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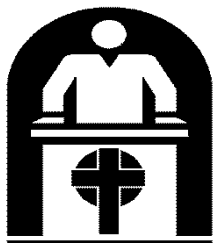
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Dear Members and Friends,

As I write this we are in the midst of the appointed gospel texts for Sundays that most pastors dread. If you remember, we had 5 Sundays where the Gospel mentions bread. Speaking of bread, do you have a favorite bread? Take a moment and imagine its smell, how it feels as you tear into it,

the endorphins coursing through your brain as you take your first bite. What was it that you imagined? Was it like the biscuits they serve at Red Lobster? Or like they *used* to serve at Ruby Tuesdays? Was it sourdough, or spicy rye? Or was it focaccia, that sponge of butter and herbs? Or maybe it was the way your mother made you toast with jelly when you were a child?

Now take that experience with bread and multiply it by a few million and you'll have an idea of what Jesus is offering you. He offered it to 5,000 people. In some gospel accounts, that's just the men in the crowd, not counting women and children. I don't know if it's possible to grasp the love Christ has for you, but Jesus meets us where we are. Instead of comparing himself to the greatest philosophers, teachers, theologians or heroes of his day, he compares himself to bread; simple, ordinary bread. It's a delicious place to start our contemplation of Christ.

Blessings,  
Pastor Miller

## CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS COMING

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's stewardship committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

*New Consecration Sunday* is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's mission, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

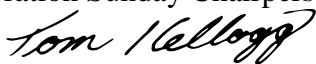
Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Consecration Sunday Chairperson,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tom Hellogg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name of the chairperson.

## MUSIC & WORSHIP

Thank you to all our talented members who added special music to our services when our choir was on a well-deserved break for the summer!



It's time to get back in our regular fall routine. Please think about making choir part of your routine. Rehearsals will begin Thursday, September 6 at 7:30



Joyful Ringers will start rehearsals on September 6 at 6:15 p.m. and Morning Bells on September 9 at 9 a.m.

*New members are always welcome!*

Judy Noll and Dick Steltz



## NEW MEMBER

In August, we received the following individual as a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church: Charlotte Daigle



*From the*  
**SUPERINTENDENT**

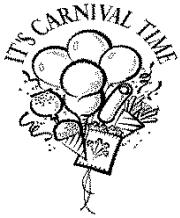
Our Sunday school resumes Sept. 9th with JESUS IS OUR SUPER HERO as our Rally Day Program. Looking forward to a great year.

If anyone has any questions or ideas or would like to volunteer please do not hesitate to talk to me.

Anita Eisenhard



The church council has decided to have our church participate in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day. The church will be selling passes for \$5.00 a piece which gives you a 25% discount at Boscov's stores on one day which will be October 16, 2018. The church receives the full \$5.00 for every pass sold. There are a few limitations on certain brands and limited number of categories of merchandise such as Nike gear and some jewelry which are not included in the discount. But these are listed on the pass. The passes are available now in the office.



Our annual kids' carnival will take place on August 26th following worship. As it approaches, please look for sign-up sheets to volunteer at the game stations. Hot dogs and popcorn will be provided for all attendees.



### **SECRETARIAL CHANGE – TEMPORARY**

While Cindy is out recovering from hip replacement surgery, Sharon Bortz will be sitting in while she is recuperating!!!!

P.S. Cindy is very great full for Sharon filling in for me and sends a BIG THANK YOU her way.

### **CARD MINISTRY**



Here at St. Paul's we send cards to members of the congregation who are ill or in need of a cheerful word. These cards are on the table in the narthex. When you are here on a Sunday, or during the week, check he table to see if there is a card. Please sign your name and help bring a smile to a fellow member.

## ALTAR FLOWER AND BULLETIN SPONSORS

Your sponsorship of the flowers and the bulletins is a great way to pay tribute to someone special in your life and also to help offset the cost of these weekly items for the church.

The prices will stay the same. Altar flowers – one vase is \$22 or both vases at \$44. The cost for the bulletin sponsors will remain at \$20 per week.

The new flower chart and bulletin chart are posted on the bulletin board. If you would like to call the church and reserve a spot for a date, please feel free to do so.

