

PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



SAINT PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Breinigsville, PA

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*"Surely the
LORD is in
this place."*

Genesis 28:16

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Dear Friends,

As I write this, I am very much aware that this is my last newsletter 'pastoral' article. That knowledge comes with so many mixed emotions. I have loved, yes loved serving as pastor of this wonderful congregation over the years. I truly believe my call to service was directed by the Holy Spirit.

With your help, I have grown so much as a person and a pastor. I have grown in my relationship with God and together we have strived to be the people of God doing the will of God.

I can't begin to thank you for all the blessings that you have been to me. You have indeed become as family to me, and I will miss our family times in weekly worship very much. Together we have celebrated family events such as baptisms, weddings and dare I forget to mention numerous pot-luck meals. We have comforted one another during times of grief. I am most appreciative of the love and support you showed me upon the death of my Mother a few years ago. Through good and sad times, we have supported one another.

It has been a joy to see so many young families and individuals join the congregation, but not only join, but to be welcomed and included. I believe St. Paul's has and continues to live up to its mission statement that reads: *Built on God's love; sent to serve. So that the next generation may know Christ.*

As I said, I move into retirement with mixed emotions. For as fulfilling as my call to St. Paul's is, I am also very excited to begin a new chapter of my life, that of retirement. I look forward to having more time to travel and to see my family and friends which are scattered throughout many states. I look forward to the possibility of serving as a supply pastor to congregations in need. I look forward to finding ways to give of my time in various areas of volunteerism. I look forward to working less, and playing more.

As for the future of St. Paul's, it will be fine. This is God's church. The very breath of God the Holy Spirit dwells here as it has for over a hundred years. God will call a new pastor for you, and you, now in the meantime, and in the future will continue to worship the Lord your God, support and care for one another and reach out to others so that they too, may know

just how much God loves them. That is what the church does, and what this church will continue to do. I leave this call feeling good that you are a strong and growing church and I leave with no doubt as to the future of God's work being done in this setting.

I pray that you will continue to serve the Lord, continue to love one another, and continue to reach out to those in need. I thank you from the core of my heart for the love and joy you have given and shared with me, and I wish you only the very best.

Thank you for growing with me in faith,
Pastor Laura

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT WITH OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH PASTOR LAURA?

With my retirement my pastoral relationship with the members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church Breinigsville comes to an end. I treasure the privilege you have given me to serve as your pastor for the last 13 years, but now those responsibilities belong to your interim/designated pastor and then to your next regularly called pastor. While friendships established during my pastorate can and will continue, it is no longer appropriate for me to do any pastoral functions within the congregation or for its members. Therefore, if you ask, I will say, No. And my negative answer comes from my respect for the integrity of the congregation, for the ministry of the pastors who will be serving you, for the professional ethics of the vocation I love, and for the policies of the church. For these same reasons I shall routinely decline invitations from your pastor(s) to preside or assist at weddings, baptisms, funerals, and other congregational functions. Only in extraordinary circumstances and with the prior approval of the synod bishop and the congregation council would I consider accepting such an invitation.

My request to you as former parishioners and future friends is to honor my determination to keep a healthy pastoral distance from the congregation. Please, therefore, do not ask me or request your pastor to invite me to function as a pastor on your behalf. On the other hand, I would be honored to be invited as a friend to attend such congregational events.

FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL

I want to take this opportunity to talk about the upcoming period of transition for this congregation, this community. In fact, our transition is already under way. I can tell you that when Pastor Laura let your Council know that she would be retiring, our focus very quickly shifted from a feeling of sadness at her no longer being our Pastor to looking forward to where we would be heading over the coming months and years.

The logistical process of Laura's pastoral leadership ending and our transitioning to something new will be under way by the time you read this letter. The Church Council will have met with the Synod's representative twice. Those meetings will have been the start of a number of meetings, discussions, decisions as your Council and likely a search committee work to discern what God's plans for all of us are going forward. Some of you will likely be asked to help with the process in a direct way. Ultimately, all of you will be involved in the later stages of the process. The Bishop and Synod staff will be supporting us during the process and your Council and I will be keeping you informed about what is happening during our transition. I plan on speaking before Sunday services when we have something to report. I will also be regularly including information in the Parish news. So be sure to read your copy when you receive it. And don't hesitate to speak with me or other Council members if you have questions during this period.

Throughout history, God's people have gone through many transitions. Some well known ones in scripture, like the Exodus from Egypt and the coming of God's spirit at Pentecost changed the course of God's people in radical ways. Countless others have been just as important whether they have been memorialized in scripture and history or not. When God has plans for us we respond to the Spirit he sent at Pentecost and blessed us with at our baptism. And God has plans for us. We here are all part of those plans and your Council and I are excited to get started in the transition. We'll be in touch.

