

LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

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Lacey United Methodist Church

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Thrift Shoppe: Elaine Brandt

Mission: Morris Maze

Outreach: Kenny Pitman

Worship: Dawn Marie Kuch

Hospitality Kitchen: Bill Buglione

Hot Lunch Mission: Roseann DePasquale & Ed Weisbrot

Summer Lunch Mission: Ellen Larney & Gail Matuska

BIBLE VERSE FOR EASTER

1 Corinthians 15: 3 – 8: “For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.”

SOME OF THE CONFIRMANDS MEETING THE BISHOP:



WORSHIP SERVICE

9:00AM – 10:15AM with an 11:00AM service the first Sunday of every month.

J.A.M. (Jesus & Me): Children gather in the Sanctuary at 9:00AM.

After the Children's Message, the children leave to go to J.A.M. (9:15AM – 10:15AM).

There is no J.A.M. on the first Sunday of every month.

Holy Grounds Coffee Hour – every Sunday after Worship - All are Welcome!!!

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, April 2 {6PM}: Bounty Of The Bay [SOLD OUT]

Thursday, April 11 {6:15PM}: Men's Fellowship Night at America's Keswick (\$12 per person); special guest speaker: Pastor Mike Dellaperute from Calvary Baptist Church in Little Egg Harbor

Saturday, April 13 {11AM}: Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 14 {9AM}: Palm Sunday Worship Service

Thursday, April 18 {6PM}: Maundy Thursday Seder in Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 19 {12PM & 7PM}: Good Friday Prayer Service

Sunday, April 21 {6AM}: Easter Sunrise Service @ Lake Barnegat

Sunday, April 21 {9AM}: Easter Worship Service @ LUMC

Sunday, May 5 {2PM}: Mother's Day Cinco de Mayo Fies-Tea & Fashion Show in Fellowship Hall (\$10 per person)



YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

SUNDAYS

{4pm – 5pm}: Confirmation Class // {5PM – 6PM}: Youth Group

MONDAYS

{5:30PM – 6:30PM}: Youth Group / Dinner (7th grade & up) // {6:40PM – 7:40PM}: Family Bible Study*

*All family members welcome at Family Bible Study

For Youth Group Information, contact Miss Bonnie at (609) 276-5750.

Atlantic City Rescue Mission Items Needed by Thursday, April 4th:

*Beef, Chicken, Turkey (canned) ** Fish, Tuna ** Dish Detergent ** Pasta (not spaghetti) ** Canned Vegetables ** Cereals, Oatmeal ** Coffee, Tea Bags ** Sugar (brown & white) ** Peanut Butter ** Juices (liquid & powder) ** Gloves for serving meals ** Trash Bags (55 gallon) ** Floor Cleaner ** Multi-purpose Spray ** Oven Cleaner ** Rags ** Plastic Cups ** Forks (not plastic) ** Paper Plates **

Check with Joann at (732) 693-5222 for those items needed most.

SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS

ShopRite will donate \$50 to the Lacey United Methodist Church for every \$1,000 in gift cards we purchase through our church. The gift cards are usually available after service. You can either see Maddie after service or purchase them at the church office during business hours. Many of us are probably doing our food shopping at ShopRite anyway. However, by purchasing the gift cards at church, the ShopRite donation will help us complete the Sanctuary Altar-area flooring.

ANY SUBMISSIONS TO THIS NEWSLETTER CAN BE SUBMITTED
TO donnieg777@hotmail.com !!!!!

THE TRADITION OF HUNTING FOR EASTER EGGS



Have you ever thought to yourself as to why so many organizations host Easter Egg Hunts during the Easter season? While Christians know why they celebrate Easter, what does this have to do with searching for eggs or even bunnies for that matter? While doing some research, I found out that the Easter Egg Hunt actually dates back thousands of years. With roots in paganism, some believe that the name Easter was derived from the Teutonic goddess of springtime, Eostre. Rabbits came to be associated with the season due to their connection

with fertility. Germanic cultures felt that Eostre and her fertile bunnies symbolized the start of the spring season.

The association of egg-laying rabbits and spring remained intact, even as paganism was being mostly replaced by monotheism. When Christianity came into play, the egg began to be seen as a symbol of life and rebirth, thus becoming a representation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Some historians believe that the eggs were traditionally dyed red to represent the blood of Jesus Christ.

Around the 18th century, the Pennsylvania Dutch told tales of an egg-laying rabbit known as Oschter Haws, who would deposit eggs in grassy fields. These people would cheer their children on as the little ones would create nests for Oschter Haws to lay its eggs in. The children would run out into the fields and then find any eggs that were left behind. Eventually, these nests developed into Easter baskets.

According to Lizette Larson Miller, a professor with the Graduate Theological Union of Berkeley, Martin Luther, a Protestant reformer, was known to organize egg hunts for his congregation in Germany during the late 16th century. The men were the ones who hid the eggs, while the women and children were the scavengers. It wasn't until many years later that the real dyed eggs were replaced by the plastic ones that are popular today. In addition, this plastic variety was made to twist open for the insertion of treats. For the chocolate fans, it should be noted that the very first Cadbury eggs were produced in 1875.

The Lacey United Methodist Church will be holding their annual East Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 13th at 11AM. Children of all ages are invited to participate. PL is expected to sit down with the children before the chaos begins to give an uplifting message and prayer. Every child will receive a gift bag, as well as getting the opportunity to win one of three baskets. In addition, there will be cookies and juice available for all of the exhausted egg hunters.



The Easter Bunny is expected to make an appearance with possible goodies, but definitely for photo ops. This Easter Egg Hunt is sponsored by Jesus Christ, who died for our sins. As Jesus told Martha in John 11: 25 – 26, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

Dominic Gregoria

SEEING JESUS IN RONKS, PA



For those who have never been to the Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre in Ronks, Pa., you don't know what you are missing. Located at 300 Hartman Bridge Road, this theatre gives you what you can get on Broadway and then some.

Incorporating live animals, amazing sets, crazy video production, wonderful music and a slow-motion effect that made me shake my head in disbelief, "Jesus" was the perfect show to catch right before Easter. Masterfully condensing the life of Jesus down to the length of a play, many recognizable stories from the Bible came to life on the three stages surrounding the audience. Not wanting to give anything away for those that are planning to see it, you will be amazed at how you are able to visualize scenes on the water, as well as land.

This was my second visit to this 2,000-seat venue and I was just as impressed this time as I was the first time. After the performance, staff members made themselves available for anyone who needed to pray with someone and become closer to Jesus. Leaving the theatre, I had this feeling of being immensely uplifted!

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