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## Rector's Corner: *Hallelujah! We can see the Promised Land*



Just a year ago, COVID-19 forced us to “go remote.” For the past year, the protocols of the pandemic have hidden from view much of what we take for granted as normal to parish life. The virus robbed us of both the formal and casual interactions that are so important for sustaining a vibrant community.

Nonetheless, I am delighted to report that the transforming work of St. Luke’s continues to flourish despite these strange times. I have seen the evidence firsthand.

A year ago, we were immediately challenged to figure out how we could celebrate the most important days of our liturgical year – Holy Week and Easter. Fortunately, before COVID, our Church Growth and Development Committee had been exploring how best to use social media and our website to get the message out about the way we live our faith as Episcopalians. You may vaguely remember a special presentation by Rev'd Michael Naylor (then a candidate for holy orders) who was exploring the world of cyber-church. Michael’s work with the CGD Committee helped us begin work in the exciting world of cyber-evangelism. Little did we know in 2017 that those initial explorations would empower us to bring holy week worship into the homes of our parishioners despite an abrupt inability to gather in church.

As the year progressed, we increasingly improvised our programming so that we could maintain important elements of our common life. We learned to have ZOOM meetings for everything from Vestry to bible study. We provided resources for Christian formation for people of “all ages and stages” on the special website established in 2018. We began a virtual coffee hour on Sunday mornings and hosted Adult Forum. Members of the ECW learned to socialize and even provide entertaining games. And the bazaar – we even found ways to hold a successful bazaar online! Just a week ago, we had one of the most successful Easter Egg sales in recent memory – all online, using the increasingly varied opportunities afforded us by technology. But the reality is that nothing can replace face-to-face contact with those we love – family, friends, and fellow believers.

As I write this piece, we are making plans cautiously to resume gathering for in-person worship. There is no more appropriate time to do so. Just as we reflect on the death and resurrection of Christ, we are able to *Begin Again* in this very important way. Even though we will do so under tenuous circumstances encumbered from full festival celebrations by COVID-19 mitigation measures, it will be a tremendous experience to experience the Holy Eucharist even as we celebrate Christ’s resurrection from the dead. In very real ways, we will emerge from the darkness of our isolation into the spring air and hear with our own ears the Word of God proclaimed, taste and see the bread of our holy communion in Christ, and hear familiar melodies of triumph and exaltation.

In all of this, I see the hand of God at work: from the first tentative steps taken by a visionary committee of parishioners to the mature response of responsible disciples over the course of more than a year.

God prepared us, strengthened us, and guided us even as God did centuries ago as the Hebrews emerged from the bondage of Egypt. But like those ancient Israelites, we still sojourn in a dessert land. We have not yet reached our destination and so must remain faithful to the disciplines that Nothing can replace face-to-face contact with those we love – family, friends, and fellow believers, have brought us this far. As I counselled in last month’s message, we need to “keep on keeping on” so that we reach the Jordan and cross over it into a

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'Rector's Corner')

COVID free world.

So, get vaccinated. Maintain necessary mitigation measures: clean hands (and hearts), wear masks in groups, socially distance when among others not of your household, and most of all, look out for one another. And give thanks.

We're almost there.

May the joys of the risen life be with you always as we make our pilgrim way. With you as your companion on The Way,



## Senior Warden Report

by Beth Yocum

I think last year at this time Father said in our April newsletter, "Easter won't be what it used to be". We had a year of COVID-19 with many people by themselves and no church services. We did have church for a while in summer/early fall but that fell by the wayside. But here we are in April of 2021 and we are celebrating Easter in our **church**.

I know that might sound strange to some people but it has been a welcomed sight for us at St. Luke's. Yes, we did listen to our websites and other websites. But to gather in church was a welcomed **EASTER Retreat**. Our celebrations of Holy Week and Easter may have been common in the past, something we have always done, and have always done for years...but maybe now we can formulate with new meaning about what our faith in the Risen Lord means to us in a special, new COVID-19 way. Maybe now we can celebrate a new understanding of our community and why it's so important in our life of faith.

