

PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



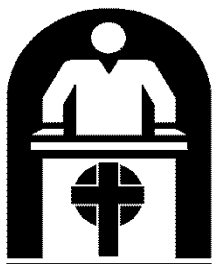
SAINT PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Breinigsville, PA

NOVEMBER 2018

BLESSED
are those...
whose hope
is in the **LORD** their God.
Psalm 146:5, NIV

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Dear Members and Friends,

We are entering the month of November, the month usually associated with giving thanks. First, on the liturgical calendar in the church, we give thanks for all the saints who have gone before us. As scripture says, we are surrounded by “a great cloud of witnesses.” These are people, both well-known and those of our loved ones who have passed

on, have influenced our faith. We are thankful that they have impacted our lives and so we commemorate them during our worship on November 4th.

On the fourth Thursday of November we observe Thanksgiving, our national holiday. President Lincoln made Thanksgiving a federal holiday, ironically during the civil war (1863). For what was there to give thanks during those tumultuous times? If you read William Seward’s proclamation at that time, proclaiming it a federal holiday, you will see that he gives thanks to God for the many blessings that were evident despite the war that was going on in America.

Isn’t that the main purpose of Thanksgiving? It is a day to give thanks for all the blessings we have received.

But for Christians we know that every day is a time to give thanks to God for all that we have been given. Because we have been baptized, every day God promises us new life and forgiveness so that we may see God at work in the world and give thanks.

As you sit around your thanksgiving table this year, take a moment and thank God for all his blessings.

Blessings,
Pastor Miller

SPECIAL DATES

- All Saints’ Day, *November 1, 2018*
- Daylight-Saving Time ends, *November 4, 2018*
- Veterans Day, *November 11, 2018*
- Thanksgiving Day, *November 22, 2018*
- Christ the King Sunday, *November 25, 2018*



I recently celebrated my 10th anniversary here at St. Paul's. I would like to thank the congregation and choir for remembering my anniversary. There are wonderful people here at St. Paul's who have supported me over these years. I cannot thank you enough.

November 11 we will celebrate Veteran's Day. Anyone who served in the military is asked to bring in a photo of you during your service ASAP so we may recognize your service.

Altar guild volunteers are still needed.

Christmas is approaching! Please watch the bulletin for an opportunity to join the choir for special music.

Judy Noll

HOLIDAY HOSPITALITY

Beth Lewis, CEO of 1517 Media, blogged about a favorite holiday tradition: inviting over people who'd otherwise be alone. Her grandchildren prepared hand-made place cards, wrapped small gifts for the guests and helped cook the meal.



Then one year, Thanksgiving happened to coincide with a cross-country move for Grandma and Grandpa. Chaos and stress almost buried the tradition — until Lewis's 9-year-old granddaughter asked nonchalantly, "Who's joining us for dinner this year?"

Lewis writes: "In the busyness of moving, it hadn't even occurred to me. But, for her, it is simply what our family does!" So they extended some invitations, ate on paper plates among moving boxes and had a joyous time. Lewis was proud of her granddaughter for the reminder that hospitality is a value worth practicing and modeling — and even turning into a holiday tradition!



Sunday School News

Sunday School is in full swing. If you haven't heard about Flat Jesus your child will be coming home with him soon.

For our outreach program this month we will be collecting items for the Ingathering that the women of our church attend in December. The list of items will be listed in the Parish News, please take a look at the list and anything you can donate will be appreciated.

I know it is early to be thinking about Christmas but the Christmas Eve Children's program is beginning to take shape. Look for more information to be sent home with your child in the next couple of weeks.
Anita Eisenhard

WELCA – INGATHERING

On Wednesday, December 5, 2018, the Lehigh Mission District Lutheran Ingathering will take place at St. John's Lutheran Church, 501 Chestnut Street, Emmaus. Gifts will be sorted and packed beginning at 10:30 a.m. The dedication of gifts will take place at 12:00 p.m. followed by a light lunch.

