

CEDAR CHURCH
OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
April 24th, 2024

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Tue-Wed-Thurs. 8am to 4pm



April 28th, 2024

9:30am Worship Service
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Month	Lay Assistance	Altar Guild	Ushers
April	Ellen Sherer	Sandra Diacogiannia	June Knecht
May	Sandra Diacogiannia	Nancy Otto	Tammy Boyer
June	Maggie Gabel	Linda Knauss	
July		Debbie Wheeland	

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Given by Ray Fenstermacher in loving memory of his wife, Doris.

Given by Diane McKenzie in honor of nephew, David Hunsicker Jr's birthday.

BULLETIN:

Given by Dale Clauser in loving memory of his wife Nancy Clauser.

Given by Tamara House to the glory of God.

DEVOTIONALS:

Given by The Estate of Paul and Madlyn Haines in memory of departed loved ones.

YOUTH BULLETIN:

Given by Irv & Sandy Becker in honor of our anniversary.

MAILED NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE:

- 1) **Mid-OCT.** for November, December and January
- 2) **Mid-Jan.** for February, March and April
- 3) **Mid-Apr.** for May, June and July
- 4) **Mid-Jul.** for August, September and October

If you have anything you'd like included in the Quarterly Publication of the church newsletter please get it to Jenny by:

- 1) August 1st
- 2) October 1st
- 3) November 1st
- 4) April 1st
- 5) July 1st

WE LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS



46 or 40 ounce cans needed for our altar flowers





*If you would like to sponsor the church bulletin
@ \$5 per week, please contact Jenny
at the church office.
Some dates have come available.*

**We also have Altar Flowers Dates
Available \$14.50 ea.**



L.M.D Summer Ingathering:

Collecting Items for Lunch Program run by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Catasauqua. They are providing free lunches in a local park to feed and support children of their community. We been asked to collect the following items beginning April 14th thru May.

- 1. Individual salty snack bags**
- 2. 16oz bottles of water**
- 3. Walmart (Sam's Club) gift cards in \$10 increments for Trinity Lutheran to purchase needed supplies**



*Haven't
been to
church in
a while?*

We
MISS YOU
bunches



CHURCH CALENDAR: *View full Church Calendar online: <https://74038758.view-s.com>*

APRIL

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Book Club	10:30am	Social Hall
Cemetery	7:00pm	103
Choir Practice	7:00pm	100

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Sunday Worship Service	9:30am	Sanctuary
Hymn Sing		

MAY

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Choir Practice	7:00pm	100
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Sunday, May 5, 2024

Sunday Worship Service	9:30am	Sanctuary
Church Social	10:30am	Kitchen, Social Hall

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Worship and Music	7:00pm	100
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Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Choir Practice	7:00pm	100
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Thursday, May 9, 2024

Staff Support Meeting	7:00pm	103
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Sunday, May 12, 2024

Sunday Worship Service	9:30am	Sanctuary
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Tuesday, May 14, 2024

C.A.B. MEETING	7:00pm	100
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Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Choir Practice	7:00pm	100
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Sunday, May 19, 2024

Sunday Worship Service	9:30am	Sanctuary
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Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Property Committee	7:00pm	100
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Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Book Club	10:30am	Social Hall
Choir Practice	7:00pm	100

Sunday, May 26, 2024

Sunday Worship Service	9:30am	Sanctuary
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Hymn Sing

Memorial Day Service	10:45am	Cemetery
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Monday, May 27, 2024

Book Club	7:00pm	100
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MAY 5th Social at 10:30am



A photograph of a cemetery. In the foreground, a small American flag is planted in the grass, waving slightly. The background is filled with several white, upright gravestones of varying heights, some with inscriptions. The scene is set outdoors with green grass and a clear blue sky. The lighting suggests it might be early morning or late afternoon.

***Memorial Service
May 26th at 10:45am
in cemetery***



Thank you for another year of beautiful music!



JUNE

Sunday, June 2, 2024

Sunday Worship Service 7:30 & 9:30am Sanctuary

Sunday, June 9, 2024

Sunday Worship Service 7:30 & 9:30am Sanctuary

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

C.A.B. MEETING 7:00pm 100

Thursday, June 13, 2024

PPRC 7:00pm 103

Sunday, June 16, 2024

Sunday Worship Service 7:30 & 9:30am Sanctuary

Sunday, June 23, 2024

Sunday Worship Service 7:30 & 9:30am Sanctuary

Hymn Sing

Monday, June 24, 2024

Book Club 7:00pm 100

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Book Club 10:30am Social Hall

Sunday, June 30, 2024

Sunday Worship Service 7:30 & 9:30am Sanctuary



Don't be root-bound

As a new gardener, Jan Riggensch used to treat bedding plants with extreme care, setting them into soil without disturbing the roots. Eventually she learned that rough — even ruthless — treatment is better in the long run.

