Wednesday Evening Lenten Worship Continues
Lenten suppers at 6 PM followed by Lenten Worship at 7 PM

Maundy Thursday Service
March 28 at 7 PM

Good Friday Drama
Presented at Good Friday service, March 29 at 7 PM

Easter Egg Hunt
Palm Sunday, March 24 at 12 PM

Easter Breakfast
Easter Sunday, March 31 from 7 - 11 AM

Easter Cantata
Presented Easter Sunday, March 31 at 8:45 & 11 AM
### Centennial Lutheran

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### March 2013

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**Sundays —**<br>8:45 AM - Traditional, communion first, third and fifth<br>Sundays<br>10 AM - Sunday School<br>11 AM - Modern with Holy Communion

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The Cent-I-Gram

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The Cent-I-Gram

March 2013
Dear faithful in Christ,

Lent is a time of preparation and reflection as we move toward the Cross of Good Friday and the hope of Easter. In the early church, these 40 days were a time of preparation for those who wanted to be baptized and become Christians. The “catechumates” were preparing for a life of discipleship. For us today, Lent is a time to reflect on our own discipleship as well. At Centennial, we speak of the marks of discipleship with this acronym: DiSCIPLe. During our Wednesday worship we are looking deeper at the “P” in DiSCIPLe: Prayer-powered. For our first Wednesday night, we discussed the importance of praise in prayer. When we praise God, it is realizing how all-important Jesus Christ is to our lives, for by the Holy Spirit through God’s Word we are being called and made holy on account of Jesus Christ alone. No longer are we separated from God because of our sins, for in Christ our sins are forgiven and we are given a new life that begins now in him. The following prayer was proclaimed on that first Wednesday in Lent, and I wanted you to have it for your own prayer life this season. May it fill you with a new realization of just who you are on account of Jesus Christ.

God bless you,

I praise You, Heavenly Father, that in Christ:

1) I am the object of Your love. (Rom. 5:6-8; John 3:16)
2) I am born again. (John 1:12-13)
3) I am Your child. (Rom. 8:15-16; Gal. 3:26; 4:6; 1 John 3:1-2)
4) I am an heir with Christ. (Rom. 8:17; Gal. 4:7)
5) I am chosen. (Eph. 1:4, 11-12; John 15:19; 2 Th. 2:13)
6) I am forgiven. (Eph. 1:7)
7) I am justified. (Rom. 3:21-24; 4:5)
8) I am redeemed. (Col. 1:14; Gal. 3:13; 4:4-5; 1 Peter 1:18)
9) I am holy. (Heb. 10:10)
10) I am right with God. (Rom. 3:21-24; 4:18-25)
11) I am certain that God if for me. (Rom. 8:31-32)
12) I am near to God. (Eph. 2:13)
13) I am not alone. (John 14:16-18)
14) I am a friend of God. (John 15:15)
15) I am saved from wrath. (Rom. 5:9)
16) I am reconciled to God. (Rom. 5:11)
17) I am at peace with God. (Rom. 5:1; John 14:27)
18) I am a new creation. (2 Cor. 5:17)
19) I am not bound by sin. (Rom. 6:4-8)
20) I am not under the principle of law. (Rom. 6:14)
21) I am Christ’s. (Rom. 7:4-6)
22) I am a Christian. (Col. 1:27; John 14:20)
23) I am in Christ. (John 14:20; Eph. 1:13; 1 Cor. 1:30; 1 John 5:20)
24) I am free. (2 Cor. 3:17; Gal. 5:1)
25) I am free from this body of death. (Rom. 7:24-25)
26) I am no longer condemned. (Rom. 8:33-34)
27) I am alive. (Rom. 6:11; Eph. 2:4-5)
28) I am sealed by the Holy Spirit. (Eph. 1:13-14)
29) I am a saint. (Eph. 1:18)
30) I am a slave to God and to righteousness. (Rom. 6:18, 22)
31) I am the very righteousness of God. (2 Cor. 5:21)
32) I am raised up in heaven. (Eph. 2:6-10; Col. 3:3)
33) I am a branch in the Vine, who is Christ. (John 15:5, 7-8)
34) I am predestined, called, justified and glorified. (Rom. 8:30)
35) I am blessed with all spiritual blessings. (Eph. 1:3)
36) I am more than a conqueror. (Rom. 8:37)
37) I am always triumphant. (2 Cor. 2:14)
38) I am powerful. (2 Tim. 1:7)
39) I am strong. (1 Cor. 1:8-9)
40) I am chosen and appointed to bear fruit. (John 15:16)
41) I am able to stand firm. (2 Cor. 1:21-22)
42) I am a temple of God. (1 Cor. 3:16-17; 6:19)
43) I am a member of Christ, part of His body. (1 Cor. 6:15; 12:13)
44) I am one with the other members of His body. (1 Cor. 12:12-13, 25, 27)
45) I am gifted by God for the sake of the body. (1 Cor. 12:4-7)
46) I am a child of light. (Eph. 5:8)
47) I am in the kingdom of the Son. (Col. 1:12-13)
48) I am victorious over death. (1 Cor. 15:51-52, 56-57)
49) I am God’s inheritance. (Eph. 1:18)
50) I am God’s workmanship. (Eph. 2:10)
51) I am a member of God’s household with Israel. (Eph. 2:11-13, 19)
52) I am a dwelling for God. (Eph. 2:22)
53) I am an heir with Israel in Christ. (Eph. 3:6)
54) I am a priest. (1 Peter 2:5, 9; Rev. 5:10; 20:6)
55) I am able to understand what God has given me. (1 Cor. 2:12, 16)
56) I am anointed by God with the Holy Spirit. (1 John 2:20, 27)
57) I am victorious over the evil one. (1 John 5:18)
58) I am an ambassador of Christ. (2 Cor. 5:20)
59) I am God’s possession. (Eph. 1:14)
60) I am full of God. (Col. 2:9)
61) I am Your beloved. (John 14:21)
62) I am being transformed into Christlikeness. (2 Cor. 3:18)
63) I am being renewed in knowledge in Your image. (Col. 3:10)
64) I am light. (Matt. 5:14)
65) I am salt. (Matt. 5:13)
66) I am an alien and a stranger in this world. (1 Peter 2:11)
67) I am an enemy of the devil. (1 Peter 5:8)
68) I am a brother of the Son. (Heb. 2:11)
69) I am shielded by God’s power. (1 Peter 1:5)
70) I am able to participate in the divine nature through Your promises. (2 Peter 1:4)
71) I am competent as a minister of the new covenant. (2 Cor. 3:6)
72) I am like Him in this world. (1 John 4:17)
**YOUTH GROUP ALL-NIGHTER!**

