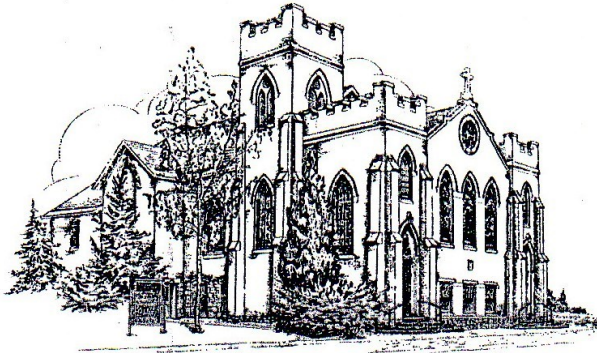


Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church Lantern

Spring 2023



Message from Pastor Sean

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

(Jeremiah 29:11)

We are in the season of Lent – a time for prayer, fasting, repentance, spiritual renewal. Many people will "give something up" during Lent – things like chocolate or coffee. But rather than simply giving something up, why not add something. Add a time for a new spiritual practice or resume a spiritual practice that you have neglected. You can add keeping a gratitude journal and each day write things that you are grateful for each day. You can add a practice like performing a random act of kindness each day. You can add a practice like being environmentally aware and practice being a good steward of God's creation – the earth, the water, the creatures. You can add a practice like intentionally praying throughout your day – maybe in the morning, at noon, in the evening and at bedtime.

There are many ways to grow closer to God and each other during the Lenten season and the benefits will linger long past Lent. Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice, the least that we can do is to honor Christ through our own spiritual practices and when you think about it our sacrifices are very small for the reward that we receive.

May God's peace and blessings be with you all,
Pastor Sean

**Sunday
Worship Services
10:00 am**

**Office Hours
Varying Days and Times
(Please leave message)**

**Pastor Sean DeLawder
Office Hours
Thursday 10am - 2:00 pm
welcpastorsean@gmail.com
301-606-3632**

**Office Administrator
Nancy Swain
301-845-4533
woodsborolutheranchurch.com
woodsboroevangelical@comcast.net
Serving God and Community**

**P. O. Box 27
101 S. Main Street
Woodsboro, MD 21798**

About WELC



Pastor Sean's office hours at the church each week are on Thursday between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00pm. His office is in the Conference room on the main level.

If you have social media accounts, you may like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and/or Instagram with the addresses listed below:



Instagram – woodsboroelc



Twitter - @WoodsboroELC



Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church

Or the Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church YouTube Channel.



Next Council Meeting TBD

6:30 pm - Conference Room

Please contact the Church Office at 301-845-4533 or woodsboroevangelical@comcast.net by Tuesday afternoon if you have an **announcement** or a **prayer request** for the website and/or the next Newsletter.

Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church 2023 Council

Council:

President	Roger Myers	rogermyers8815@gmail.com
Vice President	Mitzi Smith	beaker50@aol.com
Secretary	Peggy Esworthy	pjesworthy@comcast.net
Treasurer	Marilyn Lenhart	marilyn@fullsail.media

Members at Large:

James Lind	JLind519@gmail.com
John Nash	pawnash@aol.com
Brian Rippeon	Brippeon@lswg.cpa

Your continued support for WELC and its ministries is needed and very much appreciated. Thank you.

Please send to:

Brian and Robin Rippeon

201 Bennett Court

Thurmont, Maryland 21788

(make check payable to

Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church)

Free Community Dinner

All are welcome! Invite your friends and neighbors for food and fellowship. We will have dinners the first Tuesday of each month from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer in any capacity, please contact Pastor Sean at welcpastorsean@gmail.com or 301-606-3632.



Worship Service Social 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month



Please join us prior to worship service for coffee, snacks, and fellowship.



Meeting Minutes

If you are interested in receiving copies of the Council approved financial reports or minutes, please contact the church office at 301-845-4533. We will respond as soon as possible.

