

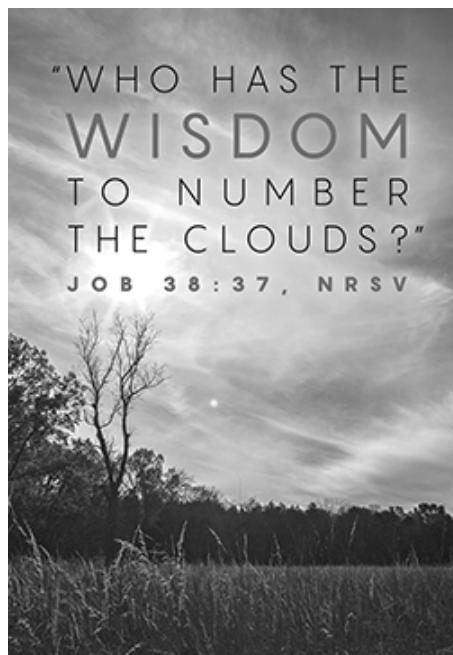
# PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



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Breinigsville, PA

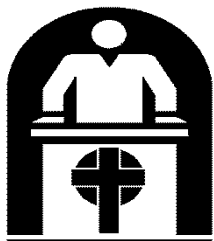
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**OCTOBER 2018**



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Dear Members and Friends,  
We are now into the “swing of things” as they say. It’s that time of the church year when Sunday School starts, choir and bells start, Bible Study starts, our stewardship emphasis is just beginning and things in general around the church are at a quicker pace than the summer. It’s an exciting time! I want to thank

all those who not only participate in the above activities, but also all who have signed up for the activities that make this church function well. We truly could not minister without you. So often we fail to appreciate our volunteers in the church who do so much to help do this ministry.

In Corinthians 12 it says “there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.” “Thank you” to all who have responded to God’s call to use your many gifts and talents. Paul goes on in the same chapter to talk about how we are all members of the body of Christ. He compares us to a literal body and says the hand needs the eye, etc. So we all need each other’s gifts and we need to work together. Thank you to all who make this a welcoming place and a place where the gospel is proclaimed and lived.

Blessings,  
Pastor Miller

#### Message from



President

Dear Fellow St. Paul’s Members,

Greetings! It has been a pleasure being your Council President for 2018 thus far, and I look forward to continuing in this position during the rest of this year. I

do not know about you, but I cannot believe it is Fall already. Everything is in full swing again with Sunday School and our choirs. As always, our Rally Day for Sunday School was fun and a great way to kick off our year.

I want to provide an update about some events coming up at our church, but first, I want to thank Pastor Miller for leading us in worship. In addition, thank you to Sharon and Carole for filling in while Cindy is recovering from surgery, Cindy for her dedicated service to St. Paul’s, Judy and Dick for leading our choirs, everyone who provided special music over the summer, and Anita, our new Sunday School Superintendent, her Sunday School teachers, and VBS volunteers to guide our children and keep the programs successful.

I truly appreciate and thank all our Council members and everyone who works behind the scenes to make St. Paul's what it is. We are always looking for additional members for our various committees. Our Council only has nine members currently, and we have three open spaces. I ask you to prayerfully consider joining Council and/or other committees. Now for our upcoming events, we have some exciting things up our sleeves for community outreach in October! Pastor Miller and the Evangelism committee have been hard at work.

Our first event is our community Pet Blessing on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 1PM. Be early. The event is rain or shine. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase in the narthex for various gift cards and baskets. As a reminder, all proceeds benefit Brindle Buddies & Friends rescue based in Kutztown. There is a box for donations near the table with the raffle tickets. Then, we have a second concert in our concert series open to the community on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Maggie Spike will perform from 7 until 8PM that evening, and refreshments will be served thereafter. As with the last concert, it is free for everyone, but we are asking for attendees to bring non-perishable food items for donations to a local food bank.

Pending participation sign-ups, we are planning to have a Trunk-Or-Treat community event on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 until 8PM. This is a safe trick-or-treat event for kids, and it is rain or shine. Please consider signing up for this fun evening out. Just decorate your vehicle's trunk and give out some candy for our children and those in the community.

