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AUTHENTIC WORSHIP ✚ INTENTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS ✚ SACRIFICIAL SERVICE ✚ RADICAL GENEROSITY

For the past decade I have sought to bring a monthly article hoping to connect our members to God and each other through timely and relevant messages. The past few months have provided me opportunity to listen to your thoughts and struggles about your lives, your relationships, your health concerns, and the current condition of our world. A number of you have encouraged me to write about hope. One amongst us reminded me of something I learned from my mentor Howard Friend and a statement I say regularly in part hoping to benefit you, but always as a reminder to myself, to return to the Jesus question – “What is God up to and how can I help?”. I suppose I need to say those words in context. We are in Lent, nearing the resurrection of our Lord, and hope, if it is to be experienced, comes with a mandate. “Hope that cannot look fully and courageously into the face of reality is not worthy to be called hope.” Rose-colored glasses or half-covered eyes only produce a distortion of reality and achieve a false sense of commitment and security.

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The disciples' eyes were opened following the resurrection. Their purpose clarified, they finally and more fully committed to joining God in God's mission to reconcile all people to Godself and to set people free from the tyranny of believing they can do anything to receive what God has already given them. They embraced a phrase you've heard many times. Be who you are! BE blessed! When they caught hold of that message they were set free to be who they were fully and to do what matters for the sake of God and their work and commitment is still felt today!

When I meet with someone who cannot see who they are in God's eyes I typically share my own way of redirecting my thoughts toward home - toward hope - toward Truth. I share that I can't help but think about the restless sense that God isn't finished with me, or with you, and that we remain a work in progress. Sometimes I offer guidance from the apostle Paul, no youngster himself, when he wrote that he desired to let go of what was behind and press on toward tomorrow's upward call. Easier said than done?! Nevertheless, our sibling Paul is pretty wise and shares that wisdom from firsthand experience. I'd prefer to learn life lessons from those who have already been to the hospital. I really don't want to go through pain unnecessarily to prove that God is faithful and delights in restoration.

In recent months, I have awakened, perhaps more honestly to the realities of our global situation. The number of YouTube and Facebook posts discussing the human cost of injustice and the seemingly endless unsettling doomsday scenarios is overwhelming and exhausting. The numerous people talking about how frightened and hopeless they feel and how disabling that fear and despair can become is seemingly equal. Perhaps, for those with eyes to see, there is a gift at this time. The gift, I believe, is found, discovered, rediscovered, maintained, sustained, and nurtured in Jesus Christ. The author of HOPE - Jesus. The ONE who looked fully and courageously into the face of reality - Jesus. He gave us the answer. When we join with others, serve alongside others, we will be a healthier community. In that culture we will go far beyond fear to courage and hope. The resurrection story leads us beyond the darkness of the grave to be set free to live far beyond the dream but in actuality, to a different future for our planet and its inhabitants.

Lutheran pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer distinguished between “cheap grace” and “costly grace”. I wonder, are we being urged toward “costly hope”? Can we look squarely, without denial or defenses, into that face of reality?

On Sunday, April 20th, I hope you will join us in worshipping the God who loves you, loves all people, and calls us by name. God says – “You are mine!”

Be blessed!
Pastor Bob

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UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, April 13 @ 9:30 am

Palm Sunday

Oftentimes, to grasp the fullness of something significant, we have to look at both sides. So it is that to approach the meaning of Christ, we have to say two things: Jesus and Christ; human and divine; death and resurrection; bread and body. This Sunday celebrates these two sides: we begin by praising Christ with the song of the angels, and we go on to shout "Crucify him!" Come to join us as we fit both truths into one service.

Thursday, April 17 @ 7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday

This Thursday is called "Maundy," which means "command," from the verse in John's gospel in which Jesus commands us to love another as he loved us. We hear about the Passover lamb, Jesus' last meal with his disciples before his death, and Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Finally we strip the chancel bare, to ready ourselves for Good Friday.

