

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 24, 2024

Sunday, April 7—Second Sunday of Easter

- 9:00am Worship Service (also livestreamed on YouTube)
- Coffee Hour
- Bazaar Planning Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 8

- 10:00am Seeking God Class – Fellowship Hall
- 3:00pm Walking Group at Quickel's Cemetery
- 7:00pm Faith Formation (Luther Writings) via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82157526586?pwd=WktTTzRzQ1dKU0xacmtlc0JQQU1sZz09>
Meeting ID: 821 5752 6586 Passcode: 360135

Tuesday, April 9

- 8:00am Bible Adventure - Fellowship Hall until 10:30am
- 6:00pm Staying in Step - Fellowship Hall
- 7:00pm Council Meeting

Thursday, April 11

- 9:00am Prayer Team - Fellowship Hall
- 10:00am Bible Study – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 14—Second Sunday of Easter

- 9:00am Worship Service (also livestreamed on YouTube)
- Coffee Hour

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: 8am-12pm Monday, Tuesday & Thursday; 8am-10am & 12pm-2pm Thursday

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR APRIL 14 Acts 3:12-19 * Psalm 4 * 1 John 3:1-7 * Luke 24:36b-48

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 14 are due at 8am, Wednesday, April 10.

QUICKEL BAZAAR PLANNING COMMITTEE will hold a Bazaar Planning Meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 7, at 10:00am following the worship service.

SEEKING GOD CLASS has changed April's class date to Monday, April 8, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue our study on "Anxious for Nothing" video by Max Lucado.

QUICKEL'S PRAYER TEAM will meet Thursday, April 11, at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Come and help us pray for Quickel's ministries, members and the community! All are welcome.

QUICKEL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE. The Quickel Scholarship is granted annually to one but no more than three students. Deadline for the applications is **April 15**. See the Council Secretary, Joan Fitz, for an application or email her at jmfitz@comcast.net. Place the completed application in Joan's mailbox in the library or email it directly to her. Eligibility Criteria: 1) ACTIVE church member at Quickel Lutheran Church, 2) High school graduate, and 3) Furthering education in college, training school, etc., AT ANY AGE

FUSION WORSHIP is Saturday, April 20, at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

2024 GERANIUM SALE TO BENEFIT AUXILIARY TO SPIRITRUST LUTHERAN Red, white and salmon plants available, \$5.00 each. Orders taken until April 24. Plants available Sunday, May 12. Questions, contact Cindy Kelbaugh. Order using the pink pew slip.

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the following:

- Coffee Host – make the coffee on Sunday morning before worship.
- Dessert Host – provide snacks or use the snacks provided by our sponsors.

Sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee hour sponsors are always needed to donate snacks or give a donation.

THE GOALS COMMITTEE met on April 2 and discussed the following:

- Reminder: **Fusion Worship** is on the third Saturday of the month at 6:00 pm.
- **Movie nights** are tentatively the second Friday of the month in May, June, July, and August with Z & D Fries as our food truck. All are welcome for the food truck, movie, or both!
- **VBS is July 29-31, 2024**, from 6-8 pm. Please plan on attending the meetings based on how you are helping as shown in the *VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL* announcement.
- **Next Goals meeting** is Thursday, April 25 at 6:30pm in the Parish House. Please keep our goals of community outreach and youth participation, as well as the above outreach opportunities, in your prayers.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held July 29-31, 2024, from 6-8pm. We'll be hosting VBS for kids aged 3 (and potty-trained) through 6th graders. Our theme is *Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God*. "Whenever I am afraid, I put my trust in you," Psalm 56:3.

If you are going to help in any of the following areas, please plan to attend the meeting that matches what you'll be doing. If you cannot make a meeting, please reach out to Shanda Goodwin (717 858 4320).

- Advertising - April 16 at 6:45pm
- Music / Decorations - April 23 at 6:45pm
- Crafts / Snacks - May 7 at 6:45 pm
- Teaching - May 28 at 6:45pm
- Games / Science - June 4 at 6:45pm
- Final Meeting (for all) - June 25 at 6:45pm

WOMEN OF LIFE UPCOMING EVENTS

- April **20** (note the date change) - Quarterly Business Meeting will be held at 9am at the Manchester Café. Please complete a green pew slip if you plan to attend.
- April - Geranium Sale
- May - SpiriTrust membership fundraiser. Geranium delivery beginning of May
- May 4 - What kind of box do you have God in? Are you ready to let him out of the box to be free to work within you? Come and find out! Spring retreat will be held at the Parish House from 9am to 2pm. More information to come.
- June 22 - Spring Yard Sale sponsored by the Women of LIFE. Volunteers needed!
- July - Summer Fun at the Dittmans' (date to be determined).
- August 24- Quarterly Business Meeting

Any questions concerning Women of LIFE, contact Barbara Dittman at 610-329-1035 or email at badsad84@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET for April 7, 2024, Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:34-35 –There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The earliest church presents a vision of community stewardship. When everyone shares, no one is needy. How does this passage challenge you? What would be a first-step response?

Thank God for our food

God said [to Adam and Eve], 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. -Genesis 1:29

There's a joke about the first-grade teacher who asks, "Where do apples come from?" Little Sydney speaks up: "From the supermarket!"

We laugh, but the truth is, many of us forget that our food comes only from life, through the plants and animals that God alone created.

As stewards and disciples, we can develop a deep appreciation for all that God provides us, particularly our food. With every mouthful, we can thank God for our daily bread, and for the soil, air and water that sustains life.

Easter and springtime are perfect occasions to celebrate God's miracle of life that gives us fruit, vegetables, grains, meat, fish and dairy foods. Here are some ideas:

- At mealtime grace, thank God not only for food, but also for the cycles of seedtime, growth and harvest. Thank God for life-nourishing soil, water and air.
- While eating, think about how and from where the plants are grown or animals raised? How do they get to your kitchen?
- As a church or family, celebrate Earth Day (April 22) by learning about food production and our food supply, and how environmental problems affect it.
- Celebrate Earth Day by planting a garden.
- Learn about nutrition -- what foods are the best and worst for us. Promote healthy eating.
- Learn about food waste and take steps to reduce it in your home.
- At church, celebrate creation or seedtime.

We live in a culture where food is all around us all the time. As steward-disciples, we want to be sure not to take even a mouthful for granted.

--Rob Blezard

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