



March 2026

YOUR MONTHLY Lamplighter

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. (Psalm 51:10-12)*

✦ At the beginning of Lent, on Ash Wednesday, we receive a cross of ashes on our brow and hear these words:
Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.

The cross of ashes reminds us we share a common humanity with Adam and Eve. Though they were created good, as God deemed all of God's creation when finished, the first human beings rebelled against God. They became full of sinful rebellion, wanting to do and be what they wanted, not trusting that God had provided everything they needed, but tempted into thinking God was withholding something from them. If they just get that, if they could just have and know everything like God, then they would be even better off. They disobeyed and distrusted the word of God.

The cross of ashes on our brow reminds us that just like our first human siblings, we rebel against God; we disobey and distrust God's word. We too are tempted into thinking we can get on in this life by our own power and knowledge. *But, deep down, we know.* We know how the realities of sin, evil and death make us vulnerable to the corruption of God's good creation. We know the reality of our human mortality and frailty and finitude. We know that we cannot go it alone and fix ourselves or this world by our own human power and knowledge. *Deep down, we know that we need God.*

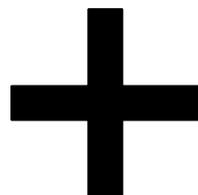
So, as we enter the season of Lent, marked with the cross of Christ, we might attend to the exhortation of the prophet Joel (2:12-13): *"Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment."*

Dear people, hear God calling us to turn around, to acknowledge that we need God to take away our sin, to create in us a clean heart and a right spirit, and to give us purpose and mission. We need God with God's divine power and knowledge to hear our cries of repentance, to forgive us our sin, to restore us to wholeness, goodness and newness of life again. All for the sake of being sent out into the world to bear God's redeeming love and mercy into the world to our neighbor and to creation.

This is the cross-shaped journey of Lent. This is the cross-shaped journey of a life of faith. Let us go forth! A very blessed Lent and blessed journey to you all! - Pastor Kara

God forgives us all our sin!

We return to God and confess our sin.



We praise and thank God by living generously and graciously toward others and creation.

God creates in us a clean heart & right spirit.

WE ARE GATHERED into the joy of community!

SAVE THE DATE:

Bloomin' Crazy Luncheon
Saturday April 25th



Social Ministry & WELCA
invites **EVERYONE** to a
Prayer Breakfast
Saturday
March 14, @ 9 am

Join us for breakfast, prayer and fellowship in the Newhouse hall. We will be doing a service project, making no sew fleece blankets. We look forward to seeing everyone, young & old, male or female!!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Lunch *with* *the* Bunny

Saturday, March 21st

\$8.00/Adult • Kids 12 & under FREE
Scan the QR below to register online by March 15

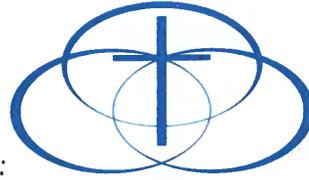
Lunch Served promptly at 12:15
Easter Bunny Will Arrive at 12:30



Questions? Call the Church Office
at 724-834-1940



Thank you to all who helped prepare, serve, attended, donated to, and clean up at the Fat Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Dinner. It was a HUGH success!!



Faith
Global
Methodist
Church

4:00PM -
7:00 PM

2026 Fish Fry

Faith Global Methodist Church
305 Freeport Street
Delmont, PA 15626

Fridays During Lent (Except Good Friday)

Dine-in Seating and Take-out Available

<i>Fried Battered Fish Sandwich Meal</i>	\$16
<i>Baked Fish Meal</i>	\$16
<i>Chicken Tenders Meal</i>	\$10
<i>(Dinners include one hot and one cold side, and dessert)</i>	

All Items Also Available Ala Carte

<i>Fried Battered Cod Sandwich</i>	\$11
<i>Baked Cod</i>	\$11
<i>Chicken Tenders</i>	\$8
<i>French Fries</i>	\$4
<i>Halushki</i>	\$4
<i>Baked Potato</i>	\$2
<i>Mac N Cheese</i>	\$4
<i>Coleslaw</i>	\$2
<i>Apple Sauce</i>	\$2
<i>Dessert</i>	\$3

*(Dine-in includes complimentary tea, lemonade,
water, or coffee)*

Visit our website for more information:
www.faithdelmont.org



WE ARE NOURISHED by the Word of God in worship & faith formation!

