

# PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



SAINT PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
BREINIGSVILLE, PA

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**JUNE 2017**



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Dear Friends,

The day of Pentecost is a major festival in the church. In fact, it is often referred to as the birthday of the church, for it is the day that God's Spirit fell upon people, and empowered these people to do the works of God. Pentecost reminds us that the church is God's church. It is God who gave it birth and it is God who will continue to lead and guide it.

As I continue to prepare for my retirement, it is very comforting to know that the church is God's doing. The church is empowered by God's Holy Spirit, the Spirit who calls ordinary people to serve God and others in thought, word and deed. There is no doubt in my mind that the Holy Spirit is very active in the life of the ministry at St. Paul's Breinigsville.

We have just completed another outstanding year of Sunday school. Our children were so blessed to have faithful and loving Sunday school teachers and helpers. Watching our children grow in faith and love of God is a real blessing, and it can only be accomplished by the working of the Spirit.

Our music program is wrapping up another year under the wonderful leadership of Judy Noll and Dick Steltz. Faithful volunteers came out weekly to rehearsal, to laugh, to have the joy of fellowship with one another. As songs were sung and played, the Spirit of God was not only leading but blessed as well.

And what about all that happens behind the scenes. There are so many things that occur that may not even get noticed. We have office help, small group events, food pantry workers, meals on wheels deliveries; we have prayer teams, councils and committees. Through all these and many more, the Spirit is working to see that God's will is done and God's love is shared.

You see, the church is not a building; rather the church is the people of God doing the work of God. So, as I prepare to leave St. Paul's Breinigsville, I have no doubt that the 'church' will be in good hands. For it is God's church, God's work and your hands, hearts, soul and time that make St. Paul's a wonderful and blessed place to be. Thank you for allowing the Sprit to work in you and through you!

Growing with you in faith, Pastor Laura

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

**ST. PAUL'S GOT TALENT.** Yes, we know it. We have already seen the talented folks on the choir and bell choirs share their talents. This summer they will be taking a well-deserved break and we are looking for other talented people to enhance our worship experience. All ages, alone or in a group, vocal or instrumental - show us what you got! Please see Judy for available dates. Be sure to sign up early, dates will go quickly!



## STEWARDSHIP NEWS



The Stewardship Committee hosted a "Thank You Volunteers" Sunday on April 23 to kick off National Volunteer Week. We would like to thank our six speakers / contributors – Amy Brenfleck, Martha Lindenmuth, Carl Seibert, Dick Steltz, Joe Thompson, and Taryne Williams –

for sharing their personal stories on why they decided to become volunteers.

We also handed out updated Ministry Response (Time/Talent) forms, and appreciate the great response we've received so far. If you haven't completed your Ministry Response form yet, please do so soon, and return it to Cindy.

This year we developed a new Time/Talent form for our Sunday School kids, and are getting a great response there as well. Thank you to all who continue to serve the church.

Stewardship Committee

## A NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY IS COMING!

It's time for a new St. Paul's pictorial directory! Our last one was done in 2011.

We have contracted with Lifetouch to do the new directory. That's the same company we used for the 2011 directory.

You will receive a call from a congregation member to tell you more about the program and to sign you up for a photo session. Four photo sessions are scheduled, each from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM: Wednesday, May 31; Thursday, June 1; Monday, June 5; and Tuesday, June 6. Or go to our website, [www.stpaulsbbville.org](http://www.stpaulsbbville.org). On the home page scroll down to Upcoming Events, click on Sign Up Now – be a part of our new directory to sign up online.

Carol Weiser (610-967-5534) and Rosemary Lehman (610-966-2469) are managing the project.



### ***DOING FAITH***

Faith is better understood as a verb than as a noun, as a process than as a possession. It is on-again-off-again rather than once-and-for-all. Faith is not being sure where you're going, but going anyway. A journey without maps. [As theologian] Paul Tillich said ... doubt isn't the opposite of faith; it is an element of faith.

—Frederick Buechner

## BREAKFAST POTLUCK



Join us Sunday, June 4th at 9:00 a.m. for a pre-church breakfast potluck. Bring your favorite breakfast foods to enjoy with others and then stay for worship after. This will be in the pavilion, weather permitting.



Join us for another fun week of VBS!

When: July 24-28<sup>th</sup> 6-8:30 PM

Who: Ages 3-12

Sign up are now open! Please register at [myvbs.org/stpaulsbbville](http://myvbs.org/stpaulsbbville) or a registration form in the narthex

We still need Volunteers please contact Katie Pisauro or Anita Eisenhard at church or at [Katiepisauro@gmail.com](mailto:Katiepisauro@gmail.com)

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“We realize the importance of light when we see darkness.”

