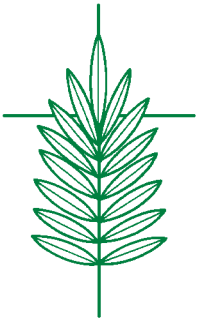


Hopefulness and Joy



Palm Parable

The movers have relocated our offices to 101 West Cherry Street (although our mailing address will stay the same, 11 West Cherry) and stored the rest of our furnishings from the parish building. We're only beginning to get a feel for our temporary quarters and transitional spaces for ministry. Excitement about new possibilities and some trepidation about the unknown mingle together for many in our congregation. Whatever the feelings may be, I'm convinced that now is a time for hopefulness and joy.

One of the major themes of the scriptures is that of 'land.' God promised a land to Abraham and to Moses, but it was never easy to get to. Abraham traveled all over the place and Moses trekked with God's people forty years. It took the exiled people of God generations to return home. But in the end, the notion of 'land' became essential for God's people. The land was, of course, the actual real estate, the homeland, of Israel. But in times of exile, the land

became a symbol of God's promised future—a sure sign of hope. God's people started using the language of journeying to describe their present time and the notion of homecoming to depict their future. No matter how things looked, they were going somewhere. God had made his covenant with them. Hopefulness and joy were the fruits of their faith.

So it can be for us. Ours will be a journey toward a new home for our congregation's ministry. The possibilities are wide open. In Christ, God promises that he will be with us as we journey. All along we have said we are *Building into Christ's Future*. Things may look or feel strange in the next year. Not everything may be easy as we journey together. We will have to hold on tight to one another as we go. But we *are* going somewhere. To a new day for ministry and mission. In hopefulness and joy.

Pastor Meckel



For the sake of good stewardship, we will be combining the July and August issues of the Parable into one issue to be published in July. All information pertaining to both months must be submitted to the office by June 15. Thank you.

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Trippin' Tuesdays

Children, tweens, teenagers, golden-agers and everyone else who enjoys traveling and is available on Tuesdays this summer—it's Trippin' Tuesdays time

again. Like to visit new places, or travel to old familiar destinations? Members of Palm, their friends and family, are invited to join us each Tuesday during the summer, beginning June 14. Many varied and exciting excursions are in store this year. A Trippin' Tuesdays brochure with information on each excursion is included in this newsletter .

For most events we will meet at the Church at 10:00 am. Bring a bag lunch, or in some instances there will be concessions to purchase food. Be sure to check each Sunday's bulletin for any changes. In case of rain we will head to the movies, bowling alley, or ice cream parlor. So, come join us each week for a great time!

Sewing Group

by Mae Rader

We will meet at the church temporary office, the corner of College & Cherry Streets, on June 14 about 9 AM. We will have blankets for knotting. See you then!



Mae & Sue

Friendship Circle

by Mae Rader

We will meet in the narthex on Thursday, June 9, at 1:30 PM for Bible Study with Mary Lejar. Hope to see you for her interesting and inspiring topic.



Summer Sunday Church School for all ages will be held each Sunday morning from June 5 through September 4 at 8:30 am at Interfaith Manor across the street from the Church. This discussion/study group will examine the Book of Psalms. Selected Psalms will be discussed using the book A Guide to Psalms by John Hargreaves. The chosen Psalms are commonly used by Christians today, including Psalms 8, 23, 51, 67, 96, and 100. Also for discussion will be the use of the Psalms for all generations, use for temple worship, and for singing. Please join us in revealing the ageless power of the Psalms in times of praise, thanksgiving, grief, sorrow, creation, and worship.



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The deadline for article submission is the 15th of the previous month. Editor reserves the right to edit for content and space.

There were a few events that did not make last month's Event Status chart. They are as follows:

Event	Status	Location
Caregivers	Continuing	To be determined
Perseverance Band	Will occur	Palmyra Middle School lawn
Stephen Ministry	Continuing	To be determined



by Louise Costello

Caring Cupboard – We will finish collecting the paper and laundry products on May 22nd. From May 29th to June 26th we will be collecting the items listed next to this article. These are being collected so that parents can make summer lunches for their children.