Friday, April 18 @ 7:00 pm

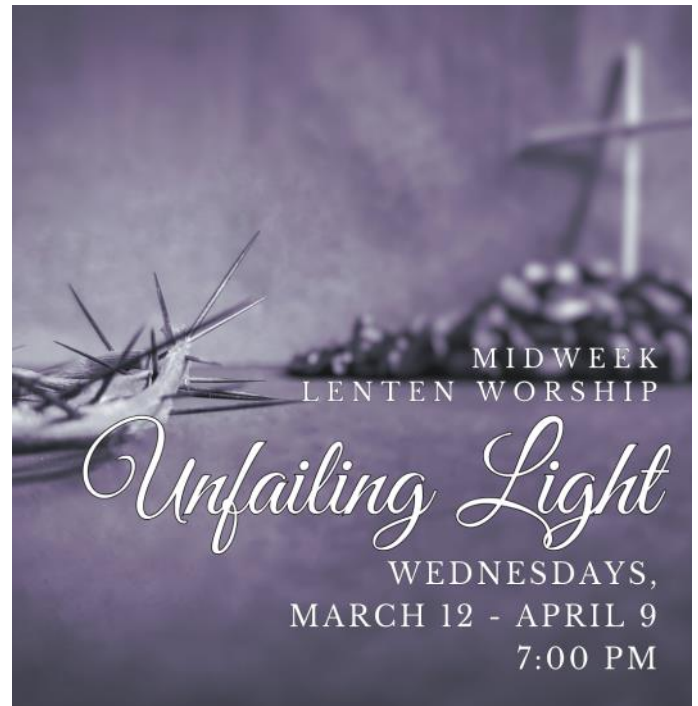
Good Friday

Why do we call this day Good? In John's telling of Jesus' passion, Jesus is "I am," the God who reigns from the cross, the king who discusses theology with Pilate. At this service we pray for everyone we can think of, and we confess that it is our sin that crucified Christ.

Sunday, April 20 @ 9:30 am

Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter

What does it mean to be Christian? Christians are those who are enlivened by their faith that the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ can transform themselves and the world. Each Sunday we gather to praise the resurrection, but Easter is our annual blow-out celebration. This year we hear the gospel from Luke, we share the meal of the Lord, and we sing Alleluia over and over again.



This year our midweek Lenten worship series is intended to center our five senses as a way of exploring the significance of Christ's incarnation throughout our Lenten journey. We all are made in the image of God, who chose to share our humanity by joining in our embodied experience. God's image in us is beautifully diverse. Each week we'll hear from a different speaker on one of the 5 senses and sing together to the simple and engaging tunes of Marty Haugen's *Unfailing Light*.

Message Schedule

March 12 - Sight; *Brian Moatz*

March 19 - Sound; *Sam Kulp*

March 26 - Scent; *Pastor Bob*

April 2 - Touch; *Melanie Roth*

April 9 - Taste; *Michele Eidle*

If you've not attended a midweek lent service in the past, we strongly encourage you to make time in your schedule this year. It is not designed like a Sunday worship service and typically lasts 40 minutes. Services are always available to view on our YouTube channel as well.

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**Lent Devotionals have been mailed
and can be found online!**





CENTRE PARK FLUTES
JOINS US FOR WORSHIP
ON MOTHER'S DAY
Sunday, May 11 | 9:30 AM



Thank you to everyone
for all the well wishes, cards,
and prayers during my
recovery from a broken femur.
- Vicky Henry

Thank you to Michele Frey,
Shirley Hartman, and Sue Hill
for providing homemade soup for
Bread, Bowl & Bible in March!

First Communion

Is your child ready to receive
the Holy sacrament?

If interested, contact Becky at
parishadmin@stjohnsboyertown.org

Training

Sun, April 13
10:45 am
Sanctuary

First Holy Communion

Thurs, April 17
7:00 pm
Sanctuary

Holy Week

walk the path from
palms to glory



St. John's Lutheran Church 45 N. Reading Ave. Boyertown

Palm Sunday
April 13
9:30 am

Maundy Thursday
April 17
7:00 pm

Good Friday
April 18
7:00 pm

Easter
April 20
9:30 am



PRESCHOOL NEWS

By: Amy Daub

The past few months in preschool have been filled with lots of fun activities and learning. In February, the preschool children all made Valentines that were sent to the homebound members of the church. We read a story book about making and sending Valentines to grandparents. The children all had lots of fun decorating hearts to send to them. We even received several thank you notes from members who received the Valentines, saying how much they enjoyed receiving them!

In March, the preschool celebrated Read Across America Week with special theme days such as hat day for The Cat in the Hat, and silly sock day for Fox in Socks. During that week we also had mystery readers - parents and church members came in and read a book to each class. Pastor Bob even came in one day to read to the children, and they just loved that! March also brought learning about St. Patrick and how he taught the people in Ireland about God, Christianity, and being kind. We also tasted some Irish treats, learned about some fun Irish legends and traditions, looked for Leprechauns, and got together as a whole preschool and made our own fizzy rainbows! The children love it whenever we get together as a whole school for a special activity.