Drop Off 7:00 PM - Friday Evening at Centennial  
Pick Up 7:30 AM Saturday Morning at Centennial

Cost:  
$30.00 per person  
Money due at sign-up to reserve your spot. (Non-refundable)

Includes:  
Admission to Ozzy’s Sports Fun Center  
Choice of pizza or hot dog & a drink  
$2.00 in arcade tokens  
Breakfast at Petra  
Feel free to bring extra money for additional snacks or arcade tokens at Ozzy’s.

How to Register  
$30 Payable to Centennial  
Signed Permission Form (1st page)

All Money and Paperwork due by April 22, 2013

What to Bring:  
Girls: Snacks  
Guys: Drinks

Wear sneakers & socks (required for some activities)  
Optional—Board or Card games, extra spending money, personal roller blades or skates

What NOT to Bring:  
Cell Phones  
Music devices  
Portable game players

Ozzy’s Includes the following:  
Rock Climbing  Laser Tag  
Go-Karts  
Mini-golf  
Arcade  
Roller Skating  
Indoor Sports Field  Snack Bars
YOUTH GROUP ALL-NIGHTER!

MAY 3-4, 2013

Participant Agreement:

I agree to obey all rules during the Jr. High All-Nighter & to listen to & respect my peers & leaders. I understand that if I don’t follow this agreement I may be sent home early.

__________________________________ Participant’s Signature

Date

Parent Agreement:

I understand________________________ is attending the Jr. High All-Nighter. I give permission for him/her to participate in all activities and will not hold Petra, Centennial or Ozzy’s Sports Fun Center responsible for injuries. I give my permission for my son/daughter to travel off-site to Ozzy’s in Leesport, Pennsylvania.

__________________________________ Parent’s Signature

Date

Home Phone ____________________________________

Cell Phone ____________________________________

Allergies (food, medication, etc.)

