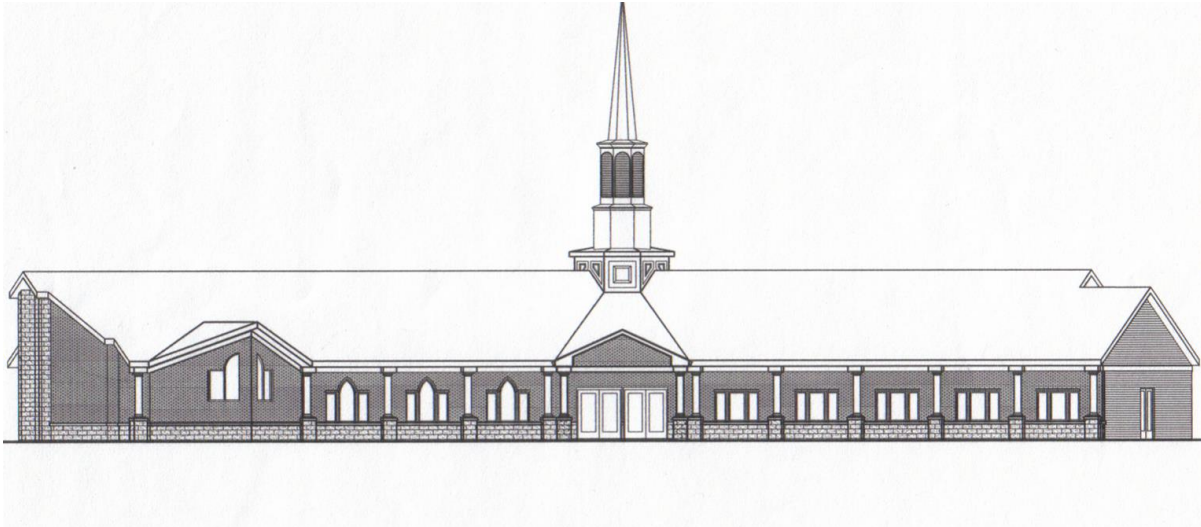


The Jerusalem Times



The monthly newsletter of Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Trachsville, Pa.



**Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church
500 Church Drive
Palmerton, PA 18071-3642**



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April 2023

April Church Events

- 2nd – Palm Sunday Worship Service / Holy Communion**
- 6th – Maundy Thursday Worship Service / Holy Communion**
- 7th – Good Friday Worship Service**
- 8th – Easter Vigil Worship Service**
- 9th – Easter Worship Service / Holy Communion**
- 16th - Worship Service**
- 22nd - Ham & Dandelion Dinner- Take-out Only**
- 23rd - Worship Service**
- 30th – Worship Service**

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The Newsletter

of Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

500 Church Drive, Palmerton, PA 18071

Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Pastor Hours: Tuesday by Appt. 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Sunday Worship Services at 9:00 AM

Pastor: Kenneth Melber, Jr. Music Director: Frank Hall IV Sexton: Kelly Scott

Secretary: Stacy Buchiane Treasurer: Melanie Windhorn Financial Secretary: Carol O'Brien

A Note from the
Pastor

Prayer List

Birthdays &
Anniversaries

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

Paul writes to the Philippians in the 3rd chapter that he wants to know the power of Christ's resurrection. Obviously, as we celebrate Easter on April 9, we will once again hear the story of Jesus' triumph over death itself. But! This celebration isn't just for April 9. Indeed, Easter Sunday is a part of a celebration spanning over several weeks until we reach the Day of Pentecost on May 28. During this season, we hear from the witnesses to Jesus' resurrection. And! Not only that, but every Sunday throughout the year is a reminder that Jesus not only died for us, but that Jesus lives and that because he lives, we will live also.

As St. John writes: "This is what he promised us -- eternal life." (1 John 2:25)

I look forward to seeing you in worship to continually celebrate all that God has done.

Blessings,
Pastor Ken

Pastoral Vacation

Pastor Ken will be away April 17-27 (except to lead the service on April 20). In the event of a pastoral emergency, he is available by phone.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION – SAVE THE DATE

All individuals in 7th grade or higher who wish to begin or continue Confirmation classes are required to attend a Confirmation orientation on Sunday, August 20th from 12:00-12:30pm at St. John's. First and second year confirmands should attend with a parent/guardian to help fill out the registration paperwork. We will be discussing the class structure and choosing dates and a meeting place to meet for the class. **Absolutely no registrations will be accepted after August 20**, so please be sure to put this date on your calendar.



