

# 2016 MT. EDEN CHURCH CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Preschool 9:15-11:45	2 <i>Property Mtg.</i> 7 PM	3 Preschool 9:15-11:45  Ehrlich 12 to 2 p.m.	4	5	6
<b>7</b> <i>Transfiguration of Our Lord (White)</i> Worship 9:30 a.m.; Family Bible Time; <b>COPIER FUND;</b> <i>Souper Bowl of Caring ends</i>	8 Preschool 9:15-11:45	9  <i>Church Council</i> 7 PM	10 Preschool 9:15-11:45 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> <i>Lent begins</i> <b>Worship at Ascension Lutheran</b> <b>Soup 6:30 PM</b> <b>Worship 7:30 PM</b>	11	12	13
<b>14</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent (Purple)</i> Worship 9:30 a.m.; Family Bible Time; <b>FOOD BANK;</b> <i>Valentine's Day</i> 	15 NO Preschool  <b>Apple Dumpling Bake 8 a.m.</b> <b>'til we're done</b> 	16  <i>Worship &amp; Music Mtg.</i> 7 PM	17 Preschool 9:15-11:45 <b>Lenten Worship at Ascension Lutheran</b> <b>Soup 6:30 PM</b> <b>Worship 7:30 PM</b>	18	19  <b>March newsletter articles due</b>	20
<b>21</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent (Purple)</i> Worship 9:30 a.m.; No FBT; <b>BUILDING FUND;</b> <i>Evangelism Meeting after Worship</i>	22 Preschool 9:15-11:45	23  <i>Social Ministry Mtg.</i> 7 PM	24 Preschool 9:15-11:45  <b>Lenten Worship at Ascension Lutheran</b> <b>Soup 6:30 PM</b> <b>Worship 7:30 PM</b>	25	26	27
<b>28</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent (Purple)</i> Worship 9:30 a.m.; Family Bible Time; <b>FAMILY IN NEED FUND</b>	29 Preschool 9:15-11:15 a.m.					

### APPLE DUMPLING BAKE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2016

**LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. IF YOU HAVEN'T SIGNED UP ALREADY, PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY! DUMPLINGS ARE \$6/PAN SO DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOURS! ORDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. YOU CAN ALSO SIGN UP ON THE FORM ON THE BULLETIN BOARD. IF YOU WANT TO DONATE SUPPLIES, PLEASE SEE JIM BARNETT TO LET HIM KNOW WHAT YOU CAN BRING.**

# Mt. Eden Messenger

## FEBRUARY 2016

### LAY SERVERS FOR FEBRUARY

9:30 a.m. Service

Open Church & set-up Communion

NEED VOLUNTEERS ALL MONTH

Please sign up TODAY!



#### The Happenings at Mt. Eden:

- Giving Thanks at Mt. Eden
- Church news, events & updates
- The February Birthdays, Servers & Prayers

#### PRAYER CONCERNS

Barbara Kerchner – Home Hospice Care

Bob Eckman – Elizabethtown (Rheems) Nursing & Rehab Center, Rm. 119.

**Prayers:** Sue Schucker, Judy Buckwalter, Linda Hite, Caroline Spade, Stella Krauss, Jim Walters, Adam Youngman, Sue Youngman, John Dickinson, Fran Nolt, the family and friends of Evelyn Roark, Rose Foose Tolley, Pat McCauley, Betty Groff, Gary Strubel, Emma & Shorty Bland, Jessica Morrison, Ralph & Nadine Reinhardt—Eric & Emma and family, Matt Bland—his wife BJ and daughters Mara and Paige, Craig Lefever, Theresa McMahon, Russ Wimer, Dave Kerchner, Donna Spade & the family of George Spade, Sr., Ken & Marge Pineda, Wendy Whisman, Holly Miller, Megan Creter, Linda Wallace, Scott Patterson, Clifton Kent, Irene Witmer, Eric Grein, Nikki Goodwin, Millard Hess, Keith Wittig, Gary Gill, Brenda Wright, Betty Walborn, Vivian Mellinger, Terri McKonly, Donna Kauffman, Ivars Celmins, Peggy Kauffman, Sharon Klugh, Doris Kennedy, Debbie Kauffman. **\*Please notify the office a.s.a.p. of any changes needed to this prayer list.**



...to all who donated for the Souper Bowl of Caring.  
 ...to everyone who participated in the Installation Service for Pastor Don and for sharing in the reception afterwards and to Emma Bland for coordinating the dinner.