__________________________________

Activity Restrictions (if any)

__________________________________
Present were: Pastor DJ Lura, Council Members: Ron Allen, Chuck Cantwell, Charlene Coll, Joyce Gradel, Tom Gradel, Patt Shumaker, John Vondercrone and Karen Winning, also Joanne Cantwell, Recording Secretary. Excused were Donna Anderson, Ken Hagman and Phil Rossomondo. The meeting was called to order by Council President Joyce Gradel at 7:00pm. Devotions and prayer were offered by Pastor Lura.

Motion by Ron Allen, seconded by Chuck Cantwell, to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Motion carried.

Correspondence:
A letter was received from PACS requesting CELC’s support which we have given for a number of years.

Pastor’s Input:
• In reply to a question on pastoral visits, Pastor DJ reported that he visits each homebound member approximately one time per quarter. Council requested a monthly visitation report.
• Pastor reported average attendance at Services in 2011 of 158.
• East Pikeland Cub Scouts have requested a charter membership with CELC. More information is needed before a decision may be made.
• Pastor’s annual evaluation has been completed by the Executive Committee.
• The Annual Meeting and Celebration will be held on January 27. One combined service is scheduled at 10:00am, followed by a covered dish luncheon and meeting to follow. Patt Shumaker will help coordinate the meal.

Team Reports:

Finance:
• Proceeds of $2,258 were realized from the November Craft Fair.
• Financial reports, budget vs. actual to date were reviewed.
• Members will be advised to write Social Ministry on envelopes for contributions to this outreach in 2013.

Motion by Tom Gradel, seconded by Ron Allen, that in 2013 the outgo for Mission team and Social Ministry team equal income. Motion carried. Envelope designation for 2014 will be discussed by Stewardship team.

Motion by Tom Gradel, seconded by Ron Allen, that Council accept the annual budget of $310,350 for 2013. Motion carried.
Stewardship: The Stewardship team met on December 4 and created a “Wish List” for Council’s approval to address items that are deemed necessary and essential for CELC but cannot be added to the 2013 Budget. If approved, the Stewardship team will build stewardship campaigns for each. These “Wish List” recommendations are:
1) Second Service Accompaniment (additional musicians/singers)
2) Heating Oil and Utilities
3) Replacement of gutters, new roof shingles and repair
Motion by Ron Allen, seconded by Tom Gradel, to approve the Wish List items. Council vote: For: 6; Against: 2. Motion carried.

Worship:
Motion by Patt Shumaker, seconded by John Vondercrone, to pay Marcella $250 for substitute playing at Modern service on January 2nd. Vote: For: 4, Against: 3, Abstain: 1. Motion approved.

Family Life: Volunteers are needed to serve in the Nursery during Modern service.

9:00pm: Motion by Chuck, seconded by John, to extend the Council meeting. Carried.

Outreach:
- A Blood Drive was held in conjunction with St. Basil’s on December 8.
- Jefferson Place Bible study was held with 16 for dinner and 13 for Bible study.
- The Christmas project finished strong, supporting 9 families and many children plus others.
- A Saturday afternoon dinner is planned at Jefferson Place within the next 2 months.
- There is a desire to funnel future Christmas projects through Finance for income tax reporting.

Discipleship: Alpha course has been completed.

Old Business:
Council terms ending 2/13: Term Ended but accepting new term:
Donna Anderson, completed assigned term Phil Rossonomondo
Ron Allen, completed 2 terms Tom Gradel
Jessica Pollinger - resigned

Membership List: Committee was asked to e-mail current list to all Council members.

Personnel Committee: Members now are Ron Allen, Melissa Lura

New Business:
New Members: Motion by Tom Gradel, seconded by Ron Allen, to officially accept the following new members who joined CELC on December 2: Ken, Renee and Audrey Fleck; Neal, Brandy, Rae Lynn and Alina Loren Leininger; Rhonda and Gabrielle Keller; and Benjamin Todd. Motion carried.
Council Meeting: Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 22 at 7:00pm. Ron suggested that action items should be noted on the agenda in advance.

The meeting concluded with prayer by Joyce at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Cantwell, Recording Secretary

Action Items:

- Pastor DJ will submit a monthly visitation report to Council.
- Pastor DJ will request more information from the East Pikeland Cub Scouts.
- Stewardship team will discuss 2014 envelope situation with Social Ministry and Mission teams.
- Stewardship team will create a stewardship campaign for each item on the Wish List.
- Voting member committee will email new list of contributing and communing members to all Council members.