St. Paul's will again collect donations of gift items to be taken to the Ingathering. These **unwrapped** items can be placed in boxes found in the Narthex marked for the Ingathering. The lists of gift items are included separately in this newsletter.

Our church is also responsible for providing some specific **wrapped** gift items for children at Keenan House (14 total) and adults at Good Shepherd Raker Center (6 total). There will be tags for you to pick up on the table in the Narthex stating the price range, age group and sex of the child/adult and sometimes a wish list is included.

All donations need to be at the church by Sunday, December 2, 2018.

If you have any questions, contact Sandi Wagaman 610-395-6387.

Breakfast Honoring Veterans
Saturday, November 3rd
9 am to 11 am at St. Paul's United Church of Christ

1249 Trexlertown Road, Trexlertown

This is a complimentary breakfast for Veterans and their immediate family. Menu: Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Bacon, Sausage, Potatoes, Baked Goods, Fruit, Beverages.

Questions or to RSVP, please call 610-395-4571.

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.

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 November, and December.
Flower sponsorship available for 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.

NOVEMBER

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 Macaroni and Cheese during our October collection for the food bank.

During November our “food of the month” will be soup.

"GOD IS NIGH"

The earliest official reference to using “Taps” at a military funeral is described in an 1891 manual. During the Civil War, a Union soldier “was buried at a time when the battery occupied an advanced position concealed in the woods.” Because it wasn’t safe to fire the customary three volleys over the grave, Captain John Tidball decided the sounding of “Taps” would be an appropriate substitute ceremony.

Previously, “Taps” signaled the end of a soldier’s work day, but it has since come to honor the end of his or her earthly life. Horace Trim’s lyrics remind us of God’s constant presence:

Day is done, gone the sun
From the lakes, from the hills, from the sky
All is well, safely rest
God is nigh.

Thanks and praise for our days
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky
As we go, this we know
God is nigh.

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

Our monthly meeting was on Wednesday, October 10, 2018. After our business meeting we had a Bible Study on *Turn, turn, turn, A time for faithful repentance*, Session two: Turning to others by Meghan Johnston Aelabouni.

Upcoming W-ELCA Events:

Fall Cluster Meeting

Postponed meeting for now Topic: Water Crisis in America

Thankoffering Service

Our Thankoffering service will be November 18.

Offerings will be placed around the baptismal font before the service.

Will try to include congregation in offering this year.

Ingathering – Wednesday, December 5, 2018, St. John's Lutheran Church, Emmaus

Sandi attended the meeting in September and received details:

6 wrapped gifts for Raker Center at Good Shepherd; 14 wrapped gifts for Kenan House.

The individual tags will be out in November for the congregation.

You can use gift bags, but you need to staple them.

A few ladies will gather at 1 p.m. on December 3 to sort the gifts from our church.

The December 5th gathering will have a noon worship service and then dedication of gifts.

Our members can make cookies for dessert.

Anita Eisenhard is going to use the Ingathering Items collection as an outreach project for Sunday School.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

FREE FURNITURE

Hughey and Claudia Haughney have two end tables and a coffee table that they would like to give away to anyone who wants them. Please call them at 610-395-4525.

THE GENIUS OF GENEROSITY



Kansas pastor Jack Wellman has been credited with the insight that “there is a certain genius in generosity.” He explains that when we open our hands — figuratively speaking — to allow something to pass through our fingers, rather than holding it with tightly clenched fists, God can give us new blessings.

“God cannot pour more into hands that are already clinging tightly to what they hold,” says Wellman. Whether material goods or time, ideas or talents, money or energy, the gifts God has given us so generously are to be shared just as freely with others. With our hands continually open to receive, give and receive again, God’s genius cycle of generosity goes on and on.