In the coming month we will be learning about spring and the true meaning of Easter. Also, right before Easter will be our Art Show and Scholastic Book Fair in Fellowship Hall. Hopefully you can all find some time to stop in and see some of the amazing things that our wonderful preschool students have been creating this school year. It has been such a pleasure to work with these wonderful students this year!



SOCIETY IN JESUS' TIME, *part 2*

By: Cathy Krause

Family, tribe, and Jewish law provide the main structure of society. This was a patriarchal society, and thus, was male dominated and hierarchical. This was mirrored in the family structure. Know though, unlike today, the smallest part of society was the family, not the individual.

The father, or patriarch, was head of the family or household. Wealth and honor rested with the patriarch who could use it, spend it or give it away as he felt benefitted the family. He also protected the less-powerful family members; they owed him loyalty and obedience. Women were seen as dependent on male strength, intelligence, morality, and control. They typically were not educated. Daughters were viewed as a liability. Widows were vulnerable to exploitation.

Women were generally married as young teenagers (± 15 years old) and went to live with their husband's family. They were expected to take care of the children and the home. They were required to shop for, harvest, prepare, serve, and clean up each meal. This included:

- Grinding grain for flour; making dough; and baking bread.
- Tending cook fires
- Purchasing or trading at the market for food
- Serving breakfast of small amounts of food, often the leftovers from the meal from the night before (Remember: there was no refrigeration!)
- Preparing the day's main meal
- Serving the main meal, which could consist of stew, bread, cheese, and/or fruit
- Cleaning up the meal
- Repeating the same tasks the following day

Jewish women were the religious leaders in their home. They said the table prayers, and led the candle lighting for Shabbat, the Sabbath. But, they could not serve in the Temple. Under Roman law, some women were business owners, managed money, owned slaves, studied philosophy, and became nurses or teachers.

It was unusual that women were *allowed* to follow Jesus and that the Bible mentions them. This elevated their status compared to how women were viewed in Jesus' time. Jesus and his ministry to all included the most vulnerable: the women, widows, children, outcasts, those with diseases, those considered impure, the foreigner, and the Gentile – and continues today. How blessed we are to know Jesus! We are all included!

Next month, a look at the religious hierarchy of Jesus' time.

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TEACHING TIME

Are you new to Lutheranism?

You may or may not be familiar with some of the 'Lutheran Buzzwords' we use here. Let's get familiar!

LITURGICAL COLOR FOR LENT

The appointed liturgical color for Lent is purple because purple has long been associated with royalty. In this case, Christ reigns from a cross.

LITURGICAL COLOR FOR EASTER

The appointed liturgical color for Easter is white.

White is a festive color, used for celebrations and joyous occasions in the church.

White represents purity, innocence, and the joy of Christ's triumph over death.

White also symbolizes glory and light, reflecting the triumph of Christ.

SEEING GOD AT WORK IN MEXICO

By: Jaden Ehst

On the night of Wednesday, February 12, I departed on a trip to Cuernavaca Mexico along with other members of St. John's. Before departing on the trip I knew next to nothing about the people I would go with and I couldn't imagine how amazing the trip would be for me. After spending a car ride and dinner with the group I had started to get to know them and feel more comfortable around them. By the time we boarded the plane I could tell the group was all getting to know each other.

Once we arrived in Mexico I could tell God got right to work. Once we arrived at Alem we got introduced to the people gathered there and it was beautiful to see them all together building a community city and doing more for their community in wheelchairs than many of us do for our communities as perfectly able-bodied people. By dinner that night it was evident that seeing Alem building community changed something in our group and we were beginning to connect more than I imagined we could in such a short time.

One of the biggest eye-opening things we did was visit the sugar cane fields, seeing those people working there and knowing how oppressed they were, making only about 800 dollars a month and living in small, plain, concrete compartments. Then we saw the young boy, maybe 10 years old, working harvesting sugar cane for his family, was really saddening. It really showed us how lucky we are compared to so many people in Cuernavaca.

When we worked at Alem to build wheelchairs I think many of us found it very enjoyable and loved the challenge of overcoming the language barrier and constructing a wheelchair for someone in need. Seeing the people at Cafe Resiliente was really wonderful seeing all these people turned away from other jobs being given a chance and happily working to serve their community the best they could.

One of the highlights from the trip was the visit to the pyramids, I believe we all had a great time exploring and bonding together. Seeing the school and the water project there was very interesting, it was fascinating to see how they obtained fresh water and maneuvering their way through the long droughts between rain, especially on a very elevated area.