It will take a while for us, as a total group, to return to church. And for some...some may not return. We need to step outside of ourselves and ask **why and how** and see how we can help. We need to celebrate how we did during the COVID-19. How we shared and heard God's call to discipleship. Can you remember during this time that God felt so real to us that we could touch God for a moment?

Step inside, and then step outside, to help our community and the those around us! Have April showers "**SHOWER**" us with a **renew faith**.

## Music Notes: Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!

by Terry Heisey

Worship on Easter would not be complete to Christians around the world without hymn no. 207 in our Hymnal, "Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!" (also titled in other hymnals "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"). Often when I write about a hymn, I write separately about the hymn text and the tune because, no matter how familiar a pairing of text and tune may seem to us, they often have long histories independent of each other before being matched. This hymn text seems to have roots in two responses in the medieval Easter liturgy, a Latin hymn elaborating on them dating from at least the early 14th century, and German versions of the hymn (particularly one published in 1544), but the first English version of the hymn published anonymously in 1708 in *Lyra Davidica: or, a Collection of Divine Songs and Hymns, partly New Composed, partly Translated from the High German, and Latin Hymns: and set to easy and pleasant tunes, for more General Use* paired it with the equally anonymous "pleasant tune" to which it has been invariably wed ever since.

The text continued to evolve after 1708. The first stanza in our Hymnal is essentially that in *Lyra Davidica*, but our stanzas 2 and 3 come from the version of the hymn in the second edition of John Arnold's *Complete Psalmody* (London, 1749). Verse 4 comes from an independent composition in Charles Wesley's *Hymns and Sacred Poems* (London, 1740), first added to the Easter hymn in Lord Shelburne's *Book of Praise* (London, 1862).

Some of the tunes in *Lyra Davidica* were based on earlier English tunes, German chorale tunes, and Latin chants, but this tune seems to have been composed for the collection, and, while it anticipates a form of hymn tune that was most popular in the 18th century, it was not only timely but timeless. It was included with the Easter text in pioneering influential English collections like John Wesley's "Foundry tunebook" (1742) and in American collections as early as *A Pocket Hymn Book* (Philadelphia, 1793), and the text and tune have been included in every Episcopal Hymnal since 1865.





## History Notes: St. Luke's Second Rector:

### **Chandler Hare**

by Terry Heisey

In 1878 Mark Antony DeWolfe Howe, first Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, extended a call to St. Luke's first rector, Alfred Abel, to start a mission church in Olympia, Washington Territory. Bishop Howe was no stranger to Mr. Abel, having served from 1846 until his election as Bishop in 1871 as rector of St. Luke's church in Philadelphia, where he confirmed Abel and supported his call to and training for the ministry until Abel was sent out by Bishop Alonso Potter in 1857 to establish parishes in Lebanon County. Vestry accepted Abel's resignation on Jan. 17, 1878, effective on Feb. 1. On Jan. 28 Bishop Howe recommended to a Vestry committee that a call be extended to the Rev. Chandler Hare of Tamaqua, and the call was immediately extended with a salary of \$ 1500. Hare moved into a newly renovated rectory with his family on April 6 and preached his first sermon in Lebanon on April 7.

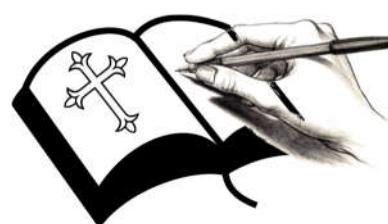


Chandler Hare was no ordinary clergyman; he was close to Episcopal royalty. Born on Feb. 4, 1840, in Princeton NJ, he was the son of the Rev. Dr. George Emlen Hare (1808-1892) and Elizabeth Catherine Hobart (1810-1893). Elizabeth was the daughter of the Rev. Dr. John Henry Hobart (1775