If I do not see you sooner, I look forward to catching up with you at the Stewardship Dinner on October 14<sup>th</sup> following worship. If you have any questions about what is happening in the Council or church, feel free to reach out to me.

Blessings,

Angie Kropf

St. Paul's Council President

[angenk@verizon.net](mailto:angenk@verizon.net)

484-424-2637



Fall is here and the choirs are back in full swing. We are already planning ahead for the Advent and Christmas seasons! The choir will be doing a Cantata in December. All voices are welcome! Just 6 rehearsals! Start planning ahead so that you can join us!

Altar guild is in need if a few good people. Please consider volunteering.  
Judy Noll



Baptism  
Ethan George Dotter, September 9, 2018.



Sunday School kicked off this year on Sept 9<sup>th</sup>. Our theme was *God is our Superhero*, we had 21 kids attend. The kids painted caps and masks and everyone had a great time. Check out the Sunday School bulletin board in the hall. Regular Sunday School classes resume on September 16<sup>th</sup>, every child is invited.

Anita Eisenhard

## PRAYER SHAWL NEWS



For those who are working on soap sacks, we will be collecting them at the end of October, in order to have them ready for donation at the Ingathering.

We will once again turn our focus to prayer shawls, lap robes, and baby blankets. Even though we had a large number of these items at the spring blessing, many have gone out since then. We decided to schedule another working session on **Sunday, November 4**, after church in Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided. Bring your projects and plan to join us after church that day. Peg and I have found some new fun patterns to share with the group. So mark your calendars for November 4! Bring a crochet hook size G or H, knitting needles size 5 or 7, or a rectangular loom. If you can't make it on the 4<sup>th</sup> and would like to help out, please see Steph or Peggy for a pattern. For more info, talk to us at church, email, or call: [stepbillwagaman@rcn.com](mailto:stepbillwagaman@rcn.com) / [610-395-0355](tel:610-395-0355); or [peggyekern@gmail.com](mailto:peggyekern@gmail.com) / [610-481-9086](tel:610-481-9086).

Thanks to all who are helping in this effort!

Steph Wagaman and Peggy Kern

## 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 the table to see if there is a card. Please sign your name and help bring a smile to a fellow member.

Also, every month a few of our members will be highlighted that are currently unable to attend worship on Sunday morning, so as individuals, you can send cards, and perhaps visit! Here is this month's list:

**Dave Apgar**, 846 Grim Road, Kutztown, PA 19530-9615

**Frank Szukics**, 8745 White Pine Drive, Breinigsville, PA 18031-1638

**Judy Szukics**, 8745 White Pine Drive, Breinigsville, PA 18031-1638

## **SECRETARIAL UPDATE**



Cindy was released from Coordinated Health Rehab on August 28, and is now recuperating at home!!!! ☺  
Per requests I received for her address: Cindy J. Krasnansky,  
2557 S. Carbon Street, Allentown, PA 18103

## **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 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.

Bulletin sponsorship is available for October, November, and December.  
Flower sponsorship available for October, November, and December.

## **HOSPITALIZED?**

Parish Code for hospitalized parishioners is 321. Please give this code when you are admitted to the hospital so the pastor can be made aware that you are a patient and can administer the pastoral care you require while you are hospitalized.

Please take note, that if you are admitted on a Thursday night, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, the pastor will not be aware that you are hospitalized until Monday mid-morning, since the church does not have office hours on Friday, and the hospital pastoral care office is not available on Saturday or Sunday.

This means, if you would like the Pastor to know you are hospitalized on the weekend, please call the church office or the Pastor.

## 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.

## OCTOBER 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.

Food Bank is currently in need of plastic shopping bags.

**THANK YOU** to all who brought in peanut butter and jelly during our September collection for the food bank.

During October our “food of the month” will be Macaroni and Cheese.

# WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

Their monthly meeting was on Wednesday, September 12 at 9:30 p.m. After discussing upcoming events and cancellations of Synodical event, we had a Bible Study. ***Turn, turn, turn: A time for faithful repentance;*** Session one: Turning to God, time after time by Meghan Johnston Aelabouni.

There will be no Fun Fall Event this year. An overnight Fall Fun Event is being planned for 2019.

## **Fall Cluster Meeting**

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

## **Ingathering**

St. John's, Emmaus will host the Ingathering in December, which will be attended by some of our W-ELCA members.

## **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.



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.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 7 Pet Blessing - Be early, and the event is rain or shine. This is open to the public, and all pets are welcome. Small pets must be in cages. Hot dogs, drinks, and baked goods will be for sale. Raffle tickets are available to purchase for a chance to win a \$75 gift card to Giant or Target and a dog or cat basket. The raffle will occur following the blessing, but you do not need to be present to win. All proceeds will benefit Brindle Buddies & Friends



October 14 Consecration Sunday, Catered Meal



October 16 Boscov's Friends Helping Friends



October 17, 7 – 8 p.m. - Maggie Spike will perform for the second concert in our community concert series. The performers in Maggie Spike sing folk and acoustic music. This is a free event for the public, but we are asking for non-perishable food items from attendees to donate to a local food bank. Light refreshments will follow the performance

October 24 – **new** – 6:30 – 8 p.m., we are organizing a Trunk-Or-Treat event. Make sure to sign up in the narthex in advance, so we know if we have enough participants. This will be open to St. Paul's kids and the children in the community for safe trick-or-treating leading up to Halloween. Any questions, please reach out to Angie Kropf - [angenk@verizon.net](mailto:angenk@verizon.net) or 484-424-2637

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



## A WELL-SHAKEN TREE

For several years I have read the Bible through twice in 12 months. It is a great and powerful tree, each word of which is a mighty branch. Each of these branches have I well shaken, so desirous was I to know what each one bore and what it would give me. And the shaking of them has never disappointed me.

—Martin Luther

## Servant Leadership

From Christ's perspective, a true leader is a servant, committed to the success of each individual in the group. Jesus did not criticize his disciples' desire to lead; he just showed them how to do it by washing their feet. ... The essence of spiritual leadership, therefore, is following Jesus and serving people. People rebel against controlling leaders, but it is impossible to rebel against a servant

—Geoff Gorsuch, *Brothers! Calling Men Into Vital Relationships*

~~oops!~~

From a church newsletter:

Gospel Reading

Jesus is tempted by Stan

Matthew 4:1-11

That's an interesting new name for *Satan*.



St. Paul's UCC Mixed Bowling League bowls on Friday's at 7 pm at the Rose Bowl, 15th and Sumner Avenue. Don't want to join? Maybe you could sub for someone. For information call: Dennis Hein at 610-398-2962. Leave your name and phone number.



## **About Maggie Spike**

### **OCTOBER 17, 2018**

**7 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

Maggie Spike, Maggie & Eric Gerner, are a husband and wife singer-songwriter duo from rural eastern Pennsylvania. Known for their "mixed bag" of folk originals, they are not an easy band to label. Both Maggie's and Eric's song writing styles combine folk/rock, jazz, acoustic pop, Celtic, psychedelic, reggae, americana, and world rhythm influences. Their music takes you to a place where melody, rhythm, harmony and insightful lyrics create a sound that is easily accessible and highly entertaining.

After spending 6 years as the principal song writers in the acoustic world fusion band Fieldstone, the spring of 2005 marked the release of Maggie Spike's first album, "Passenger Station." They continued on with their multi-style approach to song writing releasing the album "Sol Paradise" in the summer of 2009. Produced by Eric, "Sol Paradise" brought together the many musical influences that helped shape their diverse writing styles into a cohesive and easily accessible sound. To date, both albums have garnered air play on Women of Substance Radio, WDIY-FM, WXLV-FM, WPAZ-AM, and WEEU-AM radio. "Sol Paradise" is currently being distributed world-wide through Canadian American Records.