Please thank the staff and parishioners of Mt. Eden Evangelical for their recent \$257 donation! We were blessed to be able to provide over 160 Thanksgiving and Christmas meals this season. In addition to serving ~20 families each week at the food bank, we continue to send home meals each weekend to approximately 300 elementary students. We are also offering a matching heating assistance program to help families stay warm this winter. Your donation helps make this possible...thank you!!! Blessing to you in the New Year!! Teresa Dolen

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- February 2 – Jason Barnett
- February 8 – Pat Dearolf, Ken Pineda
- February 17 – Deb Webb
- February 20 – Ginny Welk
- February 22 – R. J. Summers
- February 24 – Sophia Haywood
- February 28 – Beth Gribble



- Ushers ..... Sign up today please
- Greeter..... Sue Richards
- Wine Server ..... Emma Bland
- Lay Reader..... Emma Bland
- Acolyte..... 2/7 – Sophia Haywood  
 ..... 2/14 – Open  
 ..... 2/21 – Open  
 ..... 2/28 – Open
- Altar Guild..... Donna Spade
- Offering Counters..... Jon Webb, Fred Williams
- Outside Sign..... Sign up today please

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#### FEBRUARY LESSONS & PRAYERS

##### FOR WORSHIP

*Sunday, February 7 – Transfiguration of Our Lord* – Exodus 4:29-35; Psalm 99; II Corinthians 3:12—4:2; Luke 9:28-36[37-43a].

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*

*Sunday, February 14 – Lent 1* – Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13.

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*

*Sunday, February 21 – Lent 2* – Genesis 15:1-12; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 13:31-35.

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*

*Sunday, February 28 – Lent 3* – Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; I Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9.

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*



## Pastor's Perspective



Saint Paul writes:

**“For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.”** (Romans 12: 4-5, NRSV)

I read the following message concerning membership as our opening devotion at Mt. Eden's Annual Congregational Meeting which was held on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016. These words were written by Pastor John Stuart of the Erin Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, Tennessee back in July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019. I found his reflections on this Bible verse very insightful and so I repeat them here again for you to discern and to pray about.

Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor Don

... There's a current trend in Western Christianity of people church-hopping and resisting joining a local congregation. They don't want to make a commitment to a certain church or denomination because it doesn't exactly fit their personal beliefs and theology. They move from congregation to congregation seeking to get something, but never really stopping long enough to give something back in return. They are spiritual locusts who feed on what they can get and then move on to another place.

I feel sad for them because they never really get to know the joys of membership, fellowship, and discipleship. To them, Christianity is something to be consumed. While it's good to be nourished by the Spirit, it's even better to share those blessings. After all, wasn't it Jesus who said, **“It is far better to give than to receive?”**

Membership is originally a Christian invention. It comes to us directly from the writings of Paul. The local church is the Body of the Lord and we are each called to be different parts of Christ. And the different parts of that spiritual body are called 'members.'

I hope that this trend to be independent and individual begins to diminish. I can't think of a worse form of Christianity that requires no humility and is always motivated by self-interest. We are meant to be members in the Body of Christ, not individual parts that wander off to go and do their own thing. Christianity works best when people of faith are joined together and serve the Lord by being banded together in a common faith, church, and congregation.

So let's rejoice and celebrate our church membership. Let's take time to thank God for this wonderful innovation that was inspired by the Holy Spirit through the writings of Paul so long ago. And let's also remember, before we criticize Paul for instituting church membership, that he was

significantly and deliberately chosen by Christ Himself to do this. ...