Noon Meal – The next noon meals are scheduled for Tuesday, May 31st, and Thursday, June 30th. These are held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 723 Lehman Street, Lebanon. Volunteers are welcome for cooking, set-up, serving, and clean-up.

Easter – A huge thank you to all of you for your generosity by contributing food items and/or contributing to the Special Offering. From the Special Offering we were able to purchase 100 hams and 200 lbs. of potatoes for the Caring Cupboard.

Lutheran World Relief – We will include the list for school kits in the July/August Parable so we can shop while things are on sale for “back-to-school.”

CARING CUPBOARD REPORT MAY REPORT

We are busy as ever at the Caring Cupboard. We are seeing a definite increase in new clients. They tend to be younger than in previous months and tend to be the victim of unemployment and cutting of part-time hours. I read an article where it is getting harder for drop-outs and even high school diploma young people to find jobs let alone jobs with a livable wage. Our stats are seeing the same phenomena. We are also seeing the strain placed on our families by the high cost of gasoline and the rising cost of foodstuffs. In addition, we are receiving greater requests for Community Needs assistance; we have all but exhausted our money in that fund. On the positive side the money for product continues to flow as does the donation of product so we are able to meet the food needs which is our main assignment. We anticipate increasing our food stocks with a successful Postal Food Drive on May 14.

We are now members of the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank. We expect that membership will help us in the buying of product in general and help us with the Summer Lunch program for kids.

The annual updating of client information is completed. We have around 160 active files. Weekly we see around 120 families. The Easter Dinner project was hampered by the paving of Railroad Street so we gave out only 117 meals but we are making sure every family has received at least a ham or a roasting chicken.

Here are some figures for the month of April you might be interested in:

Our expenditures totaled \$4663 which was paid out to 19 different vendors.

Our revenue totaled \$7081 and came from 30 individuals, 10 churches, 2 organizations, 2 businesses, and 1 “in the name of gift.”

12 Businesses donated 4450 lbs of product

18 Churches donated 3535 lbs of product

9 Organizations donated 1022 lbs. of product

52 Individual donations came in at 2428 lbs. of product

Purchases were made from 9 vendors for a total of 5427 lbs. of product

TOTAL DONATED PRODUCT WAS 11,435 LBS. TOTAL HANDLED WAS 16,862 LBS.



We are still struggling to figure out how to meet operating costs without endangering product purchase needs. And, as indicated above, we are struggling with funding Community Needs. Feel free to continue your support and maybe even increase it.

Terry

Items for Caring Cupboard Lunches

- Jelly
- Tuna
- Mac & Cheese
- Canned pastas
- Chicken Noodle Soup—Family Size
- Tomato Soup—Family Size
- Juice boxes
- Fruit cups
- Jell-o Cups
- Pudding cups
- Ranch dressing
- Raisins
- Granola bars

Building into *Christ's* Future

With "stuff and staff" relocated by the end of May, the groundbreaking service/ceremony/fellowship meal on June 5th is the beginning of the hard-hat phase of our building project. This may arguably be the most difficult part of the entire project. That is not to make light of the hard work involved in the feasibility study, the planning and presentations by council, the visitations to members by members of the congregation, the careful consideration of finances, the sorting and boxing, the investigating temporary facility options, and countless other duties and functions performed to bring us to this point. But the reality of seeing the stones being wrenched off the education building is sure to cause some wrenching of the heart. Bringing our new education facility into being might be compared to the pains of bringing a new life into the world. The miracle of birth is not without labor and often excruciating pain.