Please keep all of our family & friends in your prayers.



Prayer List

Sharlee Ahner, Earl Beers, Raymond Beers, Richard Beers, Jean Beegle, Tammy Burger, Matthew Cameron, Delores Christman, Moriah Coles, Dale Eckley, Blaine Eckhart, Bruce Eckhart, Pauline Eckhart, Kyle Frable, Terry Hahn, Roberta Heffley, Billie Jo Moyer, Renald Moyer, Matt Nothstein, Roseanna Polizzi, Chuck Schretzman, Patricia Shook, Earl Smale, Jeanette Smith, Brandie Uliana, Dave Wentz, Hildegard Wheeler and Robert Ziegenfus.

Residents of a Nursing Home, Personal Care Home, or Hospital

Gurney Borger – Gracedale Nursing Home
 Helen Christman – The Palmerton
 Gladys Green – Getz Personal Care Home
 Richard Shook – Nursing Home
 Edwin Strohl – Mahoning Valley Nursing Home

Serving in the Armed Forces

Army – Danny Carden, Gerald Eckhart, and Timothy Rodgers
Navy - Sarah McCready, Noah Sensinger, Tyler Silliman, and Jeremy Zellers
National Guard Army - Sean Hall
Army Reserves - William L. Hittner and Theodoric Hittner



If you have an address to provide for the people that are serving in the military so that the congregation may correspond with them, please let the office know.

Birthdays

- 1st Stacey Ackley, Walker Sherer
- 2nd Sydney Buchiane, Makayla Fedor, Patty Forgay, Tanya Hook
- 3rd Kelly Scott
- 4th Mary Bollinger, Lisa Fedor, Carol O'Brien
- 5th Garrett Horvath, Brock Moyer
- 6th Sean Hall, Eugene Hedrick
- 8th Ivy Hagenbuch
- 12th Allen Eckhart, Sarah Larkin
- 14th Jaclyn Haydt
- 15th Evelyn Haydt
- 16th Raymond Berger, Tyler Butz, Roger Green Jr., Heather Long, Sabreana Strauch
- 17th Sherwood Green, Marla Szena
- 19th Joel Beers
- 20th Roger Green Sr.
- 22nd Elizabeth Blose, Victoria Smith
- 23rd Amy Kuehner
- 27th Michelle Kuehner
- 28th Christine Fritz
- 29th John Spirk



The birth dates and anniversary dates are what we have on file. If they are incorrect, please contact the office.

<p>1st – Tom & Christine Fritz</p> <p>14th – Roger & Sandra L. Green James & Judith Leiding</p> <p>16th – Irene & Dean Zacharias</p>		<p>19th – Allen & Barbara Eckhart</p> <p>25th – Michael & Kayla Sander</p> <p>28th – Paul & Michelle Kuehner</p> <p>29th – Blaine & Lori Eckhart</p>
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WELCA News

April 2023

WELCA met on March 6th and made final arrangements for the upcoming Basket Social on March 11th. The ladies made soup, barbecue and dessert items to sell. The Basket Social was a huge success! Lots of people turned out for the event. Food sold out. A big 'Thanks' to all who donated baskets and helped with this event!!!

Ham & Dandelion Dinner will be held on **April 22nd**. Take-Out Only! Many tickets have been sold for this event and dinners can be picked up from 4-6 PM. Preparations for this event are scheduled for:

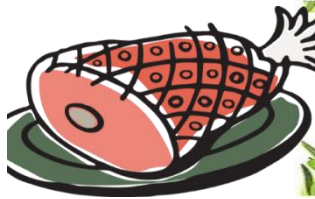
Thursday, April 20 at 9 AM- Make dressing & clean dandelion at 10 AM

Friday, April 21 at 9 AM-.....Peel potatoes and set up for take-out

Saturday, April 22 at 11 AM.....Finish cooking, preparing, packing. Pickup; 4-6 PM

Prizes for the Aug. 5th Sunday School Picnic are still being accepted by Sharlee Ahner. A Persian Donut Sale will be held in May with orders due on May 7th and pick up on May 18th from 9 – 11 AM.