WELCA SPRING LUNCHEON

WELCA Chester County Spring Women’s Luncheon will be held on Sunday, April 7, at Messiah Lutheran Church in Downingtown, with registration at 1:00 PM and lunch and program from 1:30 - 3:45 PM. Come and enjoy lunch while listening to inspirational speaker, Susan Spahr. Susan is currently the director of Development for the Lebanon Rescue Mission and desires to share with her listeners to never be so focused on the destinations of life that we miss the splendor of the journey. She will inspire us to lift our eyes to the hills and count on the Lord to protect us, guide us, and help us. The charitable project this year will be donating non-perishable food to the Lord’s Pantry in Downingtown. The deadline for fee ($10) and registration is March 24. More information can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Pennies for Navajo School
Rockpointe, AZ

Drop off pennies and loose change in the office now until Sunday, June 9th. “Paper money” is also welcome!
SOCIAL MINISTRY PROJECT
In an ongoing effort, we are looking to help 3 women who are currently living in a homeless shelter and attend our Bible studies regularly at Jefferson Place. They want to move into a place of their own in the community and are in need of some items for their apartments.

If you have any of the following you are willing to donate:
- Twin bed frame
- Couch
- Chairs
- Lamps
- End tables
- Kitchen table
- Chairs

Please contact John Vondercrone at jvondercrone@comcast.net or 610-935-1837. Thank you.

“...open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.”
Deuteronomy 15:11

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Friday Morning Bible Studies continue
The Men's Bible study meets at 10 AM with the Women's Bible study following at 11 AM.
Come join Pastor DJ at the church for a time of fellowship, Scripture and prayer as you begin your weekend. All are welcome, even non-Lutherans!
If you have any questions please contact Pastor DJ at the church office or by e-mail.
Church office: 610-933-1528
Email: pastor@centenniallutheran.org

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We are collecting canned goods and non-perishable items for PACS (Phoenixville Area Community Services), Jefferson Place and Good Samaritan Shelter. Boxes are in the coat closet for your donation.

Suggested items needed are cereal, juices, pancake mix, soup, peanut butter, jelly, canned meat and fish, cheese spread, Jello, puddings, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti and sauce, canned stew or pasta, rice, canned or instant potatoes, vegetables, baked beans, canned or dried fruit, cake and biscuit mixes, napkins, toilet paper, sanitary napkins, towels, tissues, bath or laundry soap, shampoo, toothpaste, bleach, cleaning supplies, coffee, tea, creamer, powdered or canned milk, baby food, diapers, talcum powder, lotion, mustard, catsup, vinegar, mayonnaise, salad dressing, oil, syrup, sugar, salt and pepper. Boxes are in the narthex closet for your donations.

Our thanks for your help!
Equipping Educators

We desire to see the future leaders in academia, business, and medicine enter their fields with the same degree of calling and training as a missionary. One of the many reasons this is a high priority is because few of the international students we work with will have an opportunity to minister vocationally as we do. To that end, this past Saturday (Katie) hosted a training for Penn & Drexel education majors.

A dear friend of ours, Kevin Scott, did an excellent job of sharing how he brings the gospel into his middle school art class as well as educators’ legal rights. Kevin and his wife Jess worked with Young Life in the suburbs for 10 years so I knew he would be great. One future teacher wrote on her comment card, “It’s really encouraging to see what God can do through us as the role of teacher!”

A beautiful thing happened during the introductions around the room. A Chinese student stood up and said, “I am not an education major, so I think I’m in the wrong place.” We assured him that he could take these Christian principles and apply them to where he would be working. It turns out he wasn’t even a Christian! He was certainly not there by accident though. Through Kevin’s presentation and testimony, this man came to understand much more about our Lord.

I also later found out that the Chinese girl sitting next to him was also a non-Christian. This was an exclusive training for Christians in which God ordained there to be 2 Chinese non-believers present. Wow! He is amazing! Dave and I plan on following up with the students this week to talk more in depth one-on-one.

Kids and Ministry

In mid-December we hosted our annual Christmas party. Around 20 Chinese students packed

Prayer Requests:
1) Our Chinese New Year’s outreach on 2/9.
2) Our 3/1 outreach to Drexel undergrad students. Chinese students often struggle in their internships. We will be bringing in an expert from our church to help them and discuss some of the deeper issues as well. We hope it will draw in many students who don’t come out to our Bible study.
3) For the 5 undergrad leaders of the Drexel fellowship. Pray for their continued growth. Most are new Christians and have been thrust into positions of leadership.

our living room for games, food, reading the Christmas story, and songs. It was our favorite outreach in China and are glad to continue it here.

