



Welcome to Alive Church Ephrata
An Anabaptist Congregation

To offer Hope, Life, and Love in Jesus

December 15, 2024

9:00 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL (Ages 2—Adult)

10:00 AM – WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Maci Hurst
Call To Worship	Pastor David Buch
Advent Reading	Jay & Jean Krause
Offering	
Pastoral Prayer	
Worship in Song	Ranee Zimmerman and Team
Message	Pastor Kevin Martin
	<i>“Can You Imagine?”</i>
	Hebrews 11

Sending Song

Benediction

Greeters Harlan & Janelle Horst

Nursery Care is Available

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, December 18, 7 PM – Prayer Time
Sunday, December 22, 9 AM – Christmas Tea
Tues., December 31-Wed., Jan. 1 – Youth Group Lock-In
Sunday, January 12 – Kevin Martin’s Ordination

BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 16 – Adelyn Nolt
16 – Caleb Nolt
18 – Kyle Aldred

ANNIVERSARIES

Dec. 20 – Stevie & Zacharie Estime

COM MINUTES

COM minutes from November 26, are available for pick up in the Council Mts. Mailbox.

2024 CHRISTMAS PROJECT

You are invited to participate in the Loaves and Fishes Feeding Program through New Life Mission – Haiti by giving a monetary gift to provide food for community meals to those in need in Haiti. This ministry is organized by Zachary and Stevie Estime – missionaries supported through Alive Church. Please place your monetary gift in the “BREAD BANK” located on the display table in the narthex. Checks should be made payable to Alive Church Ephrata. Our goal is \$1,500.00.

CHRISTMAS TEA

On Sunday, December 22, we will be having a Christmas Tea during the Sunday School hour. All adult, youth and children’s classes will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9 AM for food and fellowship. Please bring a FINGER FOOD to share. Coffee, tea, and juice will be provided. The regular morning service will begin at 10:00 AM. Contact Ranee if you have any questions.

PHONE/ADDRESS DIRECTORY

The church directories are being updated for 2024. Information forms are in your mailbox. PLEASE return ALL forms to the church office mailbox no later than TODAY. If you do not have a mailbox and would like to be included in the directory, please pick up a form at the Welcome Center. Complete and return it to the church office mailbox. Any questions, please call 717-733-6688 or email info@alivechurchephrata.com.

GREETERS NEEDED

If you are interested in being a greeter once a month, please contact John Gehman as soon as possible.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Church Family

- Karen Beyer – recovering from foot surgery
- John Gehman – recovering from hip surgery
- Mike & Peg Nolt – grieving the loss of Peg’s sister

Mission

- Zacharie & Stevie Estime, New Life Mission Haiti
- Austin Kline, YWAM Lancaster
- Andrea Martin, YWAM Montana Ending Bible Poverty Now
- Daniel & Marlene Martinez, Uruguay

Outreach

- Alive Winter Guard
- Friday Night Skate
- Oyate Hope Academy
- PACE Afterschool Program
- TNT Youth Ministries
- Woodcrest Retreat

Next Sunday’s Service

- Jeff High, Preacher
- Kevin Martin, Worship Host
- The Congregation

IMAGINE

Monday: Eyes of Your Heart – Ephesians 1:18

1. What keeps you from being passionate in your prayer and worship?
2. Do you see God’s promises as yours in Christ?
3. Use your imagination and ask God to open the eyes of your heart.

Tuesday: Just Imagine – Philippians 1:27-28a

1. What would you have to lay down and/or pick up to increase the quality of living a gospel-centered life?
2. What would it look like if everyone in our congregation did the same thing?

Wednesday: I Surrender All – Samuel 1:10

1. What are you holding back from God?
2. What would it look like for you to surrender even that to God?
3. Are you willing to do it?

Thursday: What Would It Look Like? – Hebrews 10:24-25

1. What if we, as brothers and sisters in Christ, committed ourselves to encouraging one another, holding one another accountable to staying committed in our growing relationship with Jesus?
2. What do you imagine the church would look like?
3. How might it change?
4. How might you be part of the process?

Friday: To Infinity and Beyond – Ephesians 3:20-21

1. Is it possible that we “limit” God to things we can grasp and understand?
2. Don’t limit God with what you can understand. Lay it all out before God believing that God can do the impossible.
3. What spiritual needs do you have that you haven’t trusted to God?
4. Whose salvation do you long to see?

Saturday: It Can Be Reality – Matthew 22:37-40

1. Imagine a world, or even your church, where every Christian is fully obeying these two commands: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and love your neighbor as yourself.
2. Imagine what would be missing (gossip, hurtful words, etc.)
3. Imagine what we would experience in our community of faith.
4. Imagine what would happen if you started today. What would need to change in your own life?

Pastoral Leadership Team

Jeffrey High, Lead Pastor
David Buch, Associate Pastor
Kevin Martin, Associate Pastor
Jean Martin, Congregational Care Coordinator
Brian Martin, Bishop

Council of Ministries

Calvin Zimmerman, Church Board Admin Chair
Delmar Brubaker, Church Life Chair
Austin Kline, Mission Chair
Ken Sweigart, Nurture Chair
Ranee Zimmerman, Worship Chair



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Church Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
9 AM-1 PM