## PRAYER CHAIN COMMITTEE



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 or cell # 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.

If you would like to become a member of this committee, just let me know. I am contacting the Prayer Chain Committee electronically using text messages and email from my cell phone. If you do not have a cell phone or computer, we can still contact you by phone. So if you want to be of service to those who need extra prayers, just contact me using the numbers above or see me at Church. This only takes a brief amount of time and there are no meetings to attend! We all need extra prayers and they do not take a lot of time but are of great comfort.

# **WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA**

After a summer break, the women will resume their monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 12 at 9:30 p.m. We will have a business meeting followed by our Bible Study. See you all in September.

Upcoming W-ELCA Events:

## **Fall Fun Event**

TBD

## **Fall Cluster Meeting**

October 20, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 9 a.m. Topic: Water Crisis in America

## **Soup 'n Sandwich Lunch 2019 Speaker**

Shirley Binkley, a parishioner of St. Paul's and published author, will be the speaker on January 7, 2019. Please mark your calendars and join us after worship.

Submitted by Sharon Bortz

## **SEPTEMBER 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 in canned vegetables during our July and August collection for the food bank.

During September our "food of the month" will be peanut butter and jelly.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 9 Blessing of Backpacks.

September 23 Bunco at 6 p.m.

October 14 Consecration Sunday, Catered Meal

October 16 Boscov's Friends Helping Friends

November 11 Congregational Meeting after Service

November 25 Potluck Lunch and Tree Decorating

December 16 Christmas potluck and Christmas-themed Minute-To-Win-It

February 3, 2019 – Congregational Meeting

March 3, 2019 – Mardi Gras potluck;

“Intelligence is knowing the right answer. Wisdom is knowing when to say it.”  
—Tim Fargo

“If you want your children to turn out well, spend twice as much time with them, and half as much money.”  
—Abigail Van Buren

“The happiest people don't have the best of everything, they just make the best of everything.”  
—Unknown





## A MORNING PRAYER

At the start of a day, who can tell what a day may bring forth? Cause me therefore, gracious God, to live every day as if it were to be my last, for I know not but that it may be such. Cause me to live now as I shall wish I had done when I come to die. O grant that I may not die with any guilt on my conscience, or any known sin unrepented of, but that I may be found in Christ, who is my only Savior and Redeemer.

—Thomas à Kempis

## THE CHALLENGE OF SCRIPTURE

*GQ* magazine recently included the Bible on a list of 21 books not worth reading, calling the text “repetitive” and “foolish” (among other things). Pushback came from both secular and religious folks. Writing in *USA Today*, Tim Swarens argued that even if you don’t believe in God, the Bible helps you understand Western culture, history, current events and your neighbors.

For Christians, the Bible — God’s inspired Word — reveals God’s love and will. It isn’t always easy to read or process, but no other book contains such good news.

As Danielle Shroyer writes in *Original Blessing*, “Scripture is a sacred book meant to provoke us in ways that will move us toward God. And often, that is the very last thing we are looking for. We would rather have an answer, a simple plan, even a nicely tidy moral story. But Scripture gives us none of these things, because the holy is anything but domestic. We go looking to find a plan and instead are sent on a treasure hunt.”

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

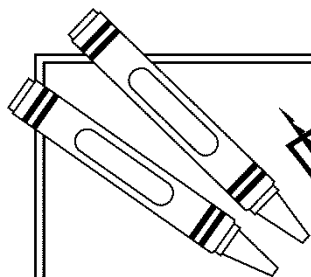
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18 Jim Eisenhard, Sr.	27 Carli Henicheck
20 Lisa Newhard	28 Paula Smith
21 Emily Danner	



5 Skip & Anita Eisenhard
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# PUZZLE

## IT'S A MIRACLE!

Jesus performed many amazing miracles during his earthly ministry.

