

**March 16, 2014
9:30 AM**

Worship! What a wonderful way to start your week! May you find this time truly uplifting!

“Every saint has a past and every sinner a future”. Most of us find ourselves bouncing between the two; getting it right and then missing it. Peter, that zealous follower of Jesus, bounced between the two like a “super ball on steroids”. However, Jesus could certainly work with Peter for Jesus saw things in Peter that even Peter couldn’t see. Jesus affirmed the hidden or buried talents in Peter. Today, in our text of Matthew 16:13-20, Peter gets it right and Jesus takes him to the next step.

My prayer for the morning: “God, give your eyes to see the people around me. Enable me to affirm their buried abilities. Amen”.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a pamphlet on the table in the foyer titled “Why Easter?” by Nicky Gumbel. Among the questions addressed are: What’s so important about Easter? Why is there so much interest in a person born 2,000 years ago? Why are so many people excited about Jesus? Why do we need him? Why did he come? Why did he die? Why should anyone bother to find out? This is an excellent resource! Please help yourself to them for yourself or a friend who may be looking for answers to these questions.

We have a **Staffed Nursery** to care for your children through age three. In addition, there is a **Cry Room** at the rear of the sanctuary to attend to the needs of infants.

For those of you who have children in the Nursery, please update or fill out for the first time the **Nursery Information Card** for your child or children, listing allergies or special needs they may have. Thank you!

You are Encouraged to submit prayer requests and praises via the communication card by placing it in the offering basket at the appropriate time.

We have **Hearing Assist Units** available for those who may have difficulty hearing the service. Please speak to the person in the sound room to receive your unit for the morning.

There will be a **Meeting of the Worship Team Members and the Worship Commission** today during Sunday School.

We have **Sunday School** for all ages. Please check the back of the bulletin to see where your class meets.

ALPHA meets tonight at 6:30 p.m.

Church Council meets tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m.

Meet for **Weekly Koffee and Konversation** at the Hellertown Diner on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. Come and enjoy a great time of fellowship together!

The **Youth Adult Bible Study** meets this Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in Bobby and Britney Kempf’s home.

The **Tuesday Evening Weekly Prayer Meeting** meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Come and be blessed.

The **Men’s Bible Study** meets in the Chapel on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Hoagies will be available for pick up at the church this Wednesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5:30-8:00 p.m. Those eating at the church during the evening **Fellowship Meal** time, 5:45-6:15 p.m., will be given chips and a drink to go along with their hoagie.

Good News Club and the **Youth Group** meet this Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Our **March Lunch Bunch** will meet at Red Lobster in Whitehall this Wednesday at 12 noon. Please sign up today if you would like to attend.

All married couples are invited to a **Couples Sweets and Treats** night out on Saturday evening, March 29, from 6:30-8 p.m. Come out and enjoy an evening of treats and games with your sweetie!! Free childcare is provided by the youth. The cost is \$15 per couple. If you would like to participate, please sign up by March 26. This is a fundraiser for the Youth.

There is a **Teacher Appreciation Breakfast** on Sunday morning, March 30, at 8:30 a.m. for those who have taught Sunday School this past quarter. Thank you for your willingness to serve in this way!

Lehigh Valley Christian High School is beginning to accept applications for the 2014-15 school year. There are plenty of spaces in grade 9, and a few spaces left in grades 10 & 11. Applications are available online at www.lvchs.org, or by calling 610-403-1000. School tours and/or student shadowing can be arranged as well. LVCHS offers a quality academic and extra-curricular program with a biblical foundation. Busing is available to 13 PA school districts and from NJ. Financial aid is available upon request. LVCHS seeks to equip students to think biblically and function purposefully in society.

Just a Reminder... We have a **"Blessings Food Pantry"** which is located in the office area. The items are there for you to use as needed!!

Youth Work Days!! Sign up in the foyer if you would like to “hire” some youth to benefit their Missions trip to Guatemala.