“If the plant has been growing in its pot so long that the roots are circling the bottom, I jab my finger into the bottom of the soil and pull down to untangle the roots,” Riggensch wrote in her gardening column. “If the whole pot is filled with circling roots, I have to be merciless. I don’t worry if I break some of the roots. That’s better than allowing the roots to continue to circle when the plants are growing in the garden.”

In the same way, it’s easy to grow complacent and inward-focused in our walk with God. But bunched-up roots can’t reach out for sustenance. So for maximum faith growth, dare to let God shake you up from time to time!

SUMMER Switch

June 2nd thru August 25th



7:30 am & 9:30 am New Service Times

JULY

Thursday, July 4, 2024

Happy Independence Day

Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 7, 2024

Sunday Worship Service

7:30 & 9:30am Sanctuary

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

C.A.B. MEETING

7:00pm 100

Sunday, July 14, 2024

Sunday Worship Service

7:30 & 9:30am Sanctuary

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

Property Committee

7:00pm 100

Sunday, July 21, 2024

Sunday Worship Service

7:30 & 9:30am Sanctuary

Monday, July 22, 2024

Book Club

7:00pm 100

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

Book Club

10:30am Social Hall

Sunday, July 28, 2024

CHURCH PICNIC DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

Cemetery

7:00pm 103



**Mark your Calendars
for July 28th**



**We'll let you know the place,
time, and other specifics later.**

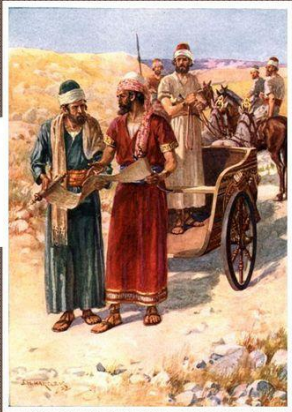


Weekly Bible Readings

Scripture verses are NSRV unless otherwise stated

The Lesson from Acts 8:26-40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.



HE PREACHED JESUS TO HIM

What can we learn from the account of Philip teaching the Ethiopian Eunuch?

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Psalm Psalm 22:25-31

The Psalms are honest and true to life. There is a frankness about that kind of Old Testament spirituality which 'gets it off your chest' in the belief that God can take it. That then gives rise to a confidence in God who will act. It may not always look like it and at a particular moment, all the evidence may be to the contrary, but God will act and deliver the righteous – that's the conviction of this Psalm. For the Christian, post-Easter, we know too, that this life is not always a bed of roses but that we are heirs to eternal life thanks to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Life may have its times of bitterness but in faith we hold to the promise that resurrection is coming.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!
May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,
shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet
unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"



The Epistle Lesson

1 John 4:7-21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.



⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the Day of Judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Gospel Lesson

John 15:1-8

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

[Jesus said:] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”



Life on the Vine

John 15:1-8

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Garnett, Kathy Ehrhardt, Marty and Roseanne Ritter, Traevis & Cassidy, Sydney & JJ, Connie D., Alicia Eggert, Greg & Heather Gravec, David Annoni, John Winterburn, Amy Beck, Ray Fenstermacher, Charles Schiffert, Margaret Boyle, Carnell & Abby, Christa, Eric Wakoli, Nancy Erdman, Barbara, Hailey, Patti, George Minnich, Gail & Ken Ruth, Tom Bartman, Marlene Frey, Andy Wheeler, Kourtney, Charles Haggerty, Denise, Sara Beth, Amanda & Jessie, Mary, Connor, Cindy Polchik, Danielle, Barry, Gary Shellhammer, Susan Pursell, Joan Carter, Dale Erdman, Ron Zorn, Rod, Kathleen, Jean Robertson, Christine Wagner, Megan, Dawn Fenstermacher, Kim Bastian, Linda Ellis, Scott, Debbie, Shirley McNabb, Pauline Gaal, Al & Joan Plarr, Haisley Grim, Gene & Joan, Howard & Nancy, Cassie Mace, Cindy Fenstermacher, Anna Mae Derhammer, Brooke Weber, Fritz & Ardella Ehrhardt, Members of our Recovery Groups, Lisa Stover Halley & Family

To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact the church office.

(Hospitalization codes: 203 and 404)

Note: The Lehigh Valley and Saint Luke's Hospital Lists are not kept up to date and can be difficult to navigate. So, please notify the Church Office or Pastor Candi if you or a family member is hospitalized.



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God be with you till we meet again