Let us pray ...

Lord Jesus, we thank You for church membership and how it is wonderfully celebrated and practiced throughout the world. We remember those Christians in China for whom church membership can bring imprisonment. We recall those Christian congregations in Iraq and Iran for whom membership can cost them their lives. And we remind ourselves that our own congregations are full of folk who are called to serve You together through the bonds of friendship, fellowship, and above all else, membership.

In Your Holy Name, we pray. Amen.



**FAMILY BIBLE TIME:** We are continuing with our Family Bible Time after Worship with this schedule:

- ☆ February 7<sup>th</sup> – David and Goliath
- ☆ February 14<sup>th</sup> – David and Jonathan
- ☆ February 21<sup>st</sup> – No FBT
- ☆ February 28<sup>th</sup> – Solomon

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**Mid-Week Lent & Holy Week Worship Schedule**  
**All services held at Ascension Lutheran Church,**  
**Willow Street**

6:30 p.m. – Soup Fellowship / 7:30 p.m. - Worship

***Theme: “Restored in Christ”***

- Ash Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> –  
“Broken Hearts” (Joel 2:12-14)
- Lent 1, Weds. Feb 17<sup>th</sup> –  
“Broken Vessels” (Mark 14:1-9)
- Lent 2, Weds. Feb 24<sup>th</sup> –  
“Broken Trust” (Matthew 26:14-25)
- Lent 3, Weds, March 2<sup>nd</sup> –  
“Broken Bread” (John 6:48-58)
- Lent 4, Weds, March 9<sup>th</sup> –  
“Broken Promises” (Matthew 26:69-75)
- Lent 5, March 16<sup>th</sup> –  
“Broken Justice” (2 Corinthians 5:20-21)
- Maundy Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>:  
Seder Meal @ 6:00 p.m. / Worship @ 7:30 p.m.
- Good Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>:  
“Stations of the Cross” service @ Noon  
“Tenebrae” service @ 7:30 p.m.
- Holy Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>:  
“Easter Vigil” service @ 7:30 p.m.

**At Mount Eden:**

- “Easter Sunrise” service at Mt. Eden Cemetery,  
March 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 a.m.
- “Easter Day” service in Sanctuary, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.

## **Mt. Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Minutes**

*The Mission of Mt. Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church is to be an Instrument of Jesus Christ in Word and Deed to our Community and Beyond.*

Meeting called to order by President Jim Barnett at 7:02pm on January 12, 2016

### Attending:

X Pat Dearolf                      Jay Groff                      Desiree Haywood  
Faydra Haywood    X Barbara McComsey  
X Brenda Moran            X Susan Mull                      X Ken Pineda  
X Donna Spade            X Sam Summers            X Jon Webb  
X Fred Williams  
X Pastor Don Costlow

Devotions: Devotions were led by Pat Dearolf from "Jesus Calling" on Jeremiah 29:11

President Jim Barnett then led the council in election of a new president.

Pat Dearolf made the nomination of Fred Williams for president with Sam Summers seconding the nomination.

Fred Williams made the nomination of Pat Dearolf for president with Ken Pineda seconding the nomination.

Brenda Moran declared the nominations to be closed which was seconded by Jon Webb.

With a show of hands Fred Williams received 8 votes and Pat Dearolf received 1 vote. Fred Williams was voted president. Jim Barnett then handed the rest of the meeting over to President Fred Williams. We all thanked Jim for all he has done at Mt. Eden.

Voting for vice president was next.

Pat Dearolf made the nomination of Sam Summers for vice president which Jon Webb seconded.

Susan Mull made the nomination of Barb McComsey for vice president which Brenda Moran seconded.

Pat Dearolf declared the nominations to be closed which was seconded by Jon Webb.

With a show of hands Sam Summers received 5 votes and Barb McComsey received 3 votes. Sam Summers was voted vice president.