Tom Kellogg, for your Church Council

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

During these lazy days of summer, while you are relaxing on the patio, take time to consider how you could use your talents here at St. Paul's. Hopefully, music is one of your talents. Consider joining the choir. You don't need to be able to sing a solo - remember there are strength in numbers. We need people who are committed to coming to rehearsals and services. We really do have fun, and we guarantee you a reserved seat right up front! Rehearsals begin Sept. 7 at 7:30.

If you can't make a full time commitment, other part time opportunities are available. We are still looking for special summer music both vocal or instrumental. This is a great opportunity if you are a beginner, or have been secretly hiding a talent. People here are very nonjudgmental, and it is an excellent opportunity to "give it a try".

Take another sip of that cool drink and think about it....



Join us for another fun week of VBS!

When: July 24-28th 6-8:30 PM

Who: Ages 3-12

Sign up are now open! Please register at myvbs.org/stpaulsbville 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

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

CAROL WEISER

Our new pictorial directory is well underway. Our activity pages are in process and we have photos of many of our members. We hope that your picture is among them.

If you haven't had your picture taken or submitted a photo for the directory, it's not too late. There are three options for including your picture in the directory:

- Contact Rosemary Lehman (610-966-2469; lehmanrk@ptd.net) or Stephanie Wagaman (610-395-0355; stepbillwagaman@rcn.com) to make arrangements for one of them to take your picture or to receive a photo from you.
- Sign up for a photo session at a congregation in the area that is also doing a Lifetouch pictorial directory. Here are the options:
 1. St. John's Lutheran Church, Boyertown: July 19-22, 2-9 p.m. (10-4 on July 22).
 2. Old Zionsville United Church of Christ: August 17-19.
 3. Union United Church of Christ, Schnecksville: August 10-12.

To sign up to have your picture taken at one of these congregations, call LifeTouch Guest Services at 1-888-313-1746; a representative will help you sign up with a congregation. Or you can call Rosemary Lehman and she will help you sign up at the other congregation. **Note:** Your photo will be included in *our* directory, not in the directory of the congregation where you have your photo taken.

Please note: Carol Weiser will not be available until after July 16.

The new directory will be a great way for new members to get to know other members and current members put names with faces. It will be also an invaluable aid to a pastoral interim and new pastor. Do be sure your picture is in the directory.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Fireworks, sponsored by the Schmoyer Funeral Home will be held in Breinigsville Park on Saturday, July 1st with a rain date of Sunday, July 2nd.

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:6103516040) or cell # [610 573 7117](tel:6105737117). 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.

“As a child of God, I am greater than anything that can happen to me.”
—A.P.J. Abdul Kamal

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“The aim of education is the knowledge not of facts but of values.”
—William S. Burroughs

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“May we think of freedom not as the right to do as we please but as the opportunity to do what is right.”
—Peter Marshall

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

On June 14th eight ladies took an interesting tour of the Allentown Rescue Mission and were treated to a light lunch. The Mission has a 3 “S” motto: soup, soap and salvation. Its purpose is to end homeless living, through a variety of programs. In addition to the Emergency Shelter, men have the opportunity to choose a Christian Living Program and a Graduate Program, each getting them closer to independent living. The DeSales Medical Clinic, composed of students and professionals, visits every Tuesday and Thursday evening. There are plans to have a podiatrist come in every 2 to 4 weeks as well have dental care. Residents care for a vegetable garden and a flower garden on the premises. Allentown’s Rescue Mission is one of 300 gospel rescue missions across the country.

Upcoming Events:

- 6 women from St. Paul’s are scheduled to attend the Triennial Gathering in St. Paul, MN from July 12-16.
- Fall Fun Event, September 23, Hope Tatamy.
- Fall Cluster Meeting, October 14th, St. Timothy’s Lutheran Church, Allentown. Topic: Identity Theft.

There are no W-ELCA meetings in July or August.

Submitted by Sharon Bortz

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.

JULY AND AUGUST FOOD BANK ITEMS 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 item will be acceptable.

THANK YOU to all who brought pasta for our monthly collection for the food bank.

During July and August our “food of the month” will be any kind of canned vegetables or canned fruit.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 9 Old Fashioned Picnic in the Pavilion

July 23 Farewell Service and luncheon for Pastor Laura

July 24 – 28 Vacation Bible School 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

August 27 Church Carnival

September 3 Iron Pigs Ball Game

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, pinocle 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.

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 3rd. 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. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank, we would like to thank you for your donation of \$300.00.

