

# Highfield Happenings

April  
2023



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**SATURDAY APRIL 1**  
**9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**  
**VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME!**

Palm Sunday is a glorious day as we wave palms and shout, "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"  
The Savior has come.

Bishop Kurt Kusserow will lead us in worship on this triumphant day.



Thursday  
April 6  
7:00 pm @ Hebron

**Maundy Thursday**  
Foot washing

Friday  
April 7  
7:00 pm @ SPH

**Good Friday**  
Christ's Passion according to John

Saturday  
April 8  
8:00 pm @ Hebron

**Easter Vigil**  
Service of darkness to light

Sunday  
April 9  
8:30 am @ SPH

**Easter**  
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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## **Vision Statement**

Spreading the good news of Jesus Christ by living out our faith in worship, support, and service to all people.

## **Mission Statement**

**SPHLC—**

**Spiritual  
People  
Helping  
Lead others to  
Christ**

## **Parish Staff**

**Gregg LeMay—Organist** 724-567-7462  
**Clarence Brown—Financial Secretary** 724-567-5571  
**Nicole Ashbaugh—Sexton** 724-842-7376  
**Janine Ballish—Secretary / Treasurer** 724-567-7462  
Office hours: Wednesdays and Fridays  
9:00 am-3:00 pm  
*Hours are subject to change for holidays,  
etc.*

*If you have questions  
or concerns, please  
discuss them with  
one of the members  
listed below.*

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**Leland Brown—President**  
**Pam Neale—Vice President**  
**Sandy Rossi Secretary**  
**Bill McGinnis**      **Clarence Brown**  
**Gerry LeMay**      **Nicole Ashbaugh**  
**Judy Grinder**      **Amy Rossi**

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**“Peace”**  
**BE WITH YOU!**

# STEWARDSHIP

## Contributions



### GIVING VS. BUDGET FIGURES 2023

NEED \$1,741.13 WEEKLY TO BREAK EVEN

	CURRENT DEPOSIT	NEEDED	OVER / (SHORT)	YTD OVER/(SHORT)	ATTENDANCE In person/online
January	\$7,065.00	\$8,705.65	\$(1,640.65)	\$(1,640.65)	226 / 16
February	\$5,699.00	\$6,964.52	\$(1,265.52)	\$(2,906.17)	196 / 8

The above totals do not include any designated giving for specific ministries.  
They only include the money given to support the 2023 budget.  
If you have any questions, please call me ~ *Janine Ballish, Treasurer*

Monetary gifts to Undesignated  
Memorials was given in memory of  
Greg Ferguson

### SHARING THE LOAD

In 1969 the Hollies released “He Ain’t Heavy, He’s My Brother.” Do you know the story behind that song title?

Fifty years earlier in Omaha, Nebraska, a boy with polio was abandoned at Father Flanagan’s Home for Boys, predecessor to the Boys Town organization. Soon several older residents started carrying young Howard — with his heavy leg braces — especially up stairs. Father Flanagan once saw an older boy, Reuben, doing this and asked if it was hard work. Reuben replied, “He ain’t heavy, Father. He’s my brother.” Years later, these words and the image of one person carrying another became the Boys Town brand.

All of us have been “carried” at some point, and we’ve likely “carried” someone else. The Hollies’ song declares: “His welfare is my concern.” Jesus said it this way: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” The load isn’t too heavy to bear because Jesus himself is always carrying us.

## Consider percentage-basis giving

No matter how or what amount you give to your congregation, thank you! Your offerings sustain important ministries, and there is no such thing as an inappropriate or inadequate offering.

But if you are among the many who give regularly on a “lump sum” basis, consider giving on a percentage basis instead.

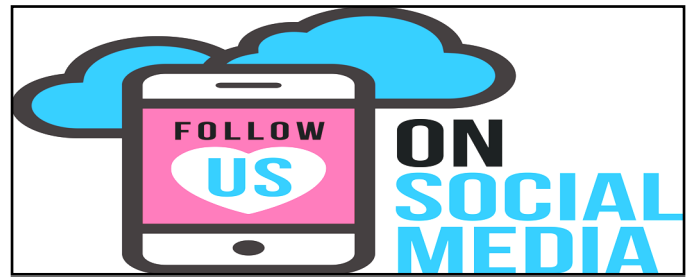
The “lump sum” basis is when donors give a fixed amount – say, \$50 a week – to the church, regardless of what percentage it represents in their annual income. The advantage of lump sum giving is that it’s simple to calculate and keep track of. But lump sum giving reveals little about the generosity behind the gift. For a poorer family, \$50 a week may be significant, whereas it could be a pittance for a wealthy family.