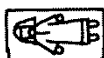
*Directions: Match the words and pictures of different healings, from one column to the other. Then fit the word pairs in the blanks below to complete Matthew 11:5, NIV.*



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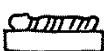
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MATTHEW 11:5, NIV

Answer: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised ... . Matthew 11:5, NIV

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT  
NEWSLETTER IS**

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2018**

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



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Organist/Choir Director ..... Ms. Judy Noll  
Handbell Director..... Mr. Richard Steltz  
Parish Secretary ..... Mrs. Cindy Krasnansky  
Sexton ..... Mr. Charlie Meitzler

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## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

Council Person: Tom Kellogg 610-398-9033

**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, September 2, 2018**

Altar Guild: Rosemary Lehman  
Lay Assistant: June Kellogg  
Greeters: Melody and Garret Pavlacka  
Reader: Bob Nickisher  
Communion Bread: Stan and Mitzi Younger  
Communion Assistant: Robert Bruchak  
Ushers: Amy Brenfleck, Angie Kropf, Rosemary Lehman,  
Martha Lindenmuth, Bruce Wagaman

### **Sunday, September 16, 2018**

Altar Guild: Janine Ritter  
Lay Assistant: Sandi Wagaman  
Greeters: Jen and Meredith Schmoyer  
Reader: Sharon Bortz  
Communion Bread: Bob Bruchak  
Communion Assistant: Sharon Bortz  
Ushers: Diane Kropf, John Kropf, Garret Pavlacka,  
Frank Szukics, Judy Szukics

### **Sunday, September 9, 2018**

Altar Guild: Rebecca Theodore  
Lay Assistant: Cathy Waltemyer  
Greeters: Joyce and Jim Eisenhard  
Reader: Wells Rampen  
Communion Bread: Patrice Walters  
Communion Assistant: Marilyn Thomas  
Ushers: Matthew Bruchak, Robert Bruchak, Anita Eisenhard,  
Rosalie Gallagher, Ken Ritter

### **Sunday, September 23, 2018**

Altar Guild: Amy Brenfleck  
Lay Assistant: Daisy Pearson  
Greeters: Stan and Mitzi Younger  
Reader: Meredith Schmoyer  
Communion Bread: Emily Danner  
Communion Assistant: Rosemary Lehman  
Ushers: Melanie Dimovitz, Cal Fetherolf, Richard Hartley,  
Marilyn Thomas, Jeff Waltemyer

### **Sunday, September 30, 2018**

Altar Guild: Carlene Brumbach  
Lay Assistant: Dick Steltz  
Greeters: Madeline MacMechan, Carol Derr-Breinig  
Reader: Marilyn Thomas  
Communion Bread: Carol Derr-Breinig  
Communion Assistant: Calvin Fetherolf  
Ushers: Zack Dimovitz, Lisa Newhard, Carl Seibert,  
Ryon Williams, Taryne Williams





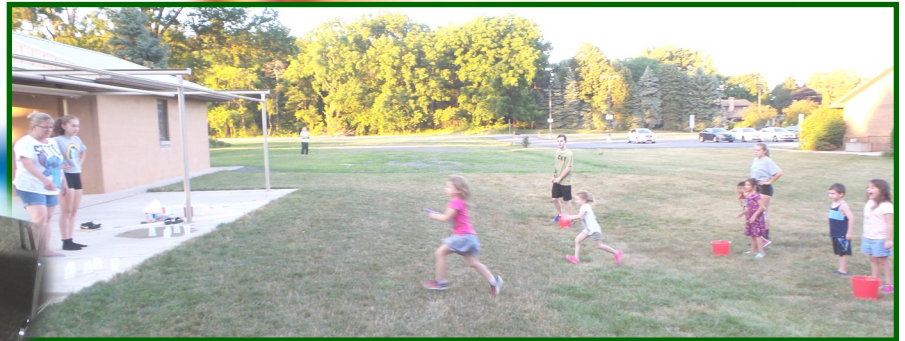
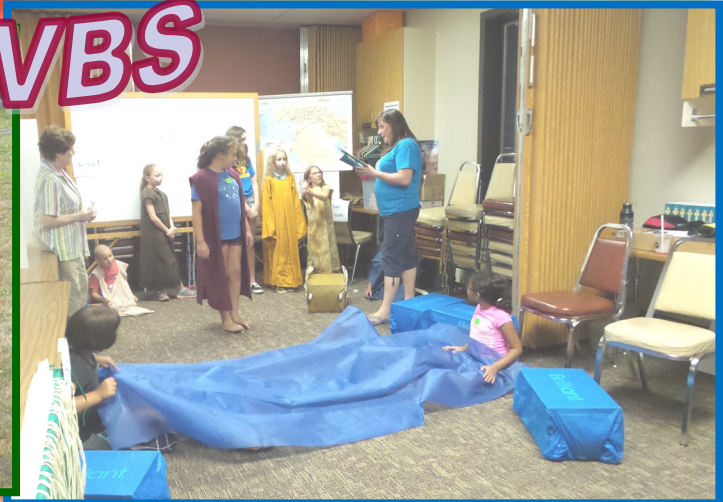
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# Splash Canyon VBS