—Malala Yousafzai



Brooke Brumbach graduated from Emmaus High School and will continue her education by attending Penn State University. She will be majoring in Business/Finance and minoring in Accounting and Marketing. Her parents couldn't be prouder.

Jeremy Schmoyer graduated on May 13 from Moravian College with his MBA.

Congratulations to Brooke and Jeremy and all graduates.

## THE WOODEN SHOE OF WORRY

The word *sabotage* has a fascinating history. *Sabot* is the French word for a wooden shoe. Sabotage was the act of throwing a shoe into machinery to stop work. Now it means any attempt to hinder production or spoil a product.

Satan tries to cast a wooden shoe into our souls to prevent us from accomplishing God's plan. That shoe is worry, which can crush the spirit, sour our disposition and interfere with Christian service. That's why Jesus instructs: "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself" (Matthew 6:34, NIV). Jesus isn't promoting laziness or indifference; instead, he encourages us to trust our Father, who provides for all our needs.

Be on guard, and don't let worry sabotage your faith!

# WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

The monthly meeting was held on May 10, attended by 8 ladies.

## Upcoming Events:

- May 20, Northeastern PA Synod, 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, Hope Lutheran Church, Cherryville, PA. Theme: 500 Years and Growing. Registration deadline: April 29, 2017.
- Fall Fun Event, September 23, Hope Tatamy.
- Fall Cluster Meeting, October 14<sup>th</sup>, St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Allentown. Topic: Identity Theft.

Our Bible Study was Galatians Christian Faith and Christian Freedom by Kathryn A. Kleinhans.

For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free.....Text 5:1-6:18. Theme Verse: "if we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit" Galatians 5:25. Christians are not perfect, but we are forgiven. We are called "saints" not because of our virtues but because of our trust in God's promises.

Our June meeting might be a tour of the Allentown Rescue Mission. There will be no W-ELCA meetings in July or August.

Submitted by Sharon Bortz



***HAPPY FATHERS DAY***

# Father's Day

## PRAYER CHAIN



A note to let you know that if anyone is in need of additional prayers for someone in your family or someone you know, please call Judy Walker at [610-351-6040](tel:610-351-6040) or cell # [610-573-7117](tel:610-573-7117). She will start the prayer chain by calling the people who serve on that committee. They in turn will keep extra prayers going for that person. All we need is a name of someone in need of prayer, a reason does not have to be given as to why you want the extra prayers.



**Allentown**  
Area Ecumenical  
**Food Bank**

### LOOKING FOR RECRUITES

“The Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank” is Allentown’s only daily food bank, assisting families in need from Monday through Friday. The food bank provides crucial support to approximately 25,000 people or more each year. All of the food bank’s clients live in Lehigh County.

The food bank was founded in October 1978 by a group of Allentown ministers with one simple mission – to provide relief to the hungry people in Allentown and surrounding areas, through the volunteer help of local congregations, businesses, organizations, and individuals.

Do you have three hours on a Thursday morning three times a year? The first Thursday of the month two people from St. Paul’s go to the food bank and work with six other people. We help to fill orders for clients that are in need of food.

We have a fun time working together. It is a heartwarming feeling to be able to supply needy people with much needed food.

Please give it some prayerful thinking. If you are interested in helping, please speak with Martha Lindenmuth or call her at 610-437-0115. Our help would be greatly appreciated.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 30 & June 1 Pictorial Directory Photos 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

June 4 Potluck Breakfast 9:00 a.m.

June 5 & 6 Pictorial Directory Photos 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

## IRON PIGS GAME SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017



We are trying something new.

St. Paul's will once again go to the Iron Pigs for a game on Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be in PenTeleData Porch (not the PPL patio).

Game time is 6:35 p.m. Cost is \$37.00.

There are only 30 tickets available. Watch for a sign-up sheet.

## JUNE FOOD BANK ITEM OF THE MONTH

The congregation has donated to the Food Bank throughout the year but the needs of those less fortunate continue. So please continue to bring nonperishable food items along to worship.

Each month we plan to feature a food item, but any non-perishable food will be acceptable.

**THANK YOU** to all who brought in tuna & canned meats for our monthly collection for the food bank.

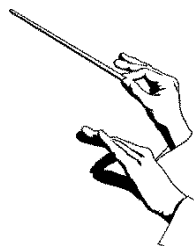
During June our "food of the month" will be any kind of pasta.

