



News & Updates from ALC

April 2024

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Easter is more than a one-day celebration, but is a 50-day (or seven Sundays) season of feasting. Often referred to in the church as Eastertide, now is the time in our worship together where we shout our *Alleluias!* and boldly proclaim our faith in the risen Lord.

As we begin this Eastertide, I would encourage you to consider how you might also stretch out this Easter season to more than just one day in your daily living. Here are a few suggestions:

- Start your prayers by proclaiming *Alleluia!* and spend more time praising God for all the joy you see in your daily life.
- Read the resurrection narratives found within the Gospels. Consider how the resurrected Jesus appears in these stories primarily over food.
- In a season of feasting, host a dinner party for your co-workers or neighbors. Don't be afraid to invite a few of your church friends over, too. See what happens when your faith community and your neighbors sit at one table together.
- Go for a walk and pay attention to the resurrection happening in the plants surrounding you.
- Play some of your favorite Easter music throughout the season. (Need recommendations? [Check out this playlist curated by "Art & Theology" called "Eastertide" for an eclectic mix of Easter tunes.](#))
- Do something creative (woodworking, artwork, singing, painting, etc.).
- Write a note to a friend who brings you joy.

As one of my favorite writers and thinkers, Wendell Berry likes to say, make this the season to “[Be joyful though you have considered all the facts](#),” and go forth to “practice resurrection.” I look forward to hearing what you discover about God’s presence among us when you do.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pr. Kayla

ALC Calendar

FAMILY FUN NIGHT - April 15th!

Our next Family Night will be April 15th beginning at 5:45pm. This is an interactive way to worship, serve our neighbors, and be together. Designed for all ages and all people. Come worship with us!



**Washington Crossing Rd
Highway Cleanup**
Saturday
April 27th
8:00AM to 9:30AM
(rain or shine)



Hello neighbors,

Ascension Lutheran Church with guidance from Penn DOT have been picking up litter along Washington Crossing Road from the church to the river for 25 years. This year we thought we might get to meet some neighbors during the process. So if you can on April 27th meet us at the church at 8:00 am no need to respond come if you can, we would love to meet you. Bagels and coffee after.

QUESTIONS? CALL THE OFFICE

Vests, Gloves, Bags, and Bagels provided!

Bug spray and work shoes strongly recommended



900 Washington Crossing Rd, Newtown, PA 18940 215-497-0447 www.ascensionlutheranchurch.org

Grass Mowing Opportunities

We need a few volunteers to assist in maintaining the property from early May thru October. This takes about 3-5 hours per week as we cut about 4 acres. We use a 61 in. Zero Turn radius mower like the one shown below. We need to keep the group small so as to maintain the equipment properly and safely. If you're interested I'd like to have you sign up for one week per month. Trimming and blowing is also necessary. I'll have ginny setup a place to share the schedule.

If you have any questions or would like to help, let me know. Thanks

John Carducci (CarducciJohn@gmail.com)



MISSION MINISTRY

CARING FOR FRIENDS

Caring for Friends

Last year we prepared a total of 3075 snack bags this year for hungry people in the Philadelphia region! On March 10 we filled 407 snack bags and delivered a frozen turkey and 11 soup containers. We will gladly accept hams and turkeys put in the freezer to share. Caring for Friends now provides food and friendship to kids and homeless persons as well as their homebound clients.

We are now assembling snack bags (no oatmeal, granola or protein bar instead) which are easier for their homeless clients to consume. We will be assembling bags again on **June 2** after worship. Your donations with the help of a Thrivent Action Team Grant and assistance assembling the bags are always appreciated! As Jesus says in John 21:17 "Feed my sheep", we are doing that here at Ascension.

Snack Bag items needed:

- 1 gallon plastic storage bags (zip loc)
- 6.75 oz 100% juice boxes (orange juice preferred)
- Granola, protein or oatmeal bars
- 6 packs of peanut butter or cheese crackers
- 1 oz boxes of raisins or other dried fruit

There are also dinner trays and soup containers in the Narthex at church that you can fill and freeze at home. Please be sure to fill out the labels completely and include our church's identifying number (**287**) on the labels. The dinner trays need to be covered with foil as they are reheated in a toaster oven by the clients. They may be placed in the large freezer in the kitchen at Ascension.

Thanks for your continued support of this critical mission. Contact Sheryl White (215-962-6942, whitey61@aol.com) if you need supplies or have questions. <https://caringforfriends.org/about-us/>

DELAWARE VALLEY FOOD PANTRY

Please help us stock the pantry shelves with following items:

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| small cans of soup, broth | reusable shopping bags |
| black beans | (regular size - not extra large) |
| pasta varieties and sauce | toothpaste |
| baked beans | toilet paper |
| rice | deodorant |
| shampoo | bars of soap |

Thank for your generous support of our hungry neighbors! Over 10,000 families are served over the course of a year.

<https://www.facebook.com/DelawareValleyFoodPantry/>



Women's Devotional on zoom

We will continue our zoom Devotional Bible Study on on zoom Saturday mornings at 9:30am.

The book for our Bible Study is:
Soulful: A Weekly Devotional to Nourish the Body, Mind, and Spirit by Farrell Mason

Join Zoom Meeting

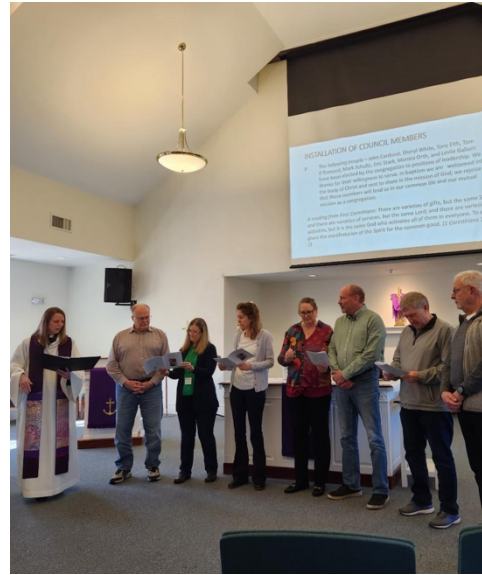
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**Children's Message on
March 2, 2024**



Church Council Installation 2024