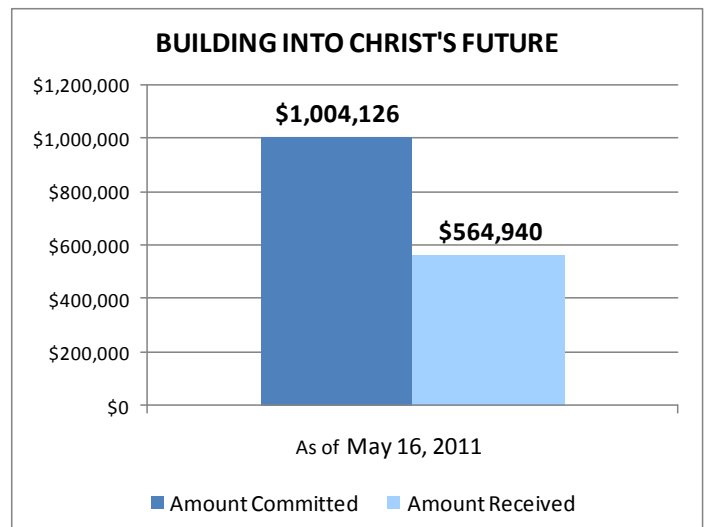
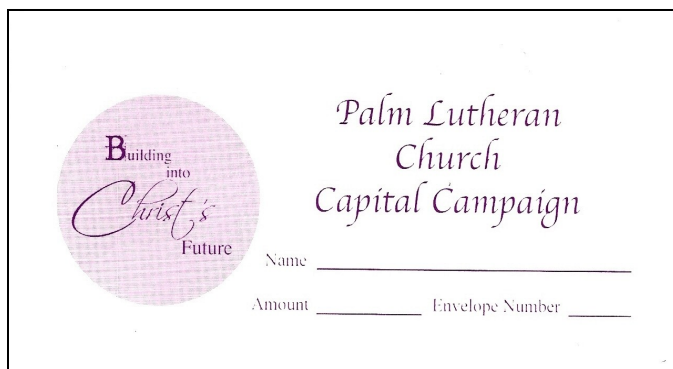
However, a better analogy might be that of letting go of a grown child as s/he moves from a dependent to an independent individual via college, employment, or military service. Just as we know that the child leaving us is not really leaving but evolving into a responsible, contributing member of a greater community, so, too, is the education facility evolving. It will no longer be dependent on us to keep it in good repair and support it in its weaknesses. Rather, it will become a source of pride as a contributing part of our growth in faith and fellowship with each other and with the community.

With an enthusiastic response to our proposal from four different lending institutions, the financing for the project is being arranged at this writing. It is the continued support and enthusiasm displayed by the congregation that makes this such an exciting endeavor. As we work together, "assigned to each his task," (1 Cor 3:7) and we watch the growth of this new facility, we grow together in the process. We can be proud of the hard work done thus far, but may we ever be reminded that it is through supporting each other and working together that we are able to continue *Building into Christ's Future*.

Help Ensure That Your Contributions Are Going Where You Want Them To Go!

Since the Capital Campaign fund began receiving your contributions in late May, envelopes specifically made for the ***Building into Christ's Future*** "Capital Campaign" have been available for your use. It is important that your contributions for the Capital Campaign are put into these special envelopes. If your contribution is earmarked for the Capital Campaign, please use these special envelopes (pictured below). They are available in the Narthex.

Faith Commitment Update:



Coping with Seasonal Allergies

by Teresa Keller, Parish Nurse



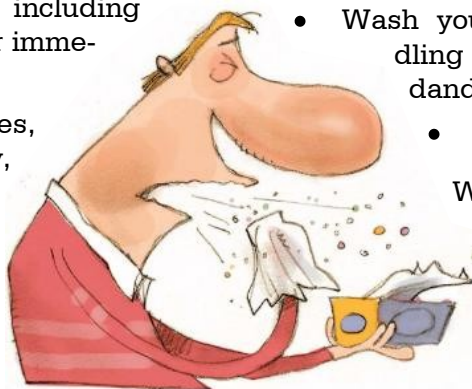
June, June...the wonderful month of June! We've had a lot of rain but maybe June will bring us our wonderful warmer weather and slide us on into summer.

The movers have come and gone and our ground breaking ceremony is just around the corner! Single worship services and Fellowship on the Lawn bring us together in wonderful ways and I'm really looking forward to it all! AND, the Walk With God program is in launch mode... signing you all up to participate and help us keep our trophy for most miles walked! If you haven't signed up by the time you get this, please do so...we want YOU to get the benefit of the exercise and WE get the benefit of the miles in our competition with First Evangelical Church!

Now, recently I've been noticing that a LOT of folks have been suffering symptoms of seasonal allergies – sneezing, itchy eyes, runny noses, etc. According to the folks who watch the pollen counts, the counts have been extremely high this season and even folks who've never suffered before are suffering now. Here are a few hints to help you cope with seasonal allergies:

Pollen. Check the pollen counts in the newspaper. Generally, pollen counts are worse in the early morning and on windy days. Take these steps to minimize exposure:

- Have someone else do your yard work while you stay inside with the windows closed.
- If you have to work outside, wear a face mask.
- Leave all gardening tools, including clothing, outdoors, and shower immediately after working outdoors.
- Plant low-allergenic grasses, trees and shrubs. Generally, flowering plants that rely on insect pollination are best, since their pollen are too large and heavy to become airborne.



