

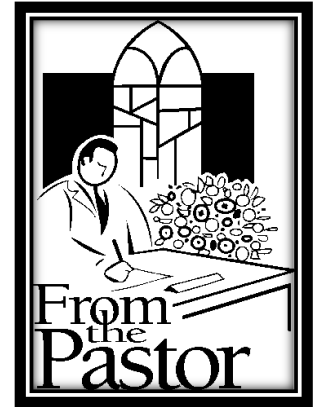
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2 Corinthians 8:9 – For you know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.



Grace, Mercy, and Peace to you in the name of Christ Jesus!

As we continue our Lenten Journey and approach Holy Week, I was reminded of St. Paul's 2nd letter to the Corinthians, when he describes what Martin Luther referred to as the "Happy Exchange". This is the way Martin Luther understood Christ's death on the cross- that by being executed as a criminal, Jesus took on our sin, which Paul describes using the metaphor of "poverty." This is the broken part of our lives which prevents us from living with abundant grace- with faith, hope, and love. Paul uses the image of poverty as an opportunity to demonstrate Jesus' generosity. Jesus of course was not wealthy in a worldly sense- on the contrary, he was an itinerant preacher, teacher, and healer who told his disciples not to carry extra money around with them but to depend on others' generosity! Jesus' "wealth" was in his trust that God was making creation new through and around him. By becoming "poor", Paul describes how Jesus withheld nothing of himself in his trust of God's power of life- not even his own life, which he gave up to the world on the cross. But in giving up his body to the "poverty" of sin- to the hopelessness of the cross, Jesus demonstrated that even his own death would ultimately serve the power of God's life. And on Easter morning, the richness of God's grace was revealed in Jesus' resurrection and the new resurrection life that he shared with his disciples, and through them, with the whole world.

We are witnessing in this moment the ravages of sin in the violence of the Russian invasion and destruction of Ukraine. Many of us may feel helpless, myself included, when we hear about what is happening on the other side of the world between nations that many of us know little about. Yet when we witness the bombings, when we see the pictures of the victims or those who have recently become refugees, when we hear the stories of those who are trying to protect their homes and keep their loved ones safe, our hearts are broken. When we open our eyes to the suffering of our neighbors, suddenly the power of God in Christ Jesus takes on a new urgency and reality in our world. This is Christ's body, being broken in front of our eyes by the power of sin in the form of warfare: bullets, artillery strikes, rocket attacks, and fighter jets. The fact that many of the targets of these attacks are civilian structures and organizations only underlines the image of the cross. So, what is our response to witnessing this spectacle of death? Perhaps it is cynicism and despair- I'm sure we all feel these things. But also, perhaps, we will be moved to compassion and action on account of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine, and anywhere there is needless violence and suffering. Perhaps we will witness the power of resurrection life through the unity of a world that condemns this war and stands up to defend the powerless. Let us remember on our Lenten journey how Jesus is being made known to us in this moment- and how through his suffering, he has made us all rich in grace.

-Pastor Ryan

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Hebron's 2022 Finance Report

MONTH	CURRENT GIVING	INCOME	NEEDED GIVING	OVER/SHORT MONTH TO DATE	OVER/SHORT YEAR TO DATE	ATTENDANCE
January	\$3,562.00	\$5,166.60	\$9,671.22	\$(942.62)	\$(942.62)	109
February	\$4,110.00	\$2,663.19	\$9,671.22	\$(2,898.03)	\$(3,840.65)	98

It is noted that the income column includes monies the church receives from endowments, gas well royalties, and the monthly SPH reimbursement check. If you have any questions, please see any member of the finance team. A complete financial report was included in the 2021 Annual Report. If you would like a copy of the report, there are copies placed in the back of the church.



FOR OUR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS – Pastor Ryan, along with Pastor Eric from Grace in Manorville/Emmanuel Hileman in Ford City, PA, will be accompanying students to Confirmation Camp at Lutherlyn this summer. This camp program is a special chance for students to grow their faith through hands-on learning that includes all the exciting activities of summer camp, as well as some special faith-focused educational pieces created by the pastors. Pastor Jim and Pastor Ryan ask each confirmation student to attend this camp program at least once during their two years of catechism. Confirmation Camp will take place from Sunday, June 26th through Friday, July 1st. The cost is \$400 per student. If you are interested in attending camp, please let Hebron's Council know! There are monies available to help send anyone who wants to go! Registration can be found online at: lutherlyn.com/summer. The registration deadline is June 1, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ryan or Lutherlyn at 724-865-2161.