WELCA's next meeting will be on April 3, 2023 at 12:30 PM. Please come and join us!



Ham & Dandelion Dinner

Saturday, April 22nd 4:00 – 6:00 PM
Take-Out Only!



Help will be needed for the Ham & Dandelion Dinner on Saturday, April 22nd. The following are dates in which help is needed:

Wednesday, April 19th – all donations for the dinner must be at the church by this day.

Thursday, April 20th – make dressing at 9:00 AM, clean & wash dandelion at 10:00 AM

Friday, April 21st – help peel potatoes & set up tables for take-out at 9:00 AM

Saturday, April 22nd – starting at 11:00 AM, prepare food for dinner. Need help at 3:30 PM to greet people and deliver their meals, and help package meals, and help in the kitchen to prepare the meals. We are also looking for men to sign up to lift the heavy pots in the kitchen.

A sign-up sheet for volunteers is located in the narthex, or let a WELCA member know if you can help.



April Church News

Important dates of the month to remember:

2nd – Palm Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9:00 AM

3rd – WELCA Meeting at 12:30 PM

Cemetery Clean-up at 5:00 PM

6th – Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion at 7:00 PM

7th – Good Friday Service at 7:00 PM

8th – Easter Vigil Service at 6:00 PM

9th – Easter Sunday Service with Holy Communion at 9:00 AM

16th – Worship Service at 9:00 AM

20th – Council Meeting at 7:00 PM

22nd – Ham & Dandelion Take Out Dinner from 4:00 to 6:00 PM

23rd – Worship Service at 9:00 AM

30th – Worship Service with Holy Baptism at 9:00 AM



**Memorial Donations
to the Church**

*The four Communion Tables
placed in the sanctuary are
presented to the Church in*

*Loving Memory of
June Strohl*

and

Delbert E. Christman

Made by Brett Ottinger.

*The four Spring / Summer
wreaths hanging on the glass
doors in the lobby are given in*

*Loving Memory of
Delbert E. Christman.*

Save the Date!

*Save the date! On Sunday,
September 17, 2023 we are
planning a Fellowship
Gathering. More information
will be forthcoming as we get
closer to the date. Mark it on
your calendar and save the date
for this fun event!*



Sunday School Picnic Raffle

Mark your calendars, this year's Annual Sunday School Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 5th. If you would like to donate a prize to the Picnic Raffle, please speak to Sharlee Ahner.



Cemetery Clean-up

The Spring cemetery clean-up will be held on Monday, April 3rd starting at 5:00 PM (weather permitting). We ask that you remove any items you may want to keep from your loved one's grave by that date. Items not removed will be discarded. Anyone who would like to help is welcome.

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee has lost a few members recently and is looking for some good people to join them. If you are interested, please speak to Sandy Christman.

Holy Week And Easter Schedule:

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500 Church Drive
Palmerton, PA

Maundy Thursday
April 6, 2023
Service at 7:00 PM

Good Friday
April 7, 2023
Service at 7:00 PM

Easter Vigil
April 8, 2023
Service at 6:00 PM

Easter Sunday Service
April 9, 2023
begins at 9:00 AM

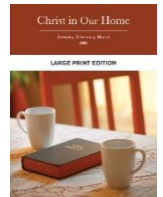
All Are Welcome!



Northeast Synod Convention

The Annual Northeast Synod Convention will be coming up again in June. This year it will be held in person. We are looking for an interested person to sign up and enjoy this yearly event. If you are interested, please speak to any Council member or to Pastor Melber.

Word in Season & Christ in Our Home



The new issues of The Word in Season and Christ in Our Home are now available in the narthex. These are two different daily readings of inspiration for you, or you can pick up one for a friend or family member. If you are so inclined, there is a donation box located near these publications to help offset the cost.



Flower & Bulletin Sponsors

- 2nd – Stacy Buchiane
- Organ Flowers: Edward Smith
- 9th – Connie Strohl
- 16th – Irene & Dean Zacharias
- 23rd – John & Kathleen Spirk and Gail Paules
- 30th – Jim & Judi Leiding

If you would like to reserve altar flowers, sign the flower chart or call the office at 610-681-5200.