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

Dave Apgar	Linford Bastian	Doris Fenner	Helen Kessler
Cindy Krasnansky	Bill Knoll	Donna Nickisher	
Esther Nolfe	Kathy Shryock	Frank Szukics	Judy Szukics



1 Rob Whitt	15 Robert Granger
6 Judy Noll	16 Jeffrey Strauss
6 Ryan Parker	18 Felicia Flores
7 Evelyn Randall	18 Daisy Pearson
7 Carl Seibert, Jr.	19 Sommer Cope
7 Sandra Stanton	19 Ethan Eiswerth
8 Judy Kresley	19 Makenna Morgenstern
9 Kevin Henichek	25 Madison Mironov
9 Joshua Soldrich	27 Diana Ebersole
10 Sandra Sensinger	29 Jodi Eisenhard
14 Matthew Wiswesser	29 Katie Pisauro



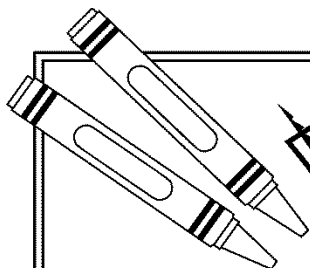
8 Bill & Ina Knoll
14 Alan & Carlene Brumbach

THANK YOU

A note to thank U All, for the cards for Frank & I. Very much appreciated. Thanks for the flowers Dick brought to me. Also thank U to the ladies that make the prayers shawl's. My prayer shawl stays with me & helps me get thru nite & day. And thank U to Pastor Miller for the visits and the communion. This has been the most difficult thing we've ever been thru. I pray the next surgery will allow me to walk on my own & be able to go to sleep in my bed. At this point that's all I ask.

Frank & I both Thank U.

Frank & Judy Szukics

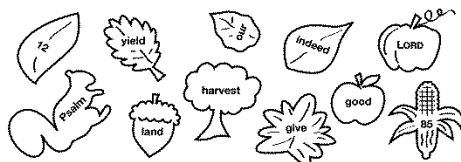











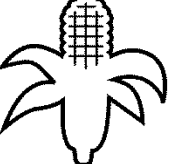

PUZZLE

HARVEST OF GOODNESS

God always provides, no matter the season.

Directions: Match the shapes in order to write the words in the correct places below.



“The  will  
 what is , and 
 will  its .”
  : , NIV

Answer: “The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.” Psalm 85:12, NIV

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER IS**

NOVEMBER 11, 2018

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



**TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR
NOVEMBER 4, 2018**

CHURCH OFFICE: 610-398-7000

HOSPITAL CODE: #321

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE





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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

NOVEMBER 2018 St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Those Who Serve for the Month of November

Council Person: Stan Younger 610-966-7817

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, November 4, 2018

Altar Guild: Amy Brenfleck
Lay Assistant: Dick Steltz
Greeters: Keith & Rebecca Theodore
Reader: Jeff Waltemyer
Communion Bread: James & Joyce Eisenhard
Communion Assistant: Jeremy Schmoyer
Ushers: Zack Dimovitz, Lisa Newhard, Carl Seibert,
Ryon Williams, Taryne Williams

Sunday, November 18, 2018

Altar Guild: Carlene Brumbach
Lay Assistant: Meredith Schmoyer
Greeters: Jeremy Schmoyer, Hannah Schmoyer
Reader: Michele Rampen
Communion Bread: Diane Kropf
Communion Assistant: Bob Bruchak
Ushers: Amy Brenfleck, Angie Kropf, Rosemary Lehman,
Martha Lindenmuth, Bruce Wagaman

Sunday, November 11, 2018

Altar Guild: Janine Ritter
Lay Assistant: Daisy Pearson
Greeters: Janine & Ken Ritter
Reader: Joyce Eisenhard
Communion Bread: Alice Bastian
Communion Assistant: Marilyn Thomas
Ushers: Frank Bennighoff, Brooke Brumbach, Carlene Brumbach,
Bob Nickisher, Aubrie Pavlacka

Sunday, November 25, 2018

Altar Guild: Patrice Walters
Lay Assistant: June Kellogg
Greeters: Rosalie Gallagher, Dick Hartley
Reader: Sandi Wagaman
Communion Bread: Madeline MacMechan
Communion Assistant: Sharon Bortz
Ushers: Melanie Dimovitz, Cal Fetherolf, Richard Hartley,
Marilyn Thomas, Jeff Waltemyer