THE APRIL COUNCIL MEETING will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 in the Berean Room at 6PM.

OUTREACH SERVICE PROJECT FOR APRIL!

This April, the Outreach Committee will be focusing on supporting our brothers and sisters in Ukraine who are being forced out of their homes and country. Currently, all loose offering collected each Sunday is being directly donated to the ELCA's Ukraine Disaster Relief Fund. Another organization that is working close with the ELCA is LIRS (Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services). LIRS has helped welcome more than 500,000 refugees and migrants to the U.S. over the past 80 years. With the recent announcement of 100,000 Ukrainian refugees coming to the United States, LIRS needs our help now more than ever. Monetary donations are currently being collected to help provide essential support for newly arrived families, including medical care, temporary housing, financial support for basic necessities, and more. If you would like to help, please place your donation in an envelope marked "UKRAINE" and place it in the weekly offering or send it to the church office.

If you would like more information about LIRS and the other opportunities available to help, please visit www.lirs.org/ukraine-crisis.

If you have an organization that would benefit from these collections or ideas for the Outreach Committee's monthly service projects, please contact Outreach Committee Chair, Barb Talmadge or Co-Chair, Paula Henry. Thank you to everyone who participated in March's project!! We collected A LOT of glasses!!



Celebrating Birthdays in April!

1	Lindsey Simon
3	Edward Williams
4	Kaylee Fello
5	Bill Henry
6	Gwen Toy
8	Mike Hileman
16	Dave McCracken
18	Liam Wilson
19	Terry Leech
23	Jack Erwin
23	Nancy Erwin
28	Ken Smail
29	Charlie Stull



Celebrating Anniversaries in April!

11	Keith and Lori Smail	30 th
12	Bill and Paula Henry	42 nd
15	Frank and Jan Sowers	61 st
24	Alfred and Carol Smail	57 th
24	Larry and Sharon Wolfe	46 th
28	Dan and Becky Bollinger	38 th

OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS are now available electronically via Hebron’s website! Just visit www.hebronlutheranleechburg.org and click the “NEWSLETTER” tab at the top of the page. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website, as we are working on making improvements!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CPR CERTIFIED? Hebron has the opportunity to hold a CPR class on site, and would like to see if other members would be interested in this one-time class. Most likely, the class would be held on a Saturday, time TBD. Please see Barb Talmadge or Chelsae Hickman if you are interested or have any questions.



Holy Week

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY – SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022 – Worship beginning at 8:30AM at Hebron.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022 – Worship beginning at 7PM at SPH.

GOOD FRIDAY – FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2022 – Worship beginning at 7PM at Hebron.

EASTER VIGIL – SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2022 – Worship beginning at 8PM at SPH.

ALL SERVICES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM OR FACEBOOK. To join worship via Zoom: <https://luthersem.zoom.us/j/6196761687>
Or call: 646-558-8656, then enter meeting: ID 619 6761687, followed by pound twice (##).



EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE will begin at 8:30AM on Sunday, April 17, 2022. Immediately following worship, pastries, fruit and refreshments will be served in the Berean Room. Please join us for worship and fellowship celebrating the resurrection of Our Lord!



PLEASE NOTE that Easter Abiding Memorials are due to the church office by April 7, 2022.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE is looking for volunteers to join Altar Guild. If you are interested in lending a helping hand before and after church service, please see Paula Henry or Barb Talmadge.

COUNCIL NOTES FROM MARCH 2022 MEETING...

HOSPITALITY TEAM:

- Will consist of just council members for now
- March 20 is First Communion for 5 kids – Reception to follow service
- Possible pot-luck dinner before Ash Wednesday Service
- Barb and Marty will make the Lenten bagged lunches for March 25; will be put together March 24
- Reception after Easter service – pastries/fruit, ~9:30AM – 10:30AM

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

- Nancy will be holding in-person Sunday School during Sunday services

FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP:

- Applied for ELCA Federal Credit Union Credit Card; card should be here by the end of the month

OUTREACH:

- Considering ideas for the “Pink Day Tree” throughout the year; For Lent – plastic eggs with prayer/message inside
- Camperships available for kids interested in going to Lutherlyn; Catechism students are asked to attend Confirmation Camp once during their two years of class – cost is \$400 per student; Monies available to cover the full cost; will be published in Newsletter
- Continue collections for Ukraine; will be the focus for April Outreach Project
- LVFC called to offer a table to Hebron for a vendor fair which will take place on MAY 7