Happenings at WELC

A Message from your Council

Your Council wants to thank everyone who attended the Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELC) annual meeting on Sunday, February 26. We celebrated the successes we had in 2022 and discussed WELC's plans for 2023. We are very proud and thankful that we fulfilled on our 2022 priority of increasing our engagement with the greater Woodsboro Community. Thank you to our members, friends, neighbors, volunteers and visitors for making 2022 a success. A copy of the materials reviewed at the Annual meeting were emailed to our entire list in advance, if you desire another copy, please contact the church office.

As you recall, we committed 2022 to reengaging with the Community and increasing our presence. A major tactic in doing this was to hire Pastor Sean as our full-time pastor, the first full-time pastor that WELC has had in many years. This, along with the commitment of our members, friends and volunteers, allowed us to conduct almost 75 events / activities aimed at serving our Community resulting in over 5,000 touch points with the Community. THANK YOU to everyone. Some of the key activities in 2022 were:

- Our NEW Community dinners served on the first Tuesday of each month
- A very successful Vacation Bible School (over 35 students)
- Youth outreach via a Church Halloween Party
- Very active Holiday Season (Bazaar, Concert, Special Services)
- Many other traditional activities (yard sales, pot -pie, etc.)

We are committed to continuing and expanding upon these activities in 2023.

Our WELC Priorities and Goals for 2023 are:

1. **Expanded Pastoral Care and Engagement** – Pastor Sean will visit shut-ins monthly and will personally reach out to all members / friends during 2023
2. **Community Support and Engagement** – Expand on our outreach and engagement with the Community
3. **Member / Friend Engagement** – While attendance at Sunday service increased in 2022 and we continue to have significant member / friend support at our events – we want to reengage with many members and friends that possibly aren't aware of the impact that WELC is having

4. **Awareness and Transparency** – We want to increase the awareness of our activities through Social Media, our website and other traditional communication channels. We plan to expand our website to allow for transactions (dinner orders, VBS registration, etc.). Transparency of our activities, the impact we are having, and our financial needs will be enhanced and expanded upon.

Our budget is approaching \$200,000 annually (this includes salaries and benefits for a full-time Pastor, a Music Director, Organist, Secretary and Sexton, facilities / Property costs, office costs, and Community engagement Costs). We rely on the generosity of our members and friends, through donations, as a primary source of revenue. WELC needs all of us to consider increasing our support to cover the operating costs of the church. Thank you to those in attendance for approving the annual budget for 2023.

Council members were also voted in for 2023, they include Peggy Esworthy, Marilyn Lenhart, Jay Lind, Roger Myers, John Nash, Brian Rippeon and Mitzi Smith. Thank you to these members for volunteering to serve.

We look forward to a great year in 2023 and have several requests of you:

1. If you have any ideas regarding Community or Member Engagement, please feel free to contact Pastor Sean or any Council member.
2. Plan to volunteer at any event that you may be interested in – you will probably find that is a lot of fun!
3. Pastor Sean is a great cook and does a great job at the Community dinners – You are invited, bring your family or a friend. Also, consider joining us for worship on Sunday morning at 10 am.
4. Pass the word along (about WELC events and activities) to your friends or neighbors, follow us on Facebook or Instagram or on the Website.
5. Finally, Lutherans usually don't like to talk about money, but as we previously mentioned, our budget is almost \$200,000. We are very thankful for your continued support and ask that you consider whether you can contribute a little more in support of our efforts.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you soon at our worship service or one of our many Community focused events.