Of course Lilia and Alex were right in the midst of everything, “Do you want to see my room?” they would ask to whoever walked in the front door.

One of our activities was to sing Christmas carols. Lilia asked if she could teach everyone a song from her school’s Christmas concert titled, “Mary Had a Baby.” She stood on the landing and led everyone in song. It was such a beautiful moment!

After Lilia’s performance, a Christian administrator at Penn shared the story of Jesus’ birth and the impact that has on us in the world today and us individually.

Dave and Katie Brindley e: dave.brindley@cru.org
5005 Chestnut Street c: 215-407-7182
Philadelphia, PA 19139 phillybridges.org
To give online to our account: give.ccci.org/give/0521081
You are warmly invited to an engaging day of rest, refreshment, and renewal for women. We will gather around the Wellness Wheel with its wellspring of resources to help us tap into God's will for our spiritual well-being. Through worship, workshops, and a wonderful community exchange market, we will draw on refreshing streams to enhance the Social/Interpersonal, Intellectual, Emotional, Physical, Vocational, and Financial aspects of our Spiritual Well-being.

Tammy Devine, Wellness Manager with the ELCA’s Portico Benefit Services, will lead opening worship. Pastor Penny Stechmann of the ELCA’s New Jersey Synod, will preside over closing worship with Eucharist. A gifted panel of women clergy and professionals will coordinate our workshops. And neighborhood vendors will be on hand with a delightful selection of books and personal care products to enhance our well-being. You won’t want to miss this extraordinary day. Come and bring a friend!

Proceeds from this gathering will support The Renewal Scholarship for Women in Ministry at LTSP, which was established to help renew the callings of women to the public ministry of the church.

Women of all faith traditions are invited and welcomed!
Bring a friend or two who needs a day of rest, refreshment, and renewal!

Registration deadline:
Monday, April 8, 2013
Registration Fee: $40.00 or $275 for a table of 8!
(Includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch)

OPEN TO WOMEN OF ALL FAITHS! REGISTER TODAY!
Ltsp.edu/restrefresh

SEVENTH ANNUAL REST, REFRESHMENT, and RENEWAL DAY for WOMEN

The Wellness Wheel for Women
Saturday, April 13, 2013
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
The Brossman Center at LTSP

REGISTER NOW!
For more information and to register online, go to: Ltsp.edu/restrefresh
Or call: Kathie Aflerbach at 215.248.632
Jefferson Place - Saturday, February 23rd

A really big “thank you” to all of those who volunteered to prepare food and to all of those who volunteered to serve food for our Saturday afternoon dinner on February 23rd, 2013, at Jefferson Place. We served dinner to around 30 homeless adults.

We had a really good dinner. For dinner we had ham, macaroni and cheese, pineapple stuffing, string beans, Italian bread and butter, and drinks. For dessert we had chocolate cake and vanilla ice cream. We also left 20 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for Sunday.

Those that prepared our dinner include John and Brenda Dubbs, Barbara Vondercrone, Barbara Cooper, Nancy Miller, Holly Sollenberger, Donna Anderson, Dan Kulp, Claire Evans, Dennis Camarda and Deanna Kalmbach.

Patt Shumaker, Karl Kuhl, Sam Kuhl, Neil Leininger, Kate Vondercrone and John Vondercrone went to the shelter to serve our dinner.

The residents really thanked us for being there. It was a great day, thoroughly enjoyed by residents and Centennial.

Praise be to God!
Social Ministry Team

“...open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.”
Deuteronomy 15:11

EASTER JOY

The Family Life Team is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 24 for all the children at 12 pm (after 2nd Service). We will be accepting donations of candy in prepackaged wrapping in the box in the Narthex. See you there!

—St. John of Damascus
Dear Family and Friends,

East Texas has turned into quite a cold spot. It has gotten down into the twenties and this morning there was ice on my windshield. We are not used to that! It even snowed on Christmas Day this year.

I am reading again through the One Year Bible. It is amazing that over the years I seem to forget how active God was in the Old Testament and how all this fits in with the Bible as a whole. I believe that if you read the New Testament and not the Old, you will really miss who God is. The Old Testament serves as an explanation to many things that happened in the New Testament. I am only on my 14th day in January but I can already see God moving in everything.