By the end of the trip the group had grown very close and the other youth in the group were like siblings. I was very sad to say goodbye to Mexico and our group at the end of the trip and would love to go again someday.



AN ANCIENT CREED IS RELEVANT

By: Bishop Elizabeth Eaton (livinglutheran.org/2025/03/an-ancient-creed-is-relevant)

During spring and summer of the year 325, bishops from across the church gathered in Nicaea for the church's first ecumenical council. At 325 years, the church was still relatively young and fluid. There were many schools of thought about the nature of the Trinity and the three persons of the Trinity. Some taught that the God of the Old Testament is a different god than the God of the New Testament (Marcionism), that Jesus only appeared to be human (Docetism), that Jesus didn't have a human mind or soul but only a human body (Apollinarianism), that there are three modes of God (Modalism), that Jesus is not fully divine but is a created being (Arianism), and a whole host of others. Confusing.

Constantine had recently become the sole ruler of the Roman Empire. He wanted to unify the church and solidify the relationship between church and state. The competing theories about the nature of God, particularly Arianism, was frustrating Constantine's vision of a united church and a united empire. So he summoned the bishops to sort it out. The Trinity is a complex idea to start with, but putting 300 bishops with strongly held beliefs in a room was bound to cause conflict. One (apocryphal) story was that St. Nicholas punched out Arius, the author of Arianism. Our congregational meetings, synod assemblies and churchwide assemblies seem tame by comparison.

The hoped-for outcome was to have a unified understanding of the faith. The result was the Nicene Creed, used by churches around the world and across the centuries. This elegant statement of belief gives a clear exposition of who God is and how God chooses to be God for the sake of the world.

The Nicene Creed also places each one of us in a global—in fact, cosmic—context. "We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church." Sometimes it helps to look beyond ourselves and the here and now and get caught up in God's breathtaking vastness. We aren't alone. We are part of a great company of the faithful—past, present and future.

Many of Emperor Constantine's goals for the Council of Nicaea were met, but not all of them. Perhaps human language is too small or human intellect too limited to comprehend the mystery of the Trinity or to put it into words. Soon a dispute arose about the nature of the Spirit. Originally the creed stated: "We believe in the Holy Spirit ... who proceeds from the Father." Only later was the clause "who proceeds from the Father and the Son" added. The Latin word for this is *filioque*. The Western church insisted on it. The Eastern church rejected it. This led to the split between the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches in 1054.

This year we mark the 1,700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea. For 40 years Lutherans and Orthodox have been in dialogue about the Nicene Creed. The "Joint Statement on the Filioque" was approved by the Joint Commission on Theological Dialogue in May 2024. This controversy was found to be no longer church-dividing.

So what? What relevance does an ancient argument between academics have to do with the real world? Here's what. If an over 1,000-year-old argument that bitterly divided the church can be resolved, then there is hope that the most complex issues that split the church can be engaged and overcome through careful listening and dialogue. We don't have to be divided. Division is a human invention, not divine.

There was another issue that the council didn't resolve—establishing a uniform date for Easter. It so happens every once in a while that Easter falls on the same date for the West and for the East. This Easter during the 1,700th year anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea, the whole church, West and East, will celebrate the Resurrection on the same day. God is smiling.




Potato Project
Seed Cutting

Cut potatoes for the growing season
pick up & cut at home - April 24 or
cut on-site at St. John's - April 26

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April 21




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Two ways to do seed cutting:

Pick up a 50-lb bag (or more than one) and take them home to cut or join us at church to cut.

It takes approximately 30 minutes to cut a 50-lb bag.

PICK UP - Thursday, April 24 @ 7:30pm
St. John's Parking Lot

DROP OFF - Saturday, April 26 between 10:00am-2:00pm
St. John's Parking Lot

— and/or —

Seed Cutting at St. John's - Sat., April 26
between 10:00am-2:00pm
St. John's Parking Lot (rain or shine)

WHY DON'T WE USE ALLELUIAS DURING LENT?

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Background

Based on the Hebrew word, *hallelu yah*, meaning "Praise the Lord," alleluia has been a word of great praise to God in the life of the church and was prominent in early Christian liturgies. Because of the penitential character of the season of Lent in the Western church, singing or saying the word "alleluia" has historically been suspended during Lent's forty days. This period of individual and congregational reflection on the quality of our baptismal faith and life suggests that the joyful nature of alleluia is more appropriately reserved for our Easter celebrations when it is given full and jubilant voice. An alternate gospel acclamation for Lent that omits the alleluia is provided for in Settings One through Ten of Holy Communion in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. Additional settings can be found in the Service Music portion (ELW #176-77) and in additional resources.