Since the Bible lifts up the principles of sacrificial giving as well as tithing, giving by percentage provides a better measure for giving. Once a family has calculated their gift as a percentage of income, it’s easier to track it and, over time, build up to a tithe. Here’s how to get started with percentage giving:

- Calculate your regular offering over the course of the year.
- Divide the total yearly offering by your total annual income. This will give you a figure.
- Multiply that figure by 100 to determine your percentage giving.

When planning your offering, consider increasing it by 1 percent a year. If you do, in less than 10 years you will be tithing. However you give, thank you for supporting God’s ministries.

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Besides in person, you can join us for a live stream on Sunday mornings at 8:30 am on:



St. Paul’s Highfield Lutheran Church



zoom

By phone, dial 646-88/-8656.

Enter the meeting ID number 632 238 2087, followed by the pound sign (#) twice.

Enter the password 632 238 2087.



### @ ST. PAUL’S HIGHFIELD

Don’t forget to include our confined members in your prayers. Names, addresses, and birthdays are listed below.

**Lou, Jean & Linda Bozzarelli** (July 9, February 27, October 2)  
112 Oregon Avenue  
Vandergrift, PA 15690

**LaRue Ciuca**  
1147 Crawford Avenue  
Vandergrift, PA 15690

**Martha Abarbanell**  
(May 31)  
1166 Pleasant View Drive  
Vandergrift, PA 15690

**Alice Moses**  
(July 10)  
Concordia Lutheran  
Ministries  
615 North Pike Road  
Room #208A  
Cabot, PA 16023

**Wally Daugherty**  
(October 21)  
Concordia Lutheran Health  
& Human Care  
Personal Care Room#204  
615 North Pike Road  
Cabot, PA 16023

**Kathye Schaeffer**  
(December 29)  
Quality Life Services  
151 Goodview Drive  
Room #318  
Apollo, PA 15613

# COMMITTEE UPDATES

## HELPING HANDS

There are some RADA items still available. See Glenda if you are interested. Bonnie Shuster resigned as treasurer and Sandi Summerhill was elected to the position.

Lenten lunches have begun and H. H. will have the luncheon on March 31.

WELCA has a new project for 2023. It is call TryLife and is in Lower Burrell. It is an organization helping families in need such as education, peer counseling, material assistance and TLC clinic and Mobil Medical Unit. Discussion was held but a decision to help will be discussed at the next meeting.

Preparations are being made for the Mother/Daughter banquet for 2023. Judy Ferguson will head the committee. Scheduled date is May 13.

After some discussion, it was decided to move the time of the monthly meeting to 11:00 am with a social time following the meeting. Members are asked to bring a snack to share. Various games will be provided, and you are welcome to participate or just socialize and enjoy the company. All women are invited to attend.

Next meeting is March 20th at 11:00 am.

## DRESSES and BRITCHES

On March 14, the ladies gathered for the first time in 2023. There was quite a bit of fellowship, a little brainstorming, sewing and celebrating PI day with apple and cherry pie.

The table in the narthex was full! There were no-sew blankets, a quilt or two, hand-knitted hats and a scarf. In addition, there were a few outfits - jumpers with a top and leggings and a skirt or two with a top and leggings.

We meet again on April 19 at 1. We look forward to seeing new faces along with the old ones... If you have any questions, feel free to call Glenda at 724-567-6494.

### **Birthdays:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Brandi Hopkins
- 10<sup>th</sup> Arlene Collini
- 11<sup>th</sup> Allen Leard
- 14<sup>th</sup> David Geltz
- 15<sup>th</sup> Cheryl Byers
- 16<sup>th</sup> Valgean Warner,  
Dave McCracken
- 21<sup>st</sup> Mike Krafick
- 25<sup>th</sup> Nancy Litz,
- 28<sup>th</sup> Kolten Geltz,  
Karlean Kruse
- 30<sup>th</sup> Liam Hepler



**APRIL BIRTHDAYS  
& ANNIVERSARIES**

### **Anniversaries:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Mike and Brenda  
Krafick
- 10<sup>th</sup> Paulette and Sam  
Byers

### **St. Paul's Highfield Prayer List**

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|-------------------------------|---|
| Jane Broda                    | Family of Pete<br>Williamson  |
| Kathy Shavensky               | Congregation of<br>Faith, Natrona<br>Heights, &<br>Pastor Jeffrey<br>Truscott |
| Sylvia & Bill<br>Powell       | Jaycee  |
| Kaitlyn August                | Kathye Schaeffer  |
| Janine Hobblins               | Ukraine   |
| Family of Rich<br>Cappo       | Tish Shick  |
| Marge Shannon                 | Craig Williams  |
| Jeff Brown                    | Tom Fleming   |
| Tom Fleming                   | Family of Linda<br>Lanning  |
| Family of An-<br>drew Kapusta |   |
| Ed Dobrowski                  |   |
| Alma Pearson                  |   |
| Lee Foster                    |   |
| Friends in need of<br>prayer  |   |
| Marsha Louden                 |   |

*"Happy Birthday To You  
And The Lord's Blessing Too  
May He Guard You & Guide You  
Every Day The Year Through"*

<sup>1</sup>After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then 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." <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." *Matthew 28:1-10*

Dear Friends,

I don't think this can be pointed out enough. When Jesus needed to spread the news of his resurrection, he asked women to do it. When he needed someone to tell the men how they should respond to that news, he asked women to do it. That shouldn't be a big detail, but it is.

