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Lutheran Church, Chester Springs, PA



## The Herald

March 2021

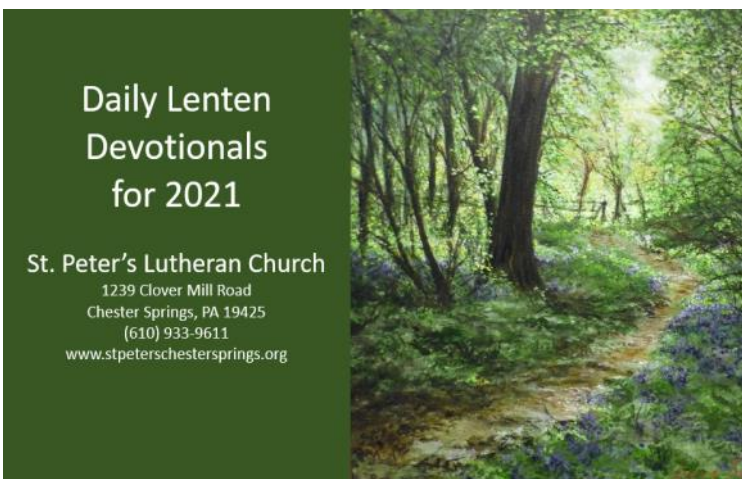
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### SEVERAL LENTEN WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES BEING OFFERED



We will meet again for Bible study continuing with chapter 7 of the book of Mark via Zoom on March 23 at 1:30 pm. All are invited to participate. The Zoom invitation will be sent out to all of our membership list, but it is not restricted to members and anyone can call in from their phone and participate. If you do not receive an invitation and would like to attend, please email or call Pastor and he will make sure that you get the necessary information.

Lenten services and soup suppers will be held virtually at 6 pm on Thursdays throughout Lent. Make yourselves some soup, print off the service and participate on Zoom, just as you would have done if we were meeting together in church. The Zoom invitation will be sent out to all members each week. If you are not a member and would like to participate, please email or call Pastor Wesemann.

Daily Lenten  
Devotionals  
for 2021

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Pastor is emailing out daily devotionals every week. Each week has been prepared with a different theme and each day provides some scripture, a reflection, an activity, a prayer and maybe a link to some music. The devotionals will lead up to Easter Sunday.

We trust that you will enjoy what has been prepared for you.

Winter can be a dreary time of year. So can the season of Lent. But winter also has some amazing beauty. My wife and I sometimes stand at our sliding backdoor and admire the beauty of a big snowfall. Many people post beautiful snow scenes on Facebook. Winter also provides opportunities for self-evaluation and slowing down. It is the season for craft projects, the Superbowl, basketball, hockey and winter sport activities.

Lent can also be a wonderful season. Self-evaluation, with regard to faith, can open the door for a wonderful life, joy and loving relationships. Lent can challenge us in many ways, but these challenges can offer us new opportunities. Take some time to think about ways that you can improve yourselves and ways you can grow your love for Jesus and other people and maybe share this love and your faith with your neighbors. Of course, use the Lenten season to prepare yourself for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.



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I pray that by Easter, many of you will have had a chance to be vaccinated and that we will be celebrating the Easter season with a growing number of attendees. One of our members had a dream that we would all be gathered in church, dressed like we do for Easter. Now, maybe this year, Easter will be celebrated in the pavilion with people wearing masks, but still enjoying their favorite hymns.

Please join me in this prayer and join me in making a renewed commitment to do the little things needed to make this pandemic go away (wear your masks, socially distance, wash your hands). Remember to give from your hearts to your congregation and to the charities you love. There are many more people struggling to feed their families and maintain their homes today. There are many more hard-working people who are now jobless.

When we celebrate this Easter season, let it be a celebration knowing that we have helped our neighbors in need. Now we are in the midst of Lent, but next month brings the joy of Jesus' resurrection.