- 1830), third Bishop of New York, and Mary Goodin Chandler (1774-1847), herself daughter of the Rev. Dr. Thomas Bradbury Chandler (1726-1790). Dr. Chandler and Bishop Hobart, as well as Chandler Hare's brother, Bishop William Hobart Hare, are commemorated with feast days in the current liturgical calendar of the Episcopal Church. Charles Emlen Hare was rector of Trinity Church in Princeton when his son Chandler was born but moved to Philadelphia in 1844 to teach Greek and Hebrew at the University of Pennsylvania. In 1857 he became one of the founding professors of the Divinity School of the Protestant Episcopal Church, teaching in the seminary's original home in the basement of St. Luke's, Philadelphia, where Fr. Howe was rector. He had a distinguished career at the seminary and was one of the translators responsible for the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Chandler Hare grew up in St. Luke's Church in Philadelphia under the tutelage of Bishop Potter and Dr. Howe and received his education at the Divinity School under his father and colleagues. He was ordained by Bishop Potter on Mar. 31, 1869. He arrived in Lebanon more than qualified for his position here and immediately set about innovating in every area of the parish. In earlier columns I have focused on immediate innovations like the Parish Newsletter, Christmas tree celebrations in parish schools, and Lenten Mite boxes, but his list of activities and accomplishments in collaboration with Robert H. Coleman and his mother Ellen Coleman is astounding: a monumental church building (1879-1880), the Church Home for Children in Jonestown (1881), 4 recreation and reading rooms for the youth of the city (1882), Trinity Chapel west of Lebanon (1885-1888), the Choir of Men and Boys (when such choirs were a rarely found outside of key metropolitan parishes) (1888), Good Samaritan Hospital (where he was President of the Board of Managers) (1889-1891). Such constant activity would have taken its toll on even a man of robust health, but Chandler Hare's health was never robust. For his last four years he suffered from ill health. By June 1890 his health was so compromised that he was granted leave to take an extended trip to Europe with his family. He returned feeling considerably better, but the reprieve was temporary, and he was soon laboring in pain again. He suffered a final lung hemorrhage in January 1893 and died Jan. 20, 1893, prematurely at the age of 52.

A resolution adopted by the parish on death noted his many acts of love and kindness. "His heart swelled with sympathy for the poor and suffering and his efforts to aid and to relieve were only limited by his means to help. By his lofty example, his good works, his constant and tireless industry in the field of labor ever open to a minister intent upon the performance of his duty—often laboring in the vineyard of the Lord when a proper consideration of his health should have confined him to his room—he has made an honorable and lasting impression upon this parish. He was a true friend, a wise counselor, a devoted Christian, a social, learned and refined gentleman."



## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

by Mother Mary Kisner

### Real People:

#### *St. Mark the Evangelist*

April 25

A disciple of Jesus, named Mark, appears in several places in the New Testament. If all references to Mark can be accepted as referring to the same person, we learn that he was the son of a woman who owned a house in Jerusalem, perhaps the same house in which Jesus ate the



Last Supper with his disciples. Mark may have been the young man who fled naked when Jesus was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane. (Mark 14:51-2)

In his letter to the Colossians, Paul refers to "Mark the cousin of Barnabas," who was with him in his imprisonment. Mark set out with Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey, but he turned back for reasons which failed to satisfy Paul (Acts 15:36-40). When another journey was planned, Paul refused to have Mark with him. Instead, Mark went with Barnabas to Cyprus. The breach between Paul and Mark was later healed, and Mark became one of Paul's companions in Rome, as well as a close friend of Peter's.

An early tradition recorded by Papias, Bishop of Hieropolis in Asia Minor at the beginning of the second century, names Mark as the author of the Gospel bearing his name. This tradition, which holds that Mark drew his information from the teaching of Peter, is generally accepted. In his First Letter, Peter refers to "my son Mark," which shows a close relationship between the two men (1Peter 5:13).

The Church of Alexandria in Egypt claimed Mark as its first bishop and most illustrious martyr, and the great Church of St. Mark in Venice commemorates the disciple who progressed from turning back while on a missionary journey with Paul and Barnabas to proclaiming in his Gospel Jesus of Nazareth as Son of God, and bearing witness to that faith in his later life as friend and companion to the apostles Peter and Paul.