The Church has a long history of barring women from doing exactly what Jesus asked them to do on that first Easter morning. Allowing women to preach and teach is a relatively recent development in the modern church. While there are grown adults who have never known a Church in which women were not allowed to lead, I have colleagues who can remember being among the first cohort of women to wear the collar and stole and step into the pulpit. We have ecumenical relationships with denominations that still deny women the right to full participation in the church. It shouldn't be a big detail, but it is.

On the first Easter Morning, when Jesus absolutely needed to get the message out there and instruct the men about what they should do, he sent women. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were the first humans ever called to preach the Gospel. Thankfully the disciples listened (to greater or lesser extent depending on the gospel account), because for centuries the Church decided that was a bad idea. We declared preaching to be men's work. The Lord was still calling and sending women, but the Church wouldn't listen. Some of us still don't. I hope that's not who I'm writing to.

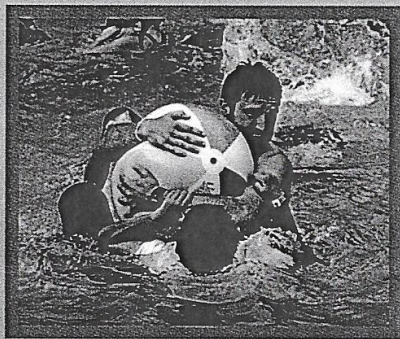
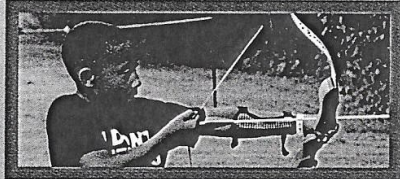
I hope I am writing to congregations that respect the divine calling of my female colleagues and appreciate the gifts they offer. I hope that is the case, because I'm going to ask us to push the question further. This easter season let's ask who in our world we are still refusing to hear, regardless of the message the Lord has given them to deliver. What class of people, by the nature of their being, do we assume could not possibly bear the authority of Christ's commission?

I don't mean institutionally. The global institution of the universal Church does have a long way to go until all of God's children are granted full participation, but that's not what I'm asking us to think about. I'm asking us to think about who in our everyday lives each of us individually are hesitant to hear, because God will and is still sending messengers. Sometimes its us, but most of the time we are the disciples, hiding and in need of the message.

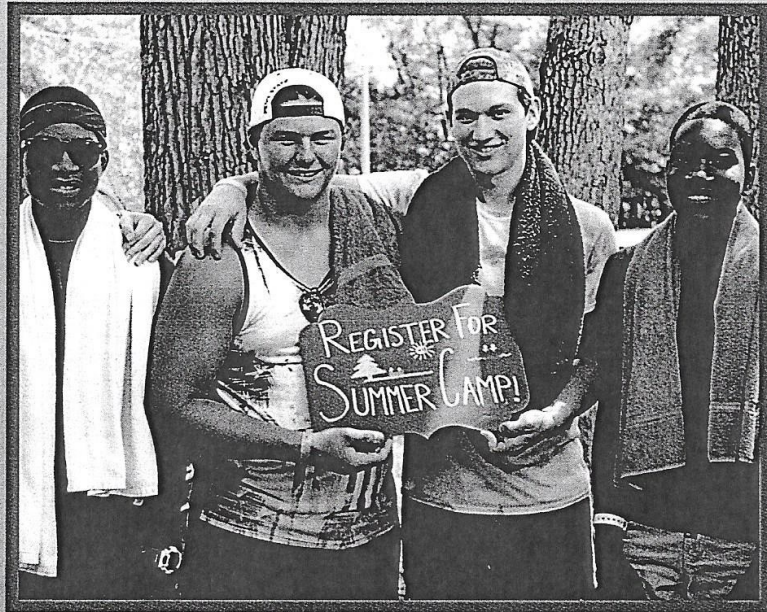
If we practice listening, if we practice expanding the boundaries of our expectations, I promise we'll hear it. Even in this world of death, resurrection happens. The Lord has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you!

Yours in Christ

Pastor Eric.



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**Accepted. Challenged. Sent.**

## SUMMER CAMP - REACH 2023

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.