## THE EMMAUS CHORALE CONCERT

***The Emmaus Chorale presents: “Feel The Spirit”*** - Join us for a concert which is scheduled for **3:00 p.m. on Sun., June 11<sup>th</sup>**, at Faith Presbyterian Church, North 2nd & Cherokee Streets, Emmaus. A freewill offering will be taken. The Chorale under the direction of Laura Rabenold, will present a variety of selections, some with soloists and drums. Included will be “Ev’ry Time I Feel The Spirit” arr. by Dawson, “Shenandoah” arr. by Williams, “Irving Berlin Medley” arr. by Huff, “Elijah Rock” arr. by Hairston and “A Patriotic Salute” by Cohan arr. by Albrecht, “God of Our Fathers” arr. by Kirkland and more. For more information, contact Carole Ann Trout at [610-398-4496](tel:610-398-4496).

## MUNICIPAL BAND CONCERT SUMMER SCHEDULE DICK STELTZ – CONDUCTOR

June 4     Bethlehem Rose Garden 7:30 p.m.  
June 11    West Park, Allentown 7:30 p.m.  
June 25    St. Francis RC Festival, Allentown 6:00 p.m.  
July 1     Breinigsville Fire Works 7:15 p.m.  
July 8     Joe Daddona Park, Allentown 7:30 p.m.  
July 23    West Park, Allentown 7:30 p.m.  
August 4   Roosevelt Park Movie Night, Allentown 6:30 p.m.



Hope you can attend one of their concerts and enjoy the music.

If you have any questions or would like more information any of the concerts, please speak with Dick Steltz.

## HOSPITALIZED?



If you are in the hospital, please let the church office know. The hospitals have updated their computers, and unfortunately, we are not getting accurate reporting of members in the hospital. Our code # is 321.

## TREXLERTOWN SENIOR ASSOCIATION

The Trexlertown Seniors are looking for new members. We meet every Tuesday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

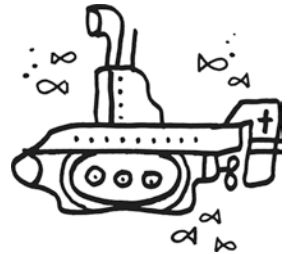
Our meetings start at 1:00 p.m. Some come a little early to socialize. Light refreshments are served.

From time to time we have a speaker come in. We play bingo, have trivia, play cards, pinochle and more. Once in a while we have entertainment with a piano player and a sing-a-long.

If you have any questions, stop in and attend one of our meetings.

## SPIRITUAL SUBMARINES

Author Steve Farrar encourages Christian fathers to be spiritual submarines under the surface of their children's lives. "Through your prayers you have the ability to affect situations where you are not physically present," he writes in *Standing Tall*. "You may be undetected, but that does not mean that you are ineffective."



A man who puts on the armor of God and goes to war on his knees for his children is a force to be reckoned with, Farrar adds. "When it comes to battle ... understand that you have been given awesomely powerful weapons."

## THANK YOU LETTERS

April 17, 2017

Dear Friends,

On the evening of March 18<sup>th</sup> almost 750 people gathered to celebrate the contribution our farmers make to enriching our daily lives. Your generous contribution to the FARM Family Appreciation Celebration helped to make that possible.

Please accept our sincere thanks for sharing your gifts to provide this rare opportunity to come together for great food, fun and fellowship. If you have not had the opportunity to attend one of these events it is our hope you will plan now to attend the 18<sup>th</sup> annual banquet that will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Again, please extend our sincere appreciation to your entire congregation.

Joined in God's Grace,  
Pastor Gade and the FARM Committee  
Thanks so much!  
Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank, we would like to thank you for your donation of \$100.00.

Because of your caring and sharing, we are able to feed those less fortunate in our community. We are currently serving between 200 and 250 families per week.

Again, thank you for your donation.

AAEFB

Margaret Rosenbeger, Corres. Sec.

## **ABOUT THE LUTHERANS**

### **LUTHERANS IN THE CARIBBEAN**

Lutheran churches have deep roots in northern Europe and have large numbers in North America. Partner churches are flourishing in the Middle East, southern Africa, Australia, and Asia. But many Lutherans don't know that there have been Lutherans in some parts of the Caribbean for almost four hundred years.

Historically, Lutheranism came to the Caribbean as the religion of white European and, later, American settlers. But in time some of these churches opened their doors to local inhabitants, Hispanics, African Americans, and Native Americans. Some of these congregations have become truly indigenous and multicultural ministries. More recently, North Americans moved and settled in some parts of the Caribbean, beginning other congregations for expatriates and vacationers.

The oldest Lutheran congregation in the Caribbean was founded in the Virgin Islands in 1666 by Danish settlers on the island of St. Thomas, the Frederick congregation in Charlotte Amalie. They later founded other congregations on the islands of St. Croix, St. John, and St. Thomas in the eighteenth century. Although these congregations were originally intended for Danes, by the 1750s they were ministering to the enslaved Africans on the islands.

