

HEBRON EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Acts 2:1-4

Dear Friends,

We are still deeply within the season of Easter, but Pentecost is coming.

Each of our worshipping communities, in different ways, celebrate the continuation of this great high season called Easter. Some of us who knelt at the rail for communion throughout Lent are now boldly standing to receive the Eucharist. Some have dropped the Kyrie from our liturgy, no longer singing the cry for mercy and only singing the Hymn of Praise that mercy has been given as promised. Most of our sanctuaries still bear the liturgically appropriate white paraments for the season. It is most certainly still Easter, but Pentecost is coming.

Why is that important?

Well, for those outside our Church and liturgical traditions it isn't. Mother's Day and the beginning of little league baseball are more significant markers in their lives than our commemoration of the arrival of the promised Holy Spirit. The buds on the trees and the flowers rising from the dirt will act out a natural liturgy of the ongoing cycle of death and resurrection, but the great high season of our Church will move on with almost no cultural acknowledgment past the first Sunday of Easter. Even within our communities of faith, many will be unaware of the arrival of Pentecost, but it is coming.

So why is that important to a people of faith, an Easter people?

The great question of Easter is no longer whether or not we believe the story those women came to tell. It is what that story means in our lives. Pentecost is in no small way an answer to that question. Jesus rose from the grave destroying death. Forty days later, he ascended into heaven opening the way to eternal life. Ten days after that, the Holy Spirit arrived. We were not left orphaned. We were given an advocate. That Spirit still calls, gathers and enlightens us today. In many ways that is the great truth of the Church. That is what makes the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ good news. We have been called to be part of that story. That's big, and here is how I hope this reality inspires us as we move through Easter and past the day of Pentecost into that long season some traditions refer to as "ordinary time".

Let us, as an Easter People, resist the urge to increase the cultural imprint of this season. Let us, instead, seek a Spiritual imprint on our lives. May this Spirit give us confidence in the news of the resurrection we have once again proclaimed this season so that our ordinary lives throughout "ordinary time" are transformed into myriad opportunities to love our neighbor. May the liturgies of this season to see the holiness in ourselves and our neighbors and live lives that give glory to the risen Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Eric

HEBRON EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S STAFF:

Chelsae A. Hickman, Church Secretary
Office Hours: Monday, Thursday, Friday 9A – 1P
Kasey Boarts, Church Sexton
Lori Hileman, Financial Secretary
Jean Stull, Treasurer

HEBRON'S 2023 FINANCE REPORT

MONTH	CURRENT GIVING	INCOME	NEEDED GIVING	OVER/SHORT MONTH TO DATE	OVER/SHORT YEAR TO DATE	ATTENDANCE
January	\$4,021.00	\$5,663.58	\$9,185.58	\$499.00	\$499.00	109
February	\$1,984.00	\$512.71	\$9,185.58	\$(6,688.87)	\$(6,189.87)	55
March	\$3,211.00	\$1,499.27	\$9,185.58	\$(4,475.31)	\$(10,665.18)	77

It is noted that the income column includes monies the church receives from endowments, gas well royalties, and the SPH reimbursement check. If you have any questions, please see any member of the finance team. A complete financial report was included in the 2022 Annual Report. Copies of the Annual Report are available upon request.



THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE will be hosting a clean-up day on Saturday, May 20, 2023, beginning at **9:30AM**. The focus of the day will be the outside of the church and parsonage. The parsonage yard needs the *most* work, both in the back and front. The church property will also need a little touch up – weeds pulled, old leaves removed, etc. Water, coffee and snacks will be available! Please come and join us!



OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES FOR MAY, JUNE & JULY: May 7, 21 & 28; June 4; July 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

OPEN BULLETIN DATES FOR JULY: July 9, 16 & 30

If you would like to sponsor the Altar flowers or bulletins for one of these dates, please call the church office or email: luther201@windstream.net. If you send an email, please include the desired date and the description you would like included in the bulletin.



DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO PLAYS PIANO? Hebron is currently looking for a full-time organist. Until one is hired, we are looking for individuals to fill-in on Sundays. If you know someone, please pass along Hebron's information, and ask them to call the church office or email: luther201@windstream.net.

It is also noted, that the Worship and Music Committee is working hard to ensure that there is music during worship every Sunday; however, there may be some Sundays where no coverage is available. While this isn't ideal, we hope that you understand. We will continue to pray that we are soon blessed with someone to fill the organist position.