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 AROUND THE WORLD

Wittenberg was a small provincial town on the edge of the empire when professor and pastor Martin Luther lit an evangelical spark that illuminated God's grace and prompted reform in the Western church. Over the next five hundred years the good news spread far beyond Saxony and Europe. Today the family of Lutheran churches includes both the Lutheran World Federation (with 72 million congregants in 145 church bodies in ninety-eight nations) and the International Lutheran Council (with thirty-five member bodies in over thirty nations).

People, printing, and politics—all played a part in this process. Students from across Europe and Scandinavia, such as the Swedish brothers Olaus and Laurentius Petri, were drawn to Wittenberg. They participated in lively theological debates and were influenced by Luther and his colleagues. Returning home, these students carried new gospel insight and the movement for reform. They also carried books and soon were producing more, including translations of the Bible and Luther's works into their own languages. Lutheran ideas and practices were established and endured where those gained support from powerful persons, such as Christian III. Having witnessed Luther's defense at the Diet of Worms, he introduced Lutheran reforms in his duchy in the 1520s and then into the whole of his realm when he became king of Denmark.

Lutheranism was also spread by migration as Lutherans joined in the global movements of commerce and colonization that followed the so-called age of discovery. With few, but notable, exceptions, religion was not the motivation for Lutheran migration to North America. Rather, the promise of better "daily bread" drew them from northern Europe and Scandinavia, from pre-Revolutionary time into the early twentieth century. Nonetheless, Lutheran migrants packed their Bibles, catechisms, and hymnbooks in their trunks. Upon arrival, they formed congregations, established institutions of mercy and education, and organized synods. Among the oldest congregations in the Western hemisphere is Frederick Lutheran in Charlotte Amalie on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Other Lutherans migrated to Australia, Brazil, Argentina, and southern Africa. In each place they adapted to unfamiliar customs, a new language, and being a minority denomination without government support.

Other Lutheran churches have their origin in missionary work begun in the early eighteenth century. Pietists' concern for holistic, personal faith generated both inner mission work close to home and the impulse to carry the gospel to people who had not heard it. First in south India, then around the world, the Bible and the catechism, translation and schools, were among missionaries' primary evangelical tools. As the churches have matured, local Lutherans take responsibility to articulate the gospel and address their own social concerns. In the twenty-first century, these growing Lutheran churches are providing leadership to and enriching the global communion.

L. DeAne Lagerquist

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Immigrants arrive at Ellis Island



Worship in Johannesburg, South Africa

ABOUT THE LUTHERANS

LUTHERANS IN SOCIAL SERVICE

Care for the poor and those in dire need has been a Lutheran concern from the beginning of the Reformation. In 1522, only five years after the posting of the Ninety-Five Theses, the reformers issued the Wittenberg Church Order, something of an outline for how a reshaped church community was to conduct itself. And part of that document was the call for a common or community chest—a fund that would, among other things, provide for poor orphans and children of poor people, provide refinancing of high-interest loans at 4 percent for those who were in financial trouble, and underwrite education or training for poor children. (Tellingly, Luther was challenged on the possibility of abuse, and he responded, “He who has nothing to live on should be aided. If he deceives us, what then? He must be aided again.”) These ideas were soon being put into practice—not just in Wittenberg, but in other cities as far away as Strasbourg. When the pastor of St. Mary’s Church in Wittenberg, Johannes Bugenhagen, became involved, the church orders also took up the cause of health care.

From that time on, Lutherans have keenly felt the responsibility to care for those in need, and that has been addressed in ways suitable for the time. An important step was taken by nineteenth-century German pastor Theodor Fliedner. Assigned to a poor town called Kaiserswerth (now part of Düsseldorf), he began working with inmates in the dilapidated prison there. Once he got a chaplain assigned to that prison, his focus shifted to caring for inmates, especially women, after their release. This, in turn, led to his development of a plan whereby young women would be trained to care for the sick, since there were few hospitals at that time. In 1836 he opened both a hospital and a school for training women in theology and nursing. He called these women deaconesses.

One of the graduates of that school was Mother Katinka Guldberg, who established a deaconess house in Kristiania (now Oslo), Norway, where one of her students was a young Elisabeth Fedde. After working for a time in northern Norway, Fedde moved to New York City to begin ministry there. In short order, she founded or cofounded the Norwegian Relief Society, a deaconess house, and a small hospital that eventually became the Lutheran Medical Center in Brooklyn. After a few years, she moved to

Minneapolis, where again she founded a deaconess center and a hospital that has now become part of the Hennepin County Medical Center. Hospitals in Chicago and Grand Forks, North Dakota, can also be traced to her work. Other important activity in social services was propelled by Pastor William Passavant.

These days Lutheran care for the needy can readily be seen in the work of Lutheran service organizations across the country, often among the most active such agencies in any given area. Worldwide, Lutheran World Relief is known and respected not only for showing up where needed, but for staying there even after the news reports fade away. In 2015 Lutheran World Relief touched over four million people in thirty-six countries.

