>

What a joy it was to have the Boy Scouts , the leaders of the troops, parents, family, and friends worship with us on the actual birthday of the scouts organization – February 5<sup>th</sup>. The scouts participated in the service and also held a coffee hour afterwards. The scouts who participated in the service were:

Paige Greco (Music), Jonathan Shaffer (Acolyte), Trevor Correll, Jensen Remenar, Brayden Schoch, Jackson Krenek (Presentation of Colors), Evey Remenar and Ella Aquilina (First Reading), Logan Hermany and Julian Hermany (Second Reading), Korie Cipriani, Aili Krenek, Logan Tutko and Lorenzo Beltrami (Prayers of Intercession), Elizabeth Orbinpost (Offering Prayer), Benjamin Shaffer and Kylie Sisock (Presenters of Bread & Wine).















#### **Bear Creek Camp**

It might be winter, but it's time to begin thinking about warmer weather and summer activities at Bear Creek Camp! The programs are centered on spiritual growth, outdoor living, and small group development for ages 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This year's theme is "One God and Creator for all, who is over all and through all and in all" -Ephesians 4:6. The schedule for summer camping is now available on their website. All campers who register before March 31 will receive an exclusive Early Bird T-shirt when they arrive at camp featuring this year's theme logo. Visit <u>bccamp@bearcreekcamp.org</u> for more information. The LCW is offering to pay a portion of the tuition for any youth members that wish to attend. Please contact the church office if you plan on attending.





- March 1<sup>st</sup> Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 9:30 am; Choir @ 2pm
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> Scouts Committee Meeting @ 7 pm
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> World Day of Prayer @ 2pm, Providence Place, Drums
- March 5<sup>th</sup> SS @ 8:45 am; Church @ 10 am; Coffee Hour
- ✤ March 6<sup>th</sup> Scouts @ 6pm
- ✤ March 7<sup>th</sup> LCW Meeting @ 1 pm
- March 8<sup>th</sup> Choir @ 2 pm
- ✤ March 9<sup>th</sup> Church Council Meeting @ 7 pm
- March 12<sup>th</sup> SS @ 9:45 am; Church @ 10 am
- March 13<sup>th</sup> Scouts @ 6 pm
- March 15<sup>th</sup> March Newsletter Deadline; Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 9:30 am; Choir @ 2 pm
- March 17<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day; Set up for Craft Sale
- March 18<sup>th</sup> Craft & Bake Sale 8 am to 3 pm
- March 19<sup>th</sup> SS @ 8:45 am; Church @ 10 am
- ✤ March 20<sup>th</sup> Scouts @ 6 pm
- ✤ March 22<sup>nd</sup> Choir @ 2 pm
- ✤ March 14<sup>th</sup> Scouts Sleepover/1<sup>st</sup> Aide Course
- March 15<sup>th</sup> Scouts Sleepover/1<sup>st</sup> Aide Course
- ✤ March 23<sup>rd</sup> S.E.R.V.E. Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- March 25<sup>th</sup> Divine Providence Meal
- March 26<sup>th</sup> SS @ 8:45 am; Church @ 10 am; Easter Candy deadline for Valley Food Pantry
- March 27th Scouts @ 6 pm
- ✤ March 29<sup>th</sup> Choir @ 2pm



**Easter Crystal Sale:** Christ Church UCC (460 Main St., Conyngham) is accepting orders for Easter Crystals. They are \$14.00 per box and orders are due by March 15<sup>th</sup>. The pick-up date is April 1<sup>st</sup> between 10 am to 12 pm at the rear of the church. Call Barb to order at 570-788-3246