Church Council Members



Ricky Moyer – President
Robert Ziegenfus – Vice President
Carol O'Brien – Secretary

Jackie Brotzman
Delbert D. Christman
Sandy Christman
Pearl Eckhart

Wanda George
Frank Hall III
Donna McGarry
Rolf Windhorn

Council Meeting Minutes from February 16, 2023

Attendance: Jackie Brotzman, Sandy Christman, Delbert Christman, Pearl Eckhart, Wanda George, Frank Hall, Carol O'Brien, Bobby Ziegenfus, and Pastor Melber. Others in attendance were Melanie Windhorn, Treasurer

Absent: Ricky Moyer and Rolf Windhorn

Visitors: Joan Altemose & Pastor Shankweiler

Call to Order by V. President, Bobby Ziegenfus (in the absence of President, Ricky Moyer)

Devotions & Prayers: Shared by Sandy Christman

Open Forum –

- Pastor Shankweiler, Associate to the Bishop was here to do his review after one year of Pastor Melber's placement with us. He posed questions to Pastor Melber as well as the council. All agreed it was a very positive meeting.
- Joan Altemose spoke about Palmerton's 125th Anniversary and asked if we want to be included in the program.
- This program will be held the Saturday after Christmas. It will be done as an Open House through CACPAC.
- CACPAC now has a website, and they would like each participating church to add activities. There are nine participating churches. They have someone to do the initial set up of the page and each church would be responsible to feed the information to that person initially and then individually update as activities are scheduled.

Correspondence – Melanie reported the following items:

- We received a thank you from Family Promise for our \$100 donation.
- We received a thank you from Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Network for our donation of toys and clothing for their Angel Tree Program.
- We collected \$1,150.00 for injured Kunkletown firefighter, Kyle Frable and sent it.

Secretary's Report

- Jackie Brotzman made a motion to approve this report. Frank Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Motion Required)

- There was discussion about our Thrivent accounts. It was suggested that Susan Lovejoy, Thrivent representative, come back and present again.
- Carol O'Brien made a motion to approve this report. Frank Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financial Secretary's Report (Motion Required)

- With no discussion, Pearl Eckhart made a motion to accept this report. Delbert Christman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Pastor's Report (Motion required ONLY for mileage)

- Bible study will start on May 1st. It will be held from 6-7:30 on the Gospel of Mark.
- Synod Assembly will be held June 1, 2, & 3rd. (Thurs, Fri, Sat.) We need 2 representatives. Registration starts in March and ends after Easter. Congregation pays for stay.
- Wanda George made a motion to approve the Pastor's mileage. Sandy Christman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Personnel Concerns

- None

Ongoing and Unfinished Business

- Delbert Christman and Jackie Brotzman made a motion to nominate Donna McGarry as new council member to fill the vacancy.
- All Lenten offerings will go to the host church.

Committee Reports

Finance

- Carol O'Brien made a motion to keep the youth account open but move it from Key Bank to First Northern Bank. Donna McGarry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Music & Worship

- There is a long explanation about choir to be discussed at the March meeting.

Christian Education

- This committee is planning an Easter Egg event for Sunday School children. We are looking for guidance for a date and place. Also, we would like to ask the congregation for plastic eggs filled with goodies. Maybe we could also have gift prizes donated. Wanda & Delbert made a motion to approve the Easter festivities.

Outreach

Still sending cards. There are no meetings planned for the future. They will put a notice in bulletin to announce that they are looking for new members.

Fellowship

- Recommending a Fellowship dinner to recognize those who give of their time and talents.
- This was done in the past and was well received. Sandy Christman is looking to form a committee and pick a date. There will be a sign-up sheet. It will be held in the narthex. There was a journal of honorees and what award they received; however, it has gone missing. Perhaps a new one can be started. A suggestion was to hold it in the Fall.

Building & Maintenance

- On February 7th Rolf Windhorn met with a group of interested people to discuss the Grove revitalization. Discussion and ideas were shared. They will be meeting again on Saturday, February 18th at 10:00.
- Doorbell purchased and installed.
- Microsoft 365 is up and running, finally.
- New phones were donated and are working well.
- Communications with accountants are not going well.

