

The Light



Sock Stop

Friday, April 4, 6:00-8:30pm

Bring your poodle skirts, saddle shoes, and black leather jackets, daddy-o. It's time to relive those happy days of the fifties. This event is fun for the whole family. And all the profits will be going into our Catch the Spirit campaign.

Date & Time: Friday, April 4, 6:00pm to 8:30pm

Place: Technical College High School, Pennock's Bridge Campus

It's a fun-food evening with choices like hot dogs with toppings, chips, lemonade and iced tea. Other items available to purchase will include pretzels, root beer and coke floats, and candy - all to benefit the Catch the Spirit fund.

Adults, \$10 | Youth (under 16), \$ 5

Enjoy special entertainment from Doo Wop Debby (Debbie Coren). With over 17 years of experience, she currently performs at Bally's Casino in Atlantic City and over the last eight years has performed at The Tropicana, Harrah's, and over fifty yacht clubs, country clubs, and well-known venues in the tri-state area.

There will also be games for the kids and contests for the young and the young at heart. Join in the hoola hoop and bubble gum blowing contests and take away the prize for the best dressed. Those are just a few of the fun things we have in store.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR!

Join Us This Saturday!

April 2014

Sharing
God's
Abundant
Love

Pastor's Perspective

"It is Written"

Matthew 4:1-11

When Jesus is tempted by the devil in the wilderness his defense is the Word of God. The devil tempts Jesus with three powerful temptations and in response to each temptation Jesus proclaims, "It is written..." He would then quote scripture and blow up each of the temptations.

The
Word
of God

How would we fare if we were sorely tempted? What we read about in the temptation account is "Applied Theology." Jesus applied his understanding of God's Word to his present situation. Note that he didn't say to Satan, "Hold on while I look that up" or "Is the answer to that in Deuteronomy or Leviticus?" He knew the heart of the Word of God and how it was to be applied in his life.

I know many people who have memorized scores of Bible passages. That is never a bad thing. However, it has been my observation that it is a smaller subset of that group that has actually internalized these passages and has been able to apply them in their day to day lives. I believe knowing the Word of God is an important first step that should be followed by searching the meaning out of these passages and finally applying them.

The Word of God is indeed a powerful instrument in the face of temptation. However, we must stay alert for even the devil can quote scripture. We should not be lured into using snippets of scripture to justify whatever we wish to do. Unfortunately, throughout history that has been a tactic used to rally others to a stance or a cause. That is not honoring the heart of Holy Scripture. It is on us to be familiar with the overall intent of scripture. We then should allow that understanding be the light that leads us forth each day.

Pastor Dan

B I N G O

at Luther House



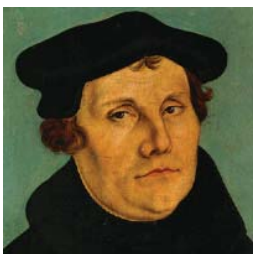
Pastor's Retirement Celebration Lunch

When: Saturday, April 26 - 11:30 am to 2:00 pm
Where: Jenner's Pond - Alison Building
2000 Greenbriar Lane, West Grove, PA 19390
Cost: \$ 10 for Adults
\$ 8 for children 11 and under
RSVP: By April 20th

11:30 am - Welcome Reception
12:00 pm - Lunch
1:00 pm - Special Memories

COL is subsidizing approximately \$5 per person. You are welcomed to make the additional contribution if you so desire.

If you did not receive an invitation via email, please reserve your seat with Brad or Doris Petersen at 610-869-0787.



Learning Lutheranism

#2 - How are we saved?

Presbyterian

We are saved by grace alone. Good works result, but are not the basis of salvation..

Methodist

We are saved by grace alone. Good works must result, but do not obtain salvation.

Lutheran

We are saved by grace when God grants righteousness through faith alone. Good works inevitably result, but they are not the basis of salvation.

Catholic

God infuses the gift of faith in the baptized, which is maintained by good works and receiving Penance and the Eucharist.

