



YOUR MONTHLY Lamplighter

A Reflection for Easter on Matthew 28:1-10

Share the good news!

On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary saw light peeking over the horizon as they rushed to see the tomb where Jesus' body was laid. It was now the third day since Jesus was crucified, died, and was buried. They were among the many women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and provided for him during his ministry. They were witnesses to many healings and miracles and teachings by him. They had followed him to Jerusalem and stood by him through his crucifixion, looking on from afar. They witnessed Joseph of Arimathea bury Jesus and watched as a large stone sealed his tomb.

The women had little hope of getting close to the tomb or even getting inside. At the request of the chief priests and Pharisees, Pilate had ordered Roman soldiers to guard the tomb so no one could steal the body and tell people, "See, he has been raised from the dead just as he said." The women didn't carry with them the customary spices to anoint their beloved Jesus' body, for they knew getting past the guards and removing the large stone would be impossible for them. It was just another thing that added to their grief and sorrow. Still, they rushed to see the tomb to continue their vigil, unwavering in their love and faithfulness to Jesus even in death.

As the two women neared the tomb, suddenly all heaven broke loose. The quiet of the dawn was interrupted by the shuddering of the earth and by the descending of an angel from heaven. Before their astonished eyes, the angel rolled the great large stone away and calmly sat on it. The angel's display of power and the appearance of the dazzling white clothes pierced the darkness of their grief and sorrow. The two Marys looked at each other, remembering how the earth also shook at Jesus' death.

The angel, ignoring the Roman guards who had frozen in fear, turned to the women and said, "Do not be afraid. You are looking for Jesus. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay." I imagine that when they looked around the empty tomb, something inside the women broke loose and their hearts swelled in both fear and in joy. *Can it be? CAN IT BE!!!*

With astonishment and wonder, they heard the angel say, "Go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." Immediately, the women turned and ran from the angel and the empty tomb. They ran as fast as they could to share the good news of resurrection that had been handed over to them by God's emissary. *Jesus is Risen just as he said! He goes ahead of us to Galilee just as he promised! There we will see him just as he promised!* Hurrying along, the two Marys marveled that the inconceivable was somehow possible and plausible. Perhaps they recalled Jesus' words of promise during one of his teachings, "For God all things are possible."

Suddenly the unfathomable possibility of the God who did, does and will bring hope out of despair, light out of darkness, and life out of death met them on their way. Jesus, the light and life of the whole world, met them in their trembling fear and joy and said, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." Their hearts burning inside, the two Marys knelt, took hold of Jesus' feet, and worshipped him.

On Easter, God gathers us together in worship with Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to hear the good news of the wonder, the mystery, the possibility, the power of God's mercy and love in Jesus Christ to roll away the heavy stones in our hearts and to empty the tombs of our lives and to forth in us and among us – new life!

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On Easter, God commissions us along with the two Marys to go and to share the good news that the crucified Jesus is Risen! To proclaim that the risen Jesus goes ahead to the places we carry out our daily lives – our jobs, our homes, our schools, our communities. As we go on our way, the risen Jesus will meet us, assuring us that God did, does, and will work healing and resurrection in our lives. In a funny text from a friend. In a thoughtful thank you card from a student. In a much-welcomed visit from a family member. In the sun breaking through a cloudy day. In the faces of faith communities like Good Shepherd and Salem who break bread together on our knees.

Easter is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! For we, along with the two Marys, Peter and all the disciples of Jesus throughout all of history, can gather and hear, touch, taste, sing, and share in Jesus' resurrection story – a great story of his unconditional and self-giving love written by God for us and for all people. May the blessings of the Risen Christ be with you all! Alleluia! – Pastor Kara

WE ARE GATHERED into the joy of community!



Easter Fair



Color Eggs
Decorate Cookies
Egg Scavenger Hunt
Bring treat to share



Hope to see you there!

Senior Stretch Exercise Program



Do you feel like you need to loosen up?

Lois Bowman is leading a low impact exercise class **every Wednesday 9:30 - 10:30 am** in the social hall of the church. Join us as we use elastic bands and dumbbells for exercises. (Bring your own if you have them.)

Bloomin' Crazy Luncheon

Saturday April 25th

Salem Lutheran Church

301 E. Pittsburgh St.

Delmont, PA 15626

724-468-4189

Doors open at 11 am.



The flowers are blooming, spring is in the air, and Social Ministry & Thrivent invites everyone, men & women, young & old, to their spring luncheon in Newhouse hall. You will enjoy an afternoon of delicious food, fellowship, a basket auction & a special raffle! Bring your friends and family!!

Cost is \$15 per person. Tickets can be purchased Sundays after worship or in the church office or from any member of social ministry.