Wednesdays in Lent at Good Shepherd, Greensburg

Soup Supper: 6pm

Lent Devotion: 7pm

The church invented Lent with Easter and baptism in mind. From the very beginning, Lent was not about small stuff. Lent has aimed to place us in the center of it all: the crucified and risen Christ, our identity given in baptism. Lent is a yearly invitation deeper into the heart of Christianity. Like Jesus did with Nicodemus, he beckons us toward the reign of God through a new birth by “water and Spirit.” (*From Worship Guidebook: for Lent and the Three Days, Augsburg Fortress, 2009, p, 38*) Lent devotion on Wednesday nights will focus our attention on baptismal identity in Christ. We are people who consider all things — God, ourselves, others, daily life, etc. — through the lens of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus — so that we too may walk in newness of life with him, not only in our Lent pilgrimage but in earthly pilgrimage.

Feb 25: God comes to us

Mar 4: God speaks

Mar 11: Jesus makes trouble

Mar 18: Everything is a gift

Mar 25: This is all going someplace.

We will use a *Lutheran Welcome to Holy Baptism* to guide our devotion. To order a copy, use the signup sheet at church or call the church office.

Thursdays in Lent at St John Baptist de la Salle

497 Athena Drive, Delmont

Soup and Sandwich Luncheon: 12PM

Lent Devotion: 12:30PM

The Delmont Ministerial Association invites you to our Community Lenten Lunches!!

All are welcome to come and share in a simple soup & sandwich meal followed by prayer & reflection.

February 26: 12pm — Food by Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

12:30pm — Devotion by Rev. Kara Propst

March 5: 12pm — Food by Faith Global Methodist Church

12:30pm — Devotion by Rev. Dr. Jonathan Hanover

March 12: There will not be a Luncheon or Devotion this Thursday!

March 19: 12pm — Food by Delmont Presbyterian Church

12:30pm — Devotion by Rev. Tony Catullo

March 26: 12pm — Food by St. John Baptist de la Salle and St Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes

12:30pm — Devotion by Monsignor Michael J. Begolly

Holy Week in the Parish

Mark your calendar. Set a reminder.

Palm Sunday, March 29

8:30am Salem
11am Good Shepherd

Maundy Thursday, April 2

Good Shepherd, 7pm

Good Friday, April 3

Salem, 7pm

Vigil of Easter, April 4

Greensburg Cluster Churches & Clergy
Time and Place TBD

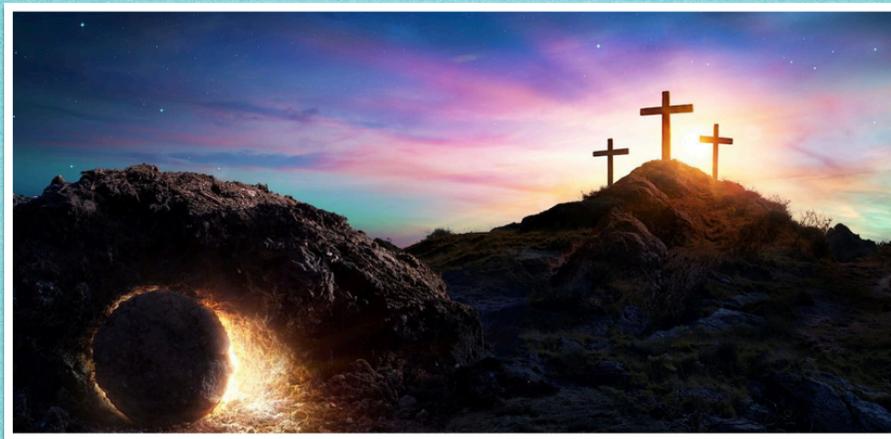
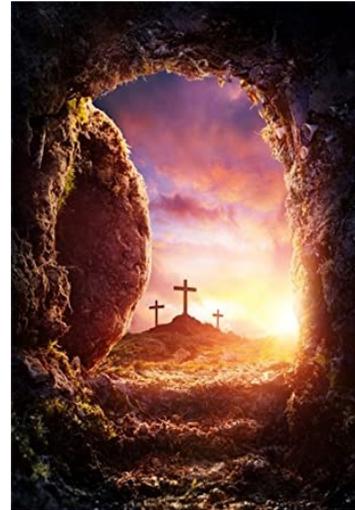


Easter Sunday Worship in the Parish

8:30am at Salem
11am at Good Shepherd

Come and celebrate the Resurrection of our
Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

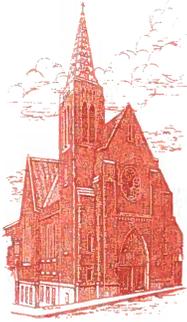
He is Risen!
He is Risen, indeed!