Molds. If you're allergic to molds, avoid areas and items that harbor them, including:

- Moist, shady areas outdoors, garden compost piles, greenhouses, mills and grain fields or bins.
- Damp basements and closets, bathrooms, places where fresh food is stored, air conditioners, humidifiers, garbage pails, mattresses, upholstered furniture and old foam rubber pillows.
- Open a window or use a fan after a steamy shower or bath to allow the humidity to escape.

Dust Mites. The best way to reduce exposure to dust mites is to reduce the dust in your home:

- Consider replacing wall-to-wall carpeting with wood, laminate, vinyl or tile floors.
- Use a vacuum cleaner equipped with a HEPA filter.
- Dust mites are most prevalent in the bedroom, so attack that room first. Remove blinds, down-filled blankets and feather pillows. Encase your bedding in zippered, plastic, airtight covers and wash all sheets and bedding weekly in the hottest water available.

Animals. All pets cause allergies, even Chihuahuas and so-called "hairless" cats. But, if you simply can't bear to find another home for your pet:

- Have someone else bathe your pet weekly and brush it outdoors several times a week.
- Use a room air cleaner.
- Wear a face mask while cleaning house.
- Wash your hands after touching or handling your pet to avoid spreading the dander.
- Keep pets out of your bedroom.

While it's impossible to avoid airborne allergens entirely, implementing these things can greatly reduce their affect on you and your family.



Dear friends at Palm Church,
Thanks for the Easter cards and the
gift card.
Ruth Rausch

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Dear Palm Members,
Thank you for all the gifts, flowers, cards
and visits I have received from you.
Your kindness is greatly appreciated.
Sincerely,
Violet Stark

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Members of Palm Lutheran,
Thank you so much for the gift. It was deeply
appreciated.
I would like to thank the members for their
cards and also the children for their cards too.
Thanks again,
Arlene Wagner

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Dear Dr. Merkel,
I would like to take a moment and "Thank
You" and the church for their gracious gift of
the choir robes.
The ladies who lead our Jr. church program
and our Youth Choir were overwhelmed with
this gift.
We recently, on Palm Sunday, used them
for our Primary Class to wear during their
presentation during the service. They were a
great addition to our worship experience.
Please thank for us whoever was involved
in your gift to us.
In His service,
Pastor Earl R. Shawley
Messiah Baptist Church
Kylertown, PA

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Palm,
Thank you to Lori Orehek for stopping by to
visit me after Daniel was born. Thank you to the
Casserole Bank for the delicious meal.
Angie, Andy, Charlie & Daniel Bomberger

Dear Youth and Children's Choir,
Thank you so much for your gifts
to Mr. Fox and me! It has been a
wonderful year for us because
Palm is blessed to have such nice
children and youth! We have thor-
oughly enjoyed working with you as
we learn music that praises God. Thanks
again.
Sincerely,
Wayne and Suzy Fox

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A great big thank you to all of the choirs,
directors, and musicians who give so gener-
ously of their time and talents. Music at Palm
is special, and helps so much to allow Palm's
congregation to give glory to God each
Sunday. We are fortunate to have all of you,
young ones and older!
Susan Verhoek Williams

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Dear Church Family,
Thank you for your cards, phone calls and
prayers for my knee surgery. A special thanks
to Pastor Merkel for his visits and the casserole
bank for the great meal. Everything seems to
be healing nicely. I'm really blessed to be part
of this congregation.
Fran LaPine

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Dear Congregational Council,
Thank you so much for your gift to me on
Music Sunday. It is difficult to believe that
Wayne and I have worked with the Children's
and Youth Choirs for 10 years! We are always
saying that Palm has wonderful kids! It has
also been a joy to work with Pastor and with
Steve Inners. The Adult Choir is always so
supportive of the kids when they sing. Thanks,
again, for making it such a special day.
Suzy Fox

PENTECOST MOBILE

Make this craft as a reminder that God's Holy Spirit is all around you.

