



April 2023 NEWSLETTER



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Council Members are elected for a term of three years and no more than 2 consecutive terms.

United In Christ's Mission Statement:

Led by the Spirit, we follow Christ's call to honor God and neighbor through worship, learning, service, prayer, stewardship and invitation.

Mark Your Calendars

- SUN, APR. 2** PALM SUNDAY
SOCIAL MINISTRY MEETING
YOUTH GROUP
- TUE, APR. 4** EDUCATION TO CREATE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY
- THR, APR. 6** MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP
- FRI, APR. 7** GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP
SENIOR EXPRESS FOOD BOX DELIVERY
- SAT, APR. 8** BABY STEPS DIAPER PANTRY
COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT
- SUN, APR. 9** EASTER SUNDAY
SUNRISE WORSHIP
EASTER BREAKFAST
EASTER WORSHIP
- TUE, APR. 11** OAKS SENIOR CENTER
- WED, APR. 12** THEOLOGY ON TAP
- SUN, APR. 16** YOUTH GROUP
- TUE, APR. 18** COUNCIL MEETING
- MON, APR. 24** NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
- WED, APR. 26** THEOLOGY ON TAP
- THUR, APR. 27** LUTHERANS IN THE CAPITOL
- SAT, APR. 29** OAKS CLOTHING YARD SALE

FROM THE PASTOR



But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

Luke 24:1-11

Dear United In Christ,

One of the things that has lived rent-free in my head ever since grade school is the Boy Scout Motto. Do you know it? The motto was something he had to have memorized as we worked our way up in rank throughout the Scouting program, but thankfully it's only two words: “Be prepared.” The motto got flung around as we would plan for overnight camp outings as it helped us remember to do the important work of meal planning and tent packing: be prepared. It helped us make sure we had all of our prerequisites completed for merit badges and that our first aid kits were adequately stocked for any trip: be prepared. And now, even after all these years, the motto has stuck with me. “Be prepared” has become a sort of mantra that leads me to over

pack for every getaway and to overthink every situation at hand. I want to be ready to handle any possible scenario or outcome, I want to *be prepared*.

But for all of that preparedness, I don't think that *any* amount of preparation or over analysis could have prepared the women for what they encountered as they made their way to the tomb that first Easter morning. As Luke recounts the story, they *did* go to the tomb that morning prepared. They came with the spices they would need to ensure that Jesus' body was tended to *properly*; they came to ensure their rabbi was given the proper burial they deserved.

Frankly, they came prepared to find him (still) dead, but what they find instead they could have *never* been prepared for. In their terror and confusion at two men in dazzling display standing at their sides, the women have all of their sensible expectations totally shattered! "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" the figures ask. Why? Because it's the sensible thing to do! It's the perfectly expected outcome! It's what they were prepared to see! Yet, in the dazzling figures clear statement that the Jesus for whom they look is not there, but rather is risen, they receive far better than they could ever have been prepared for. Ironically, in their recollection of all that Jesus had told them, they realize that they *were* prepared for this new course all along!

It turns out, Jesus was preparing them for such an unlikely journey all along. From the start, Jesus was equipping these women to see the world with a new perspective, with the newness of the kingdom he came to announce. He was preparing them to see new life taking root where the world they knew only wanted to deal out the harsh reality of death. It turns out, this is how Jesus has *always* prepared his disciples. You, too, are prepared by this Jesus who brings the completely unexpected for the good of God's people! More importantly, you, like the women at the tomb, are met with the joy-filled

outcome of what that preparation is all about: the fullness of life greeting God's people!

So be prepared, UIC! In this Easter season, may we find ourselves in a new preparation. May we be prepared to see the world differently. May we be prepared to take note of where God is carving out opportunity for new life. May we be prepared for resurrection to take root in and around us!

Yours, united in Christ,

~ Pastor Justin



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Church is in need of sponsorships for 2023 Altar Flowers.

Cost is \$35.

Flower Chart is in the Fellowship Hall.

Flowers can be donated in memory of or in honor of family or friends. Please write on the chart what you would like printed in the bulletin. You may take your flowers home after worship.



UNITED IN CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO

Theology on Tap

JOIN US AT
RUSTY RAIL
6:00 PM ON APRIL 12TH
AND APRIL 26TH



Do you have some burning questions about the Bible, faith, or God?