Maggie's voice, as sweet as it is strong, brings a sense of urgency with a touch of innocence to their music. Her soulful, lyrical sensibilities are wonderfully complemented by Eric's versatile and confident producing and song writing skills. Maggie Spike perform their self-penned songs with earnest passionate appeal.

"Why do we do what we do? To us song writing and performing are endless sources of inspiration. We enjoy the experience of sharing our songs with others in an entertaining and meaningful way. We wish to honor the creative forces that propel us and give us focus. It's such an amazing journey we're all on."

"We go where the music takes us!"

## **16th-century guidance for today**

How can we know whether we're following God's will? Sometimes we act, only to see in hindsight that we caused harm. Or self-righteousness blinds us to the good guidance of others.

St. Ignatius of Loyola pondered the difficulty of aligning our actions to God's ways. He taught the need for "discernment of spirits" — examining internal thoughts and emotions to see if they originate with and lead to God. Ignatius called it "consolation" when he felt loved by God and eager to care for people in need, and "desolation" when something left him full of darkness and fear that moved him away from God and neighbor.

Think of a time you made a decision and then felt peaceful, full of light, convinced it was "right." And when have you done something despite feeling tangled in knots about it, and perhaps later felt worse? Life isn't always so clear-cut, but the more we practice discernment, the better we will recognize and follow God's will.

## **Finding our range**

While visiting a church, Robert Neff learned a lesson about the body of Christ. As he listened to a tenor's faltering voice, he noticed worshipers pulling out hymnals to locate the soloist's song.

"By the second verse, the congregation had joined the soloist in the hymn," Neff says. "By the third verse, the tenor was beginning to find the range. By the fourth verse, it was beautiful. And on the fifth verse, the congregation was absolutely silent, and the tenor sang the most beautiful solo of his life."

Neff concludes: "This is life in the body of Christ, enabling one another to sing the tune Christ has given us."

—from *Witnesses of a Third Way*

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

Dave Apgar   Linford Bastian   Doris Fenner   Helen Kessler   Cindy  
 Krasnansky   Bill Knoll   Esther Nolf   Heather Sedlak  
 Kathy Shryock   Frank Szukics   Judy Szukics



1 Moses Ajamu	18 Nancy Miller
1 Hannah Schmoyer	21 Anthony Pisauo
1 Meredith Schmoyer	23 George Keil
1 Ginny Wingard	23 Garret Pavlacka
8 Ginger Hallock	24 Helen Kessler
13 Patrick Cope	25 Sean Thompson
15 Amy Brenfleck	26 Owen Bastian
16 Hailey Inman	27 Linda Dietrich
16 Claudia Haughney	29 Allison Thompson
16 Esther Seibert	29 Judy Walker
16 Susan Xander	



3 Keith & Becky Theodore  
 11 Chris & George Holzer  
 14 David & Peggy Apgar  
 14 Bill & Sharon Heminitz  
 16 Stan & Mitzi Younger  
 25 Carl & Esther Seibert, Jr.  
 28 Steve & Amanda Mesko

To my Saint Paul's family,



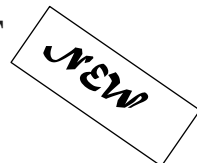
Thank you for all of your prayers and cards while I am recuperating from my hip surgery. Thank you to Pastor Miller for visiting me in the hospital.

Rehab is going well and hope to be back to work soon.

Cindy Krasnansky



# TRUNK OR TREAT



**FOR 2018**

## **What Is Trunk or Treat?**

For kids' enjoyment, adults decorate the back of their cars for Halloween, load up on candy, and come sit in a parking lot for kids to "trick or treat" from car to car. It's more fun than it sounds, trust me! Kids come in hundreds, fully dressed in Halloween costumes and holding out bags or plastic pumpkins for treats. The adults get to socialize and get creative while seeing all the cute and scary costumes.

