Alleluia Lutheran Church



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Alive with God 

Alive with Family
Alive in the Community

# May 2024

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**NEWSLETTER ONLINE!!** Printed copies in the narthex each month.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:30 am Card Group 5:15 pm ACE 5:15 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Worship	2	3	4 8:00 am Elders Mtg.
5 Confirmation Sunday Worship 9:00 am *confirmation break- fast 8:00 am Bible Study	6	7 6:00 pm Book Club	8 8:30 am Card Group 5:15 pm ACE Last Class/ Ice Cream Social 5:15 pm Last Confirmation 6:30 pm Worship	9 6:00pm MG Group	10	11 8:30 am Community Food Pantry
12 8:00 am Bible Study Worship 9:00 am	13	14 6:30 pm Focus on Health	15 8:30 am Card Group 6:30 pm Worship	16	17	18 Armed Forces Day
19 8:00 am Bible Study Worship 9:00 am 2:30 pm 4H Wrightstown	20 Deadline for newsletter submissions	21 6:00 pm Council Meet- ing	22 8:30 am Card Group 6:30 pm Worship	23	24	25 9:00 am Lisa VandeHey Fellow- ship Hall
26 8:00 am Bible Study Worship 9:00 am	27 Memovial Day Church office closed	28 6:00 pm Community Food Pantry	29 8:30 am Card Group 6:30 pm Worship	30	31	

## From the Desk of Pastor Mark Walters

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#### "I will bless them and the places surrounding my hill. I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing." Ezekiel 34:26

Well it took awhile but I think spring has finally sprung. There's a familiar Farmer's Almanac saying that goes, "April showers bring May flowers." It's so true. The melting snow along with the April rainfalls have produced incredible renewal outside. The dead brown grass has become lusciously green. The trees are just beginning to sprout new buds. And perennials are peaking out of hiding places in the landscape mulch. Perhaps that's why spring is such a cherished season around these parts. Cold, lifeless, deadness is suddenly transformed into warmth, new life, and a "spring" in your step (no pun intended).

The One who sends the April showers to recreate our dead landscape continues to send showers of blessing on his people. People who are dead in sin. People who constantly live differently than what their Creator expects and demands. People whose lives are so often characterized by the deadness that existence on planet earth entails have been transformed by the showers of God's amazing grace. All we have to do is look at God's Old Testament exhibit called, Israel. Israel was chosen by God purely by his grace. Israel was rescued from their hopeless bondage in Egypt. Israel was guided by God through the dangers of wilderness travel. Israel was brought into a land specially developed for Israel, a land so luscious that it could only be described as "flowing with milk and honey." How did Israel respond? Like sinners respond. They complained in the wilderness. The wanted to led by earthly power in their new land. Their religious life became just token formality that robbed God of glory and even attempted to give that glory to idols. And yet look at God's response. He continued to preserve them. Even as he disciplined them through the enemy nations around them. Even as he humbled them and brought them low. Even as he appeared silent in the midst of their captivity, God continued to shower blessings. The greatest blessing of all was that from a small remnant of Jews, God kept his greatest promise – to send a Savior – a Savior who wouldn't merely send spring rains to grow their crops but would send the showers of his forgiving grace.

We are beneficiaries of God's showers to Israel. In the Person of Jesus Christ, God's only Son, we receive the showers of grace. Jesus came to our world in order to live a perfect life that we could not. And Jesus came not raise himself, not to advance himself, not to glorify himself, but to humble himself to the point of death – even death on a cross. But through that perfect sacrifice, sinners from Adam and Eve centuries removed from the actual events of Holy Week, are attached to all of God's treasures – forgiveness, life, and salvation. And even while we exist on this side of eternity, God blesses us in so many incredible, undeserved ways. Luther, in his explanation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Article, put it so well: *"And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle (or a job!), and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true."* 

Yes, Dr. Luther, it certainly is. God's showers bring sinners the flowers of divine blessings all year round!

In the Service of Our Mutual Savior,

Pastor Mark

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### **Sunday Worship at Alleluia** Worship at 9:00 am Adult Bible Study at 8:00 am

Sunday Service Available Online at Facebook.com/AlleluiaLutheranWrightstown

### Wednesday Worship at Alleluia Wednesdays at 6:30 pm





ALLELUIA LUTHERAN CHURCH May 2024

Last Class Wednesday May 8, 2024

### ACE = Alleluia Christian Education Classes for 4k ~ 6th Grade on Wednesdays 5:15—6:15 pm

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#### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Our next blood drive is June 19, 2024 from 2 pm to 6 pm.

## **Community Garden**

#### Looking forward to SPRING!

A planting party hosted by F.I.R.E \* on June 6, 2024! Gardening & Mulching from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Pulled Pork Dinner from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

\*Faith.Inspiration.Resilience.Enthusiasm.





Wrightstown Community Food Pantry (2nd Saturday at 8:30 am & 4th Tuesday at 6:00 pm) THANK YOU for your continued giving!













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ONLINE GIVING QR code for online giving. It's easy to make your donation weekly or monthly with your debit or credit card.



Scrip IS Available!

- Garden Supplies
   Spring Clothes
- Groceries & Gas
  - DIY Projects

Contact Sara Maile 920-532-0137

#### Can you help?

If you are a Thrivent member and would be willing to be on a list of someone to contact to sponsor a grant for a church need—please contact the church office. Thank you!



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!** 

## Happy Birthday!!

Name	Date	Years	Name	Date
Aaron & Jeni Olson	13-May	7	Josh Dietrich	2-May
Rick & Kim Schisel	16-May	37	Justin Gilson	3-May
Craig & Kathryn Romenesko	21-May	19	Jason Walters	3-May
			Tony DiPiazza	6-May
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			Cora Petersen	8-May
			William Coenen	9-May
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			Brooke Frelich	28-May
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			Nolan Olson	30-May
			Mark Walters	30-May

#### ALLELUIA'S OFFICE HOURS:

Monday–Friday 9:00 am ~ 2:00 pm 920-532-3892 • Alleluia.Office@gmail.com

PASTOR MARK'S OFFICE HOURS:\*\*

Mondays 8:30–2:00 Wednesdays 8:30–2:00 Call For Appointment Or Home Visit \*\*There will be times pastor is out of office during these times for Visitations, meetings, etc.