What you need:

- Tissue paper (red, yellow, orange), torn into squares
- Plastic transparency
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush
- Construction paper
- Black marker
- Wire hanger
- White copy paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Hole punch
- Fishing line



What you do:

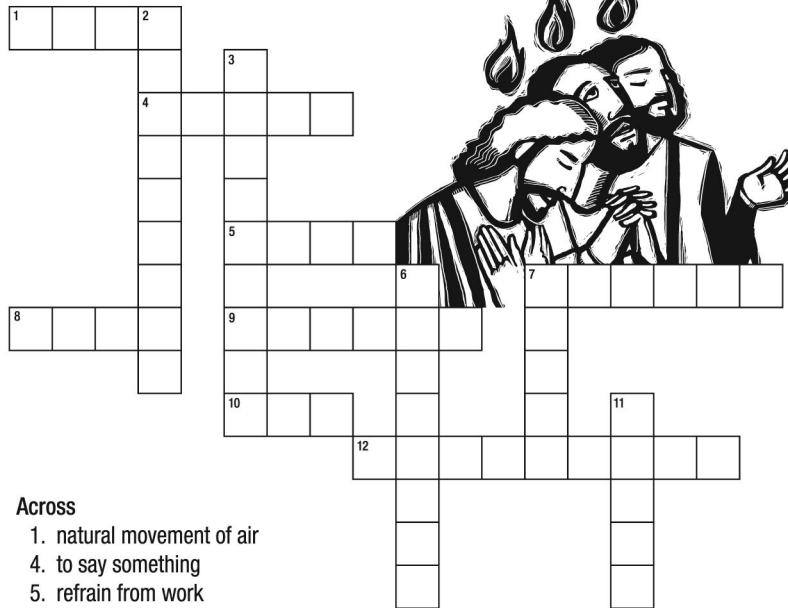
1. Overlap tissue squares as "flames" on the transparency.
2. "Paint" glue (thinned with water) over the squares.
3. Fold construction paper in half. Write out Acts 2:4 at the top, by the fold.
4. Poke the hanger through the middle of the fold.
5. On the white paper, write "Holy Spirit" in English, Spanish (*Espiritu Santo*), French (*L'esprit Saint*), etc.
6. Cut out a flame pattern and trace it on the back of the transparency.
7. Cut out flames and glue the "Holy Spirit" names on them.
8. Thread fishing line through a hole atop each flame and tie flames onto the hanger.



The Spirit Comes

ACTS 2 TELLS ABOUT A SPECIAL DAY WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME TO THE DISCIPLES.

Use the clues below to complete the crossword puzzle.



Across

1. natural movement of air
4. to say something
5. refrain from work
7. place where God is
8. a combustion or burning that gives light, heat and smoke
9. part of mouth that can taste and lick
10. the time between sunrise and sunset
12. the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples

Down

2. followers of Christ
3. moved apart
6. quickly and unexpectedly
7. a building where people live
11. vibrations that travel through the air

Answers: Across 1. wind, 4. speak, 5. rest, 7. heaven, 8. fire, 9. tongue, 10. day, 12. Pentecost; Down 2. disciples, 3. separated, 6. suddenly, 7. house, 11. sound



Kids Corner

June Birthdays

June 2 Marian Lemons Carol Wilson	June 20 Tracy Helwig
June 4 Michael Bratton	June 21 Bosh Lehman Jennifer Marron Shirley Maulfair Benjamin Miller Erma Phreaner
June 6 Adri Galvan Hannah Galvan Robin Metz	June 22 Bruce Heffelfinger Mick McCurdy Jr.
June 7 Tom Wildermuth	June 23 Ryan Bratton Carlton McKinley
June 9 Jamie LaPine	June 24 Kay Cassel Babette McCurdy
June 11 Kevin Orehek Tim Quinn	June 25 Weston Huffman
June 12 Beth Graci Tim Miller	June 26 Steven Ricker
June 13 Judy Ditzler John Fravel Julie Gibson Arline Rhoad	June 27 Elyse Eckert David Thomas Galen Walmer
June 14 Megan Marron	June 29 Steven Kahl
June 15 Brenda Coakley Curran Smith	June 30 Aaryn Haines Avery Lechleitner Steve Schoessler Edward Yewdall
June 16 Charles Drupp Jr. Sarah Galvan Rudi Laudenslager Carol Zellner	
June 18 Irene Smith	
June 19 Sean Cornick	