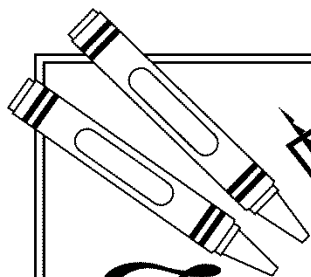
## **Trunk or Treat Decorating Ideas**

This is the fun for the adults! If you have no yard, a small yard, or have already filled your yard to the street with Halloween decorations then this is a brand new opportunity to add more festive Halloween looks to the world. You have to get creative, since it's such a small space to work with, but the results can be adorable or spooky. Here are a few trunk or treat ideas:

- Try picking a theme. Spiders? Mummies? Monsters?
- Bring in balloons for a creepy clown circus or a monster bash!
- Take advantage of your car's CD player and play scary sounds or Halloween songs like "Monster Mash" at this year's trunk or treat event.
- String cobwebs down from the trunk! You can create or buy a giant spider decoration and place it *on top* of your car

Sign-up sheet is in narthex.

**October 24, 2018  
6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
Church parking lot**



# PUZZLE

## From the heart

We all need people who share godly wisdom with us.

*Directions: First, unscramble the bold letters to spell another word for "pal." Write that word in the first empty row. Then move the words under each bold letter to that letter's new column. The result will be Proverbs 27:9, NIV.*

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Answer: FRIEND; Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. Proverbs 27:9, NIV

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT  
NEWSLETTER IS**

**OCTOBER 14, 2018**

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



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**STAFF**

Pastor..... The Rev. Carey L. Miller  
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 October**

Council Person: Bob Nickisher 610-481-0887

**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, October 7, 2018**

Altar Guild: Patrice Walters

Lay Assistant: Meredith Schmoyer

Greeters: Marilyn Thomas, Kelly Whitt

Reader: Nancy Miller

Communion Bread: Carol Weiser

Communion Assistant: Tom Kellogg

Ushers: Frank Bennighoff, Brooke Brumbach, Carlene Brumbach,  
Aubrie Pavlacka, Garret Pavlacka

### **Sunday, October 21, 2018**

Altar Guild: Rebecca Theodore

Lay Assistant: Daisy Pearson

Greeters: Carl & Esther Seibert

Reader: Kelly Whitt

Communion Bread: Melanie Dimovitz

Communion Assistant: Rosemary Lehman

Ushers: Matthew Bruchak, Robert Bruchak, Anita Eisenhard,  
Rosalie Gallagher, Ken Ritter

### **Sunday, October 14, 2018**

Altar Guild: Joyce Eisenhard

Lay Assistant: June Kellogg

Greeters: Peggy Saylor, Patrice Walters

Reader: Carol Weiser

Communion Bread: Joshua Solderich

Communion Assistant: Anita Eisenhard

Ushers: Amy Brenfleck, Angie Kropf, Rosemary Lehman,  
Martha Lindenmuth, Bruce Wagaman

### **Sunday, October 28, 2018**

Altar Guild: Rosemary Lehman

Lay Assistant: Cathy Waltemyer

Greeters: Cal Fetherolf, Angela Kropf

Reader: Tom Kellogg

Communion Bread: Anita Eisenhard

Communion Assistant: Marilyn Thomas

Ushers: Tom Kellogg, Diane Kropf, John Kropf,  
Madeline MacMechan, Joshua Solderich