Orthodox

God became human so humans could be deified, that is, have the energy of God's life in them.

Anglican

We share in Christ's victory, who died for our sins, freeing us through baptism to become living members of the church.

As we look for trees to start budding and flowers to emerge from the ground to give us signs of hope that our winter weather is finally over, we also start April with a story of hope. At our Traditional service on April 6 we hear

Music Worship Notes

the story of Lazarus being raised to new life, unbound and set free. What a perfect day for the Confirmation ceremony, in which the three Confirmands will publicly profess their faith and lifelong pledge of faithfulness! We also will be having a brief congregational meeting after the service. So please plan to be there on April 6 to show your support to the Confirmands and participate in the meeting.

We begin Holy Week with our Blended service on April 13, which is Palm Sunday. The Procession of Palms commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem - "Ride on, ride on in majesty!" At the 7:00 PM service on Maundy Thursday the reading from the Gospel John tells of Jesus washing his disciples' feet and his commandment to love one another. On Good Friday at our 7:00 PM service the story of Jesus' passion from his arrest to burial is read from the Gospel of John - "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?"

Then on April 20 we "Celebrate Jesus, Celebrate - He is Risen!" Please join us for either (or both!) the 7 am Easter Sunrise service which is held outside (weather permitting), or the 9:30 am service. It will be a wonderful day for us all to gather together as a family in Christ to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

The sermon song at our Blended service on April 27 "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing" is a perfect song to remind us that we should share the Good News. We learn of Jesus' first meeting with the disciples after he had risen - "...blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And April 27 marks the last worship service led by Pastor Bodine prior to his retirement. Please plan to join us as we wish "Joy in the Journey" to Pastor and Pat.

You may have noticed that since January there have been song leaders each Sunday to help lead congregational singing. We have gotten positive feedback and plan to continue that practice. Anyone is welcome to be a song leader - you don't have to be a choir member and don't have to commit to doing it weekly. Please let Melanie Lohr know if you'd like to be one. And thank you to those who already have been lending their voices to lead the songs.

Think Spring!

Birthdays

...to YOU! Please save me a piece of cake!

April & May

Jennifer Clark	04/02	Susan Repetz	04/21	Mike Cordivano	05/06
Roland Pattinson	04/03	Pat Bodine	04/23	Chris Plystak	05/06
Melanie Lohr	04/05	Joyce Sherick	04/23	Catherine Schottin	05/09
Anna Coe	04/11	Noah Hill	04/24	Tom Troyan	05/11
David Heffner	04/12	Shjona McHugh	04/24	Faith Lipford	05/13
Zelda Abernathy	04/18	Don Hostetler	04/25	Cathy DuBosque	05/15
Gretchen Coe	04/18	Joan Murphy	04/25	Steven Luke	05/16
Derek Lohr	04/21	Donald LaBranche	04/27	Diana Frederick	05/17
				Dan Bodine	05/18
				Savannah Craven	05/19
				Sean Deeves	05/23
				Katiey Hipkins	05/23
				Paul Sauk	05/27



The Recipe Box

SPINACH QUICHE

- 1 frozen single pastry crust
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 6 slices bacon, chopped
- 8 beaten eggs
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup milk, or light cream
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- a dash of nutmeg (optional)
- 3 cups chopped spinach
- 2/3 cup shredded mozzarella
- 1/2 cup shredded Swiss cheese (2 oz)

In a large skillet, cook bacon until crisp. drain on paper towel.

Cook onions until tender.

In a bowl stir together, eggs, sour cream, milk, salt, pepper, and if desired, nutmeg.

Stir in onion, bacon, spinach and cheeses. Line a 9 inch pie plate with pastry shell.

Pour egg mixture into pie shell.

Bake at 325 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.

If necessary, cover the edge of crust with foil to prevent over-browning. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.