Evangelism

- No report

WELCA

- The ladies made and sold between 270 & 280 meat pies in one day.
- The basket social will be held on March 11th from 9-2.
- They will be providing soup and sandwiches for Lenten services.
- They will be hosting a **takeout only** Ham and Dandelion dinner on April 22 from 4:00 – 6:00. Price: Adults \$15 & children \$10.
- People interested in donating something for the picnic raffle are asked to let Shirley Ahner know because tickets need to be ordered.
- Their next meeting will be held on March 6 at 12:30. All are invited to attend.

Mutual ministry

- Will meet on Tuesday, February 21st

New Business – None

Other Items for the good of the church

- It was asked of the Pastor to give a report to the congregation on the disbursement of the money that we give to Synod.

Next Meeting – March 16, 2023

Adjournment

- Carol O'Brien made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. O'Brien

Church Council Secretary

Special Meeting March 5, 2023

At a special meeting on Sunday, March 5th, Sandy Christman made a motion to purchase new spring/summer wreaths with funds being taken from the Delbert Christman Memorial Fund. The motion was seconded by Ricky Moyer. The motion carried.

February 2022 OFFERING REPORT by Melanie Windhorn

GENERAL OPERATING OFFERING				BUILDING FUND
DATE	Attendance	Envelope, Initial, Plate Sunday School	Other	Building Maintenance Children's Envelope
2/6/22	49	\$2,001.00	\$458.00	\$616.00
2/13/22	20	\$938.00	\$0.00	\$22.00
2/20/22	51	\$1,758.00	\$0.00	\$191.00
2/27/22	55	\$2,906.00	\$358.00	\$451.00
		\$7,603.00	\$816.00	\$1,280.00

General Other:

Sunday School:

2/6 Word in Season	\$8.00		
2/6 Donation-Glen Bachman Family	\$450.00		
2/27 CAC-PAC offering	\$358.00		

Total Sunday Attendance YTD:	378
Average Sunday Attendance YTD:	42
Envelope & Plate YTD:	\$14,394.00
General Offering Other YTD:	\$821.00
Building YTD:	\$2,150.00

February 2023	Carol O'Brien	GENERAL OPERATING OFFERING		BUILDING FUND
DATE	Attendance	Envelope, Initial, Plate Sunday School, Holidays & Flowers	General Offering & Other	Building Maintenance Children's Envelope
2/5/23	83	\$1,878.00	\$0.00	\$306.00
2/12/23	73	\$1,763.00	\$2.00	\$271.00
2/19/23	66	\$2,020.00	\$0.00	\$78.00
2/22/2023 Ash Wed	St. John's 66			
2/26/23	72	\$1,470.00	\$3.00	\$146.00
294				
Thrivent Direct Deposit				
		\$7,131.00	\$5.00	\$801.00

General Other:

Sunday School:











Date	Other - explanation	Amount
2/12/2023	Word in Season	\$ 3.00
2/26/2023	Word in Season	\$ 2.00

Total February Attendance	294
Total February Envelope & Plate	\$7,131.00
Total February General Offering/Other	\$5.00
Total February Building/Children	\$801.00