Roger Myers, Council President and your entire WELC Council

Happenings at WELC

March

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Lori Brunner | 14 Earlene Main |
| 2 Sarah Reeve Fritz | 28 Ed Esworthy |
| 7 Peggy Trimmer | 28 Robert Lenhart |
| 8 J. R. Delauter | 28 Ian Lookingbill |
| Tracy Earp | 31 Laura Smith Crouse |
| Bill Murray | |

April

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| 1 Alexa Koontz | 14 Mary Dixon |
| 3 Richard Murray | 15 Robin Rippeon |
| 4 Sandra Measell | 17 Roger Hub |
| 6 David Reeve | 20 Peggy Drenning |
| 7 Amy Brakebill | Greg Smith |
| 11 Steven Smith | 23 Nicki Runkles |
| Tammy Weinrich | 30 Dahl Drenning |



March

- 10 Charles & Mary Murphy

April

- 2 Ron & Billie Lookingbill
 3 Donald & Bonnie Beall
 4 Robert & Bonnie Dixon
 22 Steven & Mary Dixon
 27 James and Kasarah Lind
 28 Kurt & Tammy Weinrich

May

- 1 Brian & Robin Rippeon
 5 John & Pat Nash

June

- 2 Jeffrey & Christine Gladhill
 22 Robert and Sandy Measell
 30 Donald & Peggy Trimmer

If you would like to add or delete-names from the birthday and/or anniversary lists, please contact the Church office at 301-845-4533 or email woodsboroevangelial@comcast.net.



May

- 6 Sarah Dixon
 7 Ronald Lenhart
 8 Wendy Murphy
 9 Harold Lenhart Jr.
 11 Robert Dixon
 15 Marie Nowell
 26 Gary Smith
 28 Kurt Weinrich
 30 Brenda Nowell

June

- 2 Tyler Nowell
 6 Barbara Christie
 7 Megan Stitely-Brenneman
 11 Sara Esworthy
 12 Brayden Castle
 14 Karstyn Elizabeth Smith
 Kimberly Main
 17 Doris Lenhart
 23 Emilia Rose Kenny

Our Prayer Request

Kelli Angleberger, Beth Gladhill-Balog,
 Jessica Bowers, Sherman Broka,
 Peggy Carey, Nancy Creager,
 Gloria Gladhill, Joann Houck,
 Paul and Ann Hutter, Bob Hyde,
 Robert and Sandy Measell,
 Kathleen Milander,
 Millie Miller, Michael Murray,
 Terri Nicholson, George Pearce,
 Amanda Phelan, Chester Redmond,
 Doris Rippeon, Robin Rippeon,
 Charlotte Shaffer, Greg Smith,
 Mike Stottlemeyer, Lincoln Tiemann,
 Donald Trimmer,
 Pastor Harry Wolpert,
 and Tina Yinger

Coming Events

*Good Friday
Worship Service
7:00 pm.
Friday, April 7th*

Geranium Sale



Ordering begins April 2nd and ends April 30th - Red, White, and Pink in 4" pots \$5.00 each. Delivery/pickup – May 13th in the Social Hall. Please contact Mitzi Smith at 301-898-5539

or Email: beaker50@aol.com

SENIORS' LUNCHEON MEETINGS

Woodsboro Seniors' Luncheon Meeting –
We are planning to go to the El Rancho Restaurant, Walkers Village Shopping Center, at 11:30 am – Wednesday, April 19th. If you are interested in going, please call Doris at 301-304-5244. New members are always welcome.

WOODSBORO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



101 S. MAIN STREET
WOODSBORO, MD 21798
301-845-4533



TURKEY & HAM SLIPPERY POTPIE CARRYOUT

***(pre-ordered) Country Ham Sandwiches
Saturday, April 22nd - 11:00 am to 2 pm**

SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd

Pick up from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Call 301-271-3309 and leave a message to
place an order by**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19th

Pot Pie by the Quart \$8.00

Country Ham Sandwiches \$5.00

Delicious Homemade Baked Goods Available

Serving God and Community

Join us for Worship Service at 10:00am each Sunday

SPIES, HOSTAGES, AND ARMIES ON THE MARCH

THE STORY OF WOODSBORO IN THE CIVIL WAR

C. DAHL DRENNING



Public Lecture

WOODSBORO IN THE CIVIL WAR

April, 27, 2023 – 7:00 pm

Woodsboro Lutheran Church Social Hall

Sponsored by

The Woodsboro Historical Society

Free Public Lecture

All are welcome

7:00 pm, April 27th

**Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church
Social Hall**

The Story of Woodsboro in the Civil War

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The Woodsboro Historical Society

Presented by: Dahl Drenning

Community Events



Community Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 1st

3:00 pm

Woodsboro Regional Park

If anyone would like to donate candy, we will be stuffing the eggs on Friday, March 24th at 5pm at the firehall. For additional information, contact Heath Barnes at 301-401-7164 or hsbarnes1999@yahoo.com.