Do you have some burning questions about the Bible, faith, or God? Join us for Theology on Tap! This April we will be meeting at Rusty Rail on Wednesdays April 12th and April 26th. Bring your questions to put in the stein, grab your drink of choice, and be ready to dive into them together as a group—we might not settle on an answer, but we can at least try! We will meet at 6:00 pm to grab food, drinks, and socialize a bit before starting discussion once we are settled. Email Pastor Justin or Vicar Katy if you plan to attend or have any questions about the specifics.

YOUTH AND FAMILY



YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will meet at Milton Lutheran Church (100 Mahoning St., Milton) at 1pm on the following dates.

Sunday, April 2 & 16

Youth Group is open to all students in grades 7-12 and typically runs for about 1 1/2 hours.

If you are, or have, a youth member interested in being part of Youth Group, please reach out to Pastor Justin or Vicar Katy and they'll get you connected!



Baby Steps
DIAPER PANTRY

UPCOMING DIAPER PANTRY

April 8, 2023 at 10-11:30am

1 bag (40 diapers) per child.

Newborn to size 6

In March the Baby Steps Diaper Pantry gave out 760 diapers, along with a book, socks, and mittens.



EASTER CANDY

PLEASE PLACE
YOUR DONATIONS
IN THE BOX IN THE
NARTHEX LABELED
"EASTER CANDY".

BY APRIL 2

Filling Eggs: Friday, April 7 @ 9am

We will be filling the eggs on Friday, April 7 at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to come help!



RICH HUFF FUND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Rich Huff Fund will be awarding three scholarships this year. Two scholarships in the amount of \$500 will be awarded to a senior high school student from Lewisburg, Meadowbrook, Mifflinburg, Milton, and/or Warrior Run school districts, and another \$500 scholarship to a UIC senior.

Students must be graduating this year, have at least a 2.5 GPA, and have been accepted at a college or trade school. Priority will be given to students going into the following fields: Educator, Pediatrics, Social Worker, Child Psychologist, Occupation Therapy, Speech Therapy, Respiratory Therapy, Librarian, Speech/ Language Pathologist, Juvenile Court, Recreation Director.

Applications are available in the guidance offices of the above named schools and can also be printed from the church's website, www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/rich-huff-fund/.

All applications must be postmarked May 1 or before.





BOY SCOUT SPAGHETTI DINNER



Boy Scout troop #600 had another successful Spaghetti Dinner.
They sold over 300 meals and 197 jars of sauce!!

IMPORTANT LINK!



For easy access, bookmark this page on your computer or add the page to your tablet or smartphone's home screen.

Church Calendar: Stay up-to-date on everything that's happening at UIC and Sunday's Worship Volunteers are listed each week under each "worship" event.

www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/calendar

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER SUMMER CAMP



If you have a UIC youth that is interested in attending Camp Mount Luther this summer please see Pastor Justin or Vicar Katy.

We would like to get them registered by April 15 in order to receive the early registration discount. Information about camp can be found on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Double your impact and help us build up the future of United In Christ!

All contributions designated for UIC's "Capital Projects" will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$35,000!

[DONATE NOW](#)



As we begin this new year and you begin your process of budgeting for 2023, please consider how you might be able to contribute to United In Christ's Capital Expense Fund as we prepare for the upcoming roof, window, and steeple projects on the horizon. As a reminder, your contributions to these projects will have double the impact thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor who is matching all funds designated for UIC's "Capital Expense Fund" dollar-for-dollar up to \$35,000 for the duration of the project campaign! Thank you for your continued financial partnership!

*We are more than 1/3 of the way
to our goal of \$70,000!*

\$13,391.84 Donations (March: \$875)

\$13,391.84 Matching Funds (March: \$875)