July 16—20, 2018



# SYNOD NEWS

## Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

### Bear Creek Camp 2018 – This Changes Everything!

It's been a great summer at Bear Creek Camp as the campers and staff continue to grow, celebrate, and explore God's amazing creation!

Campers (Youth and Families) have a great week all over the camp's nearly 3,000 acres (Largest in the ELCA) by hiking, swimming, zip-lining, and enjoying many large and small group activities. The experiential opportunities created at the camp make relationship building a priority. Each camper has an unlimited amount of time to build friendships with the other campers as well as their counselors. In those relationships God's grace is seen, felt, and experienced; and lives are changed. Campers are sent home to be vessels of this grace and to share it with those in their families, congregations, and communities.

This summer Bear Creek Camp will see its attendance rise for the 6th straight summer with a growth rate of over 75% since 2012. Because of the support of the two partner synods (the Northeastern and Southeastern PA Synods), congregations, families and individuals, this ministry is thriving and raising up leaders for the church.

Your support for BCC is not just a donation, it's an investment in the leadership development of our church, and those investments are needed now and always.



## Update from Assembly 2018

One of the service projects at the 2018 Synod Assembly, held at the Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes-Barre, was an opportunity to donate jars of peanut butter and jelly to The Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Northeast Pennsylvania Regional Food Bank.

Recently a "Thank-you" arrived, acknowledging that 634 pounds of peanut butter and jelly were received from our Assembly.

The donation was primarily used to supplement the many summer children's lunch programs throughout the 5 county area of northeast Pennsylvania.

Overall, the Weinberg Food Bank works to ease the pain of hunger in the elderly, children, and people who need nutrients; and by doing the Food Bank works to grow, learn, work, and give hope for a brighter future.

## Always Being Made New Sunday - October 7

As the Campaign for the ELCA approaches its final year, let's focus on finishing strong. Congregations are encouraged to receive a special offering for the campaign on October 7, or conduct a special appeal for the campaign on or near that date.

For details about the campaign, or to order campaign envelopes, check the ELCA website at <http://elca.org/Campaign-for-the-ELCA>.

## ELCA National Youth Gathering Houston, Texas



On June 27 more than 30,000 ELCA youth and adults, including nearly 600 from our synod, came to Houston for the 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering under the theme: "This Changes Everything."

Each day there were opportunities to participate in a variety

of events: Community Life, Service Learning, Interactive Learning, and Bible Study. Then in the evening, everyone gathered at NRG Stadium for a **Mass Gathering**, which featured music from the house band and several guest artists.

**Community Life** events included games, live stages, and a place to connect with others and generally relax. There were also **bible studies** led by Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Rev. Tuhina Rasche, Rev. Aaron Fuller, and Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber.

**Service Learning** events provided an opportunity to join with one of nearly 100 service learning partners and engage in a service project in the Houston area, including minor home repairs, community gardens, graffiti abatement, painting the homes, murals, landscaping, window washing, power washing, mulching, trimming, lawn cutting, and other services.

**Interactive Learning** events invited participants to encounter God through a variety of learning styles and sensory experiences inside the over 700,000 square feet Interactive Learning space. From sports to creative expressions, service projects to quiet meditation, Interactive Learning offered something for everyone.

**Over 40,000 books** were collected and then distributed at community book fairs, camps and other events around the city. The Sunday morning offering was split among the Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, Prison Congregations of America, and ELCA Global Ministries. And a **special offering of over \$200,000** was collected for ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm Challenge.



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