**All proceeds benefit
WELCA of SWPA 2026 Designated
Outreach: Reagan's Journey.**



Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church
501 Fairfield Dr., Greensburg

Women of the ELCA  Ladies Dinner

Mon., May 11th, 2026 at 6:00pm



Women \$25 / Girls ages 6-12 \$10 age 5 and under Free
Cash or Check payable to the Women of the ELCA
Last Day to get a Ticket is Sunday Morning May 3rd

Dinner will be buffet style. It will have both chicken parmesan and sirloin tips and many sides to choose from. You do not need to decide your meat choice ahead of time. We will have men as waiters willing to help throughout the evening. The food will be provided by Fuggenthaler Catering of Latrobe. If you have any dietary concerns, let Karen know and we may be able to accomodate you. Fuggenthaler has been very helpful with that in the past.

Our entertainment will be guitarist and singer, Laura Rullo. She covers songs by artists such as Fleetwood Mac, The Eagles, Sara Evans, No Doubt, Whitney Houston, Miranda Lambert, Pink Floyd, Elvis, Alanis Morissette and more including Christian music! She is local to Greensburg and is currently releasing her first album which is full of original music. We are excited to welcome her this year!

Tickets will be available to purchase before and after church services. You may also contact the church office 724-834-1940 or Karen at 724-309-2667. Checks will need to be made payable to the Women of the ELCA and given to the church office or Karen.

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

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

HAS BEEN CANCELLED



Easter Sunday Worship in the Parish

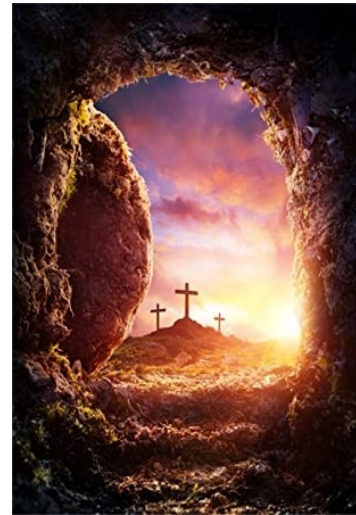
8:30am at Salem

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 @ 6:30 am at Shield's farm

WE ARE SENT to serve our neighbor and steward creation!

**Salem 175th Anniversary Mission Project:
Fresh Express Distribution 3pm - 5 pm
Monday April 27th @ Faith Global Methodist**



Finally, our 2nd food mission project from donations from our 175th Anniversary last September! Help is needed to fill the 18 to 25 jobs: parking attendants, bathroom attendant and distribution volunteers are needed. Please see sign up in the social hall, call or email the office to volunteer.

DEADLINE IS APRIL 17TH!

Fresh Express is an outdoor, supplemental food program that provides people with easy access to wholesome and nutritious foods. Without this program, many perishable food items would be thrown out due to lack of refrigeration and storage space at not only the Food Bank but also it's pantries.

SALEM CARE VISITORS

Social Ministry is reinstating Salem Care visitors. These are people who visit, at least once a month, to our homebound members. They are looking for people to volunteer who would be willing to take on this needed church ministry. If you are interested please contact Linda DelBaggio 724-327-4161 or 724-961-1141.

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.



Delmont Warehouse

*We are open: Thursday 10 am to noon
Saturday 10 am to 1 pm*

We have:

Books for kids
and adults



Glassware and dishes



Counter Appliances



Clothes for all sizes

Strollers and
baby toys

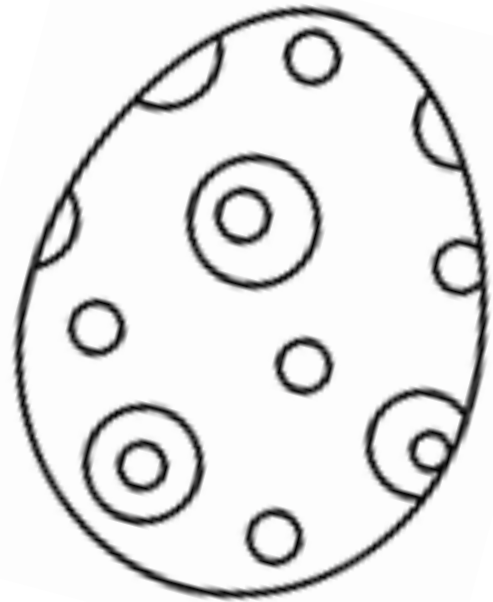


Plus lots more! Something for
everyone!

*Most items sold by the bag.
Priced items are not part of the bag sale.*

Delmont Salvation Army

Rear 326 East Pittsburgh Street
Delmont, PA 15626



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

Camp scholarships are
available for any Salem youth.
Contact Pastor Kara for more
information ASAP!

* 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!