When Denmark sold these islands to the United States in 1917, these congregations affiliated with American Lutheran denominations. There are also several congregations of Virgin Island Lutherans on the mainland of the United States, most notably in New York City.

Similarly, Dutch Lutherans founded congregations in the area of Guyana and Suriname in the eighteenth century, as the Europeans planted colonies there. Congregations generally consisted of white settlers and their descendants until the middle of the nineteenth century, when they began to reach out to other populations. Guyana is especially racially diverse, and the Lutheran congregations there include African Americans, Native Americans, East Indians, and some Chinese.

Though it has a long history of European colonization, Lutherans did not become established on Puerto Rico until it became a part of the United States in 1898. In that year a young student, Gustav Swenson, moved to Puerto Rico and eventually started a Lutheran congregation there. He was eventually followed by a number of different pastors and missionaries from the United States, who began to preach in Spanish to the local population.

Lutheran congregations can be found in some of the other islands of the Caribbean. There is a small Lutheran presence in Cuba. Antigua, Bermuda, and the Bahamas all have Lutheran congregations affiliated with various bodies. Even Haiti hosts a Lutheran enclave, connected with the Church of the Lutheran Confession in Alsace and Lorraine (France).

Although many of these Caribbean Lutheran congregations were begun by Europeans or Americans, either as settlers or missionaries, most of their members are now predominantly local people—Virgin Islanders, Guyanese and Surinamese, Puerto Ricans, and others. They may be Hispanic, Native American, African American, or other local populations, worshiping in Spanish, English, French, or other local languages. These congregations enrich the palate of world Lutheranism, and help spread the gospel of Christ into every corner of the world.

### *Mark Granquist*

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*Frederick Lutheran Church,  
Charlotte Amalie*



# PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Karen Feimster  
 Esther Seibert  
 Ginny Wingard

Helen Kessler  
 Gloria Selig  
 Larry Wingard

Betty Marchetti  
 Kathy Shryock



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| 1 Matthew Bruchak  | 11 Fahed Sallit     |
| 1 Zoe Henichek     | 12 Cathy Waltemyer  |
| 2 Paige Inman      | 14 Sandy Bennighoff |
| 3 Sharon Bortz     | 16 Christine Nemeh  |
| 3 James Kresley    | 19 Baileigh Mount   |
| 5 Sandy Huegel     | 19 Keith Theodore   |
| 5 Analena Yeager   | 21 Linda Krotzer    |
| 6 Paul Trainor     | 21 Sydney Mesko     |
| 8 Heather Caricari | 25 Jerry Sedlak     |
| 9 Vanessa Eiswerth | 27 Shirley Binkley  |
| 9 Nancy Reinhard   | 29 Becky Theodore   |
| 9 Sandi Wagaman    | 30 Mari Eiswerth    |
| 11 Bill Knoll      |                     |



- 3 Moses & Cecilia Ajamu
- 4 Robert & Betty Bastian
- 4 George & Brittany Reeger
- 5 Kelly & Michelle Kirn
- 9 Jim & Cindy Krasnansky
- 13 Paul & Denise Trainor
- 15 Jeff & Cathy Waltemyer
- 15 Dick & Nancy Steltz
- 16 Steph & Bill Wagaman
- 17 Ed & Daisy Pearson
- 18 Frank & Sandy Bennighoff
- 18 Frank & Judy Szukics
- 20 Ada & Charles Bennicoff
- 22 Bruce & Sandi Wagaman
- 23 Michael & Rebecca Yeager
- 25 Richard & Mary Ann Spengler
- 26 Jeffrey & Melody Pavlacka
- 29 Gretchen & Dan Gotthard
- 30 Bob & Kim Bruchak

## **PASTORIAL ACT FUNERAL**

Pastor Laura officiated at the funeral of Robert Miller, Sr. on May 12, 2017.

### **MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

The following memorial contributions have been received in memory of Dottie Moll:

Donald & Dorothea Cope

Doris Fenner

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Geschel

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Moatz

The following memorial contributions have been received in memory of Robert Miller:

Rita Miller

David & Emma Weaver

### **STRENGTH FOR LIFE'S BITES**

The day was fresh, and I jumped into my work with an attitude of praise. Then those bothersome mosquito bites started itching again. I rubbed lotion on them and tried to cope with the pain and distraction.

Most days are like that. We intend to honor God in all things, but irritating itches or overwhelming problems develop. Worry leads our minds away from God's love and promises.