**PASTORAL ACTS**

**Baptism Scheduled:**  
Emery Theresa Burnley 3/7/21

**Scattering Garden Funeral:** TBD  
Esther Altmann  
Bill Smith

**New Members to be Received:** TBD  
Kevin Kloss  
Stuart Sullivan  
Joe and Connie Fleming



*Please pray not only for your loved ones but also for the entire congregation, its leaders and those listed below as they cope with life's challenges.*

Loving and caring God,

We know that you are with us in the times when we are struggling, sick on either an emotional or physical level and in our hour of need when we no longer believe in ourselves. Help us to recognize the depth of your love during those times so we do not feel alone. Open our hearts to feel the enormity of your presence, to feel your deep and unconditional love and to recognize your guidance. We ask that you might ease our burdens as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Dorothy Abrahamsen  
Karil Abrahamsen  
Glenn Allen  
Midge Bates  
Leroy Bauman  
Bernadette Bender  
Peggy Burnley  
Stephanie Bilash  
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Erin Johnson  
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Linda Lilienfeld  
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Atea McArel  
Peter & Jean Marchianco

Mike Mazoué  
Mulcahy Family  
Anthony Napolitano  
Debbie and Rod O'Hara  
Linda Patton  
Sally Peirson  
Mary Beth (Skurka) Prager  
Kevin & Michelle Ralph  
Dennis Reed  
Family of Reynolds/Yeager  
Schwartz family  
(Ethan, Martrese, Eric &  
Julianna)  
Lloyd & Mary Ann Seavers  
Floyd Segner  
Gary Segner  
Dorothy Schmidt  
Amanda Smith  
Family of Bill Smith  
Dorothea Streit  
Mary Lou Tate  
Bernd Warner  
Fred Wesemann  
Rita Wesler  
Jo Ann Willenbrock  
Irene Williams

Please keep the church informed about the continued need for prayer of those listed on the prayer list. You can submit names for the prayer list to the office. To initiate the prayer chain for immediate prayer needs, contact:

**Pastor Wesemann 610-933-9611**

**Marilyn Burk 610-517-1147**

## **“IN-CHURCH” WORSHIP**

We all want to be in church to worship the Lord. We all desire to be surrounded by other people who believe as we do. We all want to be able to share hugs, friendly handshakes, fellowship and conversation after the service as before. Soon, we will all be able to do these things.

Church Council recently approved a return to in-church worship. Please contact Pastor if you plan to worship in person. He will put together a seating chart for all attendees. Remember to wear a mask properly, socially distance and wash or sanitize your hands often.

Thank you to those who have continued their support and to all of you for staying connected. St. Peter's will be stronger because of your commitment.

- Pastor Wesemann

## **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS**

In February 2021, we received \$954 from Thrivent. To date, we have received a total of \$1,069 in 2021.

Thank you's go to Robert Patton and Gabriele and Michael Streit who designated their Thrivent Choice dollars for St. Peter's.

Please remember to designate your Thrivent Choice dollars periodically. Your contributions to St. Peter's are very much appreciated. When you go to the Thrivent website, St. Peter's is listed as "St. Peter". If you have a hard time finding it, Al Burk or John Young are willing to help. Thanks again for your support!

## IT SEEMS I'M ALWAYS SAYING ...



There are so many things that are done at church, behind the scenes, that are taken care of by church members to keep it functioning. As I look out my office window, I see a path through the snow to the oil tank. We just had an oil delivery. Thank you, Bob Patton, for checking on our oil supply, for ordering the oil so the church has heat and for creating that path.

In church, we often have a problem with freezing pipes leading to the upstairs bathroom. Mike Derr took on the responsibility of turning off the water to the bathroom to avoid this issue. Thank you.

The church financial records need to be maintained. When no one else would step up to take on the responsibilities of the office of the Treasurer, Doris Sterner agreed to do so and has been busy ever since learning the software and responsibilities of the position. Thank you.

Twice, a snow storm was pending and Bob Patton contacted the men who plow the snow for the church. Thank you. With a snow storm predicted for Sunday, we needed to pre-record the service on Saturday. Mike Derr, John and Kristy Young and Doug Beck agreed to help with Gabriel Rebolla putting together the music. Thanks to all of you!