PASTOR ERIC DAMON will continue to be the local interim for Hebron during this time. He will be available for pastoral care emergencies. If you would like to contact Pastor Eric, his phone number is 724-708-4142.

If you or a loved one is sick and/or in the hospital and would like Pastor Damon to know, please call the church office: 724-842-0801.



Celebrating Birthdays in May!

3	Kaden Vacanti
5	Judy Stull
10	Richard Shearer
15	Jackie Kepple
15	Kevin Silliman
17	Karen Henry
18	Karen Wasilak
19	Theresa Brechbill
22	Franklin Roofner, Jr.
26	Marjorie Henry
28	William Wilson
30	Robert Mohr
30	Keith Smail



Celebrating Anniversaries in May!

5	Jeff & Deb Smith	42 nd
9	Jeff & Pam Roberts	43 rd
15	Brian & Cheryl McClain	41 st
25	Richard & Tracy Shearer	27 th



HEBRON'S 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. You can also receive the newsletters via email! If you would like to receive the newsletter in PDF format, please call the church office or email: luther201@windstream.net.



THE MAY COUNCIL MEETING will be held on *Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 6PM* in the Berean Room. There are still seats available if you are interested in serving on council. If you have any questions, please contact a member of council!



THE WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE is looking for volunteers for Altar Guild. Altar guild, simply put, is in charge of preparing the worship space each week. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please call the church office or see Chelsae Hickman.

As the process to find a new Pastor continues, please pray for Hebron's council, future call committee, and the congregation during this time of change and transition. The power of prayer is strong.

A PRAYER FOR HEBRON –

Let us pray,

Lord, we know that change is a part of life, and the only constant is you. We pray that you will be with us through this change and transition. Send your Holy Spirit upon us to strengthen and guide our church council and members as we discern the future of our church. Provide effective, thoughtful members for our call committee, and send us a pastor you have chosen who will lead us to grow and further the ministry of Hebron Lutheran Church.

This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.



**THE MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER IS
SPONSORED BY
JUDY STULL IN HONOR OF HER
CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.**

Hebron appreciates your donation!



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A NEWSLETTER? The cost to sponsor is \$65.00, which helps cover the cost of postage. The available months to sponsor are: *July, August, September, October, November and December.* Please call the church office with any questions.



SAVE YOUR COINS!! The Outreach Committee has begun the “Coins for Cancer” Project. This project was started last year in order to boost our donation to “Pink Day.” Please save your change and drop it in the kettle placed in the back of the church! If you have any questions, please see Barb Talmadge.

Keep your eyes open! The Pink Day t-shirt order form will be available in June/July’s newsletter(s). We are hoping to once again be “platinum sponsors” so look for Hebron’s name on the back of the t-shirt! Hebron’s Pink Day booth always needs volunteers. Please consider volunteering for Pink Day this year!



THE CONFIRMATION YEAR is soon coming to an end. Hebron would like to congratulate our confirmand student, **LUCAS VACANTI**, for completing 2 years of classes, and who will be confirmed into our congregation! Pastor Jim Arter helped Lucas complete the confirmation classes and will be conducting the confirmation service. Hebron’s council will also be hosting a reception celebrating Lucas and his great accomplishment. The date for the service and reception will be announced at a later time.



Remember in your prayers: Jeff Brown, Loreana Cochran, Brian Codispot, Denise Fulton, Lori Hileman, Shawn and Robert Jewett, Larry Jordan, Ted Klingensmith, Sarah Krouse, Brandi McCracken and family, Dave McCracken, Bob McDermott, Walter McGuire, Ida Mohr, Victoria Roberts and family, Lisa Sanchez, Anna Shaffer, Allison Smith & Lindsey Vettorel

Homebound/Personal Care: Laura Ludwigsen, Emilio & Judy Perez, Helen Shaffer, Virginia Shaner, Lyda Jane Shuster & Sandy Silliman

First Responders and those serving in the Military: Grant Imbarlina, Audra Sensor & Jeff Toy

If you would like a loved one added to the prayer list, please contact the church office.



THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE is looking for volunteers to cut the grass at the church and parsonage. There is a push lawn mower, weed eater, leaf blower, etc. available on the property for your convenience. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the volunteer list, please call Chelsae Hickman at the church office, or email: luther201@windstream.net.

CROOKED CREEK LAKE will be hosting their Annual Clean-Up Day on *Saturday, May 13, 2023*. This year they will be cleaning litter along the shoreline and roadsides. Cleaning trash is a crucial part of kicking off the recreation season to keep visitors and the environment safe! Please RSVP by *May 5, 2023*. For more information or to RSVP, please call the park office at 724-763-3161.