I have found a Bible study plan that I had years ago and would like to share with you. It has five simple steps:

1. Highlight key sentences
2. Title (in your own words title what you have read)
3. Study notes (write what insights you have)
4. Use a good commentary or two to help you understand what is being said
5. Pray that the Lord will speak to you through the passages

Thank you all for your support. We are praying about going to Nicaragua this Spring. Your prayers are appreciated.

In His Name,

Ken

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John 3:16
For GOD so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten SON, that whoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting LIFE.

www.outreachcf.org
"a helping hand to the missionary"
An Encouraging Word from Max Lucado:

"If I can just touch his clothes," she thinks, "I will be healed" (Mark 5:28 NCV).

Risky decision. To touch him, she will have to touch the people. If one of them recognizes her ... hello rebuke, good-bye cure. But what choice does she have? She has no money, no clout, no friends, no solutions. All she has is a crazy hunch that Jesus can help and a high hope that he will.

Maybe that's all you have: a crazy hunch and a high hope. You have nothing to give. But you are hurting. And all you have to offer him is your hurt.

Maybe that has kept you from coming to God. Oh, you've taken a step or two in his direction. But then you saw the other people around him. They seemed so clean, so neat, so trim and fit in their faith. And when you saw them, they blocked your view of him. So you stepped back.

If that describes you, note carefully, only one person was commended that day for having faith. It wasn't a wealthy giver. It wasn't a loyal follower. It wasn't an acclaimed teacher. It was a shame-struck, penniless outcast who clutched onto her hunch that he could and her hope that he would.

Which, by the way, isn't a bad definition of faith: A conviction that he can and a hope that he will. Sounds similar to the definition of faith given by the Bible. "Without faith no one can please God. Anyone who comes to God must believe that he is real and that he rewards those who truly want to find him" (Heb. 11:6 NCV).

Not too complicated is it? Faith is the belief that God is real and that God is good. Faith is not a mystical experience or a midnight vision or a voice in the forest ... it is a choice to believe that the one who made it all hasn't left it all and that he still sends light into shadows and responds to gestures of faith.

There was no assurance, of course. She hoped he'd respond ... she longed for it ... but she didn't know if he would. All she knew was that he was there and that he was good. That's faith.

Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want. Faith is the belief that God will do what is right.

—Contributed by Joanne Bielefeld

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Dear Centennial,

Thank you so much for your support of our ministry. The music ministry at Valley Bible church and the campus ministry of CRU at Radford University are both being advanced for the kingdom of Christ with the help of your faithful giving! We are very blessed by your partnership in prayer and support.

—Jake, Carly, Ellie, Jude, Collette, and Ivy Edwards
ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES: Time is running out to sign up for a Lutheran Marriage Encounter spring weekend. Only a couple of openings remain for the March 15-17 Weekend in State College; however, we do still have openings for the April 26-28 Weekend at the motel-style retreat center at the Lutheran Camp Sequanota. Couples tell us that when they enter this beautiful 400-acre wooded campground, a feeling of peace and serenity embraces them as they leave all the stresses of the world behind. NOW is the time to register for a Weekend to rekindle the romance and realize the full potential of your marriage with all the joy and beauty God intended. Sessions run from Friday night at 8 PM and end Sunday around 5 PM. There is a $45 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend, you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward continuation of the program. Two nights lodging and 5 meals for each of you are included. Registrations are also currently being taken for the fall Weekends: September 13-15, 2013 at Olmsted Mansion and Retreat Center in Ludlow or October 11-13, 2013 at Mountain Laurel Resort in the Poconos. To sign up for a Weekend, simply go to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and register using your credit card, or for questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or email: fjschamber@comcast.net.

WISDOM
Wisdom is trusting God when you can’t see His point of view.

ASK: God, may I borrow your smile today when I go out?
Always go out the door with a goal and a prayer: “Jesus, what is my mission today?”

—Contributed by Marilyn Rossomando

BABY SUPPLIES
Do you know someone who has recently become unemployed or had work hours cut and is in need of baby supplies? Genesis Pregnancy Center can provide free, limited quantities of supplies including diapers, wipes, lotions, soaps, ointments, formula, and infant clothing.

All services at Genesis are free and confidential. Appointments can be made by calling 610-970-8089.