- Pastor Wesemann

**Easter is fast approaching. Help make our worship service beautiful for Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021**



**Flowers are \$9.00 each**

*(Choices are Florist Mums, Hyacinths, Lilies or Tulips)*

Please use the order form and denote your tribute or memorial.

Orders (including mailed orders) must be received no later than **March 21, 2021.**

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For questions, please contact Carmella Venezia at 610-323-0897.

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### EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

*(Please Print Clearly)*

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Hyacinths	# _____	x \$9.00	= \$ _____
Lilies	# _____	x \$9.00	= \$ _____
Tulips	# _____	x \$9.00	= \$ _____
TOTAL			= \$ _____

Please indicate individual(s) for memorial or honorarium

*In loving memory of (deceased):*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*In honor of (living):*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Flowers are presented by:*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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ATTN: Easter Flower Order  
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## **NEWS FROM OUR HEALTH MINISTER, DORIS STERNER**



**“The Lord answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protect you! May he send you help from the sanctuary, and give you support from Zion.”**  
- Psalm 20:1-2

Creating healthy routines is good in regular times, but especially so as we live through this pandemic. Work, paying bills, cleaning, cooking, shopping, exercising, getting enough sleep, and taking care of children are just some of the things millions of Americans do each day and it is easy to be overwhelmed. By creating routines, we organize our days in such a way that taking care of tasks and ourselves becomes a pattern that makes it easier to get things done without having to think hard about them.

### **Fast Facts**

- When it comes to diet, sleep and exercise, having good, strong routines is linked to improved mental and physical health.
- People with more daily routines have lower levels of distress when facing problems with their health or negative life events.
- It takes an average of 66 days for a behavior to become automatic (a habit), but for some people it can take as long as 8 1/2 months. Don't give up!

### **Tips For Success**

- Create the routine that is right for you. All healthy routines should include eating a nutrition-rich diet, exercising, and getting enough sleep, but no two routines will be exactly the same. In fact, your routine may not even be exactly the same every day.
- Start small. Changing up your day-to-day routine all at once probably won't end up with lasting results. Pick one small thing each week to work on.
- Make swaps. Think about the things you do during the day that aren't so healthy and swap them with better behaviors. For example, if you feel sluggish in the afternoons and eat sugary snacks for a pick-me-up, try taking a brisk walk instead to get your blood pumping and endorphins flowing.
- Plan ahead. When life gets hectic, you may be tempted to skip out on the new parts of your daily routine. By doing things like prepping meals ahead of time, picking out an outfit the night before work, or having an alternate home workout option for the days you can't make it to the gym, you help set yourself up for success even when you're hurried.
- Make time for things you enjoy. Even if it's just 15 minutes a day, set aside time to do something you find fun or relaxing—it will release chemical messengers in your body that are good for your physical and mental health.
- Reward yourself for small victories. Set goals and celebrate when you reach them. Have you added exercise to your weekly routine and worked out every day as planned for the last couple weeks? Treat yourself! Watch a movie you've been wanting to see or try out that new video game.
- Don't beat yourself up if you miss a day. Making life changes can be hard and you might forget to do something that is new to your routine every once in a while. You don't have to be perfect, just try to do better the next day.

*(From Mental Health America's Tools 2 Thrive)*

## March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 6:00 pm Virtual Soup Supper & Lenten Devotions	5	6
7 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 10:00 am Worship – Communion Baptism – Emery Burnley <b>In-person &amp; Livestream on Facebook</b>	8	9	10	11 6:00 pm Virtual Soup Supper & Lenten Devotions	12	13
14 <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 10:00 am Worship <b>In-person &amp; Livestream on Facebook</b>  <b>Daylight Saving Time Begins</b>	15	16 6:00 pm Executive Committee Mtg	17  <b>St. Patrick's Day</b>	18 6:00 pm Virtual Soup Supper & Lenten Devotions	19	20  <b>Spring Begins</b>
21 <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 10:00 am Worship – Communion <b>In-person &amp; Livestream on Facebook</b>	22	23 1:30 pm Virtual Bible Study 6:30 pm Council Mtg	24	25 6:00 pm Virtual Soup Supper & Lenten Devotions	26	27  <b>Passover Begins</b>
28 <b>Palm/Passion Sunday</b> 10:00 am Worship – Communion <b>In-person &amp; Livestream on Facebook</b>	29	30	31	1 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service	2 7:30 pm Good Friday Service	3