We can't avoid life's little — or big — "bites." Yet we look to Jesus as our salve and salvation. He covers us and empowers us for each day's tasks. As Isaiah 40:29 (NIV) says, "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak."

—MaryAnn Sundby



## **YOU'LL NEVER MISS IT**

Frustrated that income never covered expenses, a longtime church treasurer resigned. Another member, who owned the town's grain elevator, volunteered to take over with one stipulation: He wouldn't submit a report for the first year.

The puzzled board members agreed because they knew he was an honest man. After all, they trusted him to process their grain.

By year's end, the new treasurer gave a glowing report. The church's building debt had been erased. Staff salaries had increased 15 percent. And the budget showed a healthy balance.

When the shocked but delighted congregation asked for an explanation, the treasurer said, "Most of you bring your grain to my elevator. When I paid you, I simply withheld 10 percent on your behalf and gave it to the church in your name. You never missed it!"

Imagine what we could do for God if we willingly returned the first tenth of his gifts back to him.

## **BEE**

The bee symbolizes various traits across cultures and faiths, including community, industry and resurrection. Its sting may represent judgment, while its honey calls to mind the sweetness of divine riches. Multiple times in the Old Testament, the Promised Land is described as "flowing with milk and honey" (e.g., Exodus 3:8), and the Psalms declare God's words "sweeter than honey" (19:10; 119:103).



## “SUMMER FLOWERS”

Behold the flowers of June!  
How fair and bright their buds appear,  
as, opening to the summer air,  
our eyes and hearts they cheer!



Who would have thought there could abound  
such beauty and delight  
beneath the cold and wintry ground  
that hid those flowers from sight?

That power which made and governs all —  
the mighty power of God —  
alone could life and beauty call  
out of the lifeless sod.



And he, who from the winter's gloom  
can summer thus disclose,  
shall one day make the desert bloom,  
and blossom as the rose.

—Anonymous



# Puzzle!

Locate the names of all the Old Testament books, using your Bible's table of contents for reference. Numbered books, such as 1 Samuel, appear only once — without numbers.

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**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT  
NEWSLETTER IS**

**JUNE 18, 2017**

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR  
ARTICLES SUBMITTED TO  
THE CHURCH OFFICE  
BY THIS DATE.**



**2 CORINTHIANS 13:11**

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Handbell Director..... Mr. Richard Steltz  
Parish Secretary ..... Mrs. Cindy Krasnansky  
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## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

### **Those Who Serve for the Month of June**

Council Person: Sharon Bortz 610-398-0320

**If you cannot fulfill an assigned duty, please notify the council person of the month or call the church office at 610-398-7000.**

#### **Sunday, June 4, 2017**

Altar Guild: Patrice Walters  
Lay Assistant: Cathy Waltemyer  
Greeters: Larry Schneider, Mary Schneider  
Reader: Marilyn Thomas  
Communion Bread: June and Tom Kellogg  
Communion Assistant: Marilyn Thomas  
Ushers: Amy Brenfleck, Richard Hartley, Angie Kropf,  
Martha Lindenmuth, Bruce Wagaman

#### **Sunday, June 18, 2017**

Altar Guild: Carlene Brumbach  
Lay Assistant: Sandi Wagaman  
Greeters: Carl Seibert, Esther Seibert  
Reader: Joyce Eisenhard  
Communion Bread: Melody Pavlacka  
Communion Assistant: Anita Eisenhard  
Ushers: Zack Dimovitz, Lisa Newhard, Carl Seibert,  
Ryon Williams, Taryne Williams

#### **Sunday, June 11, 2017**

Altar Guild: Amy Brenfleck  
Lay Assistant: Dick Steltz  
Greeters: Jen and Meredith Schmoyer  
Reader: Jeff Waltemyer  
Communion Bread: Esther Nolfé  
Communion Assistant: Sue Firth  
Ushers: Anita Eisenhard, Rosalie Gallagher, Madeline MacMechan,  
Larry Schneider, Mary Schneider

#### **Sunday, June 25, 2017**

Altar Guild: Alice Bastian  
Lay Assistant: Daisy Pearson  
Greeters: Keith Theodore, Rebecca Theodore  
Reader: Peggy Kern  
Communion Bread: Bob Nickisher  
Communion Assistant: Calvin Fetherolf  
Ushers: Frank Bennighoff, Carlene Brumbach, Brooke Brumbach,  
Bob Nickisher, Aubrie Pavlacka



# Sunday School Wrap-up

*Planted Flowers*



**Commemorative book from  
Sunday School Students**



May 21, 2017

**"Shine Out for Jesus!"**





# SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

## Well Drilling in Honduras

A well drilling trip to Honduras was life changing to the team from Trinity, Wernersville, as it also was to the wonderful people of Tegual, Honduras. Although the village was small, over 200 children came to the school where the team installed the well.