Pet Blessing



October 7, 2018



Consecration Sunday



October 14, 2018



TOPTON HOME

Small sand art bottles	Stickers
Colored sand	Markers
Large gift bags (non-Holiday)	Baby Wipes
Scrapbooking supplies	Glue Sticks
Jars of bubbles	Plain popsicle sticks (crafts)
Scotch tape	Tissues
Hand sanitizers	Children's books (any theme)
Children's board games	Colored construction paper

DAYBREAK

(Former residents of Allentown State Hospital)

Throw Blankets (*NEW*) to be used as Christmas presents

Hand Lotion	Shower Gel	Shaving Cream
Combs & Brushes	Small Jars of Coffee	Chapstick
Toothpaste	Toothbrushes	Shampoo
Conditioner	Disposable Razors	Shower Curtain
Men's & Women's Deodorant		

Hats and Gloves

Sweatpants & Sweatshirts (Size XXL-XXXL) (*NEW*)

Men's Underwear (Size L-XXXL) (*NEW*)

Sweat Socks (*NEW*)

Pillows, Standard Size (*NEW*)

Thermals (XXL-XXXL) (*NEW*)

Pillow Cases (Standard Size) (*NEW*)

Sheets (*Twin-Full* - *NEW*)

Men's & Women's Slippers

PLEASE!! NO CLOTHING EXCEPT ABOVE ITEMS!!!

****Small denomination gift cards \$5.00 are great!!!!**

Requested - Wal-Mart

SUGGESTED SMALL ITEMS LEHIGH MISSION DISTRICT CHRISTMAS INGATHERING 2018

ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION

Shaving Cream (travel size)	Combs
Razors (disposable)	Peanut Butter
Boxed cereals (non-sugar)	Bottled salad dressing
Deodorant (travel size)	Chapstick
Hand warmers	

Undershirts (any size) *NEW*

Undershorts (size 28-52) *NEW*

Socks and Thermal (white) *NEW*

Gift Cards:

Home Depot	Wal-Mart
Lowes	Giant

TURNING POINT

NEW:

Washcloths	Laundry detergent
Bath towels	Body wash
Shampoo	Diapers (Size 2, 3, 4 & 5)
Baby Wash	Baby Shampoo
Baby Lotion	Scented hand creams for Moms

\$10 gift cards to the following stores:

Giant	Wal-Mart
Weis	Kmart
Ahart's Market	CVS
Target	Walgreens
Wegmans	

BRIGHT HOPE PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTERS (formerly Carenet)

Diapers – Sizes 3 thru 6
Baby Wipes

Boys & Girls Summer Clothes sizes 12 month up to 2T*
Boys & Girls Winter Clothes sizes 12 months up to 2T*
Sleepers sizes 12 month up to 2T)*

****Gently Used or New***

New Sippee Cups	Similiac
New Towels/Wash Cloths	Baby Lotion
New Baby Bottles	New Diaper Bags
Baby Wash	Baby Shampoo
New Crib Sheets	

NO TOYS!!!!

SHARING LIFE (ST. MARK, ALLENTOWN) STOCKING ITEMS

Combs	Men's body wash
Women's body wash	Fuzzy women's slipper socks
Small date books for 2019	Men's deodorant
Women's deodorant	Men's white socks (LOTS)
Beanie hats for men	Men's gloves
Toothpaste	Toothbrushes

BOY'S & GIRL'S CLUBS OF ALLENTOWN

Christmas plates	Christmas napkins
Plastic knives, forks & spoons	Plastic table cloths
Plastic cups (cold drinks)	Christmas candy
Candy canes	

SIXTH STREET SHELTER

CLEANING SUPPLIES:

Dish soap	Laundry detergent
Paper Towels	Mops
Floor cleaner	

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:

Toilet paper	Pots and pans
Bath towels (NEW)	Twin size sheets (NEW)
Trash bags, large kitchen size	
Cutlery ONLY (spoons, forks & knives)	
Can openers	

PERSONAL PRODUCTS:

Disposable razors
Women's deodorant
Women's shampoo

BABY ITEMS

Disposable diapers Sizes 4 & 5
Baby Wipes

GIFT CARDS FOR SCHOOL UNIFORMS AT:

New York Urban, Inc.
The Archive
Forman Mills

GIFT CARDS FOR:

Home Depot & Wal-Mart

BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES (REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT)

Twin size sheet sets	Twin size blankets
Full size sheet sets	Full size blankets
Tall kitchen waste cans	VISA Gift Cards
Wal-Mart Gift Cards	

NO queen size bedding

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Christmas, that heart warming time of the year and it is time to start thinking about ordering your Christmas poinsettias.

Why not take a few moments now to fill out the order form and you will not have to think about it during the Christmas *whirlwind*.

This year's price will be \$9.00 per plant. Feel free to fill out this form and do one of the following:

1. mail it with your check (made out to St. Paul's, memo: Poinsettia) to the church;
2. place it in an envelope and put it in the offering plate; or
3. hand deliver to Janine Ritter.

**The Due date for order is
November 27, 2016**

Additional forms are available in the narthex.

As always, thank you for making our church a special place.

Janine Ritter
610-285-2127
Festival Committee

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

(Please Print Clearly)

PRICE PER PLANT: \$9.00

ORDER DEADLINE: Sunday, November 27, 2016

OF PLANTS _____ TOTAL COST \$ _____

COLOR: RED PINK WHITE MARBLE
(CIRCLE ONE)

ORDERED

BY: _____

(Please print clearly)

IN MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR OF:

PICK UP AFTER THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: _____

DONATE TO SICK OR SHUT-IN: _____

SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Monthly Mailing to Be Sent Using Email

In an effort to be more faithful stewards both of the synod's financial resources and of the earth God has entrusted to our care, the synod "Monthly Mailing" will no longer be reproduced on paper and mailed through the post office.

Beginning with the January 2019 mailing, materials will be emailed to each congregation and also posted for download on the synod website.

For this to work, it is important that each congregation have a current email on file with the synod office. If your congregation is not receiving the weekly E-News (sent out on Tuesday mornings), it is probably best if you contact the synod at nepsinfo1988@gmail.com with the email you wish to use for the monthly materials.

If your congregation does not use email, please recruit a member who does have an email address to receive your materials, and forward that address to the synod.

The synod recognizes that it may be inconvenient for a few congregations, and we appreciate your patience and cooperation with this transition. If you have any questions about what you need to do, please contact the synod at nepsinfo1988@gmail.com or 610-266-5101.

Living into Common Mission



St. John Lutheran Church and Church of the Redeemer (Episcopal) in Sayre enjoyed the fruits of its partnership this summer in at least two ways: sending 10 youth from both parishes to the Lutheran Youth Gathering in Houston, and worshipping together for the summer months. Both experiences have enriched the relationships between the two parishes.

Some years ago, the two parishes began discussions about sharing clergy with the Synod and Diocese. Early in 2017 an Episcopal priest was called to serve both parishes, bringing a full time presence to each at a part-time cost. Building on a successful youth program at Redeemer, the youth of both parishes combined to form a single youth group.

In December, the group decided to attend the LYG; and in less than six months they raised sufficient funds to send to Houston all ten eligible youth and four adult companions, including the pastor. As far as it is known, this was the only interdenominational youth group in attendance! And the youth found that for them, the Youth Event motto "this changes everything" was in fact true.

Because of construction projects at each site, the two parishes worshipped together during the summer months, alternating between Lutheran Worship and the Book of Common Prayer from week to week. Majorities of both congregations attended services, regardless of where the service was held. Both memberships remarked on how nice it was to worship in a full church and how much they appreciated the opportunity to get to know one another better.