### March Celebrations

<u>Birthdays</u>	
Eric Burnley Xavier Dangler Meagan Foster Mark Foster Jodie Frey Mason Frey Nathanael Grant Steven Hartman Shaina Hlavac	Ian Kull Jenna Lacey Tyler Lacey Sally Peirson Scott Schneider Ewan Sharpless Cathy Wesemann Thomas Wright
<u>Anniversaries</u> Dave & Doris Sterner Doug & Nicole Vaughn	
	

### Coming Up in April

01	7:30 pm	<b>APRIL FOOL'S DAY MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>
02	7:30 pm	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
04	10:00 am	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>
20	6:00 pm	<b>Executive Committee</b>
21		<b>ADMIN PROF. DAY</b>
22		<b>EARTH DAY</b>
27	1:30 pm 6:30 pm	<b>Virtual Bible Study Council Meeting</b>
30		<b>ARBOR DAY</b>

<i>March</i> <b>2021</b>	<i>Assistant Schedule</i>			
	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	<i>Palm Sunday</i> <b>28</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	--	--	--	--
<b>Ushers</b>	--	--	--	--
<b>Lector</b>	--	--	--	--
<b>Cantor</b>	--	--	--	--
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	--	--	--	--
<b>Acolytes</b>	--	--	--	--
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Wesemann	Wesemann	Supplee	Palms—Burk
<b>Bulletins</b>	Un-sponsored	Un-sponsored	Supplee	Un-sponsored
<b>Altar Team</b>				
<b>Fellowship</b>				
<b>Counters</b>	Carm Venezia			
<b>Bread/Wine</b>	Un-sponsored			
<b>Paper Goods</b>	Un-sponsored			

“I urge you to get up every day and focus on what you have in life. Be thankful for the countless little blessings throughout your day, the things that go right, the beautiful things, the things that make you smile. The more we focus on the blessings we have, we are soon amazed by how much we had been taking for granted.”

- Source Unknown

*ST. PETER'S MISSION is to fulfill our calling as the Body of Christ. We will be a worship center in the community. We will learn and teach the meaning of God's Word. We will share our Christian Faith with others. And we will support individuals in their time of personal need. As we accomplish these things, we will be faithful Stewards of God's Gifts.*

*OUR VISION is to be a center of activity and a welcoming congregation of worshipers growing in faith, while encouraging community outreach through various ministries.*