Genesis Pregnancy Care Center
888 East High Street
Pottstown, PA 19464
Www.genpcc.org
Email: genpcc@aol.com

He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NRSV
January 29, 2013

Centennial Lutheran Church
PO Box 840
Kimberton, PA 19442-0840

Dear Centennial Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent gift of $834.00 to Disaster Response Fund. Your gift means that our church can continue its effective and efficient response to disasters that have already occurred and can stand ready for those that may come in the future.

Both here in the United States and around the world, the generosity of Lutherans like you makes it possible for communities and families whose lives and livelihoods have been disrupted by disaster to get back on their feet again. Thanks to your support and the expertise of our dedicated local affiliates, companions and partners, people are empowered to access the resources they need to recover after a disaster. And your generosity also supports disaster preparedness work, helping people know what to do in case there is a next time.

To neighbors who can feel alone and in despair, your gift brings both help now and hope for the future. Your generosity makes it possible for the church to be there alongside our neighbors for the long haul. Thank you.

As the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we do more together than we ever could do alone. We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world — together. Thank you for your support.

In Christ’s service,

Daniel Riff

The Rev. Daniel Riff
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for your official receipt.
Lenten Worship continues on Wednesday nights 7 PM

Come and join us for worship on Wednesday nights during the season of Lent. Lenten soup dinners at 6 PM are followed by Lenten Worship at 7 PM. Attention all cooks! Sign up in the narthex for a Lenten Wednesday to come and share your soup or bread before worship.

Calling all Cantata Singers!

This year the Easter Cantata is again being presented on Easter Sunday, March 31st, at both the 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. services. If you would like to sing in the Easter Choir the rehearsal schedule is as follows:

Sunday mornings from 10:30 a.m.—12:00 noon on:
   February 10, 17, 24
   March 3, 17, 24
If you have to miss a Sunday morning rehearsal, you can catch up on some of the cantata music on a Thursday evening. We will be rehearsing some of the cantata music during our regular Thursday rehearsals from 8:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m. on:
   February 14, 21, 28
   March 14, 21, 28
We would be very happy to have you join us for this special presentation. Any questions please contact Marcella at 484-614-6604.

Calling ushers, deacons, and acolytes

Can you help out for special services in March? We are in need of help for Maundy Thursday service on March 28 at 7 PM, Good Friday service on March 29 at 7 PM, and Easter Sunday, March 31 at the 11 AM service. Please contact the church office if you are able to help out.

Service on Thursday, March 28th at 7 PM

This is a powerful faith experience that portrays the events of the cross. Presentation is at 7 PM on Friday, March 29th.

Good Friday Drama

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EASTER BREAKFAST

This year’s Easter Breakfast will be held Easter Sunday, March 31 from 7 - 11 AM in Luther Hall. Tickets are $5 Adults, $3 kids 12-3 and kids under 3 are free. Pre-order tickets will be going on sale in the Narthex after each service beginning Sunday, March 3. A sign up board will be posted as well for volunteers. This year’s breakfast menu will consist of Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Pancakes, Home Fries, Biscuits and Gravy, Fruit Salad, Bagels, Drinks and Desserts. Please email or call Brad Gubanich (thegube@yahoo.com or 484-932-8239) if you have questions or would like to help. Look forward to a big turnout for some great fellowship.

SAVE THE DATE!
The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive in Luther Hall on Monday, April 29 from 2 - 7 PM.

Do you notice any missing birthdays?
We want to be sure to include everyone on our birthday list. If you notice that a birthday is missing from our list, please take a moment to let the office know. You can leave a note in the office or sent an email to Rebecca @centenniaallutheran.org. Thank you!

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”
Psalm 118:24

We extend congratulations to Skip & Kim (Gradel) Lessig on the birth of a son, Jeremy Nathan, on Saturday, February 2 at 12:10 PM. He weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. The happy grandparents are Tom & Joyce Gradel. May God hold this new life in His hands and bless Jeremy throughout his life.
Deadline to order is
Sunday, March 17, 2013
Take the lilies home after
the 11:00 AM service on
Easter, March 31st

$8 each for 6 inch lily
Give cash or checks to Carole McCann or or attach payment to order
form and place in offering collection plate.
Make checks payable to Centennial Lutheran Church.

Please print clearly:
I would like to order _____ pots of lilies at $8 each
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(Your name as you wish it to appear in the bulletin on Easter.)

Telephone number ________________________________
Email address ________________________________
**THE WALLED GARDEN**

"A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'

"Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down."