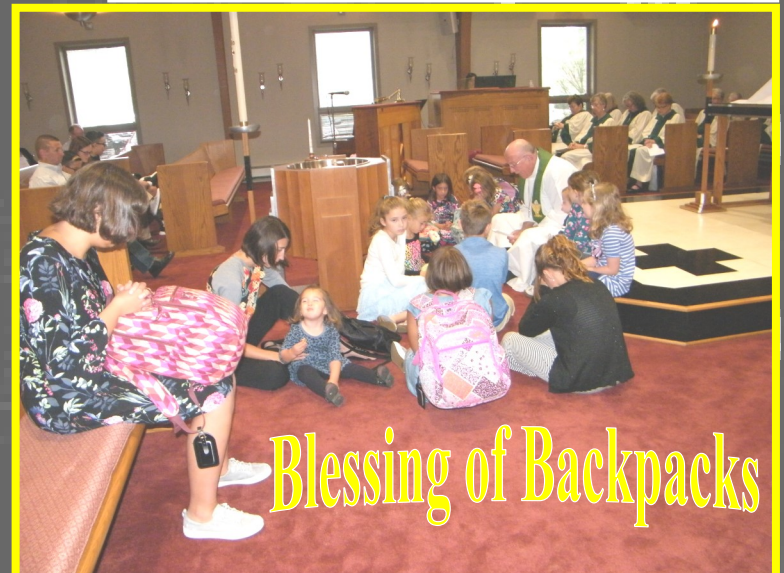
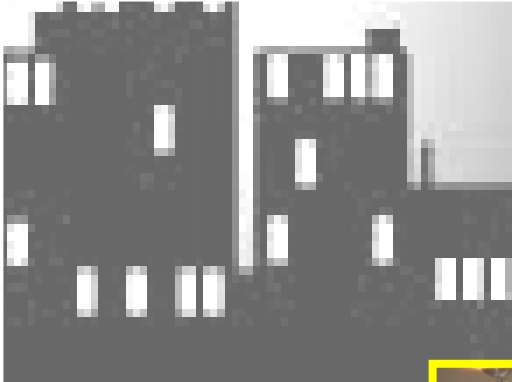
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# Rally Day



# Blessing of Backpacks

September 9, 2018



# SYNOD NEWS

## Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

### The Gallery at St. Paul, Douglassville



The Gallery at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Douglassville consists of photographs of members of our congregation living, learning, serving and receiving the blessings of Christ's love.

We asked: How to add art to our bare walls? What type of art should it be? Biblical art? Nature art? Over time, a theme emerged - let's showcase the work of our congregation. Let's show visitors to our church who we are and what we do. And we dusted off the slogan, "God's Work. Our Hands."

We are fortunate in many ways.

There was no shortage in finding busy hands in our congregation. They are everywhere. From our Property Committee hanging a new wooden cross, to our quilters creating beautiful heirlooms, to the work of the Basket Social event, to the children in our Child Development Center. We also were blessed to have six members of the congregation who are immensely talented photographers, and they all donated their time and talent to capture extraordinary images.

We further asked the congregation to provide us with a picture of their hands on their wedding day, and three large collages were created. During the month of August, a temporary art gallery was on display in the Fellowship Hall. There were over 50 photographs, printed as 8 x 10's, for all to view. A sponsor form was created, allowing for members of the congregation to contribute to the expense of framing. We worked with a local framer to provide three prices in three sizes.

We will spend the month of September in anticipation of seeing the photographs in their new size, framed; and then in October we will unveil The Gallery at St. Paul's. We hope our members and visitors will enjoy viewing the pictures for years to come. And since we had such beautiful photographs, we also plan to make a 2019 church calendar and note cards, which can be sold at our Fall Apple Festival and Christmas Bazaar.

To learn more about The Gallery Project, contact Pr. Greg Frey at [gfrey@stpaulsdouglassville.com](mailto:gfrey@stpaulsdouglassville.com).



## Camp Noah in Reading for Refugee Children from Puerto Rico



After the devastation in Puerto Rico from hurricane Maria, over 400 refugee families ended up in the Berks County area. Thanks to a generous grant from ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Congregational Services was able to connect many of these families with agencies and churches who could provide help.

A group of Berks County churches, with generous financial support from the Reading Lutheran Parish, came together to host a Camp Noah during the week of August 13 at St. Luke, Reading. The churches also partnered with Centro Hispano, a nonprofit organization that serves the Latino community in Berks County.

The goal was to provide children from some of these families an opportunity to share their experiences with others who had lived through the same devastation, and then help the children to learn skills needed to move ahead with their lives. There were nearly 40 campers; over 40 in-person volunteers; and in-kind donations from over 50 congregations/ministries/benevolent organizations from Philadelphia to the Poconos.



Pr. Rebecca Knox reports: "A favorite moment was as I was driving a van-full of campers home the first day and a child was reading a unique bilingual birthday card created for each camper by St. John's Lutheran, Hamburg. The camper said, "These people do not even know me, why did they give me a card?"