The omission of alleluia during Lent goes back at least to the fifth century in the western church. The custom of actually bidding it farewell, however, developed in the Middle Ages. The hymn "Alleluia, song of gladness" (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* #318) contains a translation of an 11th century Latin text that compares an alleluia-less Lent to the exile of the Israelites in Babylon. The text then anticipates the joy of Easter when glad alleluias will return in all their heavenly splendor.

Along with a sung farewell to alleluia, some congregations have embraced the practice of physically "burying" the alleluia. A banner or other visual presentation of the alleluia is crafted and then "buried". This ritual practice can be especially delightful and meaningful for children.

Practice

When do we bury the alleluia? Alleluia is appropriately bid farewell on the Sunday preceding Ash Wednesday (the Transfiguration of Our Lord, also called the last Sunday after the Epiphany in the Lutheran liturgical calendar). This is the last Sunday when alleluia will be used until the Vigil of Easter, or Easter Sunday for those congregations not holding a Vigil. The burial of the alleluia could otherwise be the culminating activity at a congregational Carnival (also known as Mardi Gras or Shrove Tuesday) celebration just before Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent.

Eagle Messenger Article Deadlines

Monday, April 14 for May issue

Monday, May 12 for June issue

Monday, June 9 for July issue

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happening in and around
Boyertown?

Check out the
**NEW
COMMUNITY
CALENDAR!**



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**JESUS IS
TOO GOOD
TO KEEP TO
YOURSELF**

**INVITE A FRIEND
TO CHURCH**

Your personal invitation could play
a role in sparking a life-transforming
relationship with Jesus Christ.
Who will you invite?

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Date	Day	Time	Liturgical Day (Special Service)	Acolyte	Altar Assistant	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Lector	Media	Prayers	Sound	Ushers	Video
4/2/2025	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Midweek Lenten, Unfailing Light	TBD	NA	NA	Bev Blake	Chad Roth	Shannon Omlor	NA	Ashley Gheer	Bunny & Ron Riffle	Justin Jones
4/6/2025	Sunday	9:30 AM	Lent 5	Delaney Hersperger	Michele & Dave Eidle	Mary Kay Heimbach, Heather Murray	Amy Moyer	Michele Eidle	Sarah Eidle	Sue Grofe	Brianna Rohrbach	Sue & George Hill, Barbara Houpp, Carol Sematis	Camryn Friz
4/9/2025	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Midweek Lenten, Unfailing Light	TBD	NA	NA	Mel Roth	Dave Eidle	Jason Friz	NA	Melissa Eidle	Ros Moatz, Jennifer Schlegel	Jason Eidle
4/13/2025	Sunday	9:30 AM	Passion/Palm Sunday	Abby Torres	Ashley Gheer, John Gheer	Mary Dierolf, Nancy Edwards	Amanda Ehst	Multiple TBD	Shannon Omlor	Mel Roth	Myles Omlor	Mary Kay & Donnie Heimbach, Bonnie & Rick Moatz, Sandy & Terry Wade	Abbe Grofe
4/17/2025	Thursday	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday First Communion	Tatum Friz	Tom Engle, Melissa Geary	Mary Kay Heimbach, Amy Moyer	Melissa Geary	Phyllis Kershner	Jason Friz	Ros Moatz	Ashley Gheer	Bev & Joe Blake	Scott Scheiry
4/18/2025	Friday	7:00 PM	Good Friday	NA	NA	Mary Kay Heimbach, Amy Moyer	Lauren Jones	Jennifer Schlegel	Shannon Omlor	Bonnie Moatz	Brianna Rohrbach	Ros & Brian Moatz	Justin Jones
4/20/2025	Sunday	9:30 AM	Easter	Philip Derr	Shannon Omlor, Becky Scheiry	Shirley Hartman, Sue Hill	Jennifer Schlegel	Jen Friz	Sarah Eidle	Jean Machamer	Myles Omlor	Carol & Larry Angstadt, Ros & Brian Moatz, Bunny & Ron Riffle	Camryn Friz
4/27/2025	Sunday	9:30 AM	Second Sunday of Easter	Grant Hersperger	Bev & Joe Blake	Jodi Dykie, Mary Kay Heimbach	Bev Blake	Jill Koch	Shannon Omlor	Karen Pollock	Melissa Eidle	Ashley Gheer, John Gheer, Carol Sematis, Terry Wadsworth	Jason Eidle
5/4/2025	Sunday	9:30 AM	Third Sunday of Easter	Philip Derr	Amanda Ehst, Mel Roth	Nancy Edwards, Heather Murray	Mel Roth	Cathy Krause	Justin Jones	Michele Eidle	Ashley Gheer	Becky & Barry Erb, Bunny & Ron Riffle	Abbe Grofe
5/11/2025	Sunday	9:30 AM	Fourth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day	Delaney Hersperger	George Hill, Bonnie Moatz	Melissa Eidle	Amy Moyer	Tom Engle	Sarah Eidle	Friz Family	Brianna Rohrbach	Martha Bentley, Barbara Houpp, Josee Ruckenbrod, Ed Schaeffer	Scott Scheiry
5/18/2025	Sunday	9:30 AM	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Tatum Friz	Jen & Jason Friz	Dorothy Breitreutz	Jason Friz	Missy Endy	Jason Friz	Bonnie Moatz	Shannon Omlor	Jodi Dykie, Jerry Krause, Scott Scheiry, Jennifer Schlegel	Justin Jones
5/25/2025	Sunday	9:30 AM	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Abby Torres	Michele & Dave Eidle	Mary Dierolf, Nancy Edwards	Amanda Ehst	Sarah Eidle	Shannon Omlor	Lauren Jones	Myles Omlor	Mike Gilbert, Darrin Moyer, Kevin Moyer, Ed Schaeffer	Camryn Friz
5/29/2025	Thursday	7:00 PM	Ascension of Our Lord	Camryn Friz	Ashley Gheer, John Gheer	Mary Kay Heimbach, Amy Moyer	Jennifer Schlegel	Mary Kay Heimbach	Justin Jones	Ros Moatz	Ashley Gheer	Mary Kay & Donnie Heimbach	Jason Eidle