LUTHERLYN CAMPBLAST! will be held on *Saturday, May 13, 2023*. This is a day of fun that highlights all that Lutherlyn has to offer. There will be special summer camp discounts for new campers and for registered campers who bring friends who are new to Lutherlyn! No registration is needed and the event is **FREE**. Just show up with all your friends, family, neighbors, and anyone else looking for a fun, free day.



MAY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 National Day of PRAYER 	5	6
7 WORSHIP 10:30AM	8	9 COUNCIL MEETING 6PM	10	11	12	13
14 WORSHIP 10:30AM Happy Mother's Day!	15	16	17	18 OFFICE CLOSED	19	20 CLEAN UP DAY! 9:30AM
21 WORSHIP 10:30AM	22	23	24	25	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27
28 WORSHIP 10:30AM	29 Memorial DAY	30	31	<p><i>Please note that the church office will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2023, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. The office will open Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 9AM.</i></p>		

HEBRON'S MINISTRY COMMITTEES:

Outreach: Barb Talmadge

Finance/Stewardship: Marty Bash, Carolyn Smith-Hickman, Barb Talmadge, Nathan Boarts & Jean Stull

Worship & Music: Carolyn Smith-Hickman & Chelsae Hickman

Personnel/Mutual Ministry: Carolyn Smith-Hickman, Barb Talmadge & Marty Bash

Property: Chelsae Hickman, Barb Talmadge, Lloyd Hickman, Marty Bash & Dave Bash

If you are interested in joining a committee or have questions, please see a member of council!



MAY 2023

DATE/DAY/COLOR	USHERS	ALTAR FLOWERS	BULLETINS
<p>May 7 Fifth Sunday of Easter</p> <p>White</p>	<p>Charles Klingensmith & Jean Stull</p> <p><i>Pianist: Tiffany Smietana-Lysell</i></p>	<p>OPEN</p>	<p>In memory of the May 11th birthday of grandmother, great-grandmother, and great- great-grandmother, ELIZABETH HICKMAN. By: Lloyd, Carolyn & Chelsae Hickman and Charlie, Ashley, Kenley & Karsyn Rogers</p>
<p>May 14 Sixth Sunday of Easter</p> <p>White</p>	<p>Velma Knell</p> <p><i>Pianist: Tiffany Smietana-Lysell</i></p>	<p>In memory of My Mom, MARY CLAIRE HILEMAN and Grandmothers, ISABEL MCKALLIP and NELLIE HILEMAN. By: Lori Hileman</p>	<p>In memory of My Mom, MARY CLAIRE HILEMAN, and Grandmothers, ISABEL MCKALLIP and NELLIE HILEMAN. By: Lori Hileman</p>
<p>May 21 Seventh Sunday of Easter</p> <p>White</p>	<p>Carolyn Smith- Hickman</p> <p><i>Pianist: Tiffanny Smietana-Lysell</i></p>	<p>OPEN</p>	<p>In memory of My Husband, WILLIAM BRECHBILL. By: Theresa Brechbill</p>
<p>May 28 Day of Pentecost</p> <p>Red</p>	<p>Barb Talmadge & Chelsae Hickman</p>	<p>OPEN</p>	<p>In honor of Our Grandchildren, CHARLIE BORROMEO, who is graduating from Pitt- Johnstown, and KATIE BORROMEO, who is graduating from Freeport High School. By: David and Martha Bash</p>

HEBRON'S 2023 CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS:

President:	Carolyn Smith-Hickman
Vice President:	Barb Talmadge
Secretary:	Chelsae Hickman
Treasurer:	Jean Stull
Financial Secretary:	Lori Hileman
Endowment Secretary:	Nathan Boarts

2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Barb Talmadge	Carolyn Smith-Hickman
Charles Klingensmith	Marty Bash
Velma Knell	

APRIL 2023 COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

This month's council meeting included a presentation from Pastor Peter Asplin. Pastor Asplin is from the SWPA Synod and will assist us through the entire call process. Soon, a separate letter explaining the steps that Hebron needs to take in order for us to move through the call process and ultimately call a pastor will be sent out to the entire congregation. Please remember to keep Hebron in your prayers as we move forward. If you have any questions, please see council president, Carolyn Smith-Hickman.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