Before this well was drilled, the entire village's source of drinking water came from a polluted stream. Because of the very steep banks, water had to be pumped up out of the stream.



The team saw Jesus at work many times that week. The group they worked with from Honduras did not have technology to find the best place to drill, so they used a simple but powerful form of prayer to decide on a drilling location; and Jesus provided.

The team formed many relationships with the children and teachers, and they left the village the on final day with many tears, hugs, and memories to last a life time. Trinity is truly thankful for the generous \$6,000 grant from the synod Witness and Service Ministry Team, funded from your Mission Support giving.

## Alyra Parker - Muraho from Rwanda



"Over these past two months my faith has been tested more than ever," writes Alyra Parker (Hope, Reading) in her blog *Muraho from Rwanda*. Alyra (a former LYF Vice President) is a junior at Gettysburg College. She is in Kigali, Rwanda for a spring semester to study the Post Genocide Restoration and Peacebuilding program.

One of many experiences that have had an impact on Alyra was a visit to a burial site that is dedicated to children killed in the genocide. "There were pictures of children with captions that included their favorite color, their favorite things to do." In addition, there was information about how each child was killed.

"With peace building and reconciliation, I've noticed the capacity for forgiveness from Rwandans. After the genocide, President Kagame (a Tutsi) decided he did not want to pursue revenge on the Hutu's for the genocide, but rather wanted to reconcile and work together to redeem and rebuild Rwanda.

"This concept has been hard to grasp coming from the US. We focus so much on reparations, that a concept like the one President Kagame has pursued would never be worked out in the US. Learning about this has helped me to reflect on the capacity of forgiveness in my own life and in the lives of others."

Follow Alyra's blog to learn more about her experiences: <https://murahofromrwanda.wordpress.com>.



## Always Being Made New Campaign for the ELCA

We've all heard it said, "You will never know unless you try." So, back in 2013, the Churchwide Assembly overwhelmingly decided to "try" launching a five-year comprehensive campaign with four key priorities:

1. Congregations - new and renewing, and people living with disabilities
2. Hunger and poverty - ELCA World Hunger and the ELCA Malaria Campaign
3. Global Church - long-term missionaries, Young Adults in Global Mission, Global Ministries and International Women Leaders
4. Leadership - Fund for Leaders, along with Youth and Young Adults

The Campaign has run for 36 months now, and the leaders are very pleased with the progress made to date. As of Jan. 31, 2017 \$113 million dollars in cash and commitments has been received (57.3 percent of the goal).

The ELCA is very grateful for the offerings that have come forward as a

result of "trying" this new thing. Just imagine what more can be done as we continue to grow in supporting the people, communities and projects that are a priority for us.

To donate, visit [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) and click on the "Campaign for the ELCA" button.



## Center for Spiritual Awakening at Christ, Allentown



In February, 2015, on the drive back to Allentown from a two-day conference about people who identify as "spiritual but not religious," Pastors Tom Lichner and Woody Maxon birthed the vision of a place that would offer safe space, resources, and programming for folks to search their spiritual identity, regardless of their connection to any particular faith community.

This was the beginning of what is now called the Center for Spiritual Awakening, which has found a home in Christ Lutheran's newly renovated, at-one-time parsonage, next to the church building.

- Vision - To awaken and reawaken the awareness of people to the spirit of God in and around them everyday.
- Mission - To provide supportive programs, resources, and safe space for people to search their spiritual identity and relationship with God in order to live to their truest and fullest potential.

The Center recognizes that some people are closely aligned with a traditional faith group; but others are not and seek to satisfy their spiritual hunger through new and different ways of exploration. The Center realizes that spirituality is a way of life and not just a set of creeds and doctrines to adhere to.

To this end the Center offers one-on-one and group spiritual guidance, guided prayer retreats, discussion groups, contemplative worship, and various kinds of programs at the Center and other Lehigh Valley locations. The Center's diverse array of offerings and resources can be viewed on its webpage at the Christ Lutheran Church website: [www.christ-atown.org](http://www.christ-atown.org).

The Center's Director is the Rev. Dr. Tom Lichner. Tom was a clinical member of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors for ten years and he has been certified by two institutions and been practicing as a Spiritual Director since 1989.

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**"India: A Country of Considerable Contrasts"** The public is cordially invited to attend the photographic presentation on **Tues., June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 p.m.**, by John and Dianne Kareha Deisinger in Crest Hall of Luther Crest, 800 Hausman Road, Allentown, PA 18104.