**SOUTHWESTERN
PENNSYLVANIA
SYNOD**
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
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:

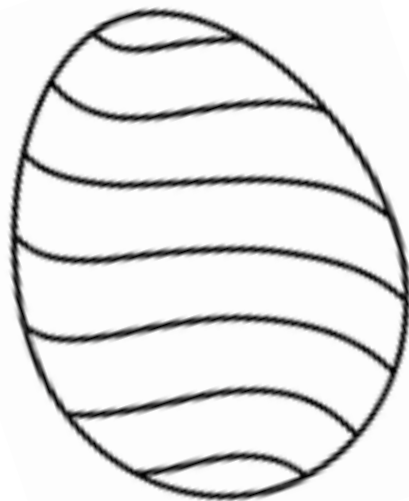
Apply Online:

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



headstart.westmorelandca.org
headstart@westmorelandca.org
www.westmorelandca.org

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MOSAIC CONCERT



DONATIONS APPRECIATED! ✨

**FREE
ADMISSION**

**APRIL 19TH
6:30PM**

WE ARE A CHRISTIAN A CAPPELLA GROUP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH DEDICATED TO SHARING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST THROUGH MUSIC!

**DELMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 101 CHURCH ST,
DELMONT, PA 15626**



April 2026 Usher: Brenda Rosensteel

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Meals on Wheels Senior Stretch 9:30 Social Ministry 12:30 Choir Rehearsal 7 Delmont Band 7	2 Office Hours 10-4 Pastor Hours 12-4 Choir Rehearsal 10 Worship & Music 11:30 Maundy Thursday @ Good Shepherd 7pm	3 Meals on Wheels Good Friday @ Salem 7 pm	4 Property 9 am Worship @ Good Shepherd 5:30 pm Pastor Kara
5 Easter Sunday Delmont Sunrise @ Shield's Farm 6:30 8:30 @ Salem, Good Shepherd 11 <i>Assistant Marsha Lore</i> <i>Acolyte Madi F.</i>	6 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED Finance 7 Scouts 7	7	8 Meals on Wheels Senior Stretch 9:30 Choir Rehearsal 7 Delmont Band 7	9 Office Hours 10-4 Pastor Hours 12-4 Choir Rehearsal 10 Council Mtg. 7 Delmont Band 7	10 Meals on Wheels	11
12 2nd Sunday of Easter 8:30 @ Salem Good Shepherd 11 <i>Assistant Anthony Sciotti</i> <i>Acolyte Lydia</i> Sunday school 9:45 Bells Rehearsal 10 William Penn 3 pm	13 Meals on Wheels Office Hours 11-1 Scouts 7	14	15 Meals on Wheels Senior Stretch 9:30 Choir Rehearsal 7 Delmont Band 7	16 Office Hours 10-4 Pastor Hours 12-4 Delmont Band 7	17 Meals on Wheels Youth Easter Fair 6-8	18
19 3rd Sunday of Easter 8:30 @ Salem Good Shepherd 11 <i>Assistant Scott Deutsch</i> <i>Acolyte Zoey</i> Sunday school 9:45 Confirmation 3 - 5	20 Meals on Wheels Office Hours 11-1 Scouts 7	21	22 Meals on Wheels Senior Stretch 9:30 Choir Rehearsal 7 Delmont Band 7	23 Office Hours 10-4 Pastor Hours 12-4 Choir Rehearsal 10 Delmont Band 7	24 Meals on Wheels	25 Bloomin' Crazy Luncheon 11
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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

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 Garriss
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
Randy Barker
Sympathy to the family of:
Susan Baker

Dennis Doran
Scott Rushbrook
Bob Thompson
Cheryl Whitling
Clay Mc Nerney
Mae Jobe
Ed Mikesell
Barbara Collins

Healing & Recovery:

Addison Altman
Dani Herman
Mark Piper
Jim McPeake
Cathy Piper
Ronna Yeager
Terry Zeek
Kristin Buckwalter
Rick Cipullo

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 Doug Harr
5 Darla McClain
5 Kessler McIntyre
7 Sharon Thompson
8 Christian Steuernagel
9 Hunter Hayes
9 Gloria Wellhofer
11 Craig D. Mays
11 Patricia Pietopaoli
12 Leah Conners
14 Bob Linden
14 Sharon Wonderling
18 Andrew Brown

20 Morgan Rosensteel
20 Ronna Yeager
21 Sharon Dietrich
23 James Earnest
23 Alayna Hzedzak
26 Dahlia Anderson
27 Sue Deutsch
28 Justin Kilpatrick Jr.
29 Tom Neumann

Happy Anniversary

1 Bryan & Ruth Ann Bartos
7 Randy & Lisa Barker
18 Greg & Mary Catherine Piper
27 Bill & Robin Evans
28 Jeffrey & Janette Kirkman

Council Highlights

No council meeting held in March.

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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