



## Christian Ed Update

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

**No Sunday School** - There will be no Sunday School on Mother's Day, Sunday May 10.

**Last Day of Sunday School** - The last day of Sunday School will be May 17th with a picnic being planned.

Please mark your calendars.

### SAVE THE DATE

**VBS** - June 22nd through June 26th are the dates for Vacation Bible School this year. This is different from what we have been doing for the last few years. VBS will run for five days and it begins on Monday.

Adults - If you are interested in helping, please speak to Janis Walker or Nancy Kelly.

## Adoption Meeting

Matters of the Heart will hold its next quarterly meeting on Sunday, April 19th at 2 PM in the church office of Community of Love Lutheran Church, 115-117 N. Fourth St., Oxford. Our topic this month will be "Honoring Our Mothers and Fathers".



Matters of the Heart is a discussion group for people whose lives have been touched and connected by adoption. The meeting is free and open to all adult adoptees, adoptive parents and birth parents, as well as the families that support them. It is our intention to offer a safe and compassionate setting for those in post-adoption. The meeting will be led by Amanda Woolston, MSW and Linda Hettinger. For more information please contact Linda Hettinger via e-mail at [homeyg.65@gmail.com](mailto:homeyg.65@gmail.com) or leave a message at the church office at 610-998-0282.

# April 2015

Sharing  
God's  
Abundant  
Love

## Calling All Shoppers!

Service to Others is collecting these items in April for distribution by Neighborhood Services. Please keep this list handy and help as you are able. Place all items in the box in the Narthex. Items needed:

- Deodorant for both men and women
- Toilet paper and paper towels
- Diapers – size 4-6
- Baby wipes

Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Children of our Sunday School are collecting toothpaste and toothbrushes. Thank you for your caring and sharing!

## We Need Families for Clean Up

We are embarking on a new plan to keep our church buildings clean. Each month we are asking for 2 families to volunteer to follow a pre-determined checklist of tasks.

Please consider signing up now. If everyone took their turn at cleaning, it would result in a small commitment for each member.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex.

## Blessings of the Redner's Save-A-Tape Program



Service to Others would like to thank the members of COL for your faithfulness in submitting your Redner's Save-A-Tapes. Together you have been able to realize funds of \$266.09 to help with the cost of the Thanksgiving Baskets for this year.

Each year the amount from this program has increased to help us brighten the

Thanksgiving holiday for those with special needs.

It's easy to participate -- just asks the checkout clerk for a card for the Save-A-Tape program. (The clerk will activate the card; no need to sign anything.) Then, simply present the card to the checkout person before your order is processed. (A Save-A-Tape message will appear on the register tape.) Bring your tapes to church and place them in the black mailbox attached to the welcome table on the right as you enter the church. The clerk will gladly print a duplicate receipt upon request if you need one for your records. (This is a year-round program so we are already starting to save for next year.)

**AN ADDED BONUS FOR YOU** - For each \$100 in purchases you will receive credit for .10/ gal savings off a gallon of gas (up to 20 gals.) at the A-Plus Sunoco near the cross roads of Rt. 10 and Rt 1 bypass. Please contact Linda Hettinger at 484-880-9740 if you have any questions regarding this win-win program.

Thanks to all of you for your participation in the program, which has helped COL to Share God's Abundant Love with many in our community.

# Inside April Services from Music & Worship

## COL Celebrates the Easter Season – it's more than one day!

“Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head! Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!”

What a wonderful way to start the month of April, with the good news that our redeemer lives! For the first two Sundays of April, the gospel texts from John chapter 20 tell of Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene and the disciples, and their hope and faith in the risen Lord. “Come, you faithful raise the strain of triumphant gladness!”

On the third Sunday, in our gospel reading from Luke 24:36b-48 Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as the Messiah. He convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness. “Savior, He can move the mountains, my God is mighty to save!”

On the fourth Sunday, we read from John 10:11-18 that Jesus is a shepherd that cares for his sheep, is willing to die for us and is able to overcome death for us. “Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.”

Please join us in worship and share in the good news that our Savior lives!

## Need a Laugh????

Perhaps these one-liners will brighten your day! Thanks to Linda Hettinger for sending them our way!

Opportunity may knock once,

But temptation bangs on the front door forever.

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Quit griping about your church;

If it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

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If a church wants a better pastor,

It only needs to pray for the one it has.

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We're called to be witnesses, not lawyers or Judges.

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God Himself doesn't propose to judge a man until

he is dead. So why should you?

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Some minds are like concrete Thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

# Birthdays *April & May*

Happy Birthday to You! (Save us some cake)

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

# WANDERING PEARL



## SHIP TO SET SAIL

**Interesting News: “The Wandering Pearl”**  
**A sea-worthy vessel is ready to set sail for Parts Unknown! This single deck, wooden-beamed ship weighs in at 351 tons and is 19 years old . According to our sources, the ship underwent some repairs to damages last year and is now ready for anything Poseidon can send her way.**

**The crew is gathering supplies and stocking the galley with foodstuffs for the journey. The Captain assures us that all on board will be in for a rare treat. It is presumed that there will be merriment, frivolity, adventure and the possibility of vast treasure to be found on the way.**

**The Wandering Pearl is slated to leave the Port of Oxford on 25 April 2015 at “two of the clock” sharp. Passengers are urged to sign their names on the Ship’s Passenger list to ensure seating.**

**We eagerly await news of their voyage  
And safe passage home.**

**The crew of the Wandering Pearl look forward to hosting a lively game of bingo shortly after departure time. So please mark your calendars and join us for some fun and some prizes. Your admission is a non-perishable food item or a candy bar. No passport required.**

# BINGO

Luther House, April 21





Oxford 2014 Relay for Life Survivor's Lap

## The 2015 Oxford Relay For Life: *Will **you** Relay this year?*

It's spring (or so the calendar says)...and on the last weekend of spring, it will be time for the 2015 Relay for Life!

**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. We have a chance to do something about it...you can help "**fight the fight**" by joining the 2015 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.

As a component of our Service to Others ministry, our Relaying Lutherans team raises valuable dollars to help fight the fight; donations go towards research, support and raising awareness.

***As of 3/31/15, only two people have signed for this year's Relaying Lutherans Team!***

The 2015 Oxford Relay for Life is scheduled for 6 pm Friday June 19<sup>th</sup> to noon Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>. Our team is currently forming. More information will be forthcoming.

Please prayerfully consider joining us this year, and be on the lookout for additional information!

Thank you for your consideration!

Tom Plystak  
Team Captain

# The Light

## for Kids

BibleWise

### Resurrection Quiz

Read the story of Jesus' Resurrection and choose the right answers to the questions below.



John



Two



Jesus



Thomas



Mary



Peter

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Who thought Jesus was a gardener?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Which disciple doubted Jesus was alive?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Who was first to walk in the tomb?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Who was asked, "Lovest thou me?"
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Who asked, "Do you have any fish?"
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. How many people walked with Jesus on the way to Emmaus?