A walled garden – carefully tended:
the best seed plan
fertilized
mulched
watered
weeded –
but nothing grew?

The owner looked
for tomatoes
squash
flowers
apples,
but found only weeds.

The gardener said:
"Wait...
give it but a little
more time...

"If there is no produce
when you return
plow it under.
Sell it.

What then?
My heart skips a beat...
Will He find, "fruit worthy of repentance?"

Paraclete
be my Helper!

Open
O my soul
to the sun
to the wind
to the rain

And, by His grace
bear good fruit.
—Claire Evans

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**One got out**

A father and son were driving past a cemetery, when the boy noticed a large pile of dirt beside a newly excavated grave.

He pointed and exclaimed, “Look, Dad! One got out!”

Adults know that in this world, no one “gets out,” unless it’s in a movie. Dead is dead. And yet on Easter Sunday we gather to celebrate the good news that One did get out. Jesus’ resurrection from the grave makes all the difference.

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**BIBLE QUIZ**

When Jesus was crucified, over what time period did darkness cover the earth?

A. 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
B. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
C. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
D. 12 noon to 3 p.m.

Answer: D (See Mark 15:33.)
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Are you interested in serving on the counting team? Please contact Denise Ackroyd or Ron Allen.
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HOSANNA BANNER

Offer Jesus our King praises by making this banner for Palm Sunday.

What you need:
- 6 sheets of green construction paper (8" x 11")
- Pencil
- Scissors
- 7 sheets of pastel-colored paper
- Rubber cement or glue
- 7 sheets of white cardstock (8" x 8")
- Hole punch
- Thin ribbon

What you do:
1. Fold the stack of green paper in half. Draw a palm branch on one of the folded sides and cut out all 12 branches.
2. On the pastel-colored paper, draw and cut out block letters to spell the word Hosanna — one letter per sheet. Then glue each letter onto a sheet of white paper.
3. Punch one hole in the top of each palm branch and two holes in each letter square (top left and top right corners).
4. Thread the ribbon through a palm branch, letter, palm branch, letter, etc. Tie a knot after each hole to keep the pieces from sliding.

Puzzle

Praise him!

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, a large crowd cheered for him. Complete this puzzle to discover what they used (also see John 12:13).

Directions: In the number grid below, draw lines by starting with the first number in each list and stopping at the last.

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Purchase a $25 or $50 pre-paid Giant grocery card! Available every Sunday. See Beth Wise, Dave Jensen or contact the church office to buy a $25 or $50 pre-paid grocery card redeemable at any Giant Food Store. Giant will donate 5% of the proceeds to support the youth group. If you can’t get to church to purchase your cards, contact me at Beth Wise at bswise1212@msn.com to order or call the church office.

Maundy Thursday service
March 28 at 7 PM
Deacon:
Reader:
Acolyte:
Ushers:
Counters:

Good Friday service
March 29 at 7 PM
Deacon:
Reader:
Acolyte:
Ushers:
Counters:

Easter Sunday, March 31
Deacon: Fred Stoudt
Reader:
Acolyte: Makinzie Ackroyd
Ushers: Larry Shumaker, Trudy Houck
Counters: Volunteers

Altar Guild: Jerene Gladfelter, Lois Moore, Frances Warren

Bulletin folders and stuffers
1st Thursday of the month: Dora Kling, Joyce Sands
2nd Thursday of the month: Pearl and Dan Kulp, Dora Kling
3rd Thurs. of the month: Alda Scheib, Sue Wambold, Ray, Jr., Dora Kling
4th & 5th Thursday of the month: Alda Scheib, Nadine Stevenson, Jackie Skillman, Dora Kling
Substitute: Beth Wise
March Happenings
March calendar
From Pastor DJ
Youth Group All-Nighter
Church Council Minutes
Fascinating by Jim Kraus
Penny Sunday / WELCA Spring Luncheon
Social Ministry Projects / Bible Studies
Dave & Katie Brindley news
LTSP Women’s Gathering
Jefferson Place Thank You / Easter Egg Hunt
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Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
Psalm 118:26, ESV

From the Finance Team:

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Last month’s receipts were $8,562 under budget.
Last month’s contributions to the roofing fund were $7,765.

If you would like Pastor DJ to visit you in the hospital, or if you have an emergency please call him at 320-267-9159. You can also call the Church Office for a pastoral visit Tuesdays-Thursdays at 610-933-1528.