\$26,783.68 Total Capital Campaign

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

* Please remove from newsletter and post on your fridge.*

	April 2	April 6	April 7	April 9
Social Hour	E - K			
Bread/Wine	S. Weiser (wine only)	C. Zimmerman (wine only)		R. Baker S. Bingaman
Altar Guild	S. Keifer	M.L. Keifer		C. Troxell
Digital Host	K. Lingenfelter	T. Cromwell	K. Guffey	M. Shearer
Front Door Greeter	K. Guffey M.L. Keifer	D. Byerly J. Byerly	B. Swartz T. Swartz	C. Zimmerman H. Allegar
Side Door Greeter	T. Cromwell	R. Kling	S. Brown	K. Noll
Lector	P. Hauck M. Shearer A. Stark B. Swartz	C. Zimmerman	H. Allegar	E. Haussmann
Ushers	K. Baker S. Brown T. Cromwell K. Guffey	R. Kling J. Mertz M. Shearer A. Stark	B. Swartz T. Swartz B. Troxell C. Troxell	B.J. Koch C. Zimmerman K. Arndt D. Baker
Communion Asst.	S. Weiser D. Baker	E. Haussmann M. Haussmann		C. Zimmerman M.L. Keifer A. Stark
Guest Relations	M. Mertz			K. Noll
Offering Counter	M. Shearer P. Hauck	C. Zimmerman M. Shearer	M.L. Keifer H. Allegar	C. Shreck P. Hauck

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please try to trade with someone on the schedule and then notify the office of the change. If you are unable to trade with someone, please call Terri Cromwell at the church, 570-568-2254, and she will find a replacement for you.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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	April 16	April 23	April 30
Social Hour	L - R	S - Z	A - D
Bread/Wine		D. Byerly	K. Criswell
Altar Guild		C. Zimmerman	D. Byerly
Digital Host	S. Bingaman	T. Cromwell	K. Guffey
Front Door Greeter	M. Ketchem	A. Stark	Karen B.
	R. Whitesel	K. Guffey	R. Baker
Side Door Greeter	D. Gottlieb	G. Weiser	K. Baker
Lector	M. Haussmann	D. Gottlieb	R. Baker
Ushers	Karen B.	R. Kling	A. Stark
	S. Brown	B.J. Koch	C. Zimmerman
	T. Cromwell	J. Mertz	B. Swartz
	K. Guffey	M. Shearer	T. Swartz
Communion Asst.		M. Shearer	S. Bingaman
		R. Kling	B. Swartz
Guest Relations	B. Troxell	G. Weiser	K. Baker
Offering Counter	H. Allegar	K. Guffey	K. Baker
	M. Rabuck	C. Shreck	M.L. Keifer

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HAPPY Anniversary

*Mike and Annette Baker 4/28/84
Scott and Jodie Danowsky 4/29/95*



Happy Birthday

*Ben Criswell 4/1
Kathy Loss 4/3
Rosemary Kling 4/5
Cindy Snyder 4/5
Jack Stiber 4/5
Bob Swartz 4/6
Sarah Sprenkle 4/7
Logan Aucker 4/13*



*Breanna Martz 4/15
Cole Snyder 4/17
Kyle Swanger 4/17
Ken Criswell 4/19
Kristin Sprenkle 4/26
McKenzie Baker 4/28
Marianne Murray 4/28*



If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the church office with these dates.

UNITED IN CHRIST'S PRAYER LIST

Prayer Requests:

*Family and friends of Nancy Danowsky,
Bob Keifer, family and friends of Joanne
Stahl, Tiffany, Gaye Stahl, Dale Strassner,
Scott Clewell, Marie Tanner, Cindy Reedy,
Denise Clark, Karen Aikey, Loren, Ken
Criswell, Martha Ketchem, Susan
Dinsmore, Annette Baker, Rusty, Shirley
Russell, Russ Wynn, Viv Marsh, Alice
Snyder, Peg Swinehart.*



Are you or a loved one in need of prayer?

Submit your prayer request by calling 570-568-2254
or emailing it to office@unitedinchristlutheran.net.
We will email your prayer request to UIC's prayer chain
and keep them on the prayer list for
8 weeks, unless told otherwise.

PRAYER CHAIN

Scripture instructs us to lift one another up in prayer.

If you would like to be part of the prayer chain,
please let Terri Cromwell know.

Easter Breakfast

*Sunday, April 9
8:30am*



Bring your families and join us Easter morning for a pot-luck breakfast from 8:30am-9:30am.

Please see the signup sheet in the fellowship hall.

We will also need volunteers to help cleanup before worship.



UNITED IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Holy Week Worship

JOIN US AS WE JOURNEY THROUGH DEATH INTO LIFE

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 4/6 AT 7:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY: 4/7 AT 7:00PM

EASTER SUNRISE: 4/9 AT 6:30AM

EASTER SUNDAY: 4/9 AT 10:00AM

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EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Looking for an early sign of resurrection this year? Join us for our joint Easter Sunrise Service in the cemetery at UIC at 6:30am Easter Sunday! Gathering with Pastor Gary and the community at Milton Lutheran Church, we will keep first watch for the signs of the empty tomb outside during this intimate service to greet God's new life entering the world!