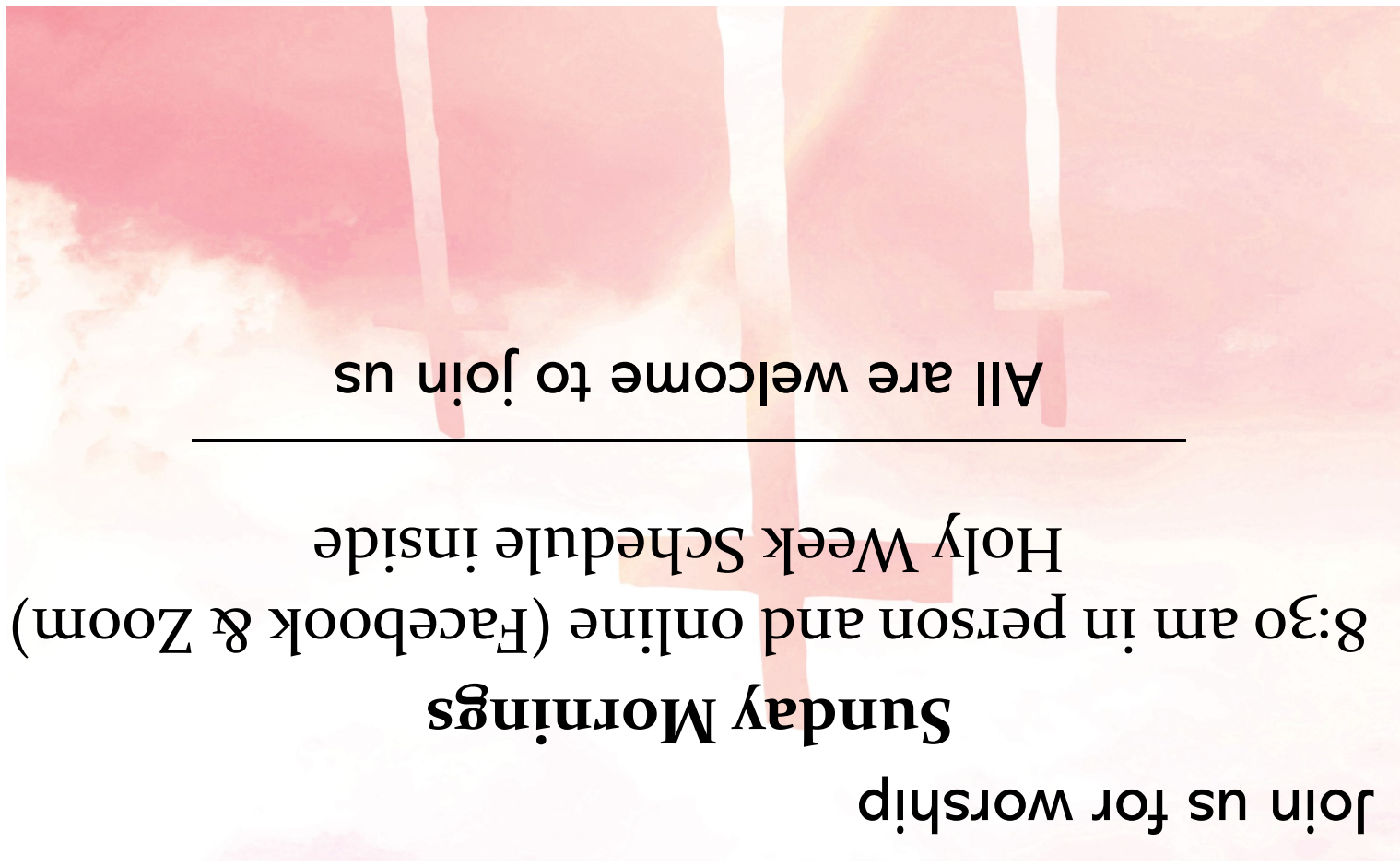
To register a camper through the REACH program, please call Lutherlyn at 724-865-2161.

**Juniors**  
 going into 4th - 6th grade  
 June 25-30  
 July 9-14  
 July 16-21  
 July 23-28  
 July 30-Aug 4

**Junior High**  
 going into 7th - 9th grade  
 June 18-23  
 June 25-30  
 July 9-14  
 July 16-21  
 July 23-28  
 July 30-Aug 4

**Senior High**  
 going into 10th grade - 2023  
 graduate  
 June 18-23  
 July 9-14

\* The information on this flyer is for the 2023 REACH program; a need-based referral program. For a complete list of all Lutherlyn summer programs visit [www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp](http://www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp).



All are welcome to join us

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Join us for worship  
**Sunday Mornings**  
8:30 am in person and online (Facebook & Zoom)  
Holy Week Schedule inside



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