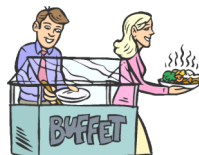
All You Can Eat Breakfast at Chapel

Saturday, April 1st 2023

7:00 am – 11:00 am.

\$10.00 - Adults

\$5.00 Children (5-10)



Be sure to bring your family and friends to share some delicious food and great fellowship.

WOODSBORO LUTHERAN CHURCH Community Craft and Yard Sale



Celebrate Summer

Saturday, June 10, 2023

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Indoor/Outdoor Rain or Shine

Food Available

Yard Spaces for Rent \$10.00

**Please call Robin for more information or
to reserve a space 301-639-1206**



***The Church welcomes donated items**

<http://woodsborolutheranchurch.com/>

Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church

101 South Main Street

Renters are responsible for removing their items after the sale!!!

Caring Closet

Community Partners will be collecting items for their Caring Closet program. **March's** focus will be on **Personal Hygiene** – liquid hand soap, shower gel, and deodorant. **April's** - focus will be on - **Cleaning Supplies** – dish detergent, sink/counter cleaner, toilet cleaner, sponges, and brushes. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Glade Valley Community Services

The Latest from the GVCS Food Bank - All donations are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the food bank at 301-845-4229 (Leave a message and your call will be returned.) or email at GVFB21w@gmail.com. Thank all of you for your continued support!

Currently, the greatest needs are:

Canned Pasta	Pasta Sauce	Canned Fruit
Cereal	Paper Towels	

Emergency Relief Fund is still available.

The Glade Valley Community Thrift Shop

is now open from 10am-2pm on Saturdays
without appointment

Clothing and shoes for the whole family
Please pass the word to your neighbors!

**19 West Pennsylvania Avenue
Walkersville**



Contact Mitzi Smith, 301-898-5539 or beaker50@aol.com.



April 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Holy Communion 10:00am Worship Service Geranium Sale Begins  	3	4 1 pm - Jim Affordable Pest Control 5-7pm - SH Community Dinner	5	6 Maundy Thursday	7 7:00 pm Sanctuary Good Friday Worship Service 	8 Egg Hunt Rain Day
9 Easter Sunday Holy Communion 10:00am Worship Service Followed by Egg Hunt  	10 Easter Monday	11	12	13	14	15
16 Holy Communion 10:00am Worship Service Food Collection Sunday	17	18	19 11:30am - 1:00pm Senior Luncheon El Rancho Restaurant	20	21 9:00 am SH/Kit (All Day) - Preparation for Pot Pie Carry Out Brian Rippeon, et al	22 11am-2:00pm SH/ Kitchen (All Day) - Pot Pie Carry Out Brian Rippeon, et al
23 No Communion 10:00am Worship Service	24	25	26	27 7:00pm-SH Free Lecture Woodsboro in the Civil War– Dahl Drenning	28	29
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May 2023



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	1	2 5-7pm - Kit&SH Community Dinner -	3 10 am - Jim Affordable Pest Control	4	5	6 7-11am - Chapel All You can eat breakfast
7 Holy Communion 10:00am Worship Service	8	9 Lind Heating & Cooling Service Yearly A/C Cleaning and conversion to A/C from Heat	10	11	12	13 10-11 am - SH - Geranium Pick Up
14 No Communion 10:00am Worship Service Food Collection Sunday 	15	16	17 11:30am - 1:00pm Senior Luncheon (Location TBD)	18 6:30pm - Council Meeting, Social Hall	19	20
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