PROPERTY:

- Parsonage furnace failing; was able to be fixed for now and is still under warranty

WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

- For communion – Will be returning to Intinction; will also prepare 10-15 cups for wine and grape juice

JOINT COUNCIL:

- Tri-Council Retreat will be held on May 14, 2022; Cost is \$80 per day, \$10 for lunch, and \$5 for breakfast
- May 29 – will have a combined service at SPH; HOWEVER, a service will still be held at Hebron at normal time (8:30AM) for people who cannot make it to SPH

NEW BUSINESS:

- Next game night – Thursday, April 7, 2022
- Next council meeting will be April 12, 2022



WE OFFER OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the family and friends of **WAYNE DOBOS**. Wayne passed into the hands of Our Lord on March 1, 2022.

IT IS WITH DEEP SORROW that we mourn the passing of **TOM HILL**. Tom passed into the hands of God on February 25, 2022. Our sympathy is with his family and friends.



ATTENTION CONFIRMATION STUDENTS – Pastor Ryan and Pastor Jim are currently planning an ‘end of the year party’ at Altitude Trampoline Park in Butler, to celebrate those being confirmed this year! The tentative date is Sunday, May 1, 2022. Time to be determined. Pastor Ryan will contact all students when plans are confirmed. Please save the date!



HEBRON'S CHURCH COUNCIL AND CONGREGATION would like to congratulate our First Holy Communion students!! On Sunday, March 20, 2022, **MAKAYLA SCITTICATT, KADEN VACANTI, LUCAS VACANTI, BLAKE WILSON** and **LIAM WILSON** received their first communion in the presence of their families and congregation members. A reception was held after to celebrate the kids and to enjoy a special time of fellowship! Check out our Facebook page to see pictures of the kids on their special day!



THE P.A.T.H. PROGRAM NEEDS HELP! The program is once again reaching out to the community asking for help with the purchasing of food for the weekend bags distributed by Leechburg Area School District. Due to continued supply chain issues and food ordering regulations, the school district has seen a significant decrease in their ability to purchase these needed items. The school reports that there is approximately 4 weeks of supplies left and by April 22, there will be no items to place in the weekend bags for distribution. Below is a list of items they are requesting:

- Individual Cereal Servings – 1oz.
 - Apple Cinnamon Cheerios
 - Cinnamon Toast Crunch
 - Cocoa Puffs
 - Other brands
- Mixed Fruit Cups – 4 oz.
- Beef Sticks – Minimum size: .05oz.
- 100% Juice Boxes – Minimum 4.23oz.; No sugar added
 - Juicy Juice
 - Ocean Spray
 - CapriSun
- Cereal Bars
- Pop Tarts
- Snack Bags of chips or pretzels -- .5 – 1oz.

All requests are portion size. Please drop your donations off at Cross Roads Community Presbyterian Church inside the glass doors, and call 724-845-1901.



A MEMORIAL GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF GENE MCKALLIP FROM PASTOR ED AND NANCY SHEEHAN

We were saddened to learn of Gene's death. Since we were out of town, we were unable to attend the funeral. We have such good memories of Gene in our years at Hebron. I (Pastor Ed) remember the many times we'd shovel out the snow all around the church building – sidewalks on three sides, plus those steps up the front door. Gene was always interested in our three children, and would ask me (Nancy) about them. Even after we moved, he would call and would want to know how they were doing, and would share stories of them when they were young. He was a good friend to our family. In Jesus Christ ~ Ed and Nancy Sheehan



ST. PAUL'S HIGHFIELD is having an Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast on Saturday, April 9, 2022, from 9AM-11AM. There will be treats and prizes, and an opportunity to get pictures taken with the Easter Bunny! A pancake and sausage breakfast will also be served: \$4/Adult; \$2/Ages 6-12; FREE/Ages 5 & under. Walk-ins are always welcomed, but reservations are appreciated! Reserve your spot today and call 724-567-7462.

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH is bringing back their annual Easter Egg Hunt! The egg hunt will be held Saturday, April 16, 2022 at 1PM. To register, call 724-845-7518 or go to www.servinggodgracefully.net/egghunt. For children Pre-K to 5th Grade.