**The Emmaus Chorale presents: "Feel The Spirit"** - Join us for a concert which is scheduled for **3:00 p.m. on Sun., June 11<sup>th</sup>**, at Faith Presbyterian Church, North 2nd & Cherokee Streets, Emmaus. A freewill offering will be taken. The Chorale under the direction of Laura Rabenold, will present a variety of selections, some with soloists and drums. Included will be "Ev'ry Time I Feel The Spirit" arr. by Dawson, "Shenandoah" arr. by Williams, "Irving Berlin Medley" arr. by Huff, "Elijah Rock" arr. by Hairston and "A Patriotic Salute" by Cohan arr. by Albrecht, "God of Our Fathers" arr. by Kirkland and more. For more information, contact Carole Ann Trout at [610-398-4496](tel:610-398-4496).

**Presentation at Luther Crest:** Tues. June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-3:30 p.m. "Matthew Fox—Internal War in the Church" by Rev. Dr. Manfred Bahmann. Contact Rev. Heimer, Luther Crest Chaplain at: [610-391-8210](tel:610-391-8210) or [heimerv@diakon.org](mailto:heimerv@diakon.org).

**The 2017 schedule for Lutheran Congregational Services' Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training** is now available. Trainings will be held **Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>** (Christ Lutheran, Hellertown) and **Oct 7<sup>th</sup>** (St. John's, Stroudsburg). Details and registration information at [www.lutherancongregationalservices.org](http://www.lutherancongregationalservices.org). Your congregation may also schedule a special training for \$250 + facilitator mileage. Thrivent Action Team grant funding can be used for educational trainings like this! Questions? Call Pastor Jennifer Ollikainen at [610-425-2981](tel:610-425-2981).

#### Save These CROP Dates!

Greater Allentown CROP Hunger **Walk: Sun., Oct. 8, 2017, 1:30 p.m.**, with registration beginning at 12:45 p.m. at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104.

CROP Recruiters' **Pizza Party/Kick-off: Sun., Aug. 27, 2017, 1:30-2:30 p.m.** (to receive materials, ideas, and inspiration for yourself and your congregation) at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104. Thank you for your support of our neighbors in need locally and around the globe!

**Luther Crest hosts "Theology, Literature, and Coffee"**. Luther Crest will host a Moravian Theological Seminary-sponsored course, "Theology, Literature and Coffee" (TLC), which will be held at Luther Crest, 800 Hausman Road, Allentown, on **Mondays, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-3:30 p.m.** Enjoy a time of learning and fellowship as theological themes in selected literature are presented and discussed. **Cost for the series is \$20 with early registration discount before September 18<sup>th</sup> (\$25 after 9/18/17)**, and beverages will be provided. To register, please contact Moravian Theological Seminary ([610-861-1516](tel:610-861-1516)) or [www.moravianseminary.edu/continuingeducation](http://www.moravianseminary.edu/continuingeducation)

#### Books to be discussed are:

**Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Of Love and Other Demons** by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, ISBN: 1400034922 Leader: Nelson Quinones, St. John Lutheran Church, Fogelsville

**Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>: Silence** by Shusaku Endo, ISBN: 125008227

Leader: Nelvin Vos, St. John Lutheran Church, Allentown

**Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>: A Man Called Ove** by Fredrik Backman, ISBN: 1476738025  
Leader: Ruth Marcon, First Presbyterian Church, Allentown.

**Available for Lease:** St. Peter's Hanover Ave., Allentown, is looking for a non-profit organization who would like to lease our former parsonage (also former offices of Lutheran Congregational Services) located next to the church at 1923 Hanover Ave. Please call the church office at 610-432-8762 to set up an appointment to discuss your needs. We are open to creative ideas to use this property in a cooperative effort to the benefit of those in our society who need assistance.

**Can you provide an hour or two per week** to help someone who wants to change their life? St Luke's at 417 N 7<sup>th</sup> St, Allentown still has an ongoing need for volunteers to assist as tutors or substitutes for our growing multi-level ELL Program for individuals who desperately want to learn English. No foreign language needed. Contact Leslie Talago or Pastor Lamb at [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943) or [stluke@enter.net](mailto:stluke@enter.net) for class times and orientation sessions.



**LMD ASSEMBLY**  
**30 April 17**  
**Positive Reflections**

The Lehigh Mission District met in its Annual Assembly on Sunday, April 30, beginning at 5:00PM at The Lutheran Center. The spirit of the group was quite positive. The session began with a sung opening prayer led by Elizabeth Leibenguth on behalf of Lutheran Youth Fellowship. Following prayer, the group was welcomed to a full-course dinner prepared by Janelles from the Bowers area. Included in the group were nearly 50 people representing 18 congregations and representing at least three special interest groups.