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**Bible Study**  
10 AM Thursdays in our ZOOM room at  
<https://zoom.us/j/190727051>

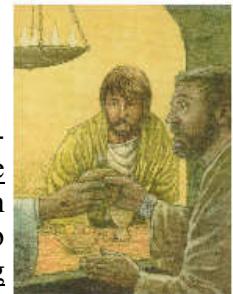
Find the readings for each Sunday at  
<http://www.journeyinfaith-stlukeslebanon.org/lectionary-texts-for-this-sunday.html>



### ZOOM Feast will not be held this month.

We thank all of you who participated in this activity. Do continue to join us online as we continue offering weekly Christian Formation stories and activities for you to do at home.

### Godly Play Stories - Knowing Jesus in a New Way



We have many resources for Holy Week and Easter season. [The Faces of Easter](#) sequence ends on Easter Sunday and a new group of lessons begins - [Knowing Jesus in a New Way](#). Stories about his appearances after the Resurrection are told from the Gospels. These culminate in his Ascension into heaven and then the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. So all of our Spring lessons will concentrate on the story of Jesus as told in the Gospels.

**To find these resources-** go to our parish webpage [www.stlukeslebanon.org](http://www.stlukeslebanon.org)

Under "Virtual Resources" scroll down to "St. Luke's Youth Resources" and click on it. You will have reached the page with a wealth of resources for families - Godly Play stories, children's bulletins, family activities, and videos featuring each Sunday's Gospel lesson.

**MANY THANKS** to all our young people and their parents who contributed to the Good Friday video of *The Stations of the Cross*. It added a solemn meditation to the remembrance of Christ's sacrifice for us.



### Christian Formation Website

[www.journeyinfaith-stlukeslebanon.org](http://www.journeyinfaith-stlukeslebanon.org)

We continue to post new resources and information for our spiritual growth on our website, dedicated to Christian formation. Especially helpful is the page [For Children and their Parents](#). There are also resources [For Adults](#): access links to the Presiding Bishop's podcasts on *The Way of Love*. Links to the [weekly bible study](#) and more!

## What is planned for re-opening St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Lebanon?

- Two Sunday services 8 AM & 10:30 AM
- When attending, please arrive extra early so that we may follow all safeguards.
- The 10:30 AM service will be livestreamed on the parish's YouTube Channel. Access from our homepage ([www.stlukeslebanon.org](http://www.stlukeslebanon.org)).
- Those in "high-risk" categories who have not yet been vaccinated are strongly encouraged to join us from home via our YouTube livestream or the posted recording at a later hour.
- Service location: Main Church.
- Entrances open for accessing main church:
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Street Main (Narthex) entrance
  - Parking lot/ADA/Elevator entrance (When using the elevator, only one person at a time unless from the same household.)
- Ushers will monitor *all entrances* (interior and exterior) to ensure social distancing.
- No other entrance may be used, including ambulatory entrances.

### What should I expect upon entering the church?

- All participants are required to wear a mask. Please bring your own. However, one will be supplied, as necessary.
- Social distancing seating is required. You may not sit with others unless you are from the same household.
- There will be designated open seating sections. Ushers will be available to help you find seating if necessary.
- Collection plates will be located at each entrance (*Thank you!*).
- An usher will hand you a worship aid (bulletin) upon entering. At the end of the service, you may take the bulletin with you or place it in the receptacle at the exit. *Please do not leave the worship aid in the pew.*

### What should I expect during the service?

- There will be no congregational singing.
- For the celebration of Holy Eucharist:
  - The sign of peace will be given without touching or moving from your pew.
  - Holy Communion will be carefully distributed at the exits of the church under the form of bread alone.
- The nursery will remain closed until further notice.
- No more than one person should use any restroom

at a time (unless of the same household). If you must wait to use the restroom, please observe social distancing, as indicated.