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Theodor Fliedner



Elisabeth Fedde

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

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| Karen Feimster | Roland Grammes | Helen Kessler |
| Deloris Kline | Judy Kresley | Betty Marchetti |
| Dawn Moyer-Fluke | Esther Seibert | Kathy Shryock |
| Becky Theodore | Larry Wingard | Paul Xander |
| Family & friends of Robert Mesko, Sr. | | |



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| 5 John Kropf | 25 Kim Bruchak |
| 6 Stanley Younger | 25 Sienna Burley |
| 7 Jackson Eisenhard | 25 Sophia Gotthard |
| 9 Kathy Granger | 25 Mindy Inman |
| 10 Kathy Maslany | 25 Kylee Maslany |
| 14 Briana Mironov | 26 Kim Pearson |
| 15 Melody Pavlacka | 26 Marilyn Thomas |
| 15 Patrice Walters | 27 Michelle Kirn |
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| 19 Olivia Gotthard | 28 John Thomas |
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| 24 Ada Bennicoff | 29 Kayla Nemeh |



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| 11 James & Neali Feimster |
| 16 Bob & Kim Pearson |
| 18 Philip & Tonya Wagner |
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| 22 Doris & Wallace Fenner |
| 24 Jeremy & Jennifer Schmoyer |
| 31 Joseph & Sandra Stanton |



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| 3 Olivia Eisenhard | 18 Cleo Gehman |
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| 9 George Reeger | 24 Riley Williams |
| 11 David Apgar | 25 Jeffrey Heminitz |
| 12 Joseph Mironov | 25 Eric Montgomery |
| 12 Gloria Selig | 26 Joseph Stanton |
| 14 Douglas Inman | 27 Rebecca Yeager |



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| 6 Joe & Amy Mutis |
| 7 James & Judy Kresley |
| 8 Linford & Joyce Bastian |
| 10 Tom & June Kellogg |
| 11 John & Diane Kropf |
| 12 Michael & Kelly Morgenstern |
| 16 Ginger & Bill Hallock |
| 21 John & Marilyn Thomas |
| 24 Bruce & Peggy Saylor |
| 26 Robert & Kathy Granger |
| 28 Jason & Christine Nemeh |
| 31 Joe & Felicia Flores |

PASTORAL ACTS

BAPTISM

On Sunday, June 25th we were blessed to be witnesses to the baptism of Baileigh Elizabeth Mount who was made a child of God in this precious sacrament. Baileigh is the daughter of Cindy & Gene.

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The following memorial contributions have been received in memory of Doris Wilkers:

Christopher & MaryAnne Birkhead

Margaret Dietterich

Eastern PA Funeral Directors Association

Warren & Karen Henderson

Robert Nester

J. David & Phyllis Robertson

The following memorial contribution has been received in memory of Robert Miller, Sr.:

Edward & Pennie Schmehle

INDEPENDENCE DAY LESSONS FOR CHURCH LIFE

- **Return to the basics** — On July 4 we commemorate the origins of our country. In terms of faith, we also periodically need to hear again the foundational stories of Creation, the Israelites and, of course, Jesus.
- **Honor the gift of freedom** — “For freedom Christ has set us free ... do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1, ESV). We strive as citizens to preserve and live out our national freedom. Likewise, as citizens of God’s kingdom we live gladly in the freedom of salvation and share that gift with others.
- **Enjoy community** — July 4 is known for picnics, parades and other community gatherings. Similarly, the church is nourished by coming together for worship, meals and other special events.
- **Be light in the darkness** — As fireworks brighten the sky with light and color, the church is called to display the Gospel’s unique light in a dark world. Our word *dynamite* and the Greek word for *power* — as in, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you” (Acts 1:8) — share a root. Through God’s power in us, we share Jesus — dynamically! — with others.

—Heidi Mann

WHY GRANDMA GAVE

One Sunday as she was getting ready for church, a grandmother received a call from her daughter. “Can you watch the kids while we’re out of town next week?” the daughter asked.

Grandma was so thrilled she put an extra \$5 into the offering plate that morning.

The next Sunday, after her three young grandchildren had returned home, she put in an extra \$20.

CHRIST'S HANDS

In World War II, bombs destroyed a church in Strasbourg, France. As parishioners cleared the rubble, they discovered a statue of Jesus that was now missing both hands.

A visiting sculptor later offered to make repairs, but church members declined, saying Christ “has no hands to minister to the needy or feed the hungry or enrich the poor — except our hands. He inspires. We perform.”

St. Teresa of Avila wrote:

Christ has no body but yours;
no hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours.