I replied, "Because they love you like Jesus does."

The camper replied, "Cool!" and showed the card to the camper sitting in the next seat... "Look what they made just for me!"

Julia Menzo of Liberty Lutheran recruited volunteers and charitable donors; and Luci Bower was the staff coordinator. Pr. Katie Lyon (Christ, Reading) was a key organizer and hopes to work with Liberty Lutheran and its congregations to offer a Camp Noah experience next summer for refugee families in the Philadelphia area.



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***Come Away To A Quiet Place*** – Centering Prayer is a particular form of quiet, receptive prayer. Taught by Father Thomas Keating and Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bourgeault, a portion of each one-hour gathering will include some discussion about centering prayer. Regardless of your experience level, all are welcome. **First Friday of each month Oct. 5 / Nov. 2 / Dec. 2, 10:30 - 11:30 am.** Led by Rev. Maritza Dolich and Rev. Dr. Tom Lichner. Center for Spiritual Awakening at Christ Lutheran Church, 1245 W. Hamilton Street, Allentown. Parking in Lot across Hamilton St. from Church. Enter on 13<sup>th</sup> Street, look for the sign “Schantz House/Ruhe Annex”. Please let us know if you will be joining us: RSVP to Rev. Dr. Tom Lichner, Director Center for Spiritual Awakening, [tlcichner@rcn.com](mailto:tlcichner@rcn.com) / 610-533-9362.

***Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk: Sun., Oct. 14, 1:30 pm***, beginning and ending at St. Timothy’s Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown, with **registration starting at 1 pm.** The CROP Hunger Walk is a great service event for congregations and families. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised by the CROP Walk returns to the Lehigh Valley to support the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank and the Lehigh Conference of Churches Soup Kitchen. The remaining 75% is used by Church World Service for disaster relief and development assistance. For a sponsor form, please contact your own congregation, or log on at [www.crophungerwalk.org](http://www.crophungerwalk.org) for further information.

***\*NEW - Annual Chicken & Waffle Dinner*** - Join us at **St. John’s Lutheran Church** (1028 Church Street, Fogelsville) on **Sat., Nov. 3rd. Dinner will be served from 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** Cost: Adults \$15, Children \$7, under 3 are FREE. Tickets will be sold at the door. Please join us for a homemade family-style dinner, everyone is welcome! For more info call 610-395-5535 or visit [www.stjohns-fogelsville.org](http://www.stjohns-fogelsville.org).

***\*NEW - Fall Film Fest – The Seven Faces of Dr. Lao – Oct 29<sup>th</sup>***, 1-3:00 p.m. or 7-9:00p.m. Center for Spiritual Awakening, Christ Lutheran, 1245 W. Hamilton St, Allentown. Light refreshments available at no charge. Direct questions to Rev Tom Lichner and let us know you will be coming, [tlcichner@rcn.com](mailto:tlcichner@rcn.com).

***\*NEW - A Guided “Creation Walk” – Sat., Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm*** at Jacobsburg State Park, Bushkill Township, PA. Co-Sponsored by: Christ Lutheran, Allentown and Hellertown.

***\*NEW - A Celebration of St. Paul’s - Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm.*** Join us for an organ concert in celebration of the Church’s music ministry; sure to be a memorable occasion as gifted organists and singers celebrate the gift of music that has long marked the church’s history. There is a sadness that comes with knowing that this historic church will close at the end of the year. But in witness to the Resurrection, and to celebrate this Church’s life well-lived, we will truly be “pulling out all the stops.” Several former organists will be playing, and we anticipate many other old friends will be in attendance. Be with us for a musical experience no one will soon forget!

***Zion Lehigh Lutheran Church Holiday Bazaar – Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 – 3:00.*** Crafts, Basket Raffle, Bake Sale, Grandma’s Attic and Kitchen will be open to purchase food. Zion Lehigh, **8269 Spring Creek Rd. Alburtis, PA 18011**, for more information call 610-395-1215.