June Anniversaries

June 2 Gary & Mary Ann Grumbein Tim & Laurie Miller	49 yrs 22 yrs
June 3 Andrew & Angie Bomberger	5 yrs
June 5 Tim & Wendy Quinn	1 yr
June 6 Todd & Kathy Kohr	13 yrs
June 7 Norb & Tommie Lauber William & Jean Nagle	52 yrs 36 yrs
June 8 Michael & Maureen Bratton William & Judy Fromm	26 yrs 37 yrs
June 12 Wayne & Suzy Fox	34 yrs
June 15 Mick & Carol McCurdy	48 yrs
June 17 Stanley & Evelyn Kohl	39 yrs
June 19 Keith & Barbara Kuhlengel Steve & Judy Oliver	29 yrs 35 yrs
June 22 Richard & Betty Kern	48 yrs
June 23 William & Carla Huffman Dennis & Mildred Shreffler Clark & Karen Weaver Dale & Barbara Yingst	41 yrs 32 yrs 21 yrs 55 yrs
June 24 David & Molly Bowman Gregory & Doris Stanson David & Elaine Thompson	61 yrs 11 yrs 44 yrs
June 25 James & Marie Daniels	62 yrs
June 26 Shannon & Valerie Rexrode	12 yrs
June 27 Bruce & Rita Heffelfinger	47 yrs
June 29 Rick & Joyce Wherley	26 yrs
June 30 Brian & Babette McCurdy	38 yrs



Congratulations to everyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary during the month of June. If your name is missing, kindly contact the church office and we will update our records. Thank you!

Pastoral Acts:



Preston Monroe Hall
May 22, 2011

**June
Ministry Meetings:**

Christian Education
Jun 13 - 7:00 PM

Church Council
Jun 20 - 7:00 PM

Finance Committee
Jun 16 - 7:00 PM

Health Ministry
Jun 20 - 7:00 PM

Personnel and Salary
Jun 2- 7:00 PM

Property Committee
Jun 7 - 7:00 PM

Social Ministry
Jun 7 - 7:00 PM

Worship & Music
Jun 14 - 7:00 PM

Offering and Attendance Review

	<u>Offering</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>SCS</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>7:00PM</u>
Apr 17	\$7,282.32	129	95	195	
Apr 20					45
Apr 21					92
Apr 22					62
Apr 23					57
Apr 21-23	\$ 947.00				
Apr 24	\$9,648.36	153	36	258	
May 1	\$6,278.73	59	51	154	
May 8	\$4,070.24	133	56	157	

Money Mattersfrom Palm's Treasurer

For the month of April, 2011



Current Fund

Offerings	\$34,411.69
Expenses	<u>\$27,091.76</u>
Difference	\$ 7,319.93

Capital Fund

Beginning Balance	\$113,753.96
Deposits/Interest	\$ 2,363.81
Withdrawals	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Balance	\$116,117.77

Capital Campaign Fund

Beginning Balance	\$689,519.56*
Deposits/Interest	\$ 16,807.88
Withdrawals	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Balance	\$706,327.44

April Designated Offering:

Palm Lutheran Youth	\$660.00
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*Includes \$150K transferred from Capital Fund

*Special Designated Offering for June will be:
Lutheran World Missionary Program (V. Dietrich)*



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

The Lebanon Valley Brethren Home Communion Service will be held on Monday, June 27th. All services begin at 10:00 am in the Home's Chapel. Volunteers are always needed to transport our members who attend the service.

Alcoholics Anonymous	279-4989
Al-Anon	270-4974
American Red Cross	273-2671
Caring Cupboard	838-9493
Child Abuse Hotline	800-932-0313
Domestic Violence Hotline	273-7190
Poison Control Center	800-222-1222
LutherCare	626-1171
Narcotics Anonymous	277-7500
Suicide Prevention	800-273-8255
Crisis Intervention	274-3363
(Suicide acute emotional drug and alcohol problems)	
Rape Crisis of Lebanon	272-5308

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