THE LOG IN YOUR EYE

This humorous illustration of how *not* to get along at college also demonstrates Jesus' teaching in Matthew 7:3-5.

A young man from Scotland went to study at an English university. A month into the school year, his mother visited and asked how he liked living in the dorm. “It’s awful!” he exclaimed. “The fellow in the room next door bangs his head on the wall constantly, and the one on the other side screams all day.”

“How do you stand it?” his mother asked in amazement.

“Oh, I ignore them,” her son replied. “I just sit here quietly, playing my bagpipes.”

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER IS

AUGUST 20, 2017

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




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Sexton Mr. Charlie Meitzler

July 2017 St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Those Who Serve for the Month of July

Council Person: Tom Firth 484-894-3183

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, July 2, 2017

Altar Guild: Rebecca Theodore
Lay Assistant: Sandi Wagaman
Greeters: Pat Spencer, Sharon Bortz
Reader: Daisy Pearson
Communion Bread: Alice Bastian
Communion Assistant: Bob Bruchak
Ushers: Cecilia Ajamu, Diane Kropf, John Kropf,
Madeline MacMechan, Garret Pavlacka

Sunday, July 16, 2017

Altar Guild: Amy Brenfleck
Lay Assistant: Dick Steltz
Greeters: Rosalie Gallagher, Rosemary Lehman
Reader: Thomas Firth
Communion Bread: Angie Kropf
Communion Assistant: Marilyn Thomas
Ushers: Amy Brenfleck, Angie Kropf, Rosemary Lehman,
Martha Lindenmuth, Bruce Wagaman

Sunday, July 9, 2017

Altar Guild: Rosemary Lehman
Lay Assistant: Daisy Pearson
Greeters: Alice Bastian, Paula Smith
Reader: Richard Steltz
Communion Bread: Pat Spencer
Communion Assistant: Nicole Wiswesser
Ushers: Melanie Dimovitz, Richard Hartley, Shayla Morgan,
Marilyn Thomas, Jeff Waltemyer

Sunday, July 23, 2017

Altar Guild: Janine Ritter
Lay Assistant: June Kellogg
Greeters: Janine Ritter, Ken Ritter
Reader: Calvin Fetherolf
Communion Bread: Lisa Newhard
Communion Assistant: Rosemary Lehman
Ushers: Robert Bruchak, Matthew Bruchak, Cal Fetherolf,
Joseph Mironov, Westley Mironov

Sunday, July 30, 2017

Altar Guild: Patrice Walters
Lay Assistant: Sandi Wagaman
Greeters: Jeremy and Hannah Schmoyer,
Reader: Jen Schmoyer
Communion Bread: Rebecca, Keith, Nick Theodore
Communion Assistant: Sharon Bortz
Ushers: Anita Eisenhard, Rosalie Gallagher, Ken Ritter,
Larry Schneider, Mary Schneider

August 2017 *St. Paul's Lutheran Church*

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Those Who Serve for the Month of August

Council Person: Daisy Pearson 610-285-0144

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Sunday, August 6, 2017

Altar Guild: Carlene Brumbach
Lay Assistant: Cathy Waltemyer
Greeters: Stan & Mitzi Younger
Reader: Rosemary Lehman
Communion Bread: Joshua Solderich
Communion Assistant: Sue Firth
Ushers: Zack Dimovitz, Lisa Newhard, Carl Seibert,
Ryon Williams, Taryne Williams

Sunday, August 20, 2017

Altar Guild: Joyce Eisenhard
Lay Assistant: Daisy Pearson
Greeters: Angela Kropf, Jeff Waltemyer
Reader: Bob Nickisher
Communion Bread: Sandi and Bruce Wagaman
Communion Assistant: Calvin Fetherolf
Ushers: Frank Bennighoff, Carlene Brumbach, Brooke Brumbach,
Bob Nickisher, Aubrie Pavlacka

Sunday, August 13, 2017

Altar Guild: Alice Bastian
Lay Assistant: Dick Steltz
Greeters: Cal Fetherolf, Dick Hartley
Reader: Martha Lindenmuth
Communion Bread: Marilyn Thomas
Communion Assistant: Rosemary Lehman
Ushers: Cecilia Ajamu, Diane Kropf, John Kropf,
Madeline MacMechan, Garret Pavlacka

Sunday, August 27, 2017

Altar Guild: Rosemary Lehman
Lay Assistant: June Kellogg
Greeters: Martha Lindenmuth, Bruce Wagaman
Reader: Michele Rampen
Communion Bread: Peggy Kern
Communion Assistant: Anita Eisenhard
Ushers: Melanie Dimovitz, Richard Hartley, Shayla Morgan,
Marilyn Thomas, Jeff Waltemyer