He is Risen!

Christ is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!!

Delmont Ministerial Association Easter Sunrise Service
Sunday, April 5 @ 7:00 am at Shield's farm



You are invited to attend
**Lenten Thursday Worship and Luncheon in
 Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church**
 140 S. Pennsylvania Avenue
 Greensburg, PA 15601

Services begin at 12:05 p.m.
 Lunch is served following the service at 12:30 p.m.

Please spread the word to friends and family to join us in
 worship each Thursday during this Lenten season.

February 19	The Rev. Paul Gruesu	Stuffed Pepper Soup Fruit Salad and Cupcakes
February 26	The Rev. David Clement	Chicken Casserole, Rolls, Tossed Salad and Cherry-Apple Crisp
March 5	The Rev. Robert Hawk	Ham Barbeque Sandwich, Chips, Coleslaw and Cake
March 12	The Rev. Kara Propst	Broccoli Cheese Soup or Chicken Noodle Soup, Veggies/dip and Texas Sheet Cake
March 19	The Rev. Chris Combs	Potato Bacon Chowder, Applesauce Muffins, Pudding Cups
March 26	The Rev. Peter Norby	Ham and Cheese Sliders, Broccoli Salad and Pie
April 2	The Rev. Brian Chaffee	Soup and Salad Bar

Suggested donation for lunch is \$5.00
 If Greensburg Schools are closed we are cancelled!

MEALS ON WHEELS DESSERTS

Salem's turn for Meals on
 Wheels dessert is **March
 2026**. There are 69 regular
 and 5 diabetic desserts
 needed. Please sign up in
 the social hall, call or email
 the church office. You can
 also make a donation for
 purchase of desserts.
 Thank you.

WE ARE SENT to serve our neighbor and steward creation!

Angels of Westmoreland Honor Guard



The Angels of Westmoreland Honor Guard is a volunteer organization of active and retired nurses (LPNs, RNs, Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Anesthetists). When a colleague passes away, whether retired or active in the nursing field, the Honor Guard will provide an Honor Guard presentation that lasts less than 10 minutes at the location of the service. Donations are accepted to offset the cost of supplies. If interested in joining the Honor Guard or in having a service provided for a loved one, contact Melanie L. Pantalone, President at melanie@pantalone.com.

EARLY Collecting of Bar Soap & Shampoo



Social Ministry is collecting bottles of shampoo and bar soap to be distributed at the Mother of Sorrows food bank. They would like your help with this project.
 Please bring your items and place them in the laundry basket in the social hall.

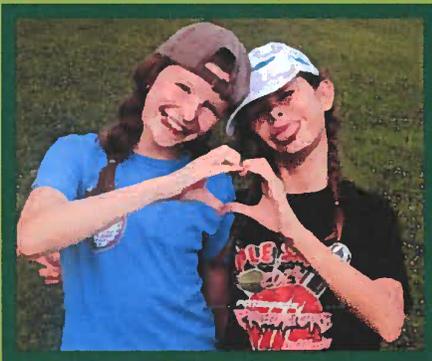
If you are unable to purchase items you can leave a donation in the jar and social ministry will purchase them.





500 Lutherlyn Lane
 Butler PA 16001
 724-865-2161
www.lutherlyn.com

REGISTER FOR CAMP!



Accepted. Challenged. Sent.

SUMMER CAMP - REACH 2026

At Lutherlyn we combine fun, friends, swimming, adventure challenges, cookouts, worship, campfire, nature activities, games, songs, crafts, and LOTS of fun surprises into an unforgettable week!

Weeklong programs run from Sunday afternoon (2:30-4:00pm check-in) until Friday evening (6:00-7:00pm pick-up). Campers live in cabins furnished with bunk beds and bathrooms (including showers). Cabin Leaders live with their cabin group; campers are never left unsupervised.

Cabin groups eat, play, learn, and live together as a family. In addition to our highly trained staff, a nurse is present at camp at all times. The REACH program includes 1 week of Classic Camp (dates listed below), a snack and drink from the camp store each afternoon, a \$10 Camp Store Account, and any items needed from the packing list.