Upcoming Fundraising Events for the Youth’s Missions Trip

Dan Schantz Greenhouse Benefit Coupons

These are on the table in the foyer.

Gertrude Hawk Candy Bars

If you have an opportunity at work or play and would like to take a box of candy bars to sell to help out the youth, please see Tara Willard.

Hoagie Sales

Orders and money are due two Sundays before the delivery date. If you have friends that you think would like to purchase hoagies, please contact them. Every little bit will help the youth get them a little bit closer to their fundraising goal of \$9,000. Pickup dates are Wednesday, March 19, April 16 and May 14.

Couples Sweets and Treats

Saturday, March 29, 6:30-8 p.m. See details in bulletin announcement.

Yard Sale in the church parking lot

Saturday, April 26, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., rain or shine.

Car Wash at the Steel City Fire Company on Riverside Drive

Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

This Week's Four Streams Bible Reading Plan: March 16, John 1-3, Numbers 31-32, Psalm 64, Proverbs 20; March 17, John 4-6, Numbers 33-34, Psalm 65; March 18, John 7-9, Numbers 35-36, Psalm 66; March 19, John 10-12, Deuteronomy 1-2; March 20, John 13-15, Deuteronomy 3-4, Psalm 67; March 21, John 16-18, Deuteronomy 5-6, Psalm 68, Proverbs 21; March 22, John 19-21, Deuteronomy 7-8, Psalm 69.

THIS WEEK AT SCMC

Sunday: Worship Meeting, during Sunday School ALPHA, 6:30 PM
Monday: Church Council, 7:00 PM
Tuesday: Koffee & Konversation, 8:00 AM
 Youth Adult Bible Study, Kempf's, 7:00 PM
 Prayer Meeting, 7:00 PM
Wednesday: Hoagie Pickup, 11 AM-1 PM and 5:30-8:00 PM
 Fellowship Meal, 5:45-6:15 PM
 Good News Club and Youth Group, 6:30 PM
 Men's Bible Study, 7:00 PM
Thursday: Worship Team Practice, 7:30 PM
Sunday: ALPHA, 6:30 PM

THIS WEEK:

Nursery: Wendy Rush-Spinosa
 Alexandra Columbo
Greeters: Dave & Susie Kempf
Worship Team: Sandy Faust
Ushers: Chip Shimko
 Bob Kemmerer
 Rob Ibach
Children's Story: Danette Walters

NEXT WEEK: (March 23)

Lisa Walters
 Alicia Smith
 Neal Kempf
 Robert Bergey
 Lee Walters
 John Cressman
 Randy Willard
 Tara Willard

OFFERING ON MARCH 9: \$2,901.75

ATTENDANCE ON MARCH 9: 154

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Bev Kochsmeier – March 19
 Jaylen Lesser – March 22

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

2-YEAR OLDS

Led by Mary Jane
 Upstairs Nursery

3- AND 4-YEAR OLDS

Led by Toni Cressman
 Helper, Rebekah Mace
 Room B6

KINDERGARTEN

Led by Katrina Schmidt
 Helper, Bev Kochsmeier
 Room LL1

GRADES 1 & 2

Led by Nancy Walters
 Room LL2

GRADES 3 & 4

Led by Larry Korpics
 Helper, Scott Richards
 Room LL3

GRADES 5-8

Led by Greg Feenstra
 Room LL4

SENIOR YOUTH

Led by Ron & Sandy Faust
 Youth Room

ADULT CLASS

David Cook Uniform Lesson
 Led by Joel & Lydia Mohler
 Chapel

ADULT CLASS

"Your Kingdom Come" by Becca Greenwood
 Led by Pastor David
 Sanctuary

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David K. Kochsmeier, Pastor

Tara Willard (610-866-3078), Director of Youth Ministries
 & Christian Education

Church Secretary: Bev Kochsmeier

Board of Elders: Ron Faust (610-428-1904), Kevin
 Olsen (610-554-5851), Mark Walters (610-691-5324),
 and Bob Walters (610-865-3316), as Pastor Emeritus

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