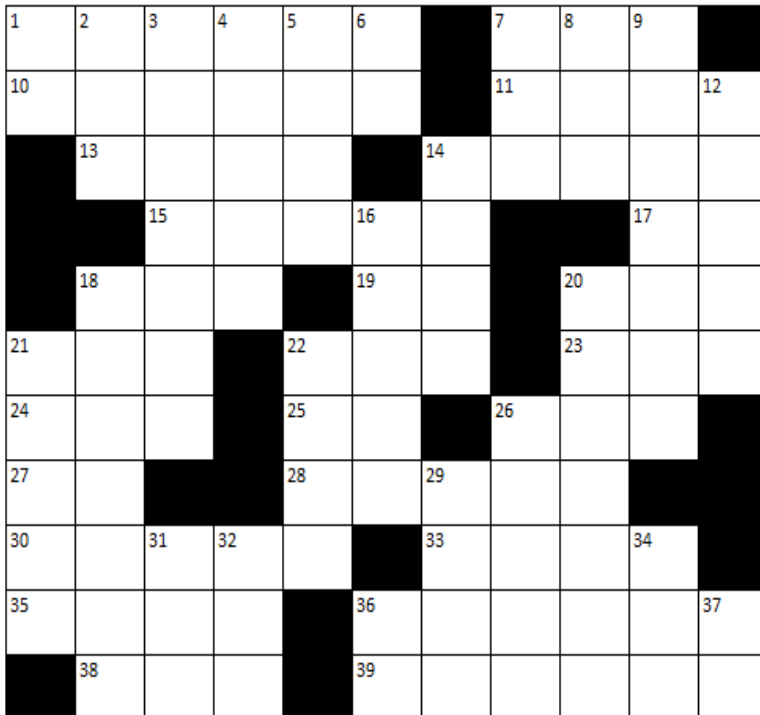
## CROSSWORD PUZZLE - BY BOB PATTON

### ACROSS

1. Where 7-Across landed
7. See 1-Across
10. The Way, the Truth and the Light
11. Likes (with "of")
13. Prefix meaning everything
14. Key ingredient in bread
15. All set
17. A west coast state (abbr.)
18. Largest manufacturer of firefighting gear
19. Light with a wavelength longer than that of red
20. Small German car, predecessor to the VW
21. Senior Executive Service (abbr.)
22. Adam's wife
23. An addition to a building
24. Explosive initials
25. Regarding (abbr.)
26. Half a fly
27. More than 40 hours
28. Adornment imposed at the start of Lent
30. Divisions in a house
33. Beasts of burden
35. A vaccine ingredient
36. Warnings
38. Ready, \_\_\_\_, go
39. It's composed of several components working together

### DOWN

1. House current
2. Greek letter that looks like the English letter P
3. What is between two bucket seats
4. Pertains to (obsolete)
5. Largest continent
6. Audi model designation
7. A former sports league or labor union
8. Winnie the Pooh's friend
9. Finger joint
12. Southern accent
14. \_\_\_\_ Festival, scam music event of 2019
16. Jumps into the water
18. Teacher or coach
20. Sweet course at the end of a meal
21. Rain or snow event
22. Time periods
26. Lone Star state
29. Sacred
31. First cardinal number
32. It lines the floor in a gym
34. NME
36. Shakespeare's "\_\_\_\_ You Like It"
37. Chemical symbol for Samarium



*The solution to this puzzle can be found in the next issue of The Herald.*

*Solution to the February puzzle shown below*

M	O	S	E	S		R	A	K	E	S	
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O	N	I	O	N		L	A	T	H	E	
		G	E	T		A	R	T			
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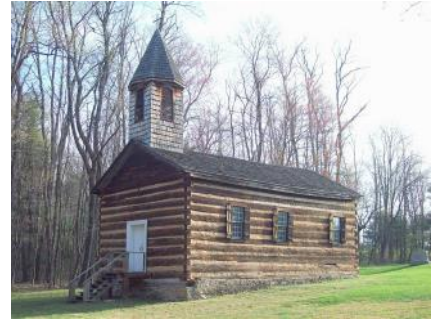
Some 250 years ago, several members of Zion Lutheran Church of Spring City, who lived in the “Pikelands” (the area now known as East and West Pikeland), were asking permission to organize and build their own church. Reverend Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, the head of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, said “No!” Zion needed to rebuild their church and Muhlenberg said that they should first help Zion rebuild their church.

Pikeland area residents had met for worship in the “Pikelands” as early as the 1740’s, but without a church building, worshipping in homes when they could secure a preacher. Reverend Muhlenberg himself came to that area on one occasion and baptized some of the children. These stubborn Lutherans were not willing to wait until Zion built their new church. Their reason was that they did not want to cross French Creek because there were no bridges at that time.

Well, they decided to go against Reverend Muhlenberg’s orders and with a piece of land they secured on what is now Clover Mill Road, the work on the Lutheran Church of St. Peter’s began in earnest. A log church was built and that is how St. Peter’s came to be

Although he was against the building of St. Peter’s, Reverend Muhlenberg agreed to participate in the dedication of the new building. The funny thing is that while the members of St. Peter’s did not need to cross French Creek, they were served by the pastor of Zion Lutheran Church who did have to cross French Creek to get there.

- Pastor Wesemann



(This is not a picture of St. Peter’s)



This is a handicap-accessible facility.