Social Ministry



Next Social Ministry Meeting

We will have a brief meeting on Sunday,
April 2 at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is invited to join us!

SENIOR EXPRESS FOOD BOXES

*Food boxes will be delivered on **Friday, April 7***

*Volunteers, please make plans to deliver your
boxes the week of April 9th.*



+DISCIPLESHIP IN A *What Does God Require of Us?* **+DEMOCRACY**

Lutheran Day of Advocacy • April 27, 2023

Trinity Lutheran Church, Camp Hill

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

\$35 registration fee

If you would like to attend, please fill out a registration form and turn it in to your church office by Sunday, April 2

We will carpool.



Find Your
Legislators

We currently have 6 people from UIC attending. If you would like to attend, please fill out the registration form, which can be found on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. You can also ask Terri, in the office, to email it to you. Please have your form in to the office on Sunday, April 2nd.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION



Social Ministry collects non-perishable food items each week. Your donations get delivered to the **Our Little Free Pantry** in West Milton, by the gas station across from the on ramp to 15.

Place these items in the baskets located in the Narthex.

106 food items were delivered in March!!



OAKS

SENIOR CENTER

Tuesday, April 11

10:00 am - Doors Open

10:30 am - Free Bingo with prizes

11:30 pm - Speaker

12:00 pm - Free Lunch



**OAKS IS OPEN
TO THE PUBLIC.
ALL ARE WELCOME
TO JOIN US.**



OAKS
SENIOR CENTER

CLOTHING DRIVE

Please bring in your
gently used clothing by
Sunday, April 23rd.

Yard Sale will
be on Sat, April 29.

Place items in barrel
by the offices.



POSTCARD MINISTRY

Miss seeing someone at church?

Want to let a member know
you are thinking about them?

On the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall you'll find blank *Thinking of You* postcards. Please place your filled out postcard in the pocket labeled "please mail" and the office will put postage on it and mail it out for you!

In partnership with:



GRIEVE WITH THOSE IN GRIEF

A grief support group for those on
the journey together.

You are welcomed here.

Joined together, the communities of Milton Lutheran Church and United In Christ will meet at Milton Lutheran Church on **Monday, April 24th at 6:30pm**. The location for each monthly gathering rotates between the congregations.

For April, we will meet at Milton Lutheran Church.

100 Mahoning Street, Milton



Please let us know when you are in the hospital or have an upcoming surgery. Call the church office at 570-568-2254 to let us know. Please do not assume that if you tell someone in church that the office or pastor will find out. Because of confidentiality issues, it's best if you contact Pastor Justin or the church office directly.

THANK YOU

Dear United In Christ Lutheran,
On behalf of the Board of Directors, Staff, and Clients of Haven Ministry, I would like to thank you for your interest and very generous donation in the amount of \$268 to our shelter. I feel blessed to be in the position of Executive Director and I am amazed at God's grace. With the help of generous donations and community support, we are currently housing, feeding, and clothing area individuals and families, as well as supplying emergency food to those in need.

I welcome you to visit Haven for a tour of the facility and witness what good stewards we are with your gifts.

Sincerely, Christy Zeigler



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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

MONDAY, APRIL 24



Worship Volunteers, please give the office **any dates in May which you will not be available** to serve during worship. After you are scheduled it will be your responsibility to trade with someone else on the schedule if you are not available to serve that day. Any articles, events, photos and/or thank you notes you'd like to have printed in the May Newsletter need to be in the office **by Monday, April 24.**

WELCOME AREA



In the Welcome area in the Narthex you will find Christ In Our Home and The Word In Season devotionals, as well as Living Lutheran Magazine, and Our Daily Bread devotionals. You will also find additional copies of our monthly newsletter, also in large print. Please help your self to any of these!

IMPORTANT LINKS

For easy access, bookmark these pages on your computer or add the page to your tablet or smartphone's home screen.

UIC's website: www.unitedinchristlutheran.net

Sermons and Bulletins: Print the Sunday bulletin so you can follow along. You can also view past sermons. Bulletins appear on website the morning of that day's worship.

www.unitedinchristlutheran.net/worship

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Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/UICLC/



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