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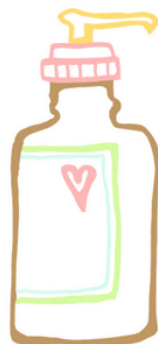


Breakfast



June 4, 2017

Toiletry DRIVE



Pathways Housing Services distributes personal care items to people facing hard times and families struggling to make ends meet. **Currently, our supplies of toiletries are extremely low.** SNAP benefits don't pay for necessities like diapers, shampoo, and feminine products. Please help us cover the gaps in public assistance for those who need it most. Product donations and gift cards to stores where these items are sold can be dropped off at Pathways' Allentown location (1031 W. Linden St.) or call Laura Rowe at 610-433-6421 x6101. **You can also support this ministry with a donation toward our summer campaign goal of \$1,000 to purchase these products.** Donate online at lehighchurches.org/toiletry-drive, where you'll also find downloadable resources for starting a toiletry drive at your church or organization. Thank you for showing compassion to the less fortunate in our community!

Desperately needed personal care items include:

- Full-size bottles of shampoo, conditioner & body wash
- Baby wipes & diapers in all sizes
- Deodorant for men & women
- Toilet paper
- Razors & shaving cream
- Feminine care products
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes



The Lehigh Conference of Churches seeks to unite Christians through community service, ecumenical ministry, and advocacy for social justice while administering housing and social service programs that meet basic human needs. Visit LehighChurches.org to learn more.

SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Lutheran-Episcopal Shared Ministry



Installation of Council at St. John, Sayre with Pr. Melinda M. Artman

St. John, Sayre was without a pastor; and the Congregation Council realized that the operating budget could not support a full time clergy person. A little more than two years ago, the neighboring Episcopal Church (Church of the Redeemer: 'Redeemer') reached the same conclusion and approached St. John's about sharing a clergy person. Both churches had a history of sharing in ministry with one another, and this seemed like a wonderful opportunity to do more together while maintaining their respective and distinct identities.

Both Lutheran and Episcopal churches are few and far between in the northern tier of the synod. So with the help of Pastor Peter Kuritz, Associate of the Bishop, and Canon Anne Kitch of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem, a general outline of what the parishes wanted from clergy was developed. Pastor Kuritz and Canon Kitch then worked together to hammer out a call process that respected both traditions. Each parish was willing to have either a Lutheran or an Episcopalian as the pastor; so a Call Committee was formed from both parishes, and a notice went out last summer of a vacancy.

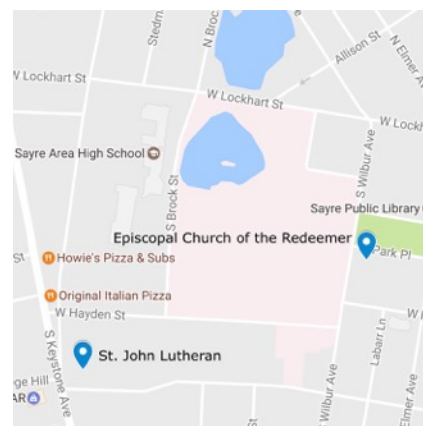
Pastor Artman saw the notice. Her work in helping two Episcopal parishes through the merger process in Southern Maryland was coming to an end, and serving in two great reformed traditions greatly appealed to her.

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Working collaboratively with small congregations in discerning how to be the church in the 21st Century was also an attractive challenge to Pastor Artman. With a prior career in city and regional planning she thought that she had a skill set that would help both parishes grow into their full stature in Christ. So she applied.

Interviews began in November and concluded in January. It is not typical for an Episcopal priest to be the only candidate presented to a parish, nor to have "an audition" before the entire congregation. Redeemer agreed to have only one candidate at a time presented. However its governing body made the decision to extend a call, and the congregation was not made aware of the selection until after St. John's made its decision.

In early January, both parishes extended a call to Pastor Artman, and three weeks later she accepted. On April 1 she began her new ministry. In late May, she will be joined by her wife, two dogs, and a cat in a new home somewhere in or near Sayre.



"Bridge Over Troubled Water"

Parish Secretaries' Seminar October 3 - 4

Originally started by the North-eastern and Southeastern PA Synods, the Parish Secretaries' Seminar is designed to provide opportunities to strengthen work skills needed in the modern office, to network with other secretaries/administrators, and to grow spiritually. Participants from any denomination are welcome.

This year's theme is "Bridge Over Troubled Water." Mary Lou Hatcher will lead the workshop on Church Politics: "Staying Out of the Storm." The Rev. Kurt Garbe will lead Churches in Transition: "Making Your Way Through the Fog." And Julia Menzo will present "Financial Lifeboat." Our Spiritual Leader is the Rev. Dr. Jennifer Ollikainen.