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30P Worship Team	2 Oley Cluster 8:15a Preschool Staff Meeting 7:00p Midweek Lenten Service, Unfailing Light	3 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 10:00a Operation 143 Delivery 7:00p Handbell Choir 8:00p Worship Broadcast	4 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study	5 Preschool Art Show and Book Fair 8:30a Licensed Lay Ministry Retreat 10:00a Preschool Scavenger Hunt 4:30p Come to the Table
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13 Palm Sunday 9:30a Worship Celebration 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Coffee & Conversation 10:45a First Holy Communion Training	14 Preschool Closed 5:00p Newsletter Submission 6:30p Girl Scouts 7:30p Optimist Club of Boyertown	15 Preschool Closed 6:30p Finance Team 6:30p Jr Optimist Club	16 Preschool Closed 9:30a Pottstown Soup Kitchen	17 Maundy Thursday Preschool Closed 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 10:00a Operation 143 Delivery 7:00p Worship Celebration, First Communion 8:00p Worship Broadcast	18 Good Friday Preschool Closed 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study 7:00p Worship Celebration	19 9:00a Benevolence 4:30p Come to the Table
20 Easter 9:30a Worship Celebration	21 Preschool Closed	22 1:00p Joyful Sisters of Service	23 10:00a Preschool Chapel Time	24 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 7:30p Potato Pick-up 8:00p Worship Broadcast	25 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study	26 9:00a Caring & Correspondence 10:00a Potato Drop off & Seed Cutting On-Site 4:30p Come to the Table
27 9:30a Worship Celebration 9:30a Sunday School	28 6:30p Girl Scouts 7:30p Optimist Club of Boyertown	29 6:30p Jr Optimist Club 6:30p Building a Better Boyertown	30 6:30p Congregation Council 7:00p State Theatre Board			

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Nikkie Cutaneo	3	4	5 Becky Erb Sandy Wolf
6	7	8	9 Melissa Geary Rachael Geary	10	11 Charlie Grofe	12
13 Patricia Rhoads	14 Missy Endy Carole Frey	15	16	17	18	19 Richard Spohn
20 Dennis Frey	21 Jason Friz John Gheer	22 Kaylee Boyer Thomas Huber	23 Barbara Miller	24 Dale Leister	25	26 Paul Moatz
27 Edward Adamski	28	29	30 Camryn Friz			

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All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

Return Service Request - Dated Material
Mailed March 26, 2025

WORSHIP

SUNDAY 9:30 AM

IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM ON YOUTUBE

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Friday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

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