- Lucas Vacanti will be confirmed at the end of May/beginning of June and Pastor Arter will be assisting with his confirmation; Chelsae will reach out to Pastor Jim to confirm details of the confirmation service; Lucas will be attending Lutherlyn this summer; Hebron will be using campership monies to send him; Council agreed to host a reception for Lucas celebrating confirmation – date TBD
- Churches in the area cannot agree to a date for a combined VBS; Cross Roads will be hosting one in August
- First United Methodist will be hosting a 'Block Party' on August 19, 2023; Motion made and carried for Hebron to participate in this event

WORSHIP & MUSIC:

- Zoom line is purchased for Hebron; some equipment was purchased to set up Zoom to be used during worship; however, more would need purchased and there is concern that there will not be volunteers to run the equipment/Zoom account; Chelsae discussed the other options that could be used to stream the service; Ultimate decision for the time being is that Head Ushers will use their personal cell phone on their assigned Sunday to log-in to Hebron's Zoom account and stream worship
- Chelsae explained another necessity for streaming worship services on Zoom/Facebook is a copyright license – Worship cannot be streamed and worship materials cannot be published without it; Chelsae, along with Pastor Damon, recommended that Hebron purchase a copyright license from CCLI – at a yearly subscription rate of approximately \$275/\$300; Motion made and carried to purchase the copyright license and a tri-pod for cell phones to be used during worship
- Chelsae is trying to ensure that there is music coverage for every Sunday; however, there will be Sundays that will not have music due to lack of coverage; Chelsae is working with Tiffany & will also reach out to Sandy Baudino

PROPERTY:

- Jerry Bish is no longer able to care for the lawn; Barb cut the grass and others have volunteered to help; Council decided at this time to keep using volunteers; will rediscuss at the next meeting to see if its working or changes need made
- Barb and Chelsae explained that the parsonage yard needs a lot of work; Council discussed and decided that there will be a clean-up day held on May 20, 2023, beginning at 9:30AM; The parsonage yard (front and back) will be the focus with small cleaning around the church; Coffee, water and snacks will be made available; Chelsae will begin advertising to see if we can get as many volunteers as possible

OUTREACH/MISSION:

- Leechburg Ministerium is looking for gift cards or money to purchase gift cards for members of the community in need; Currently they are purchasing food vouchers from Sprankles; Motion made and carried to donate \$100 to the Leechburg Ministerial for gift cards

OLD BUSINESS:

- For funeral dinners – Velma discussed the possibility of also having a list of caterers in the area available for the family to choose from as well; Velma stated that Kasey Boarts used to have one; Chelsae will check with Kasey and gather a list as an option for families who wish to use the social hall with caterers

NEW BUSINESS:

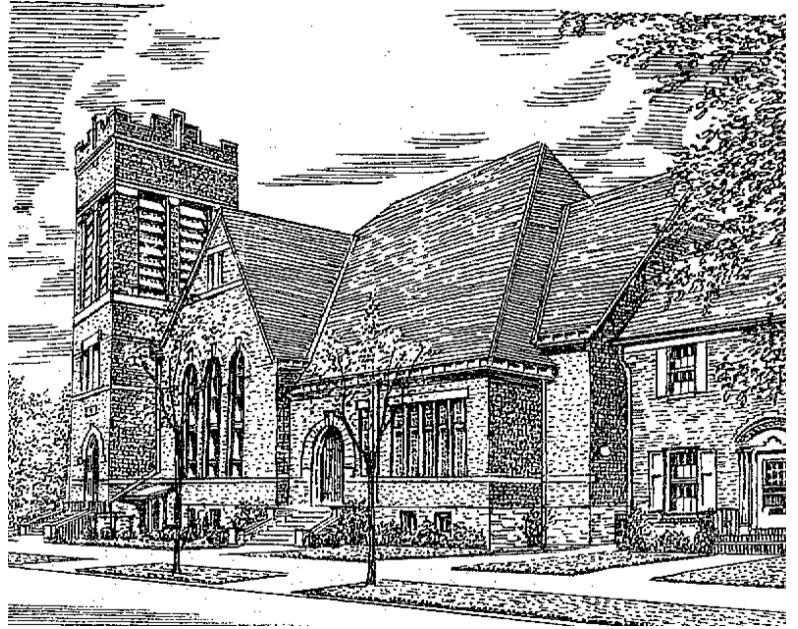
- Dave and Marty Bash volunteered to be Hebron's representatives for Synod Assembly this summer
- Card ministry will continue; Carolyn volunteered to send out cards

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