***“We Thirst, Lessons in Mercy” Christian Reflections on Addiction*** – **Nativity Lutheran Church, Allentown** will host a 5 week educational series. The event will be held **Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, from 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** Contact Nativity Lutheran Church at 610-395-5062

***Set of Bells Wanted*** - St. Mark, Allentown, is starting a bell choir and is looking to purchase a set of bells from a congregation that may no longer need them. If you can help, please contact John Harkins at [dubbabad@aol.com](mailto:dubbabad@aol.com).

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**COOPERATION IS NOT  
A DIRTY WORD**

Since its beginning the Church has always had an emphasis on doing ministry together. Jesus himself had twelve others to assist him. And let us not forget that the disciples were sent out in pairs! Ministry is done with others – in community. For us, part of that community is the relationship we have with other congregations in our Lehigh Mission District. Together we are greater than any of our separate congregations. With our ever dwindling resources this becomes even more important.

My hope, as Dean, is that more of us would reach out and join hands in partnership. Some of those partnerships will be new ones, while others have been in existence for years. Some will involve only a few minutes of our time, or dollars; while others will entail a more substantial commitment on our parts. Yet each, in its own way, will invite others to know and experience the amazing grace of God.

As rostered ministers we will be meeting monthly to build relationships, as well as engage in programs that will add to our ministry skills, both as individuals and as a Mission District. As a Mission District we will continue to support those congregations already engaged in the process of doing ministry together. And to those who are thinking about entering a partnership, know we are there to help – both with monetary and people resources!

We are blessed in our Mission District to have a diverse combination of congregations, leaders, and ministry opportunities. Some of those combinations, or partnerships in ministry, even involve a different denomination than our own ELCA. Cooperation is not a dirty word! In the coming months may the Holy Spirit show us the way to continue to do ministry in His name, to bring others to know Jesus, in an ever changing society.

**Pastor Jerel Gade**  
Dean

**\*Updated - 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 **always** has a need for volunteers to assist as tutors or substitutes for our ELL Program for individuals who desperately want to learn English. No foreign language needed. Days and hours: **Monday and Thursday 9:30-11:30 am** this part of the program is in JEOPARDY due to insufficient volunteers. **Wednesdays from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** We especially need people who are

comfortable with computers. Contact Leslie Talago or Pastor Lamb at 610-434-3943 or [stluke@enter.net](mailto:stluke@enter.net)

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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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**Mar. 21 (Thurs.) – Bristol Riverside Theatre – THE SUNSHINE BOYS**

– Al and Willie, a famous vaudeville

team, haven't spoken to each other in over a decade.

When a big TV network seeks to bring the two legendary (and cranky) comics together one last time, it turns out to be easier said than done. Neil Simon's "The Sunshine Boys" is a touching story full of memories, regrets and the laughs that accompany a lifelong friendship. Lunch at the King George Inn includes a House Salad, Entrée and Cheesecake Brownie with Vanilla Ice Cream and Walnut Streusel for dessert. Choice of entrees: Home-style Meatloaf, Fish and Chips or Grilled Chicken Breast ***Please indicate your choice of entrée at time of reservation.***

**Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:00AM and will return approximately 6:30 pm**

**Cost \$98 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Feb. 7**

**Apr. 24 (Wed.) – Media Theatre – SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER**

- Tony Manero doesn't have much going for him during the weekdays. He still lives at home and works as a paint store clerk in his Brooklyn, N.Y. neighborhood. But he lives for the weekends, when he and his friends go to the local disco and dance the night away. When a big dance competition is announced, he wrangles the beautiful and talented Stephanie to be his partner. As the two train for the big night, they start to fall for each other as well. Return to the 70s where disco dancing became an art form. Lunch at Spasso Italian Grill which includes a salad, dessert sampler and one of the following entrees: Chicken Marsala, Grilled Fresh Salmon, or Fettuccini Pomodoro. ***Please indicate your choice of entrée at time of reservation.***

**Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10AM and will return approximately 6 pm**

**Cost \$85 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Feb. 21**