THE LEECHBURG MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION is sponsoring a Good Friday Cross Walk through Leechburg, on Friday, April 15, 2022, at 2:00PM. During the walk, Jesus's journey to the cross will be remembered through Scripture readings and prayers for our community. The walk will begin and conclude at First United Methodist Church – 251 Main Street.

Death Sentence

Imagine that you are on trial in the court of law for a crime that you committed. The deliberations have concluded and closing arguments have been completed by the lawyers for the prosecution and the defense. Your heart is racing, your palms are sweaty and the anxiety you are feeling is beyond description. The sentence for the sin you've been convicted of carries the possibility of a life sentence or the death penalty. The judge enters the courtroom from his chambers; everyone rises. He explains that you have been found guilty of the crime and are being sentenced to death. As you hear the words, it feels as though the blood drains from your body, your legs begin to shake, and you are dizzy and feel faint. Just as your lawyer reaches over to help you stand, you hear a voice saying, "I'll serve the sentence; take me".

Because of our sinful nature, we too were sentenced to death over. But then Jesus said, "Take me", when he died on the cross for our sins granting us forgiveness, freedom from our sins and eternal life. This is a gift; the only thing that is required is to believe it, receive it, and accept it. The reality is that we could never do enough good to deserve this gift. Is anyone of us without sin? I don't think so. Paul said it best:

"For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing."
Romans 7:19

Jesus' death on the cross abolished the notion that we need to do good works to obtain eternal life. In addition, it impossible for us to do this because we continue to sin in various degrees no matter how hard we try not to.

"For it is by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

Ephesians 2:8

I'm not advocating that we shouldn't do good works. As you read in the verse above, God's word calls us and encourages us to do good works. The important distinction is the reason behind the good works. Our motivation in doing them is because God and Jesus first loved us: the love and grace that we have been shown dwells in our hearts. Its effect empowers us to love others through good works. Our hearts are moved to love and do good works because of the great gift that God has given us through Jesus' death and resurrection. As believers, our place in heaven is secure. The good works we do are a result of our hearts being transformed by the sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross for our sins that grants eternal life.

As you continue the last half of your Lenten journey, may you know with conviction that eternal life is yours through Christ's death and resurrection on the cross. And may you also embrace that because of this great gift, your heart will be moved to love others and show that love through good works.

Serving with you,

Barb Talmadge

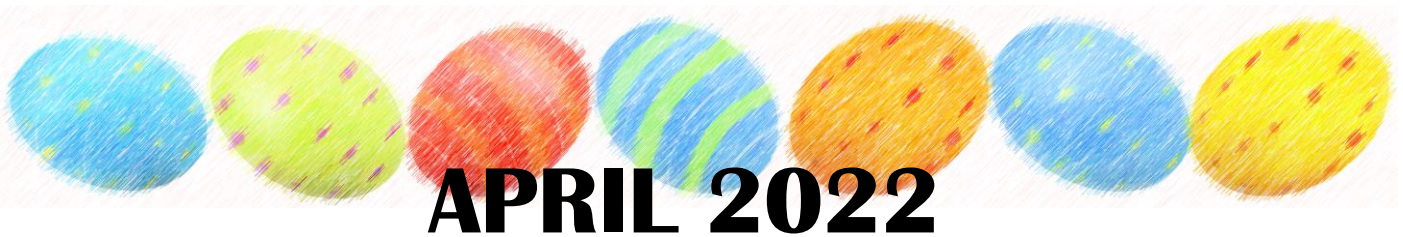
THE APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER IS SPONSORED BY SHIRLEY CAMP in memory of her loving husband, **CHARLES G. CAMP**, and her loving daughter, **SUE BROWN**.

If you are interested in sponsoring a monthly newsletter, please call the church office. The cost to sponsor a monthly newsletter is \$65.00, which helps cover the cost of postage.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 WORSHIP 8:30AM	4	5	6	7 GAME NIGHT 7PM	8	9 SPH'S EASTER EGG HUNT 9AM
10 PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30AM	11	12 COUNCIL MEETING 6PM	13	14 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE 7PM at SPH	15 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7PM at HEBRON	16 EASTER VIGIL SERVICE 8PM at SPH
17 EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE 8:30AM *Pastries and fruit will be served after service!	18	19	20	21	22  Happy Earth day	23
24 WORSHIP 8:30AM	25	26	27	28	29	30 LEECHBURG LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY 11AM