To register a camper through the REACH program, please call Lutherlyn at 724-865-2161.

Juniors

going into 4th - 6th grade
 June 14-19
 June 21-26
 July 5-10
 July 12-17
 July 19-24
 July 26-31

Junior High

going into 7th - 9th grade
 June 14-19
 June 21-26
 July 5-10
 July 12-17
 July 19-24
 July 26-31

Senior High

going into 10th grade - 2026
 graduate
 June 14-19
 June 21-26
 July 5-10
 July 19-24

* The information on this flyer is for the 2026 REACH program; a need-based referral program. For a complete list of all Lutherlyn summer programs visit www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp.

save the date



**Synod Youth Mission Trip
to Johnstown, PA**



**Celebration Dinner with
Nebraska Synod Youth!**

July 5-8, 2026

Cost is \$150 per youth

Registration
Deadline: May 1

Open to youth who have completed grades 6-12.
Rising juniors and seniors in high school are able to apply
to become Disciple Leaders who will be responsible for
leading teams over the trip! Information to come soon.

Stay tuned for more information!



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CHURCH IN AMERICA

CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES



Westmoreland
Community
Action



**FREE
Diapers**

If your Family or Friends are interested in the program, please share this flyer

EARLY HEAD START

Home-based program offering services to pregnant women and families with children under the age of 3 in Westmoreland County.

HEAD START

Center or home-based program serving children ages 3-5 in Westmoreland County. Provides high quality pre-kindergarten learning experiences and FREE Breakfast & Lunch to prepare children for kindergarten.

PRE-K COUNTS

Similar to Head Start center-based program but with different income qualifications.



Connect with us:



Apply Online:

Call us at (724) 834-1260 ext. 4168



headstart.westmorelandca.org



headstart@westmorelandca.org

www.westmorelandca.org

Head Start center programs are financed by a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services and by special funds allocated by Pennsylvania Legislators through the PA Department of Education.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 2nd Sunday in Lent 8:30 @ Salem Good Shepherd 11 <i>Usher Mike Sullivan</i> <i>Assistant Anthony Sciotti</i> <i>Acolyte Madi</i> Fellowship 10 Bells Rehearsal 11 Confirmation 3-5	2 Meals on Wheels Office Hours 11-1 Scouts 7	3 Bible Study @ Good Shepherd 6	4 Meals on Wheels Social Ministry 12:30 Lent Soup @ 6 Lent Devotion 7 @ Good Shepherd Choir Rehearsal 7 Delmont Band 7	5 Office Hours 10-4 Pastor Hours 12-4 Choir Rehearsal 10 Worship & Music 11:30 @ St. John's Delmont Lenten Lunch 12 - 1 @ St. John's Delmont Band 7	6 Meals on Wheels	7
8 3rd Sunday in Lent 8:30 @ Salem Good Shepherd 11 <i>Usher Debbie Durstine</i> <i>Assistant Scott Deutsch</i> <i>Acolyte Franklin</i> Sunday school 9:45 Bells Rehearsal 11 Wm Penn Worship 3	9 Meals on Wheels Office Hours 11-1 Finance 7 Scouts 7	10 Bible Study @ Salem 6	11 Meals on Wheels Lent Soup @ 6 Lent Devotion 7 @ Good Shepherd Choir Rehearsal 7 Delmont Band 7	12 Office Hours 10-4 Pastor Hours 12-4 Choir Rehearsal 10 NO LENTEN LUNCH Council Mtg. 7 Delmont Band 7	13 Meals on Wheels	14 Prayer Breakfast 9
15 4th Sunday in Lent 8:30 @ Salem Good Shepherd 11 <i>Usher Mark Piper</i> <i>Assistant Bob Linden</i> <i>Acolyte Rebecca</i> Sunday school 9:45 Bells Rehearsal 11 Confirmation 3-5	16 Meals on Wheels Office Hours 11-1 Scouts 7	17 Bible Study @ Good Shepherd 6	18 Meals on Wheels Lent Soup @ 6 Lent Devotion 7 @ Good Shepherd Choir Rehearsal 7 Delmont Band 7	19 Office Hours 10-4 Pastor Hours 12-4 Delmont Lenten Lunch 12 - 1 @ St. John's Delmont Band 7	20 Meals on Wheels	21 Lunch w/Easter Bunny & Good Shepherd 12:15
22 5th Sunday in Lent 8:30 @ Salem Good Shepherd 11 <i>Usher Marcia Linden</i> <i>Assistant Bob Lasser</i> <i>Acolyte</i> Sunday school 9:45 Bells Rehearsal 11	23 Meals on Wheels Office Hours 11-1 Scouts 7	24 Bible Study @ Salem 6	25 Meals on Wheels Lent Soup @ 6 Lent Devotion 7 @ Good Shepherd Choir Rehearsal 7 Delmont Band 7	26 Office Hours 10-4 Pastor Hours 12-4 Choir Rehearsal 10 Delmont Lenten Lunch 12 - 1 @ St. John's Delmont Band 7	27 Meals on Wheels	28
29 Palm Sunday 8:30 @ Salem Good Shepherd 11 <i>Usher Laura Wilson</i> <i>Assistant Rebecca Wallace</i> <i>Acolyte Lydia</i> Sunday school 9:45 Bells Rehearsal 11 Confirmation 3-5	30 Meals on Wheels Office Hours 11-1 Scouts 7	31 Bible Study @ Good Shepherd 6				