WOW Meeting April 3rd

Ladies the next WOW meeting is April 3 at 6:30. Please join us for a light dinner and interesting discussion as fellowship with your sisters in Christ is priceless! Reading the book is not mandatory since a video is also shown so feel free to join us even if this is your first opportunity.

Bring a friend (female please) as all visitors are welcome. We meet in the church office so the location is easy to find.

Also a request has come forth asking The Wow group to provide refreshments for the fifth Sundays of the month. Please note it on your calendar. Many thanks.

Thank you

Dear COL Family,

On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to thank you for all of your support and prayers during the illness and death of my father, Daniel Milley. This time was difficult for all of us, and your acts of kindness and love helped in so many ways.

Your family in Christ,
Bob Milley and family

THIS SATURDAY: CLEANING DAY

April 5th, 8:30am at the church

We are looking for a crew of volunteers to help with our Spring Cleaning Day. There are projects inside and out that we will try to complete.

Look for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please bring your own tools, Many hands make quick work. Let's get ready for Easter!



The 2014 Oxford Relay For Life: Will you Relay this year?

CANCER...whether from a distance, or "up close and personal", cancer has touched many, if not all, of us in one way or another. Cancer knows no age boundaries; young and old may be subjected to it. Even beloved pets can suffer from one of its many forms. But we have a chance to do something about it...you can help "fight the fight" by joining the 2014 Oxford Relay for Life!

The Relay for Life brings communities together to:

- Celebrate those fighting the fight,
- Remember those who have lost the battle, and
- Fight Back by taking measures to prevent or reduce the possibility of contracting cancer through awareness and lifestyle changes.

Last year our Relaying Lutherans team raised over \$3400 to help fight the fight; monies raised go towards research, support and raising awareness. Won't you consider joining our team this year?

The 2014 Oxford Relay for Life is scheduled for 6 pm Friday June 20th to noon Saturday June 21st. Our team is currently forming. More information can be found on the American Cancer Society website (cancer.org) and navigating to the Oxford Relay section. Or, see the posters and take one of the tear-offs posted on the church bulletin board and office wall. Or, feel free to see me after worship or call me (610-932-8273).

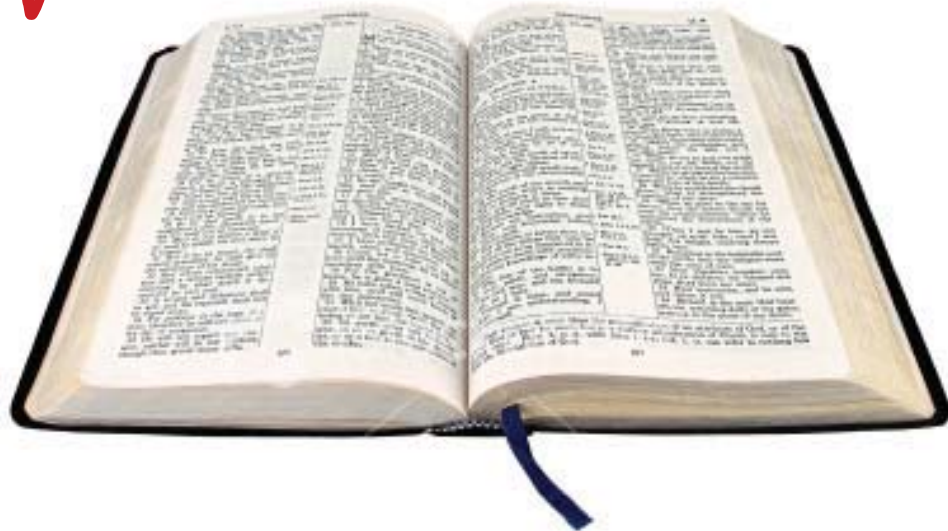
Please consider joining us this year, and be on the lookout for upcoming fundraising activities

Thank you for your consideration!

Tom Plystak
Team Captain

The Light

for Kids



**How many books
in the Bible can you complete?**

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