APRIL 2022

<i>Date/Day/Color</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Altar Flowers</i>	<i>Bulletins</i>
<p>April 3 Fifth Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Purple</p>	<p>Marty Bash & Charlie Stull</p>	<p>In memory of the April 4th birthday of Her Father, MELVIN A. SMAIL. By: Shirley Camp</p>	<p>In memory of the April 1st birthday of father, grandfather, and great- grandfather, LLOYD W. HICKMAN, SR. By: Lloyd, Carolyn & Chelsae Hickman and Charlie, Ashley, Kenley & Karsyn Rogers</p>
<p>April 10 Passion/Palm Sunday</p> <p>Purple</p>	<p>Nathan Boarts & Sean McCracken</p>	<p>In memory of Bill's family, LAURENCE & MAXINE FINDLEY BRECHBILL and NANCY JANE BRECHBILL. By: Theresa Brechbill</p> <p><u>PIANO FLOWERS</u> In honor of the April birthday of My Son, MARK HAMILTON, the birthday of My Father, PHIL PROTHEROE, and My Granddaughter, KRYSTELLE HAMILTON. By: Darlene Danka</p>	<p>In memory of the birthdays of MELVIN A. SMAIL and HOWARD E. CAMP. By: Shirley Camp</p>
<p>April 17 Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day</p> <p>White</p>	<p>All Council Members</p>	<p>In memory of CHARLES G. CAMP and SUE BROWN. By: Shirley Camp</p> <p><u>FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE LECTURN</u> In memory of CHARLES G. CAMP and SUE BROWN. By: Their family – Shirley, Kathy, Ted, Jean, Charlie and Allan</p>	<p>In memory of My Parents, CLYDE AND KATHRYN HILL. By: Judy Defilippi</p>
<p>April 24 Second Sunday of Easter</p> <p>White</p>	<p>Nancy Fondrk & Kasey Boarts</p>	<p>In memory of the April 30th birthday of HOWARD E. CAMP. By: Shirley Camp</p>	<p>In memory of My Friend, PHYLLIS GRINE. By: Theresa Brechbill</p>



ATTENTION GRADUATES! Each year Hebron awards a scholarship to an active member who is attending a post-secondary education institution. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office – 201 Main Street – by May 15, 2022. A graduation recognition ceremony will also be held next month, with the date to be determined. If you have any questions, please see members of the Christian Education Committee, Nancy Fondrk or Charles Klingensmith.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL YOU ARE GRADUATING FROM: _____

NAME OF POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION YOU ARE ATTENDING: _____

FUTURE PLANS: _____

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS: _____

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: _____

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY MAY 15, 2022.

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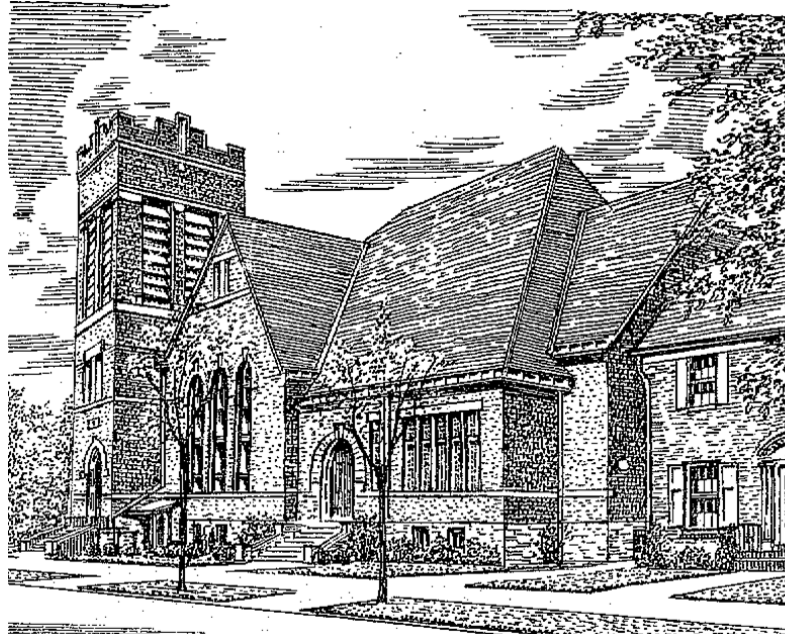
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