Sam Summers made the nomination of Pat Dearolf for secretary which Jon Webb seconded. Susan Mull declared the nomination to be closed which was seconded by Jon Webb. Pat Dearolf was approved by all for the secretary office.

Nadine Reinhardt was approved by all to be the treasure.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Brenda Moran made the motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting which was seconded by Ken Pineda and was approved by all.

### Communications:

1) We received a letter asking for help for a family in Leola. Pat Dearolf will call the C.A.P. office.

2) We received a letter asking for support for the Solanco Post Prom 2016.

Treasurer's Report: Brenda Moran made the motion to accept the treasures report which was seconded by Barb McComsey and approved by all.

### Committee Reports:

**Budget and Finance:** Nadine informed council that per the December meeting, the generation of electric went from NRG that charged .094 per kilowatt hour to Great American Power at .0679 a kilowatt hour for one year. With this new rate we hope to save at least \$80.00 a month.

Next meeting will be in April.

**Cemetery Trust:** Next meeting is January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

**Christian Education:** "Family Bible Time" is going well and enjoyed by those who attend. There are 7 to 13 members attending. Pastor Don still teaches a class at the Mt. Eden Preschool on the last Wednesday of each month.

**Endowment Fund:** No Meeting

**Evangelism:** No meeting

**Mutual Ministry:** No Meeting

**Property:** 1) Fixed light in social room. 2) Replaced dimmer switch in sanctuary. 3) Waxed floor in social room.

**Upcoming projects:** 1) Inspection of boiler. 2) Pest control in February. 3) Fix door in women bathroom.

4) Paint outside on church. 5) Checking the bell supports. 6) Replace light outside. 7) Put post in front of gas lines. 8) Paint lines on parking lot

**Social Ministry:** "The Mitten Tree" was a great success. We were able to take 43 hats, 32 pairs of gloves and mittens, 6 scarves, 3 pair of socks, 2 fleece blankets, and 2 pair of slippers to the Food Bank. From now to February 7<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting for the "Souper Bowl Giving". Not just soup but any food items will be given to the Solanco Food Bank. On February 7<sup>th</sup> we will have two pots to collect monetary offerings.

**Stewardship:** No Meeting

**Worship & Music:** Will have all Lenten services at Ascension Lutheran Church including Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. Mt. Eden will supply soup for one or two of the services. During the season of Lent we will be using the third setting in the LBW hymnal. During the Easter season we will be using setting ten from the ELW. We will be printing 70 copies of this setting for reuse whenever needed.

The Alter Guild signup sheet is filling up nicely.

January 31<sup>st</sup> is the installation of Pastor Don at 3:00 pm and a meal to follow.

**Youth Group:** No meeting

**Pastor's Report:** Ministerial events Pastor participated in additional to weekly prep work for Worship Services, sermon prep, and leading Sunday Worship for December: Helped decorate church for Christmas, visited parishioners, assisted with "Wreaths Across America", met with Pastor Bowser to plan for Lent, and attended Pastor support group.

Motion made to approve all reports: Brenda Moran made the motion to accept all the reports which was seconded by Jon Webb and was approved by all.

Unfinished Business: Pat Dearolf passed around the offering counter list, devotional list and the committee sign up list. Brenda Moran asked if council members needed to be on two committees. After some discussion Brenda Moran made to motion to table the committee commitment till the February meeting to review the structure of our committees. Donna Spade seconded the motion which was approved by all. Fred Williams will look into getting a copy of the constitution for all members of council. Pat Dearolf handed out an "Offering Helper Hints". On the bottom of the page were mention of different keys and who is to have them. Fred Williams will check into keys and who has them.

New Business: Nadine Reinhardt said we received a request from the Synod for an amount we would give for Benevolence for 2016. After looking over the figure from 2015, Brenda made the motion to give a figure of \$1,500.00 for 2016 which was seconded by Barb McComsey. The motion was approved with one no vote from Susan Mull.