The cost for this year's seminar is again just \$250, which includes one night's lodging (double occupancy), five meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Tuesday, and breakfast and lunch on Wednesday), presenter fees, and workshop materials. Please see the registration form (available at <http://nepasynod.org/event/parish-secretaries-seminar>) for more information.

The registration form, along with payment, must be received by July 17 to receive the early registration discount. For answers to questions, contact Kathy Reyher, at 610-437-3018.

Anniversary Luncheon

On Tuesday, May 9, the synod hosted a luncheon at the Lutheran Center to honor those rostered leaders who are celebrating a major anniversary of service this year.

Sixty-fifth Anniversary

The Rev. Paul Fisher

Sixtieth Anniversary

The Rev. Peter Grimes

The Rev. David Kistler

The Rev. Donald Landis

The Rev. Durrell Seip

The Rev. George Spieker

Fiftieth Anniversary

The Rev. Edward Cloughen

The Rev. Sterling Geiger

The Rev. F. Peter Muhr

The Rev. James Seifert

Fortieth Anniversary

The Rev. Patricia Criste

The Rev. Thomas Cvammen

The Rev. George Grubb

The Rev. Gene Handwerk

The Rev. Wayne Kaufman

The Rev. F. Thomas Lichner

The Rev. Dennis Moore

The Rev. Dennis Ritter

The Rev. David Schaeffer

The Rev. Paul Schoffstall

The Rev. Eugene Sharkey

Twenty-fifth Anniversary

The Rev. Susan Fox

The Rev. James Hammond

The Rev. Douglass McKeeby

The Rev. Martin Milne

The Rev. Philip Spohn

The Rev. Jack Steltzer

The Rev. Beverly Wenrich

Fifteenth Anniversary

The Rev. Nelson Quiñones

The Rev. Herbert Dolich

The Rev. Susan Ruggles

Deacon Linda Maule

The Rev. Jeremiah Sassaman

The Rev. Jami Possinger

The Rev. Dody Siegfried



Congregations, Clusters, and Mission Districts:

**How do you plan to celebrate
this once in a lifetime event?**

**Be sure to let us know at
nepsinfo1988@gmail.com.**

The Rev. Jerel W. Gade, Dean
The Rev. Kurt E. Garbe, Assoc. of the Bishop

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Mr. Joshua Fink, Mission District Chair
Mrs. Linda Smith, Newsletter Editor

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September 2017 LMD NL news will be due August 14, 2017. E-Mail any information to me at imd.newslettereditor@gmail.com.

WOW: *St. Timothy* extends a special invitation to all. Please join us at our **Wednesday Outdoor Worship** gatherings during the summer months. St. Timothy Evan. Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown, Pennsylvania 18104. Call or email, [610 435-6512](tel:6104356512), [Ext.200](mailto:office@sttimothy.org), e-mail: office@sttimothy.org. Please see *your church for a Flyer*.

Allentown Public Theatre Presents – Peter Pan: July 21st - 30th, Fri 6 p.m., Sat/Sun 2 p.m. at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 417 N 7th St., Allentown. Free for children under 12, all others pay what you will! Free workshops on Sat. June 10th, 17th, 24th and July 8th, 15th, 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. allentownpublictheatre.com. Please see *your church for a Flyer*.

Summer Harmony Concert: The public is cordially invited to attend the free Marlene Merz Memorial Concert on Fri., Aug. 4, 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 3231 Tilghman St., Allentown, PA 18104, featuring the Summer Harmony men's chorus. Honoring Marlene's wish for a benefit concert and her passion for Malawi, a freewill offering will be received for First Presbyterian Church-Allentown's Mission to Malawi. Refreshments will be served following the concert. Please see *your church for a Flyer*.

VBS 2017 at St. Luke's Church: "Jesus Comes to Us", Aug. 7th – 11th, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m., students K-6. St. Luke's Church, 417 N 7th St., [610-434-3943](tel:6104343943). Please see *your church for a Flyer*.

Peach Festival: Friedens Evan. Lutheran Church, Lower Lawn Area, 2451 Saucon Valley Rd. Sat., Aug. 19th, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Proceeds to St. John's Community Outreach Benefit, with Supplementary funds from Thrivent Financial. Please see *your church for a Flyer*.

The 2017 schedule for Lutheran Congregational Services' Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training is now available. Trainings will be held Sept. 16th (Christ Lutheran, Hellertown) and Oct 7th (St. John's, Stroudsburg). Details and registration information at 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:6104252981).

Great Allentown 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

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. For more information or to register, go to www.crophungerwalk.org. Thank you for your support of our neighbors in need locally and around the globe.