During dinner, the group was informed about the activities of several groups which are associated with the Mission District or serve on its territory. The first of these presentations involved ALIM (Adult Lutherans in Ministry) and was offered by Nancy Eckert. Their annual special event is scheduled for Saturday, October 14, at Nativity Lutheran Church and is titled *Church: Still Reforming*. Her comments were followed by a review of Operation Sunshine by Dick and Paula Skelly. Now in its 30<sup>th</sup> year, this program is doing quite well and continues to attract about 45 participants for each of its trips. The group thanked Dick and Paula for their continuing leadership. Chaplain Kelly Brooks from Good Shepherd shared a few comments about this special mission which, of course, has its primary facility on our territory. In the absence of Chaplain Callista Isabelle, who was leading worship at Muhlenberg College, Dean Gade expressed gratitude for the meaning which the college's presence adds to our mission.

In the spirit of these sharing's it also became increasingly obvious that the group was pleased to have an active relationship with the Lutheran Youth Fellowship. Although there has been a space for a representative of this program on the Mission District Council, Elizabeth is the first representative in a long time to occupy it. Gratefully her efforts also prompted contributions from the congregations in the amount of a little more than \$1059 in support of this summer's LYF Assembly at Muhlenberg College (actually this amount was doubled with funds from the Lehigh Mission District). LYF also selected and processed elastic bracelets bearing the Luther Symbol and the words "NEPA Synod Reformation 500" which were distributed to all attendees.

Following dinner, the group responsibly processed the necessary agenda of this annual meeting in a relatively brief time period. Included was the recognition of those who were present who were celebrating anniversaries. This included Pastor Nelson Quinones who was celebrating 15 years of ordained ministry and Pastor Richard Stough for 55 years of service. It was also noted that St. Peter's Church, Hanover Avenue, Allentown, is in the process of celebrating its 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This portion of the evening also included the election of Pastor Quinones to a three-year term as our representative to the Synod Council and Treasurer Dick Skelly and Secretary Pastor Stough to additional one-year terms in these capacities. And both the Financial Report and the proposed Budget were approved.

And the evening concluded with a well-received presentation by The Rev. Dr. Walter Wagner entitled *Luther and the Changing Church* in the spirit of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation.

*Pastor Richard Stough*



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*Operation Sunshine is a non-profit fellowship opportunity within our Mission District, run solely by volunteers. Please join us and invite your friends as we enjoy a variety of venues together.*

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**August 3 (Thurs) – Shawnee Inn and Playhouse – OKLAHOMA -**

The high-spirited rivalry between the local farmers and cowboys provides the colorful background against which Curly and Laurey play out their love story. With these two headstrong romantics holding the reins, love's journey is as bumpy as a surrey ride down a country road! Hit songs include "Oh What a Beautiful Morning," and "Surrey With the Fringe on Top". Lunch will be at the Shawnee Inn. **Entrée choices** are Chicken Cordon Bleu, Grilled Salmon with Honey Barbecue glaze, Roast Loin of Pork with Apple and Dijon Demi-Glace, or Tri-Color Tortellini Primavera. **Dessert choices** are Chocolate Cake or a Duet of Sorbets. **Please indicate your entrée and dessert choice at time of reservation.**

**Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:30 AM and will return approximately 5:30 PM**

**Cost \$74 Payment Deadline: Thurs. July 20**

**September 13 (Wed) – Bird In Hand Family Restaurant and Stage – MAGIC AND WONDER -**

Experience something new and different for Operation Sunshine, a theatrical event starring illusionist Brett A. Myers. You will be amazed at the grand illusions and his act incorporates live animals and comedy. This new show will celebrate the holiday season, and help you rediscover the wonder and true magic of Christmas. Enjoy a delicious lunch Smorgasbord at the Bird In Hand Restaurant.

**Bus Leaves St. Timothy's at 9:30 AM and will return approximately 4:15 PM**

**Cost \$80 Payment Deadline: Thurs. Aug. 7**

**October 17 (Tues) – Penn's Peak – LIVE AT THE SANDS, SAMMY, DEAN AND FRANK -**

Be dazzled and transported back to Sinatra's sun-kissed world of wine, women and song. When Michael Dutra performs with his full Live at the Sands, Frank, Dean and Sammy ensemble, you'll swear Dean Martin and Sammy Davis, Jr. are in the room! Enjoy the great family style meal served by Penn's Peak before the show. If we are lucky, we may see the beautiful colors of the Fall Foliage on our way!

**Bus Leaves St. Timothy's at 10:30 AM and will return approximately 4:30 PM**

**Cost \$82 Payment Deadline: Thurs. Sept. 19**