A Year Long Celebration of Serving

For we are God's handiwork created in Christ Jesus to do good works. (Ephesian 2:10)



At St. John's Lutheran Church, Hamburg, Rally Day is more than the kick-off to Sunday School. It is an introduction to a year-long focus not only for Sunday School, but for the entire congregation. The ELCA theme, "God's Work Our Hands" was selected by the Parish Education Committee to celebrate the talents which we have been given by God to serve our community and the world.

To introduce the theme, the children were asked to bring cans of food to donate to a local food pantry, make first aid kits, and sing songs about being a helping hand.



Hand prints listing community service ideas were hung on the church walls to encourage young and old to offer their gifts to others. Located around the church are specific "God's Work Our Hands" crosses. St. John's members place a "hand" sticker on one of the crosses when they have used their hands to do God's work. As the crosses fill up with hands this year, they will serve as a way to celebrate all the good work being done by one church in Berks County, collectively using unique God-given gifts to make a difference in the world.

More Stories from God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday



Faith, Mount Penn

Several other stories about God's Work. Our Hands. community outreach projects are posted on the synod website (<http://nepasynod.org/events/stories-gwoh-sunday>). If your congregation participated in one, send a short story with one or more photos to georgiasuranofsky@hotmail.com.

As you can see from the article above, these projects can take place throughout the year!



Good Shepherd, Reading

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***NEW** – The LMD Council is looking to add a few additional members to its ranks (Lay or Ordained) and needs a new treasurer. This group normally meets about 5 times a year on Sunday evenings at Western Salisbury Church. If you can help, please contact Dean Gade by phone [610-966-3030](tel:610-966-3030) or e-mail speters@ptd.net.

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 dubbadad@aol.com.

A Celebration of St. Paul's - An organ concert in celebration of the Church's music ministry **Oct. 28th**, 4:00 p.m. **36 S. 8th Street, Allentown, PA 18101**. Join us for what promises to be a memorable occasion as gifted organists and singers help us to 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 the 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!

Fall Film Fest – The Seven Faces of Dr. Lao – Oct 29th, 1-3:00 p.m. or 7-9:00p.m. Center for Spiritual Awakening, Christ Lutheran, **1245 W. Hamilton St, Allentown, PA 18102**. Light refreshments available at no charge. Direct questions to Rev Tom Lichner and let us know you will be coming, tlchiner@rcn.com. **PLEASE** see attached **Flyer** or pick up at your church.

Come Away To A Quiet Place – Centering Prayer is a particular form of quiet, receptive prayer as taught by Father Thomas Keating and Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bourgeault. A portion of each one-hour gathering will include some discussion about centering prayer. So, whether you never heard of centering prayer, are a beginner, or an experienced pray-er, all are welcome. **First Friday of each month Nov. 2 / Dec. 2/ Jan. 4, 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, PA 18102**. Parking in Lot across Hamilton St. from Church. Enter on 13th Street, look for the sign "Schantz House/Ruhe Annex". **Please let us know if you will be joining us**. Inquiries to Rev. Dr. Tom Lichner, Director Center for Spiritual Awakening tlchiner@rcn.com / [610-533-9362](tel:610-533-9362).

Zion Lehigh Lutheran Church Holiday Bazaar – Nov. 3rd, 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](tel:610-395-1215).

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](tel:610-395-5535) or visit www.stjohns-fogelsville.org.

A Guided "Creation Walk" – **Sat., Nov. 3rd**, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Jacobsburg State Park, Bushkill Township, PA. Co-Sponsored by: Christ Lutheran, Allentown and Hellertown. **PLEASE** see attached **flyer/registration form** or pick up at your church.

***NEW – Painting Party–Slate Snowman** – Jim Shore Inspired Snowman ©Girlfriends Art Clique. **Sun. Nov. 18th**, 1-3:00 p.m. at Zion Lehigh Lutheran Church, **8269 Spring Creek Rd., Alburtis, PA 18011**. BYOB Food for sale (please leave your food at home!), **\$35.00 per person, must buy tickets by Nov. 11th**. See or contact any Council member for tickets at [610-395-1215](tel:610-395-1215). **PLEASE** see attached flyer or pick up at your church.