Food Bank drive at the Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk: Sun., Oct. 8, 2017. The Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank serves 40-60 families each day. Please help by donating these items desperately in need: tuna fish, beans, canned vegetables, canned fruit, soup, peanut butter, rice, Jell-O, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce. A Food Bank truck will be at the CROP Hunger walk to receive your donations. Thank you for your continued support. Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank, 534 Chew Street, Allentown, PA 18102 [610-821-1332](tel:6108211332)

Luther Crest hosts "Theology, Literature, and Coffee". A Moravian Theological Seminary-sponsored course, "Theology, Literature and Coffee" (TLC), which will be held at Luther Crest, 800 Hausman Road, Allentown, on **Mons., Oct. 2nd, 16th, and 30th**, 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 18th (\$25 after 9/18/17)**, beverages will be provided. To register, please contact Moravian Theological Seminary [610-861-1516](tel:6108611516) or www.moravianseminary.edu/continuingeducation
Books to be discussed are: Oct. 2nd: *Of Love and Other Demons* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, ISBN: 1400034922 Leader: Nelson Quinones, St. John Lutheran Church, Fogelsville, Oct. 16th: *Silence* by Shusaku Endo, ISBN: 125008227 Leader: Nelvin Vos, St. John Lutheran Church, Allentown, Oct. 30th: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman, ISBN: 1476738025 Leader: Ruth Marcon, First Presbyterian Church, Allentown.

Good shepherd seeking gift shop volunteers: Allentown, PA - The Volunteer Department is recruiting volunteers for the Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital gift shop. The gift shop is located in the main lobby on the 1st floor of the hospital, 850 S. Fifth St., Allentown. Convenient parking is available in the parking deck across from the hospital. Gift shop volunteers will interact with Good Shepherd's patients, staff, volunteers and visitors. Volunteers will assist customers, sell merchandise and stock shelves. The gift shop hours are 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Mon. – Fri. Shifts can be arranged according to each volunteer's availability. Volunteers must have the ability to understand, remember, and follow verbal and/or written instructions. They also must be able to differentiate between currency types and make change, be customer friendly and be dependable. Training will be provided. For more information or to volunteer, contact JoAnn Frey, volunteer coordinator, at [610-776-3125](tel:6107763125) or jfrey@gsrh.org.

SUMMER NEWS RECREATION AND RE-CREATION

Please be reminded that our tradition is to publish only one Newsletter during the months of July and August. So, this is that edition. And I have chosen to use it to remind us that this is the season of *Recreation* and to encourage readers to use it also as a season of *Re-Creation*.

The activity year 2016-2017 has been a good one for our Lehigh Mission District. Obviously, we have continued to benefit from the conscientious leadership of Dean Gade and Associate of the Bishop Kurt Garbe, supported by a very responsible Mission District Council, under the leadership of Chairperson Joshua Fink. And, yes, I'll start by encouraging this faithful support team to use the summer to accomplish significant *Re-Creation*.

This year has, of course, included laying the groundwork for the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. For our Mission District that began on Reformation Day 2016 (October 30th) when we met at The Lutheran Center to focus attention on the continuing emphasis of the Reformation as we move on into the future – the next 500 years! Following opening devotions, Pastor Garbe set the stage for what was an engaging discussion of these matters. And the group was treated to a delightful supper.

And this year's Annual Meeting (April 30th) was also an enthusiastic and unusual event which followed through on the Reformation Sunday experience. Contrary to previous such meetings, this one began during a cafeteria-style dinner. Uniquely, too, the event was initiated with a brief but special opening devotion led by Elizabeth Leibenguth, the Lutheran Youth Fellowship's new representative on the Mission District Council.

Meanwhile, the year has included the regular once-a-month meetings of our clergy, including the usual special event at Muhlenberg College at Christmas time. And there has been our continuing special interest in both Muhlenberg and the Good Shepherd Home and Rehabilitation Program, which, although it has spread its mission into some other areas, continues to function out of its primary location in our Mission District. These relationships continue inviting us to appropriate experiences in *Re-Creation* during our *Recreation* time.

And, finally, let's give thanks for the continuing "mission" of Operation Sunshine, which is in the process of celebrating its 30th Anniversary. It continues to attract the interest of a substantial group in our area and a bit beyond. Its special contribution to the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation is its participation in a 10-day trip *On the Trail of Martin Luther* in late September. We appreciate the volunteer leadership of Dick and Paula Skelly in support of this program. Please feel encouraged to use this season of *Recreation* as a time for *Re-Creation*!

Pastor Richard Stough
LMD Secretary



OPERATION SUNSHINE

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Web site: www.LMDopsunshine.com

Paula & Dick Skelly Co-Trip Coordinators

Day of Trip Emergency Number **610-417-3286**

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.

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