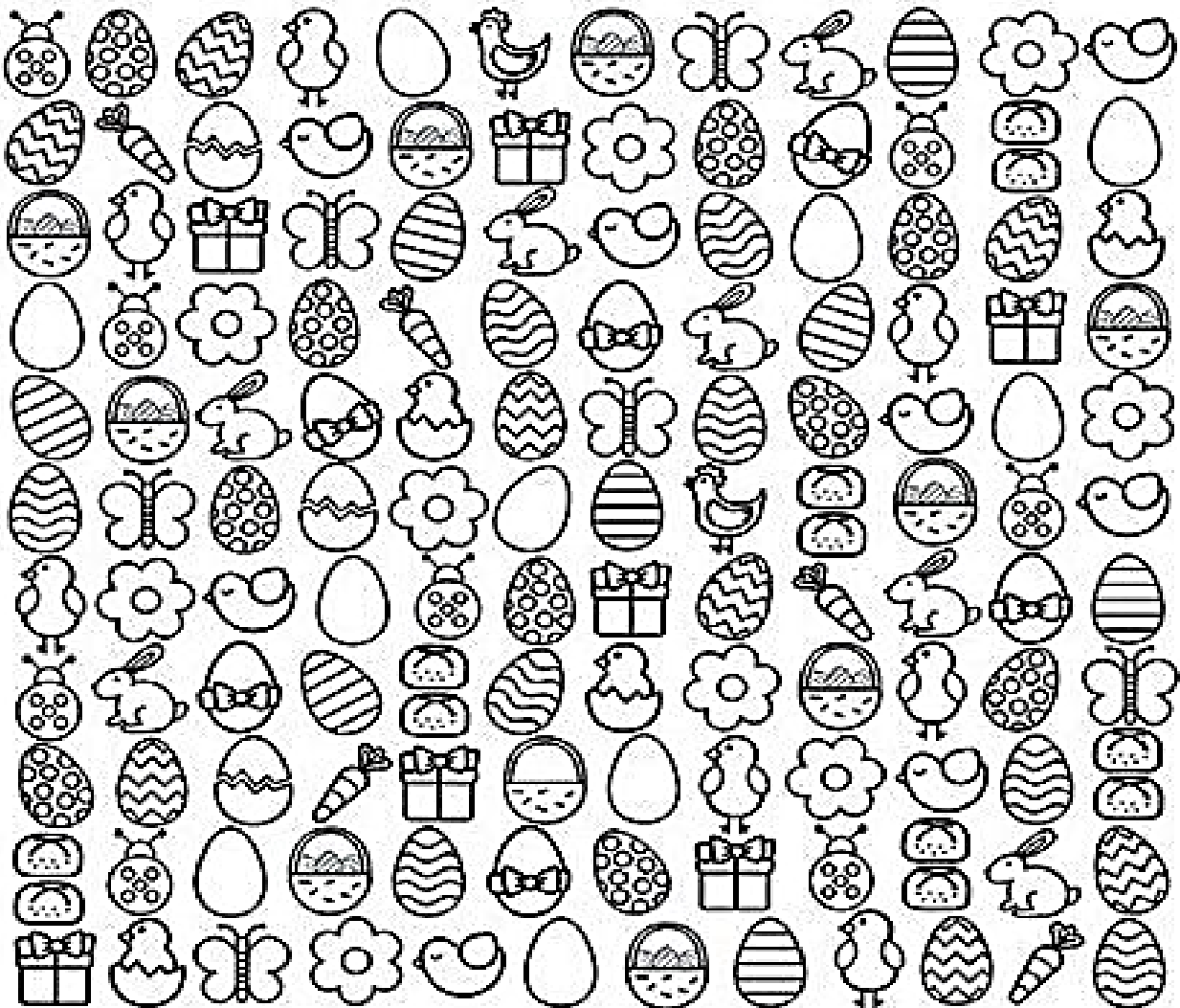
Fun for the Kids!

Easter Find and Colour










Find the following items and colour them in!

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|  1 empty basket |  6 eggs with bows |
|  2 hens |  7 bunnies |
|  3 cracked eggs |  8 eggs with stripes |
|  4 chicks in eggs |  9 flowers |
|  5 carrots |  10 Eggs with spots |

What else can you find??



APRIL 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Palm Sunday Worship Service w/ Holy Communion – 9:00 AM 	3 WELCA – 12:30 PM	4	5	6 Maundy Thursday Service – 7:00 PM 	7 Good Friday Service – 7:00 PM 	8 Easter Vigil Service – 6:00 PM 
9 Easter Easter Sunday Worship Service w/ Holy Communion – 9:00 AM 	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Worship Service – 9:00 AM	17	18	19	20 Make dressing – 9:00 AM Clean dandelion – 10:00 AM Council – 7:00 PM	21 Peel potatoes – 9:00 AM 	22 Ham & Dandelion Take Out Dinner – 4:00 to 6:00 PM 
23 Worship Service – 9:00 AM	24	25	26	27	28 	29
30 Worship Service	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>For pastoral service contact Rev. Kenneth Melber Jr. at: Home: 484-629-2812 Church office: 610-681-5200 Email: pastorken86@gmail.com</p> </div>					