### Has the church been prepared (cleaned)?

- St. Luke's continues to sanitize according to CDC guidelines.
- Before and after every service, the church will be cleaned (i.e., door handles wiped down, elevator cleaned, etc.)

### What should I expect after the service?

- Social distancing is required when exiting the church.
- Parishioners will be expected to leave the premises following the end of the service. Please do not gather as a group inside the church to "catch up."
- There will be no coffee hour until further notice.

## Live Webcasts Remain Important Worship Opportunities

The first challenge issued as part of our year-long stewardship program to Begin Again was: to gather differently and better. Because we are not quite beyond the limitations required by our response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will continue to offer on-line worship via live webcast of our in-person worship.

We have been doing this with our mid-week Healing Mass on Wednesday mornings. We will not expand this to include the 10:30 AM Eucharist on Sunday mornings beginning on Easter Sunday. This live webcast will become a staple of our worship programming at St. Luke's. Additionally, Maundy Thursday (7 PM) and Good Friday (12 Noon) services will be webcast live. This will allow those who are not yet able safely or comfortably to participate to remain part of our worshiping community even as we begin to gather in-person. Once the service has been webcast, it can be viewed again (or for the first time) at a later time.

**Links to all online opportunities are available on the [parish website homepage](#)** – in the box labelled "This Week's Schedule." Just click on the link listed there to go to the livestream. You may always wish to "subscribe" to our YouTube channel to get notices of newly uploaded videos at any time. You might want to "bookmark" the links below for ease of use.

Homepage: [www.stlukeslebanon.org](http://www.stlukeslebanon.org)

YouTube Channel: [The Episcopal Church of Saint Luke's Lebanon](#)

Facebook Page: [@StLukesLebanonPA](#)



*Feed the hungry.  
Give drink to the thirsty.  
Clothe the naked.  
Shelter the homeless.  
Visit the sick.  
Visit the imprisoned.  
Grieve the dead.*



*Share the faith  
Counsel the troubled  
Admonish the sinner  
Suffer wrongs patiently  
Reconcile others  
Comfort the afflicted  
Pray for all*

## The Power of Power Packs

by Soon Slayman & Katherine Hoopes

This article explaining the philosophy behind Power Packs was provided by LebTown on line news. It was written by Page Olsen and published on February 23, 2021. The Power Packs Project, a nonprofit serving both Lebanon and Lancaster counties, has thoughtfully provided food for families for the past 16 years. Instead of simply handing out prepackaged meals, Power Packs provides boxes including one pound of protein, two pounds of produce, shelf-stable items, milk, and a recipe each week to participating families. This method empowers those families by teaching them what ingredients to shop for and how to prepare nutritious meals. Power Packs believes in the saying, “Give a man a fish and he eats for a day. Teach a man to fish and he eats for a lifetime.” “Our goal is to empower, educate, and feed,” Caitlin Lockard, the program coordinator for the Lebanon region Power Packs Project, said. “We want to make the families in our program stronger and have more confidence when shopping for food and preparing nutritious meals.” Joan Espenshade founded Power Packs after volunteering in a Lancaster County school and seeing children repeatedly in the nurse’s office on Monday mornings. When she asked why they were sick, Espenshade was told that the children had not eaten since the previous Friday at school. “Joan knew she had to do something and Power Packs Project was born as a weekend nutritional program for children who are at risk for going hungry when school meals are not available,” Lockard said. Now aiding entire families, Power Packs still operates by partnering with schools. With schools shutting down or cutting hours due to COVID-19, resulting in children having less access to free meals, Power Packs’ mission is increasingly important. Currently, Power Packs partners with five school districts in Lebanon County and 11 in Lancaster County. While volunteers previously packed the items for families at the schools, volunteers now assemble the goods in warehouses prior to distribution. Volunteers are stationed at least six feet apart, follow CDC guidelines and have shorter shifts. “Volunteers are the lifeline of Power Packs,” Lockard said. “Without our volunteers, we would be unable to do the important work that we do in the community.” Lockard shared that there are many different roles for volunteers to take on. “We have drivers who drive our packs from our warehouse to the schools or distribution sites,” Lockard said. “We have volunteers in charge of packing the packs, which could occur at our warehouse or at the distribution site. We also have volunteers who are willing to come out as a group and prepare special items that will be sent out to our families for future recipes. We also have volunteers who take on administrative tasks in our offices.” For those unable to give their time, Power Packs accepts financial donations. Through various partnerships, Power Packs is able to buy more food with a dollar than the average consumer could at the grocery store. “Power Packs Project is not a food handout,” Lockard said. “This is a program that aims to empower our neighbors in need and to improve the communities that we live in, one family at a time.”