Fred Williams brought up about the daily devotional booklets that are not being used and laying on the shelf in the narthex. We need to remind members of the congregation of them being available. We also need to see if we can reduce the amount we receive. Pastor Don asked who was responsible in finding supply organist and supply pastor when organist and pastor are away. Pastor Don gets his own supply and feels the organist should also be responsible for her supply.

The set supply pastor fee for 2016 is \$160.00 for one worship service, plus IRS business mileage reimbursement. The set supply organist's fee at Mt. Eden is \$125.00 but does not include mileage reimbursement. Pastor Don also feels that a parishioner that supplies as either a supply organist or supply worship leader should be offered the same fee and mileage. Brenda Moran made the motion to pay \$125.00 per worship service plus mileage for the supply organist and to offer the fee and mileage to a parishioner who would help either as supply organist or supply worship leader. The motion was seconded by Jon Webb and approved by all.

Pastor Don asked who would be responsible with regularly checking of emails and answering machine. The emails should be going to Pastor Don's own email address and to Mary's. Fred Williams said he would ask Jim Barnett to show him how to get the messages off the phone.

Items for Next Congregational Meeting: Everything is ready for the congregational meeting on Sunday.

Brenda Moran made the motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Susan Mull and approved by all.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.  
Meeting adjourned at: 9:05pm  
Next Meeting: February 9th  
Devotions: Fred Williams

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Dearolf

The January 2016 Council Minutes are printed in this newsletter pending approval at the next formal council meeting in February, 2016.

### WHAT'S UP NEXT AT MT EDEN?

- ☆ Sunday, February 7 – Making Valentines after FBT
- ☆ Wednesday, February 10 – Ash Wednesday – lent begins – see schedule above for Lenten services
- ☆ Sunday, February 14 – Making "Love Bugs" after FBT
- ☆ Monday, February 15 – Apple Dumpling Bake
- ☆ Sunday, March 20 – Palm Sunday
- ☆ Sunday, March 27 – Easter Sunday

### FEBRUARY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**February 2 - Property Meeting**  
**February 9 – Council Meeting 7 PM**  
**February 16 – Worship & Music Meeting 7 PM**  
**February 21 – Evangelism Meeting after Worship**  
**February 23 - Social Ministry Meeting 7 PM**

### FROM THE SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE:

January 3<sup>rd</sup> through February 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be collecting for the Solanco Food Bank through "Souper Bowl Giving". There will be a table in the Narthex for your donations, and on February 7<sup>th</sup> we will have soup pots available for monetary donations. We will be accepting any food items, not just soup.

**On Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>** after "Family Bible Time" we will be making valentine cards for the shut-ins. Please come help us make these cards.

**On Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>** after "Family Bible Time" we will be making "Love Bugs" that you can keep or give to someone special. This is a cute craft made out of toilet paper tubes, craft paper and glue. Come join us for the lesson and fun.

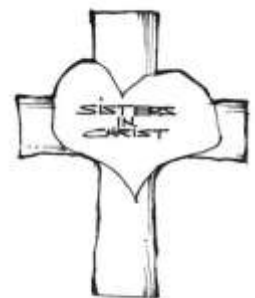
Any questions ask Pat Dearolf.

**Sisters in Christ**  
PASistersInChrist.com

*Date: March 5, 2016*

*Time: 9am-12pm or 6pm-9pm*

**Location:**  
Good Shepherd Chapel  
Lancaster Bible College  
901 Eden Rd.  
Lancaster, PA 17601



Sisters In Christ—March 5th, 2016—9 am-12 pm or 6 pm-9 pm. An inspiring event for women with powerful messages that will impact your life with Christ! Admission is FREE Good Shepherd Chapel Lancaster Bible College 901 Eden Road Lancaster, PA 17601. For more information, visit [pasistersinchrist.com](http://pasistersinchrist.com) or find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/pasistersinchrist](http://facebook.com/pasistersinchrist)