***NEW - Contemplative Prayer...Prayer Around the Cross** – **Wed., Dec. 5th**, 7:00 PM - Advent Awakening. You are invited to join with others for a time of contemplative opening to the Spirit of God in and around us. We invite God's Light to shine in our hearts and to awaken our consciousness to live lives of mercy, justice, and love. Please join together in this brief time of sacred reading, silent reflection, poetry, chanting, candle lighting, intercessory prayer, and ample space for quiet reflection. Christ Lutheran Church, **1245 W. Hamilton Street, Allentown, Pa. 18102**. Parking lot across street from Church. Address inquiries to Rev. Tom Lichner at tlchiner@rcn.com.

***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 7th St, Allentown still has an ongoing need for volunteers to assist as tutors or substitutes for our growing multi-level ELL Program for individuals who desperately want to learn English. No foreign language needed. ELL days and hours are, **Monday and Thursday 9:30-11:30 a.m.** **this part of the program is in JEOPARDY due to insufficient volunteers**. Wednesdays from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We always need help. We are especially looking for people who a comfortable around computers. Contact Leslie Talago or Pastor Lamb at [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943) or stluke@enter.net



STEWARDSHIP SEASON

Receive Love...Share Love

Yes, it's Stewardship Season! Now admittedly, faithful church leaders will quickly remind us that responsible stewardship is a year-round concern. But they will also agree that it plays a special role in the fall as we project our support of the mission efforts of our congregations, our synods, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and, obviously, as we make our personal decisions about our support of these efforts.

Uniquely, recent publications have been stressing that our decisions regarding these matters should start with our reflecting on the love we have received. We have been invited to remember God's contribution of the saving grace of Jesus the Christ. Through this gift we have received love and are challenged to seek creative ways to share this love – personally, as congregations, and as the larger church.

Unfortunately, for the most part, only the leaders of our congregations are privileged to see the annual materials from the synod which call our attention to the ways in which our contributions to and through the synod reach out in loving response to some of the special needs of our world. This seemed like an appropriate time to share a brief review of this stewardship challenge. So, let's start by noting that 53% of our contributions to the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod are dedicated to sharing love within our synod and 47% is forwarded to the ELCA to support its challenges.

The synod's mission includes at least 6 primary program arenas. These include Deepening Our Spiritual Lives and Our Relationship With God; Renewing Our Passion for Sharing the Good News; Enhancing the Connections Among People and Communities; Developing Leaders for a New Church in a New World; Strengthening Ministries to Youth, Young Adults and Families; and Supporting Our Ministry Partners. All of these are significant efforts, committed to reaching out in support of our mission of love. But that last program arena is unique to our synod. Not all of our neighboring synods are involved in supporting three social ministry organizations, a seminary, a college, a camp, and a statewide council of churches.

And our contributions in support of the ELCA include at least 7 program arenas. These include Supporting Congregations and Evangelical Outreach; Stepping Forward As A Public Church; Coordination and Support of the Work of the Church in God's Mission; Bringing Forth (Developing and Maintaining) Leaders; Growing Our Global and Ecumenical Companionships; Stewardship and Mission Funding; and supporting development of Governance Procedures.

Please be encouraged to reflect on this image as you make both personal and congregational decisions with regard to your loving response to the love which you have experienced. Obviously, these decisions impact the level of love which our world will know in these times.

God Bless!
Pastor Stough

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!!PLEASE NOTE NEW ADDRESS!!

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.

*****11 Seats Remaining*****

Mar. 21 (Thru) – 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 requests 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

*****Waiting List Only*****

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. The soundtrack by the BG's (Barry, Robin and Maurice Gibb) became a classic overnight after the movie starring John Travolta hit the big screen. Return to the "70's" 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