For more information or to donate, visit [www.powerpackprojects.org](http://www.powerpackprojects.org). St. Luke's continues to be a part of Power Packs by packing food boxes for all the Lebanon schools. A small group of volunteers do this twice a month at the Power Packs Warehouse. Every Thursday, a St. Luke's volunteer picks up the boxes for Harding School and transports them from the Warehouse to LCCM where other persons will distribute to the Harding School families. If you are interested in this Outreach Program, contact: Soon Slayman 717-838-9612, soon.slayman@gmail.com or Katherine Hoopes, 717-279-7494, fiddlekate1932@comcast.net.

Please pray for our Homebound

Barbara Bross, Joe Dowhower, and Joan Miller

## Lebanon County Christian Ministries

by Bryan Smith, Executive Director, LCCM

Hello St. Luke's Church Family!



Spring is right around the corner! I do not know about you, but I am ready for sunshine, warmer weather, and flowers to begin to bloom.

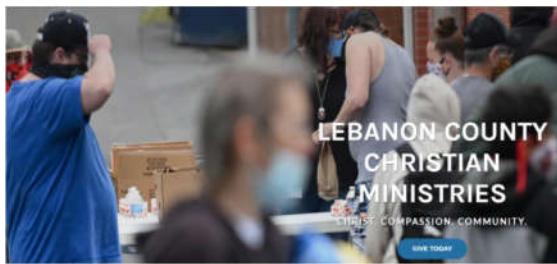
The spring time brings us back to Easter and this season of Lent. This year, LCCM is focusing on the poverty during lent. Take a quick second and think “poverty” and what is the first thing that pops into your head? Often, it is having limita-

tions on financial resources. However, we want to take this time and focus on all forms of poverty. The dictionary defines poverty as the state of being extremely poor. But poor in what? I challenge you to think of poverty in a different way. Think of it as being deficient in ANYTHING.

At LCCM, we are regularly working to identify what is the root cause of food poverty, clothing poverty, and shelter poverty. Many times, a significant factor is relationship poverty. Think about our own lives. Let's play the what if game... What if you lost your job? What if you lost your home? What if you couldn't afford groceries this week? Who is there to pick you up? Reality is, if you are rich in relationships – a friend or family member will be there to help bridge your immediate need. In fact, they will many times walk along side of you until you are back on your feet.

Let's look to the future and build bridges together. Our community needs churches and organizations like LCCM. But together we can achieve much more. We look forward to our continued partnership and the opportunities for growth in our programs, which will ultimately make significant impact in our community.

Thank you for everything you have done to support LCCM while we provide emergency food, clothing and shelter to those in need. And thank you for your support and your desire to serve Christ by partnering with LCCM! We look forward to many opportunities in 2021. The future is bright!