We pray, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

Please keep these people in prayer and send them a card to let them know their church family is thinking of them.

Continued Care:

Susan Franke
Joe Shaffer
Gloria Wellhofer
RR Schmitt
George Jobe
Helen Sparkenbaugh
Good Shepherd

Rick Cipullo
Nate Doty
Lois Grudowski
Dennis Doran
Donna Carney
Amanda Floy
Suzanne Zeek
Jack Susick
Sherry McQuaide
Lilly
Sharon Thompson
Carol Hartman
Carol Logan
Tom
Bill
Martha Koval
Lisa Barker
Colleen

Bill Kline
Jesse
Kenny Garris
Bev
Tom Woodring
Village of Tsiadakope
Village of Zemugah
Carol Buckwalter
Lori Harr
Dave Bush
Kayla
Deborah Weightman
Ray
Barbara Olivo
Ron DiClaudio
Jeff Kirkman
Cheryl Gergely
Tony Sciotti

Sympathy to the family of:

Scott Rushbrook
Bob Thompson
Cheryl Whitting
Clay Mc Nerney
Mae Jobe
Ed Mikesell
Barbara Collins

Healing & Recovery:

Addison Altman
Dani Herman
Mark Piper
Jim McPeake
Susan Baker
Cathy Piper
Ronna Yeager
Terry Zeek
Kristin Buckwalter

Military or Foreign Service:

Michael & Chris Broker
Dr. Paul Oliver

**** Please Note!** Privacy laws prevent hospitals from automatically notifying churches of member's admissions. Please notify Pastor Kara at 304-668-9890 of hospitalizations or call the church office.

We Celebrate!

Happy Birthday

1 Janice Burt	12 Nick Miller
4 Willow Fink	13 John Lawrence
4 Jan Hoch	13 Jennifer (Feather) Naccarato
4 Wendy McIntyre	14 Cassidy (Deutsch) Ayers
4 Corbin Neumann	19 Thomas Virgil McAdoo
4 Mike Visnick	21 Arley Anderson
5 Cecelia Rose DeFrances	26 Luke Tomcyk
5 Emily Hayes	27 Seth Kirkman
6 Jason Buckwalter	28 Haven Smith
6 Adam Walker	31 Jennifer Fisher
8 Cathy Piper	
11 Diane Fink	
12 Tyler Earnest	

Happy Anniversary

20 Rodger & Diane Fink
23 Bill & Marion Earnest

February 2026 Council Highlights

- * Our congregation summer picnic will be held August 8, 2026. This will be a combined event with the Delmont Band and community yard sale.
- * Valentine Dinner Dance to be held February 14, 2026. There are approximately 80 people signed up.
- * 2026 Focus Areas are:
 - a. Youth Ministry
 - b. Nurturing Relationship with Good Shepherd
 - c. Focus on the people on our Prayer List
 - d. Reaching out beyond our congregation to the world
- *The synod mission letter will be completed by Pastor and return to our synod.
- * Holy Communion classes have begun.
- * It was brought to councils attention that the doors of the education building are being propped open, despite the requirement to keep doors locked during activities. Tracy will compose a letter to be sent to all the groups that use our building

Dear Reader, if you would prefer to receive the revived monthly Lamplighter by email, please contact the church office. One bonus of receiving it electronically is that you can see it in color! Another is you can easily click on and follow any of the embedded links! Take care!!

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