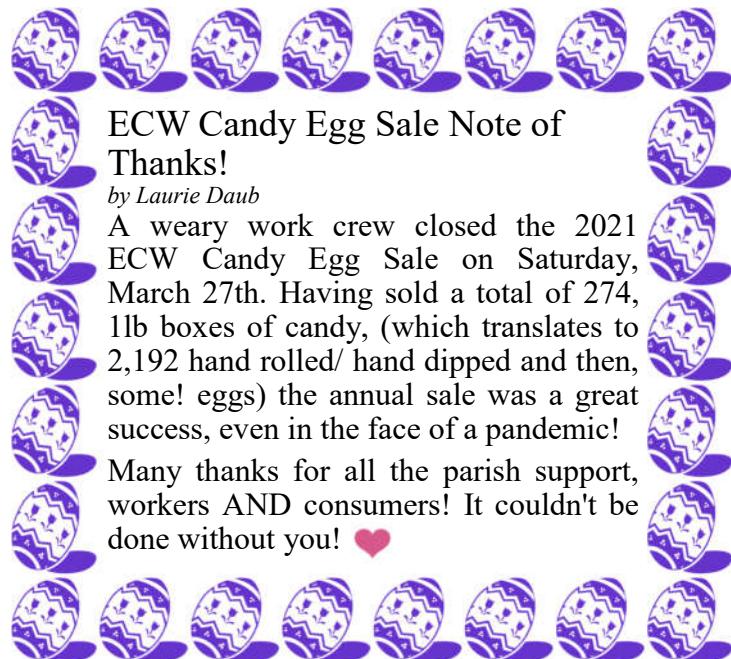


### LCCM WISH LIST

- **Food Needs**—Canned Pasta, Canned Meats, Soups—Chicken Noodle, Tomato, and Vegetable, Instant Hot Cereal, Applesauce, Canned Sliced Potatoes
- **Personal Care Item Needs**—deodorant, body wash, toothpaste, shampoo, toothbrushes, combs/brushes, etc.
- **Specific Needs**—Sneakers (men's, women's, boys, and girls, all sizes); Men's Boxers (small, medium, and large); Bras (Size 32, 34, 36, and 38); infant socks; Girl's Pants (sizes 2 and 4); Women's Sweatpants (sizes small, large, XL, 2X and 3X); Women's Sweatshirts (sizes 2X and 3X); Women's Pajamas (sizes 2X and 3X); Men's Sweatpants and Sweat-

shirts (sizes 2X and 3X); Men's T-Shirts (sizes 2X and 3X); and Blankets (sizes full, queen, and king) - please no throws, already have a large supply)

**Special Note:** Vestry determined that St. Luke's should take an active role in supporting LCCM during the COVID-19 health crisis. Funds were appropriated from various sources to assist in their critical ministry. Beyond the monthly Free Noon Meal, LCCM has undertaken to continue housing those in need through their *Fresh Start* program. Individuals are being housed at a motel to keep them and others safe from infection. This is increasing costs substantially. St. Luke's hopes to help in any way we can. Other donations are gratefully accepted.

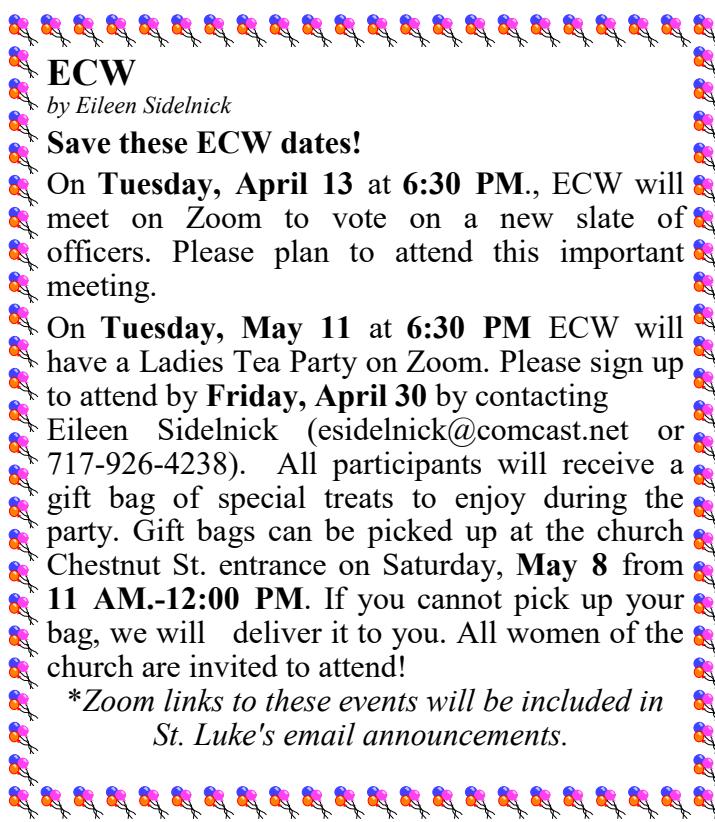


### ECW Candy Egg Sale Note of Thanks!

by Laurie Daub

A weary work crew closed the 2021 ECW Candy Egg Sale on Saturday, March 27th. Having sold a total of 274, 1lb boxes of candy, (which translates to 2,192 hand rolled/ hand dipped and then, some! eggs) the annual sale was a great success, even in the face of a pandemic!

Many thanks for all the parish support, workers AND consumers! It couldn't be done without you! ❤️



### ECW

by Eileen Sidelnick

#### Save these ECW dates!

On **Tuesday, April 13** at **6:30 PM**, ECW will meet on Zoom to vote on a new slate of officers. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

On **Tuesday, May 11** at **6:30 PM** ECW will have a Ladies Tea Party on Zoom. Please sign up to attend by **Friday, April 30** by contacting Eileen Sidelnick ([esidelnick@comcast.net](mailto:esidelnick@comcast.net) or 717-926-4238). All participants will receive a gift bag of special treats to enjoy during the party. Gift bags can be picked up at the church Chestnut St. entrance on Saturday, **May 8** from **11 AM.-12:00 PM**. If you cannot pick up your bag, we will deliver it to you. All women of the church are invited to attend!

\*Zoom links to these events will be included in St. Luke's email announcements.

## About Town . . .



This space is used for news and updates about parishioners, their families, and friends of St. Luke's. If you have any news to share (like a new member of the family, a change in employment, retirement, or the like) please send that information to [admin@stlukeslebanon.org](mailto:admin@stlukeslebanon.org)

A decorative graphic featuring a stylized bell with wings, surrounded by a border of red hearts. The text "Anniversary Blessings" is written in a script font above the bell.

**Terry Heisey & Robert Nemcheck**—April 4

**Robert & Susan LeBaron-Tonini**—April 26

**John & Elizabeth Drenning**—April 30

**Wiley & Jackie Parker**—April 30

## United Thank Offering

You can become a part of UTO by offering thanks and prayers as part of your daily life with Christ. Take this opportunity to express your thanks and to be a part of the mission and ministry of the church. How many times do we give thanks to God for the gifts that have been given to us...

...the gift of life?

...vacations?

...family and friends?

...spring flowers?

...a good night's sleep?

...a loyal pet?

How long is your list?

The United Thank Offering will be received Sunday, May 16. Please put your offering in the enclosed envelope and bring it with you to church. A special collection will be received that day. Your offering can also be mailed to 22 S. 6th St. or dropped off at the Parish Office.



A decorative graphic featuring a grid of colorful balloons (red, blue, green, yellow, purple) and confetti, framed by a border of small balloons. The words "HAPPY BIRTHDAY!" are written in large, bold, red letters across the center.

**To Our Parishioners**

Dale Bashore—April 01  
Marilyn Galebach—April 04  
Lexie Keffer—April 06  
Benjamin Baker—April 07  
Braylee Lesher—April 07  
Declan Daubert—April 07  
Ethan Gragson—April 10  
Susan LeBaron-Tonini—April 11  
Bette Gill—April 15  
Joseph Mesics—April 15  
Robert Nunemacher—April 19  
John Thomas—April 22  
Eleanor Bentz—April 23  
Leslie King—April 23  
Zachary Yocum—April 23  
Leonid Aguilar—April 24  
Ann Crawford—April 26  
Ethan Jones—April 26  
James Joseph Gates—April 26  
Thomas Buzby—April 28  
Linda Clawser—April 28  
Sarah Groh—April 29  
William Drexel—April 29  
Julia Nunemacher—April 30

A simple illustration of a two-tiered birthday cake with three lit candles on top, set against a white background.

